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Businesses hit hard

Local storefronts report losing 50-100% of sales. How will they survive?

While other parts of the state are allowed to softly open, our region, which is considered part of the Capital Region and not the North County, is still uncertain. What types of businesses will be able to come back after COVID-19 fades away, if it ever fades away? Or is the business landscape permanently changed? We ask local business owners their opinions.

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Our reps convene

Congressperson Elise Stefanik held a Zoom conference for local elected officials, and we logged in. State senators, assemblypeople and county officials debated whether we are part of the Capital Region or North County. Some echoed what their constituents are saying at the local level. Hear what they had to say.

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Local officials chime in on 'un-pause'

Natalie Jew
Journal & Press

While everyone is getting used to quarantining at home, the government is thinking of what they will do after the wave of cases. In a Zoom meeting hosted by Congresswoman Elise Stefanik on May 11, as one of the New York-21 COVID-19 working group conference calls, local elected officials of Washington County talked about the next steps.

"Certainly these are trying times and stressful times," said Senator Betty Little. "But I think that right now we're beginning to see the possibilities of some reopening and getting to this new normal that we're going to have to do for our health and safety and for everyone else's."

In Washington County as of press time on May 12, there had been 187 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 120 recoveries and 13 deaths. So what are local officials doing to move through this pandemic?

County Lines

When thinking about post-coronavirus life, each county should be looked at individually, according to Sam Hall, the chair of the Board of Supervisors.

"For this situation, one size doesn't fit," said Hall.

On the call, Little said she wrote a letter to the governor, in the hopes of including Washington County with North County, which will open soon. At the same time of the call, North County was in a meeting with their regional committee.

To Assemblyman Dan Stec, the governor should take another look at the county lines.

"The regions were drawn up

years ago. Not all of our constituents understand how they were drawn up or why," said Stec. "[We] encourage the governor to not just be absolutely locked into those lines, but to look within the lines, county to county."

For Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, if Washington County has to follow county lines, it may become a public health issue.

"Neither Saratoga nor Washington County can meet the number of contact tracers and the testing capacity that we need based on those criteria," said Woerner. "We are united as a legislative delegation in wanting to see our region not be bound up with a broader region nor a definition that is not necessarily reflective of the conditions on the ground."

Business

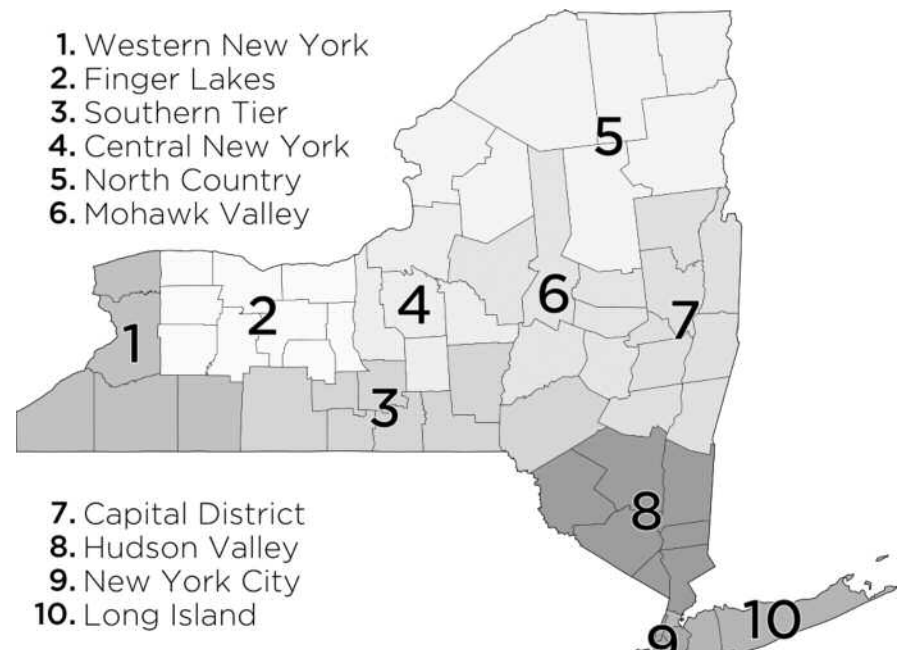
As the sun comes out, and more people want to get outside, businesses may start to open up again.

In April, recreational golf opened back up and the governor said construction is going to be part of phase one of the reopening, according to State

'As the weather warms, people are going to move around more.'

Senator Daphne Jordan, who pushed for both.

"When I'm looking at these things, I'm looking at what is sensible and safe to reopen open," said Jordan. "And so these two things were mostly outside and where people aren't necessarily on top of one another, so it seemed to make sense."



**Is Washington County a part of the North Country?
Not according to the regional reopening map.**

Forty-four elected officials, including Jordan, sent a letter asking the governor to not be included with Albany County for regional economic reopening considerations (as Washington County does not have as many COVID-19 cases).

"I just know that many of the businesses in my Senate district are ready to open," said Jordan. "They have plans in place and they are looking forward to reopening as soon as possible."

Agriculture

In this pandemic, it's farms (specifically dairy farms) that Hampton Supervisor Dave O'Brien is concerned about post-coronavirus.

"The farmers are really hit hard with the weather," said O'Brien. "Several farms are not going to continue. We need to keep that in consideration. What can we do for them to help them out?"

In the next coronavirus relief package, O'Brien hopes to get federal reimbursements for farmers who could not sell their

milk.

Nursing Homes

Everyone at nursing homes, including the patients and staff, must be tested twice-weekly in New York. The federal government has given more tests to New York than any other state in the country, according to Stefanik.

At nursing homes, since the staff take care of multiple patients (who oftentimes share rooms), they are running out of supplies.

"In the nursing homes, they need more of the gowns and masks. This is a congregate setting," noted Little. "The state has got to up the numbers of supplies that are being distributed to these nursing homes. We have to increase the funding for nursing homes all the way around."

Post COVID-19

We will move again according to Stec.

"As the weather warms up,
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Leaders chime in on 'unpause' (cont.)

people are going to want to move around more. So we've got challenges to keep focused on," said Stec. "But the team we have in place, the elected officials that I work with every day at the local level — they're prepared to meet this challenge."

Before we can get back to normal, according to Woener, our public health system must be able to support Washington County.

"Saratoga Springs, like Lake George, is going to be an attractive place for people from all over the state and from the surrounding states to come to once we are open for business," said Woener. "That means that our public health system needs to meet to have the capacity for testing, for tracing and or

treatment as necessary."

After the pandemic, going forward, local officials are not sure what the future of Washington County will look like. The businesses opening up is only the first step. There are requirements that must be put into place before we can all get back to a normal life — whatever that may look like.

Handling COVID-19

Americans' approval of key actors handling the COVID-19 response

Hospitals in your local area	93%
U.S. hospitals	92%
Your employer	89%
Your child's school or daycare	87%
Dr. Anthony Fauci	79%
Government health agencies	78%
Your state government	78%
New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo	67%
Vice President Mike Pence	56%
President Donald Trump	50%
Congress	48%
The news media	41%

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St. Joseph's News

To bring St. Joseph's Sunday liturgy to the homes of the parish, Fr. Ed Kacerguis, interim priest, is broadcasting Sunday Mass on YouTube each week until the church can gather together live. The Mass can be found on YouTube at www.tinyurl.com/SJG-liturgies. The time of the broadcast is 10 a.m., Sunday mornings and thereafter for the week. Because St. Joseph's is using YouTube to broadcast our Sunday Mass, anyone that misses the Mass at 10 a.m., the broadcast time, it is available to view at any time afterwards. The parish Facebook page has been established at "St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Greenwich, NY" and the Pastoral Care Ministry continues to make phone calls to senior homebound members to check on them and their needs. St. Joseph's can be reach by phone at 518-692-2159 or by email at parish@nycap.rr.com. You can also get the weekly newsletter by email.

How local businesses are faring

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

Each of us, in one way or another, has been affected by the outbreak of COVID-19. The inability to visit family members, changes in employment (working from home, reduced hours, furloughs, or working on the front lines), interacting with children home from school, and difficulties in getting food and other necessities are just a few of the issues we face in “the new normal.”

Another group of people affected by COVID-19 are the small business owners in the Greenwich area. As we all know, these small business owners are our friends and neighbors. They give Greenwich a flavor and character of a small town where “everybody knows your name.”

I spoke with three Greenwich business owners: Mary Ann Fowler, owner of North Country Flowers on Main Street, Richie Bittner, owner of Wildflower Graphics on North Road, and Liv Thygesen, owner of Sip and Swirl on Main Street.

Mary Ann Fowler has owned North Country Flowers for two decades. When COVID-19 restrictions were enacted, her business was deemed “non-essential” and thus had to close the doors. However, 75% of her business is by telephone. This part of the business is not affected by the new State restrictions because she can take customer orders and deliver to their homes. Unfortunately, many people think she is completely closed and have not availed themselves of this option.

Seven weddings were scheduled during this time frame. Five have been postponed to next year and two eloped! In addition, proms were cancelled, graduation is cancelled, and funerals have been curtailed. Thus North Country Flowers’ busi-

ness is down 50%.

Fowler was able to obtain an EIDL loan from the Small Business Administration and has cut back on buying and other expenses in order to make it through this difficult time.

Richie Bittner and his late wife Lynne founded Wildflower Graphics in 1998. Many of our readers have seen and maybe even own one or more of their beautiful prints, tiles, or coasters. You might even have sent or received their wonderfully designed note cards.

During the winter months, Wildflower Graphics relies on wholesale business with museum shops, botanical gardens, and a few grocery stores. They then transition to the Arts & Crafts show season. However, during this trying time, no one is ordering these items. Arts & Craft shows have been cancelled. Richie and his current wife, Jody Cutler Bittner, an art historian and artist, have lost 80% of their yearly revenues because of this. Since non-essential stores are closed, they have lost another 10% of their business.

The Pandemic Unemployment

A flower business is down 50%; an art business 80%.

Assistance Program is designed to assist sole proprietors by allowing them to apply for unemployment. Dropped phone calls, massive backlogs, and lack of clear instructions for applications have resulted in no unemployment funds for Richie at this time. To make matters worse, he has not received his stimulus check yet. In short, through no fault of his own, business has evaporated and the support sys-



Liv Thygesen at Sip and Swirl – dj photo taken in February

tems put in place for this exact situation have not responded in a timely manner.

Unlike our first two business owners, Liv Thygesen is a new business owner. She opened Sip and Swirl on Main Street late last year. She offers group and party guided paint instruction. Also, birthday and holiday-themed paint parties are always popular.

Liv just obtained her liquor license in February. Everything was now in place for a full-fledged experience. To this point, she has financed everything from savings and income from another job. As business started to pick up, liquor license in hand, she was ordered to close down.

Liv has rejected the idea of virtual classes because the cost of supplying materials to people for their home use would be prohibitive. Besides that, the business is set up to provide a personalized, face-to-face, group experience.

With no revenues coming in, Liv still has to pay rent (her

landlord has generously made some accommodations) as well as utilities. Since her business is so new, she does not qualify for government assistance.

Liv is optimistic that when things do open up people will want to get out and participate in group social activities. Once fully open, she hopes to open up some outdoor space in order to enhance the painting experience.

As the reader can see, small business owners in Greenwich have been greatly affected by the COVID-19 related closing and stay at home orders. They all agree with the need for this and want their friends and neighbors to stay safe and healthy. At the same, time, their livelihood has been greatly affected.

As residents of the greater Greenwich area, we can help these and other small businesses by patronizing them now and when they fully open up. After all, they are our friends and neighbors.

Greenwich CSD discusses budget

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

Everyone present was still asked to stand for the pledge of allegiance at the start of the virtual Board of Education meeting held this Monday evening. The 11-minute Cisco-Webex call with both the Board and the public present mainly consisted of Superintendent Mark Fish's report on the unknowns surrounding COVID-19 challenges and the passage of the 2020-2021 budget plan.

Chiefly, the Board unanimously passed the finalized budget plan for the upcoming school year, authorizing the sums totaling \$21,976,710 to be used. The plan put forth "represents a zero budget-to-budget increase" from the 2019-2020 school year's budget plan, according to District Clerk Denise Smith. There will be a virtual budget hearing on June 1st at 6 p.m. for the public to attend.

To cope with the issues sur-

rounding COVID, the original 2020-2021 budget had to be significantly slashed. According to the Budget page set up on the district website, the BOE has "already eliminated \$762,237 in expenses from our original draft budget. The reductions have been accomplished through retirement attrition, supply cuts, and other efficiencies." The new plan also "represents a 1.91% tax levy increase, which is at the tax cap limit," equivalent to a \$215,097 tax levy increase.

Other aspects of the community have also been impacted by COVID in regards to the budget. According to the district website, "The Greenwich and Easton Libraries have made a joint decision to withdraw the proposition requesting additional funds. The libraries will continue to serve the community with the current appropriation of funds."

The populace will be allowed to vote on the budget plan via absentee ballot on June 9th,

due to a New York State Executive Order. "We are committed to making sure that anyone who wants to vote that is a qualified voter gets an absentee ballot," assures Superintendent Fish. "Everyone will be sent a copy of the proposed budget and a ballot if they voted in one of the last 4 years worth of elections."

In the Superintendent's report, Mark Fish talks about the challenges posed by the virus. "It's been a challenging couple months," comments Fish, "but the people who are here working are doing an unbelievable job making sure our kids are still learning, and still eating."

Fish explains that there are many solutions in the works for the district's COVID response, including many tentative plans for graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2020, which will "depend on what we're allowed to do and not allowed to do."

The district is also figuring out the possibilities of when the school year will end, summer school, and academic and athletic plans for the fall.

Concrete plans will probably come out when the "State will come up with some big picture guidance, our BOCES will come up with a template for our region, and our administrators in Greenwich will see how we can implement it."

The quick meeting ended on a hopeful note from the Superintendent. "We're all gonna be working pretty hard to make sure that we're gonna pull everything off and make sure Greenwich is a place where parents want to send their kids to school."

The next regularly-scheduled BOE meeting will be on June 15th at 6 p.m. The link for the meeting can be found on the district's website.

Drive-by event to honor veterans

Greenwich can't hold its usual Memorial Day Parade this year but instead will have

a drive-thru service available at the VFW on Abeel St. on Friday, May 22, from 5-7 p.m.

Chaplain Don Ward will say the Prayer and the names of local veterans who had fallen will be read with "Taps" being played by a bugler every 15 minutes. The Veterans Monument there and the flag-draped Caisson will be on display. One

of the event's organizers, Jeanie Pemrick, added, "The day shouldn't go by unmarked. We encourage everyone to stop by to remember our veterans, while also social distancing."



The Greenwich Memorial –jeannie pemrick photo

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Drive-thru pantry services hundreds

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

The Washington County fairgrounds served as a hub for COVID relief this past Thursday, where a massive drive-thru food pantry served over 1,700 individuals in the area.

The drive-thru was the group effort of many organizations, put on by the Regional Food Bank of Northeast NY, United Way, Comfort Food Community, and the Washington County Fair. The setup was massive. Hundreds of cars parked in lots and on fair-ground fields, where they were instructed to wait before getting the chance to drive into the converted barn to get food. For most of the day, cars waited in long lines along the paved paths of the fairgrounds. By the end of the day, over 390 cars had driven through the service.

Semis full of food were dropping off donations before cars were allowed in at 11:00 a.m., with forklifts (donated by Rojcewicz Trucking) moving the food pallets into the barn for volunteers to re-package for distribution. Hundreds of volunteers from over a dozen different organizations checked in at the 4H booth before finding a station. "Today we're handing out over 50,000 pounds of food," explains one of the volunteers, Heidi Jennings, a firefighter for Hudson Falls VFD. As she's helping other volunteers at the tomato station, she explains how the whole process works. "It's all supposed to be no-contact," she says. And it is - volunteers and pantry-goers have no physical contact with this drive-thru system.

Attendees ranged in household size, with some cars carrying an entire family while others had just the driver. Age-wise, the event saw 946 adults, 550 children, and 288 Seniors. Volunteers along the sides of the drive-thru wave to kids and dogs in passing-by cars before filling them up with food. Each car has a certain number of boxes, usually between one and three for a household. The cars drive through the barn very slowly with their trunks open, making various stops at each food station where volunteers fill up their boxes with foodstuffs. There's a peanut butter station, a lettuce station, a milk station, a potato station - all sorts of fresh and nonperishable foods are handed out to each car. Everyone - the car passengers, the food dis-

tributors, the people waving the cars through - has to wear face masks.

There were over 250 total volunteers helping out at the drive-thru, some from organizations that donated to the effort like Cargill, some from the Salvation Army who organized the entire drive, and some who signed up on their own. The age demographics of volunteers varied, from college-aged students to brave 60+ers who wanted to come and safely help their community. Most came from all over Washington, Warren, and Saratoga counties. With the hundreds of volunteers that signed up to help, there was plenty to do. By the end of Thursday, there had been nearly 1,000 total volunteer hours logged.

The thousands of pounds of food were donated by the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY, according to Leo Lloyd of the Glens Falls Salvation Army. Many other local businesses contributed to the effort, including 600 gallons of milk donated by Battenkill Valley Creamery, 4600 boxes of tissues donated by Irving and Scotties, and thousands of masks donated and distributed by SAIL.

The drive-thru pantry brought much-needed security to many households during the COVID crisis, as we face one of the worst health and economic crises in our nation's history. But it is important to come away with a positive outlook on what can be done as a community.

"We were happy to partner with the Salvation Army and the Tri-County United Way to help deliver a lot of food to a lot of Washington County families," says Devin Bulger, Executive Director of Comfort Food Community. "It was inspiring to see how many people came out to volunteer, despite the risks involved. Salvation Army and the United Way did an amazing job organizing the operations of the day."

"I think the most important thing to take away was that our community came together and pulled this together in a week," comments one of the organizers from the Washington County Fair, Rebecca Breese. "We are surrounded by some truly amazing people!"

The organizers have not yet decided whether or not this event will be a recurring one. But until then, if you lack adequate access to food, you can find your local food pantry at www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank.



Driving across the USA (part II)

Liv Thygesen
Journal & Press

Well, I figured, if I do not show up at my duty station in five days, someone will come looking for me. Repeating “If you do not show up to your appointed place of duty in five days, you will be missed and someone will come looking for you.” I did everything you are not supposed to: talk to strangers and get in the car with the stranger. His pick up truck was white with a grey interior. There was a tool box on the floor of the cab. “I am awfully sorry you are having car trouble,” he said. “I am from around here so if you need anything, let me know.” He is going to kill and bury me in the desert! Continuously raced through my mind until we reached Sonora. As we pulled into the auto parts store, we could see that it was closed. He is going to kill and bury me in the desert! We went on to the next auto parts store. They were closed as well. What kind of a conspiracy is this?? Every auto parts store in town is closed at three in the after-

noon?! He is going to kill and bury me in the desert!

After visiting the third and final auto parts store in the tiny town, we pulled into a Kmart. I stood by the registers as he explained my situation to the store clerk. While they were talking, a woman approached me “I couldn’t help but overhear,” she said in her deep Texan drawl, “that you are having car trouble. My husband and I live right behind the Napa store and he and the owner are outback now working on a car. I can take you there and help you get the part.” Oh my gosh! This conspiracy runs DEEP. She is in on it too. They are all going to kill me and bury me in the desert. ...Well, if I do not show up on Tuesday, someone will come looking for me. I followed her to her van. It was the type of van with the collapsible table and bed in the back and shag carpeted floors. The perfect van for kidnapping and burying someone in the desert. Never get in a car with a stranger rang through my head. So, I climbed into her brown striped 1990’s house van with the shag carpeting and the collapsible table, and off we went.

The afternoon sun was hot and high overhead when we pulled into her driveway. Sure enough, there were two men working beneath the shade of a large tree and the back of the Napa store bordered her driveway.

“Hey hun,” she called to her husband. “This here girl is in the Marines and her car is broken down just outside of town. Can we get her the belt for her car?” The two men looked up from their project.

“Well, let’s see what we have here in the store.” Spoke one of them. My stomach buzzed and

‘My stomach buzzed and fluttered.’

fluttered. They are all going to kill me and bury me in the desert. The same man walked over to the back door of Napa, opened it and invited us in.

“What kind of car you got?” he asked as he typed furiously in the parts computer. “1998 Ford Escort sir.” Tap, tap, tap. Click, click, click. “Ah, here is it. Forty-eight dollars, and we do have it.” He reached up on the wall and removed the fan belt from the hook.

“Forty-eight dollars?” I asked. I do not have enough money for this. I barely have enough to pay for hotels and gas for this trip. What am I going to do? That’s it, they’re going to kill me and bury me in the desert.

“Don’t you worry about the price. You can have the belt. Where did you say your car was

again? Hey Frank, you got your tool box ready? Let’s go out and fix ‘er up. Come on miss, let’s go fix your car.” This conspiracy runs DEEP. They are all going to kill me and bury me in the desert. ...Well, if I do not show up on Tuesday, someone will come looking for me. So, again, I got in the brown van with shag carpet and the collapsible table and headed back into the desert with complete strangers.

The afternoon sun was warm and low in the sky by the time we returned to my car. I had lost half the day and was now six hours behind schedule. My stomach lurched as the van parked next to my car. This is it. I am going to end up buried in the desert now. The two men jumped out, grabbed their tool box and promptly started fixing my car. In about fifteen minutes my car was up and running. “There you are miss. All set. Here, take this.” He handed me a fifty-dollar bill and offered me a beer. “I have a daughter your age and would like to think that if she were in a similar situation, someone would help her. Good luck and Semper Fi.”

Needless to say, I did not get buried in the desert. Thank you, Annette Mabry from Sonora, Texas for, your kindness and reinstating my faith in the human race.

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



Cool cats and kittens

Salem’s Community Cats is a local animal rescue group that was started last fall to help the stray and feral cats in the village of Salem, NY. They feed and spay or neuter feral cats as well as fostering and placing adoptable kittens and adult cats into homes.

Due to an increased need for services this spring, the group is reaching out to the community for support. There is an urgent need for fosters willing to temporarily shelter cats as well as financial assistance. The group can be contacted through their website salemscommunitycats.com or their Facebook page Salem’s Community Cats. Anyone wishing to donate can do so through the group’s website or by mailing a check to Salem’s Community Cats, PO Box 402, Salem, NY 12865.

Journal & Press appoints Summer EIC

The Greenwich Journal & Salem Press, a 178-year-old newspaper serving Southern Washington County and Eastern Saratoga Town, has named Natalie Jew its Summer Editor-in-Chief, a paid internship where promising college students learn all aspects of running a community newspaper. The position runs from June 1 through mid-August.

The Summer EIC position hopes to help create the next generation of news gatherers.

“I wanted to create a position where students can learn the things I learned many years ago as a community journalist; skills that can’t be taught in a classroom,” said publisher Darren Johnson. “The Summer EIC will learn advanced editing, journalistic writing, community networking, interviewing, layout and, most importantly, news judgment. Community journalists are inundated with in-

formation, and the EIC will learn how to parse this information to decide which stories to pursue, while juggling deadlines.”

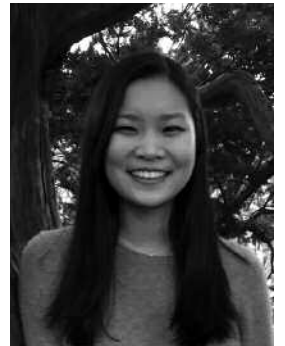
By the end of the summer, the EIC will have learned and practiced all aspects of running a small, professional publication.

Jew is a student at Skidmore College '23, studying English and Business. She has been copy editor at Bite Me Media publishing group, communications associate at startup Cadence Inc., and an intern editor at Kitchen Toke magazine. Her work has been in the New York Times, The Huffington Post and The Skidmore News.

As a journalist, she has conducted many interviews, from teens left homeless to adolescents with substance addictions to par-

ents who have lost their children to dating violence. She says she loves “giving a voice to those who may not have one, and is always looking for another story to tell.”

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Salem shields

The Salem Rescue Squad recently received face shields created by students in Mr. Todd DeSoto’s technology class at Salem Washington Academy.

Salem Rescue Squad Captain Vicky Campbell said, “We are very grateful to receive these shields. We wear them with great pride in knowing they were produced by the innovative students of Salem.”

In addition to creating the face shields, the students also

made ear savers and distributed them to essential workers in the community who need to wear masks during their shifts. A story about the face shields and ear savers was published in a previous issue.

To learn the back-story of this project and watch a video explaining the process please visit the homepage of www.salemcsd.org.



Salem Rescue Squad members James Gariepy, Kyle Campbell, Vincent Smith, Anthony Smith.

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And here are my thoughts on Facebook

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

I'd like to start off this article by saying how amazing of an experience it has been writing for the Journal. I've been able to use my voice, making people laugh and still getting my message across. I'm not quitting, but I am about to enrage more of you than any government official could ever dream of. This is of course because we're taking a break from discussing Corona (the virus and the beer), and instead, talking about Facebook.

I was born on December 7, 2002. This not only makes me the second national tragedy on Pearl Harbor Day, but also thrusts me into the generation raised by technology. I opened my first Facebook page when I was 11, being "gifted" access to my very own account for Christmas. Santa Claus took a break from his usual bedazzled choking hazards and subtle brainwashing of children into drinking Coca-Cola, creating me my Facebook account.

I remember being sucked into the computer screen. My 11-year-old eyes filled with wonder and amazement as my childhood and hope for society slowly crumbled away, unbeknownst to me. I spent that entire Christmas making redundant status updates and challenging strangers to games. All this occurred while my elderly family members that I saw once a year slowly fell asleep arguing over whether to watch "A Christmas Story" for the 92nd time or to finally let grandpa switch over to NASCAR.

Let's go back in time. There was once a great online hub for friends new and old to reconnect and show each other what's going in their lives. Aimed at a college demographic, friends that were

previously separated could stay connected through this site. This was not only a great addition to people's personal lives, but revolutionized the internet. This site was ConnectU. The idea was blatantly ripped off and the disaster that is Facebook was created.

What was supposed to be a way to stay connected with and check in on friends and family members has since devolved into political manipulation, blatant pirating of stolen content and a fool-proof way to confirm if your family members are racist. That's enough criticism from me, let's get into some full on mudslinging.

I did say we wouldn't be discussing the pandemic, so I'll beat around the bush here. Recently, due to some

- Crazy
- Outlandish
- Relentless
- Odd
- Nonnatural
- Absurd events,

I made the decision to log back into my old Facebook to see what was going on.

You see, there are some ground rules to being a "Wishy Washy Ex-Facebooker" ("WWE" for short, we're working on getting the trademark). These rules are very simple. In fact, there is only one. It is tradition that anyone who decides to leave or take a break from Facebook post a status update bragging about how they are much stronger than their friends and make their exit as long, drawn-out and dramatic as possible. It's overall a wee bit sad, but it gives people a good sense of importance for a couple minutes. Please follow this Mad-Libs style guideline for making your exit post-

"Hello. My lack of human interaction outside of (Facebook game you often play until 4am)

and ill-informed (politician you dislike and can't keep quiet about) memes has finally caught up with me. As of today, I will be deleting Facebook ~~~permanently~~~ and only checking in every (number smaller than four) days. This doesn't affect you in any way, shape or form, but it's important for my ego that I brag about it. During this newly acquired time, I will be taking up (new hobby you will quit after three days), getting more exercise and spending more time with my kid, (child you often forget the middle name of). If anyone needs to contact me, please use Facebook Messenger which I will often use Facebook through, but validate my addiction because 'I didn't actually redownload Facebook.' Thank you."

Well, now that we've got that out of the way. Let's get into my analysis.

I learned a lot on Round 1 of Facebook years back, and a few of my main takeaways were these-

- Facebook is a place to keep in contact with family members you wish you hadn't kept in contact with.
- Facebook is where most people form their opinions on politics, and feel that no external research is required to understand what is going on in government.
- That girl that you accepted the friend request of because you think you went to high school with her and are now flirting with- she's your cousin.

When I began scrolling I instantly remember why I deleted Facebook to begin with. I began scrolling only to find that Uncle Chandler has upgraded from bandwagoner to full on bigot. I also rediscovered those videos of unqualified middle aged parents

giving you parenting advice you didn't ask for. "Welcome back everyone! Today my child had two cookies when I told him he could only have one! Naturally, I'm doing the only thing a good parent can do and I'm going to publicly humiliate him for ad revenue! Maybe I'll even shoot his laptop! Join me next week as my 17 year old daughter brings her boyfriend over and I scold and record him without consent!"

These are fun and all, but who can forget the online video companies. While I slave away in college hoping to one day work on a film for years until it's perfected and can be distributed to the world, some companies I won't name are delivering quality content such as "Adults Try Public School Lunches," or "If Men Were Disney Princesses." Not to mention classics like "The Try Guys Get Prostate Exams." (I would like to drop my comedic act here and just clarify that all of these titles are 100% genuine and I did not fabricate them in any way. These all exist and can be watched by your children on YouTube right now.)

That about wraps up what I have to say today. If you're reading this on Facebook, please know that these are not my actual feelings and I'm just messing around. If you're reading this in a newspaper, please know that these are my actual feelings and I'm genuinely ranting, just in a comedic way.

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History Happened Here

The Quakers and Easton

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

The area now known as Easton was originally part of the Saratoga patent and then, later, the Albany patent. It was the most eastern town of the patent and thus became known as East Town or Easton. It was officially incorporated as a town in 1789.

The history of Easton is intertwined with the settlement in that area of members of the Religious Society of Friends, also known as the Quakers. The Quakers first settled in Easton around 1775. Many of them were from Dutchess County. In addition, Quakers from the New Bedford and Nantucket Island areas of Massachusetts settled here. They left those areas because their livelihood depended on access to the sea. The British fleet presence prevented this access and so they decided to move inland and try farming.

The Quakers quickly built a log meeting house on what is today called Meeting House Road. One Sunday in the late summer of 1777, just prior to the first battle of Saratoga, Native American scouts allied with the British surrounded the meeting house. After looking through the windows and seeing the Quakers in prayer, they left. This incident is still celebrated today on the second Sunday of September which is known as Easton Day.

The original log meeting house burnt down and was soon replaced in 1787. This



The North Meeting House

second meeting house is of frame construction. The 1787 building is still used as a Quaker house of worship in the summer months. It is called the South Meeting House and is located in the Easton Rural Cemetery on Meeting House Road.

A second meeting house was built in 1838 on what today is State Route 40. This building is rectangular and of brick construction with a gable roof. The building was listed on the National Register of Historical Places in 2005.

In the 1840's through the 1850's, the Easton Quakers were very involved in the Underground Railroad. Slaves who escaped the south would travel up the Hudson River, lay over in Easton, and travel the Champlain Canal route to freedom in Canada. Both Lucretia Mott and former slave, Sojourner Truth spoke at Easton Meeting. Susan B. An-

thon, crusader for women's rights, was a member of the meeting for several years.

In 1868, Easton and Saratoga Quaker groups purchased the Marshall Seminary in Easton, a school for both day and boarding students and it became the Friends' Seminary.

'The Easton Quakers helped the Underground Railroad.'

When the building was destroyed by fire in 1873, it was rebuilt by Easton Meeting in 1874 and continued to serve the educational needs of the young until the early 1900's.

The Quaker teachers at the school needed books and wanted their students to have a greater access to the literature and knowledge of the day. In 1879, with their help, the Easton Library was established and over 140 years later

continues to serve the needs of the whole community.

Likewise, although much smaller in numbers, Easton Friends continue their concern for their meeting, the community, and the wider world. Both meeting houses are still in use—the North Meeting House in fall, winter and spring and the South Meeting House in summer. The North Meeting House is located at 1778 State Route 40. The South Meeting House is located at 227 Meeting House Road. Worship is at 11:00 a.m.

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The Battenkill Country Club

Sandy McReynolds
Gill Room Historian

I hope everyone is doing well during this abnormal time we seem to be having as of late. We'll continue with the fires along Main Street next time. However for now, I think we need something a little bit more... uplifting. Since there's really only one sport in which to indulge in at the moment, I figured I'd give you a re-run of an older story.

In the late days of winter 1925, several prominent men were gathered around the warm fireplace of Mr. Allen Hand. Their talk turned to bringing the sport of Golf here to Greenwich. A relatively new sport brought over to the States by the Scottish in 1888, the game was becoming popular in nearby area cities. The nearest courses were in Hoosick Falls and Saratoga, both of which took a bit of time to travel to on roads that were unpaved in most cases.

The Battenkill Country Club was organized on April 7, 1925 by such local names as: Thomas A Morrissey, Leroy Thompson, L.C. Dunning, George D. Daisy, Dr. M.A. Rogers, I.V.H. Gill, Allen Hand, Frank Scully, and W.J. Lyttle. In the first year, membership topped 101, with 45 of those charter members women. This was the first golf club to form in Washington County.

Next up was to decide on a suitable location for this new organization. The top two sites considered was the Stewart Farm off the Center Falls road (later it would be Fred Olsen's farm), and a section of the Stevens & Thompson property (formerly the Tefft farm), in Middle Falls. The farm was first settled by Judge Nathan Tefft in about 1766 and his log cabin farm house (which would have been on or about the location of the sixth fairway) was the birthplace of the Bottskill Baptist Church.

A professional was brought in from a golf course in Saratoga to evaluate both the locations, it was by the recommendation of Mr. William Hills that the Tefft farm would be the better of the two places. Price played a part in the decision as well-- the Stewart farm would cost \$3000 plus the

renovations to create the course. However, the old Tefft farm could be leased from the Stevens and Thompson Company for the small amount of the taxes on the land and the course could be created for \$1500.

There is one name that comes up when the early years of the course are mentioned: Mr. Obie Brundage. Mr. Brundage was hired as the superintendent to help build and maintain the course. In the beginning, he worked nights at his job at the S&T Company and days at the country club. In later years he would work in the mill only during the winter months when the golf course was closed. What makes Obie's story unique is that in a time when men of color were still fighting for their rightful place in society, he was accepted and highly respected for his skills. As other areas created their own clubs and organizations, Mr. Brundage's talents were often sought after in helping solve issues that

'The course has changed several times since its origins.'

would often develop on the greens at golf courses. A faithful employee for 47 years, Obie retired at the age of 83 and it came as a surprise when he was presented with a small monthly pension for his services. In 2011, Mr. Brundage was selected as one of the first three to be inducted into the Battenkill County Club's Hall of Fame.

The course has changed several times since its origins. Initially there was an orchard and barn that was played around. Some daring people would attempt to make their shot over the barn, but few succeeded and merely ended up adding strokes to their score. In the first years, the course was shorter and had a par 31, today it has grown to a par 35 course. The first hole-in-one was recorded on the opening day of 1925. On May 16th, George Daisy was the lucky man to accomplish this on hole 9.

Women played an important part in the formation of this organization and its development. Not only were there a large

number of women members, but they were responsible for much of the fundraising. After each tournament on the weekends, tea and sandwiches would be served by the committee ladies. The formation of the women's auxiliary was to help raise the funds needed to build a club house that would be large enough to hold their parties. A few of the original members were: Mrs. L.C. Dunning, Mrs. A.F. Hand, and Mrs. Frank Scully. All were names also on other auxiliaries throughout the early histories of Greenwich. Other gatherings the women organized to raise funds were card parties, dances—including several costume balls, auctions and two plays. The plays, the first in 1928 and then followed two years later with the last in 1930, were a huge success. Both starred Frank Scully and Kim Gannon, and their ad-lib performances would be the talk of the town for several years.

Changes were still on the horizon as the first liquor license was purchased in 1948 during a time when the membership of the club was at an all-time high after the end of World War II. The need to renovate and add onto the existing structure was pursued. Several years later, the new innovation of motorized golf carts was first brought to the Battenkill Club in 1963, the lack of boys willing to caddie was one of the reasons the carts were so eagerly accepted.

The Battenkill Country Club is still running strong today. Track season in Saratoga helps draw in players to this challenging small set of links with the Battenkill River adding charm to the course and is a natural foe to contend with. Now that the weather has broken, it's a good time to head on down to the club grounds to play a round or two of golf. (While adhering to safety protocols that is.) ☺

Sandy McReynolds is the Historian for the Greenwich Free Library's Gill Room, which hosts the area's archives. Learn more about the Gill Room at greenwichfreelibrary.org.

Helping first responders can be sweet

Another hero has emerged in our Cambridge community. For Ellen Braham, a casual remark made by Cambridge Elementary Principal Colleen Lester about the importance of giving back was Ellen's call to action.

Ellen Braham is a teacher's assistant at Cambridge Central School District, and a volunteer with the Salem Rescue Squad. Ellen received a "survival bag" from a local fireman containing various candy treats and a note that read:

Survival Kit for Essential Workers

Life Saver - To remind you of the many times you've been one

Gum - To help your unit stick

together

Tootsie Roll - To help you roll with the punches

Peppermint Patty - To help you keep your cool

Snickers - To remind you to keep your sense of humor

Mounds - For the "mounds" of courage you need

Thank you for everything you do!

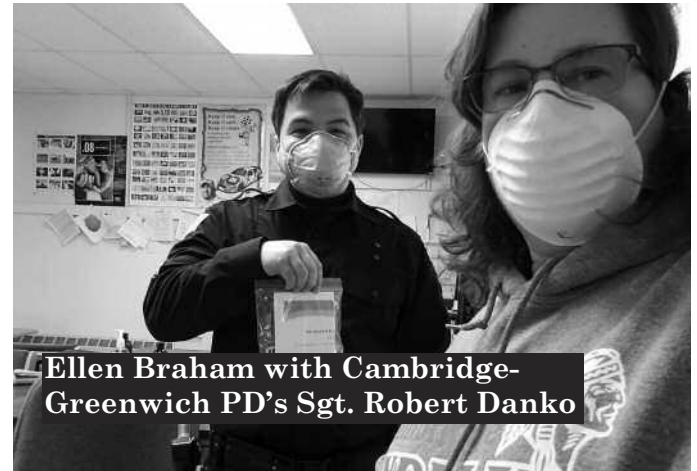
Realizing how good this thoughtful and clever token of appreciation made her feel, Ellen decided to pay it forward and make and distribute "survival kits" for the many essential emergency personnel and transportation heroes on behalf of Cambridge Central School Dis-

trict. Ellen ambitiously sought donations and accomplished getting all of the candy donated from BJ's Wholesale, Walmart of Queensbury, and Price Chopper.

Armed with her stock of 269 "survival kits" Ellen has been delivering them to emergency personnel including the Cambridge Rescue Squad, Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department, Cambridge Post Office, Washington County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police Department- Troop G of Greenwich, and U.S. Postal Service employ-

ees. She even ventured to Scotty's Restaurant truck stop in Wilton to deliver them to truck drivers.

Ellen said the appreciation from the recipients was overwhelming. "It truly is better to give than to receive and a little appreciation goes a long way," Ellen said.



Ellen Braham with Cambridge-Greenwich PD's Sgt. Robert Danko

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Gregg Berninger, professor of English at C-GCC and chair of the Faculty Council, explained that the College pivoted from largely on-campus instruction to online delivery in the middle of the Spring 2020 semester due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and now stands poised to deliver summer online courses without interruption.

“In Spring 2020, my colleagues and I proved ourselves to be nimble when learning needed to move from in-person to dis-

tance,” said Berninger. “Just think what we can do for students this summer when we’re with them online from start to finish.”

Columbia-Greene Community College, a campus of the State University of New York, is a comprehensive, two-year college offering a variety of transfer and career programs leading to the degrees of Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, and Associate in Occupational Studies, as well as one-year certificate programs and specialized courses geared toward community interest.

C-GCC was recently ranked tenth out of 710 community colleges in the U.S. by WalletHub.com, and first in New York State, using data collected from the National Center for Education Statistics, Council for Community and Economic Research, and College Measures.

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A new school in Argyle and the jail

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. You can find archives of these papers and more in the Greenwich Public Library's excellent Gill Room or online at nyshistoricnewspapers.org.

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

100 Years Ago

May 26, 1920

Advances of 500 years will make 1920 seem like a prehistoric age! Those unimaginative people who believe the high pitch of inventive genius was reached with the advent of electricity, talking machines, airplanes and the X-ray will be interested to know that civilization on this planet has really just begun. Dr. A M. Low, a London engineer with many inventions to his credit says five hundred years hence our descendants will look upon conditions in 1920 with such feelings of amused pity as we show for the state of the savages of prehistoric times.

The scientist predicts among other things that in 2420 A. D. all public thoroughfares and parks will be underground, vehicles will be run by wireless, telephones will carry an attachment enabling the speakers to see each other, and all roads will be as smooth as billiard balls!

90 Years Ago

May 21, 1930

Greenwich's representatives in the Twin-State baseball league held its place in first league position in the game here Sunday afternoon by defeating the A. R. S. team of Granville in decisive fashion. It was a tight struggle for four innings, but in the fifth McClaughry walked, and was sacrificed to second by Sharp and scored on Barber's three-sacker.

80 Years Ago

May 22, 1940

The dedication of the Argyle Central School building, completed last winter, will be held Friday evening at 8:15 in the auditorium of the new school, and a program to mark the occasion will be given. The dedication services will be open to public and everyone is invited to attend.

The completion of the new Argyle Central School marks a century of educational progress in that town, for it was just one hundred years ago, in 1840, that the Argyle Academy was established.

70 Years Ago

May 31, 1950

The Battenkill bathing beach was the main topic of consideration before the directors of the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Inc., at their meeting last Thursday evening. It was the sentiment of the group that the Chamber is morally obligated to see to it that the beach is continued and the directors were unanimous in their desire to see that the beach program is carried out.

40 Years Ago

May 22, 1980

The Greenwich Athletic Association needs volunteers to tend the snack bar, mow lawns and take care of the fields.

Association officials also want to stress the role of parents in Little League activities, as written in the Little League Baseball official regulations and playing rules:

"Parents should accept the fact that they must shoulder responsibility and take initiative to make the local program successful. Little League is not a club in which membership implies babysitting benefits and entertainment privileges."

30 Years Ago

May 17, 1990

A Greenwich tradition of a decade will not take place this year due to lack of volunteers and funds. Whipple City Days, a gala three-day affair of contests, demonstrations, music, vendors and a parade, will not see its 11th consecutive year.

Last year's committee was barely able to raise the \$6,000 needed for the occasion. Three weeks before the event, the committee was still \$900 short and members wondered if the money was going to come out of their own pockets. "We just got by by the skin of our teeth," said committee member Roberta Hewitt.

20 Years Ago

May 25, 2000

At a meeting dominated by awards and accolades, the Washington County Board of Supervisors chose to take no action on the three proposed design options selected by the Jail Construction Project Committee. Following several presentations by various persons and organizations opposing the construction of the jail on the Rexleigh road site, the board tabled the resolutions, which would have fixed the jail design at specific numbers of bed spaces and total project costs.

Greenwich music teacher releases album

Tony Califano, a K-6 general music teacher here in Greenwich, also is in a band called Rusticator. They are releasing a new album called *Between Lines* on May 29.

He's been teaching in Greenwich since 2011 and gotten to know quite a few families. His group had plans to do a monthly happy-hour show at Argyle Brewing here in town this summer, but that seems like it might be a thing of the past for now. "Such a crazy time to be a band, but since we can't play gigs, I'm trying to look at it as a great opportunity to release some new music," he said.

Find their one-sheet about the album, with the first video, which was just released this month, at www.rusticatormusic.com/between-lines

Which businesses will survive?

Jill Schlesinger
Special to Journal & Press

As some parts of the country reopen from the pandemic lockdown, there appear to be three phases that the economy and businesses will move through. I'm calling it T3, which stands for triage, transition and transformation.

During the preliminary phase of triage, companies learned how to operate in new ways, as workers were sheltering in residence. Zoom, Skype, Slack and other technological solutions became commonplace. There was no playbook for anything like this before, so it was trial by fire, with plenty of missteps along the way, which was to be expected.

The next phase will be transition, where corporations will take a conservative approach that will put worker safety before anything else. Companies are preparing for a slow transition, where only critical workers will physically be in their corporate facilities. For every firm, "critical" will mean

something different, but for most larger service companies, the majority of staff members have been told to prepare to work from home at least through the summer and in some places, like New York, the period could extend through the end of the year.

The final phase of the post-pandemic economy will be transformation. Businesses, both large and small, are devoting much thought and analysis on how they will emerge and transform from the pandemic.

Scores are trying to answer hard questions: Can some employee functions be performed remotely on a permanent basis? Do we need as much office space? How can we reconfigure physical workspaces to ensure the health of our staff? Do we need to curtail business travel? Can we conduct effective meetings and conferences using telecommunications? Should we employ clusters of employees in geographically diverse locations? How should we diversify supply chains? Can we use robots and technology to do

repetitive functions, which often put human workers at risk?

As they ask these questions, businesses are waiting for Americans to weigh in. Given that U.S. consumers account for more than two-thirds of the economy, they will be important drivers of the transition and transformation stages. Some states are relaxing their stay-at-home instructions, but that does not necessarily mean that large numbers of consumers will be ready to resume their previous patterns. In other words, if you open, will they come?

Some Americans may feel spooked, especially those who live in or near hotspots. Even with social distancing measures in place, the fact that your favorite restaurants will not be seating patrons shoulder to shoulder may not be enough for some people.

While we don't yet know how habits will change in the post-COVID-19 economy, NYU Professor Scott Galloway told me that the pandemic is likely to act as an

"accelerant" of trends that were already emerging. For example, he predicts that department stores are likely in the "seventh inning of their lifecycles" and that online sales at places like Amazon, Wal-Mart and Target will continue to grow dramatically.

He does not believe that "retail is dead," rather that only those brands that can provide a unique customer experience will survive.

Other sectors like fitness could be transformed, as people turn to at-home solutions instead of going to physical gyms. The concept of staying in a stranger's home through Airbnb may take a long time to recover and there is likely to be an emphasis on technology's ability to augment healthcare, and a big boost in telemedicine. Additionally, there will be continued growth of e-sports and gaming, as virtual events replace in stadium ones.

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My kids are driving me mad!

Daneen Skube
Special to Journal & Press

Q: *There is no way my spouse and I can get our usual work done and also homeschool. How do we juggle these roles?*

A: You can juggle these two roles if you come to grips with the fact that parenting in a pandemic is pandemonium! Realize you are not going to do either your job or parenting well right now, so downscale your expectations. Nope, lower than that, please!

Your laundry room may have two piles: one of dirty clothes and the other clean clothes your kids dig through to find something to wear. Your meals aren't gourmet, and if you have peanut butter and

bread, you are doing well.

Parents had harried lives with kids before the pandemic. Now we are parenting during a global crisis doing everything we did before, plus homeschooling. You are not a bad parent to grieve over the kids being home full-time.

My favorite home schooling resources for elementary are: readingbear.com, ixl.com (all grade level skills), iseesam.com (elementary level books), and storyline.com (famous people reading stories to your kids) and of course YouTube on any subject. Don't get overwhelmed by what your school is sending. No matter how good you are, you cannot actually cook breakfast and supervise children learning at the same time.

Use your workplace time management skills to tackle home schooling. Trade off primary kid responsibility with your spouse or combine forces with another single working parent, virtually, of course.

Expect your kids to help you a lot more. Use the crisis to teach them about microbiology, government and health. Allow them to be part of your home team and to understand why you need their help. Let them know you cannot just be a provider of seamless services. Ask them to grow up a little during this time, dry dishes, clean house or make food.

Identify moments you do something, anything for yourself. We are in the middle of a quiet war,

so grant yourself a few indulgences as long as they don't become self-destructive.

Be as kind to yourself and your spouse right now as you would to anyone else in the middle of a crisis. Someday the kids will be back in school, someday you'll get to see your co-workers and someday soon we will come out of this crisis. I heard someone say once that you don't know how strong you are until strong is the only option you have.

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., executive coach, trainer, therapist and speaker, also appears as the FOX Channel's "Workplace Guru" each Monday.



Graduating via Zoom just doesn't cut it

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

I have always envied the “I don't give a damn” attitude that the pothead music majors at my college carry with such fragility and insecurity. Nobody would ever know how breakable their egos are because they walk through rooms like bronze coated shadows; eyes like lasers, focused on this window, that door. Chapped, quivering lips loosely hanging on to clovers as they nod to some nostalgia tale and tap their toes. As a teaching candidate and stereotypical eccentric writer, I figured I would never develop that degenerate wisdom and peacefulness, and that the frazzled nature of my being is part of the novelty of being poetic. I'm not meant to be stoic. Yet, the COVID-19 pandemic has surprised my psyche. I sit on the riverfront without a watch and glide through the cracks between society and barriers with a newfound sliminess and awareness. There's no rush for anything anymore. This illogical feeling became blindingly logical at my Zoom college graduation ceremony.

Grandparents logged on and screamed about not knowing the whereabouts of the mute button and I stood in my living room in Gap pajamas with my arms crossed as my parents asked if the camera was on four times in a row. The romanticism and grandeur of commencement that I had been building up in my head dissipated with every dog bark, weakened signal and low battery alert. Little faces in little boxes on computer screens in a larger box that we call “home” to numb the truth. Perhaps this was more genuine than the ritz of a traditional ceremony; caked on smiles, conformity, hands clapping for names they never heard of, motions meant to be followed. All of the teacher education professors I have ever had were safe in their boxes, dabbing their eyes with tissues that seemed to appear from air. Graduating with a 3.8 in my major, I attributed a lot of my success to the professors who understood my wild, artistic edge; the classes I skipped to perform improv comedy to oddball, semi-patetic crowds of ten, changing from teacher clothes to skimpy gold glittery outfits in the gallery bathroom every Friday evening, the ripped pantyhose, red lipstick, and poetry written on the campus green while everybody else was playing Frisbee or complet-



ing assignments.

My best friend, a woman I met doing comedy, calls me in the middle of the ceremony to tell me a dramatized story about a professor who was being overly nice to her; people like us reject kindness entirely when it comes in American-sized portions. Cross-legged on the floor, petting my old, lumpy dog, I say, “Just get an A and block her number. You don't need that level of pity love.”

‘They clap, but their microphones are on mute.’

My name is announced and pictures of me in the elementary school classroom I'd student-taught in, surrounded by my students, fill the screen. At first I don't recognize myself. How were the photos taken a few months ago? The Zoom people clap but their microphones are on mute and I am reminded of summer days when I would watch movies on mute with subtitles to experience it differently than everybody else. My parents pat my back and move on with their loose embroidery of their scheduled days; garbage to be taken out and coffee to be brewed. I remember a conversation I had with myself the night prior as I sat under the stars, talking sweetly to a man, with my dog's head on my lap. It's possible

to be centered and understand one's insignificance in the panorama of reality. Anytime I start to feel important, I lie under the stars and remind myself of my place in this dysfunctional world. The unlit, deep country night sky is the closest thing I have to a religious figure.

My mother throws her hands in the air and says, “Kaylee, there will a real commencement ceremony in September, and it will lovely.” For her, it makes perfect sense, as her life has been comfortable for some time, while the constant motion and gypsy fashion of my college years has left her in a constant state of disapproval. By September, I will likely be teaching full-time and detached from the lust of late nights, enjoying the lights and muffled voices on Madison Avenue, Albany.

The professors log off and people wave a final goodbye in their little boxes, and the gravity of finality hits me harder than expected. I sit on the floor, with the laptop between my legs, thinking about something a faculty member said to me, while holding on to the coarseness of my elbow, “Never lose your wild factor, Kaylee.” I won't.

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‘MAED’ in the USA: Mutual Assured Economic Destruction is happening

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

In days of yore, royal families would intermarry to preserve power, extend influence and preserve peace. For numerous reasons – medical, social, and political – this practice faded from common practice. But since that period, other strategies became guarantors of peace between major world powers. Nuclear weapons were a big player in this – a policy called M.A.D. – “Mutual Assured Destruction” – and a decent amount of luck kept the United States and the Soviet Union (later, Russia), from blowing each other to radioactive smithereens. But now, even though the rockets, bombers, and submarines still stand silent watch, something else has emerged which, although not necessarily designed as such, has taken primacy even though we’ve not necessarily built a strategy around it. The new guarantor is M.A.E.D. – “Mutual Assured Economic Destruction.” People who call themselves “anti-globalists” complain about our economy being dependent on other countries, but it is as useless as arguing against gravity. A global economy exists. It already happened.

MEET TAIWAN

Taiwan, formerly Formosa, sits offshore from China. Chinese Nationalists fought a civil war against Communists in the late 1940s and lost, retreating to Formosa and forming the country of Taiwan. The Chinese still see them as a “renegade province.” So, why has China not taken over Taiwan? Aside from the severe foreign policy repercussions of such an action, the fact also remains that Taiwan is also one of China’s top ten trade partners. China sold them \$55.1 billion dollars’ worth of goods in 2019. They also have a \$117.7 billion trade deficit with Taiwan – they import a lot from Taiwan. Considering the economic impacts, there is a lot to lose and not much to gain by military action. This is M.A.E.D. and the global economy in a nutshell.

WHAT IT MEANS TO US

The United States and China have little to



gain and much to lose by engaging in anything more than diplomatic and economic chess games. As we have spent the last three years gutting our State Department and diplomatic corps, the only useful non-military tool we have now is economic.

The United States and China will not go to war. The President may rail against China, but what is incontrovertible is that China owns \$1.1 trillion dollars in United States debt. Put simply, they own a lot of Treasury Bonds. China is America’s biggest creditor. Now before we take that example too far, it’s not like China can show up at the door like a collection agency. But China can certainly unload these Treasuries, which would cause interest rates to spike and values of American bonds to go down. But if they did that, that would hurt China as much as us. They buy this American debt because the interest payments pay China pretty well, and American debt is reliable and relatively low risk. And there’s plenty of American debt out there – we funded the 2017 tax cuts almost entirely with debt.

THE GAME HAS CHANGED

“So,” you say, “you’re saying China’s got us over a barrel?” No. We have each other over a barrel. The ground rules have changed. It’s kind of like the Cold War except with one critical difference – there was never the level of economic interdependence with Russia that we have with China.

“I don’t know,” you say. “I don’t like this

whole global economy thing. And I don’t like any type of dependence on China. Are you saying that there’s nothing I can do?” Suffice to say, it would be tough to break away from China. To start with, we have an addiction to cheap Chinese goods.

I still remember when Wal-Mart had signs saying they only sold Made in the U.S.A. goods. You may not remember when they took those signs down, since it was virtually overnight with no fanfare. We can blame the Chinese all we want, but it is our addiction that they are feeding. The problem isn’t the supply of cheap Chinese goods flooding the market. The problem is the demand – we own that, folks.

The point to all of this is that the game has changed. Yes, the Chinese are the current target because of COVID and the trade war, but anyone who promises to return us to the ways of self-defined “greatness” only can offer simple bumper-sticker solutions. It will take someone who understands the new rules of the game, which is an already interdependent global economy, to actually get us there.

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Jay Bobbin

Special to Journal & Press

Stuck at home? Here are some new video releases:

“FRONTLINE: AMAZON EMPIRE – THE RISE AND REIGN OF JEFF BEZOS”:

The founder and CEO of the online company -- which, with its immediate name recognition, has developed over the past quarter-century into one of the principal suppliers of consumer goods in the world -- has become a personality in his own right, yielding this recently televised PBS exploration of him and his shopping firm. Certainly, the huge profits racked up steadily by Amazon are examined, but this profile isn't entirely sunny ... delving into what the makers of the show term “the darker side” of the operation, and also considering the effects of the power that Bezos has accrued in the course of overseeing such a global success. Others in the business sector offer their views on what he has achieved.

“ONLY”: The character played by Freida Pinto (“Slumdog Millionaire”) faces the plight of possibly being the last woman alive in this science-fiction tale that may hit a bit – or much more than a bit – too close to home for some people these days. A virus released by a comet targets female humans specifically, prompting the couple portrayed by Pinto and “Hamilton” Tony Award winner Leslie Odom Jr. to sterilize their apartment as much as possible and quarantine themselves. Eventually, they decide to venture back out into the outside world for what may be their last time together, though bounty hunters are on their



trail. One would suspect that writer-director Takashi Doscher couldn't have foreseen current world events while making the film, but the result was alarmingly prescient.

“ROOM 222: SEASON TWO”: Before he became one of the most celebrated makers of television (“The Mary Tyler Moore Show,” “Taxi”) and movies (“Terms of Endearment,” “Broadcast News”), James L. Brooks created this Emmy-winning high-school comedy-drama that made strides for the entire TV medium by tackling social issues of the time, reflected by the show's racially diverse faculty and student body. It also made a major home-screen personality of the era out of Karen Valentine, who earned her own Emmy for playing student teacher Alice Johnson. As a history teacher, a guidance counselor and the school principal respectively, Lloyd Haynes, Denise Nicholas and Michael Constantine also star in the program that's fondly remembered by many who know TV of the late 1960s and early 1970s.

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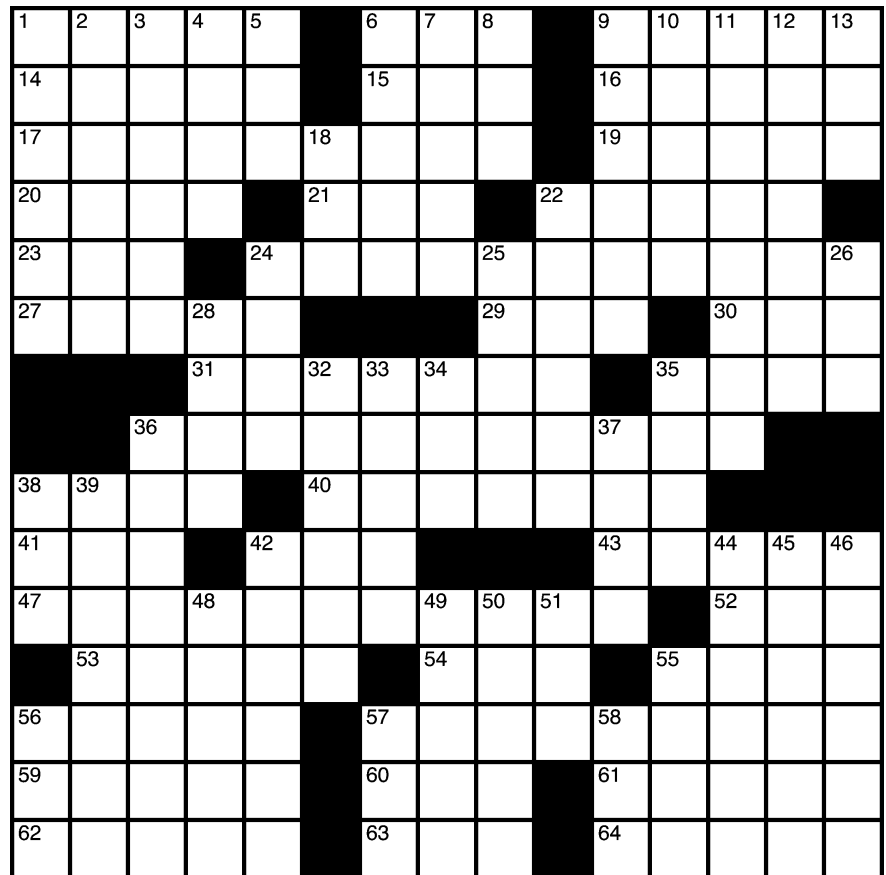
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- 6 Late ___
- 9 Average Joes, e.g.
- 14 Fishing needs
- 15 Bill's future, maybe
- 16 Troy story
- 17 Dutch vodka brand
- 19 Coin receivers
- 20 Round orders
- 21 Extraction target
- 22 Hide in a crowd
- 23 Piano part
- 24 End of an Ernie Banks catchphrase about double-headers
- 27 State bordering six others and the Canadian mainland
- 29 Beam
- 30 Beats Electronics co-founder
- 31 Rebuke
- 35 Checks out
- 36 Powerful Detroit group
- 38 Powerful pair

- 40 Parliament of Israel
- 41 Former Texas Rangers manager Washington
- 42 Grafton's "___ for Alibi"
- 43 2014 Olympics city
- 47 NCAA hockey semifinal group
- 52 Chuckle online
- 53 Borneo swinger
- 54 Jessica Rabbit feature
- 55 Composer — Maria von Weber
- 56 Mascot once awarded a Doctor of Bovinity degree
- 57 Traditional golf pants, and a hint to why certain puzzle answers are wrong
- 59 Santa ___
- 60 Charged particle
- 61 Bhopal locale
- 62 Burdens
- 63 Sitter's charge
- 64 In dire straits

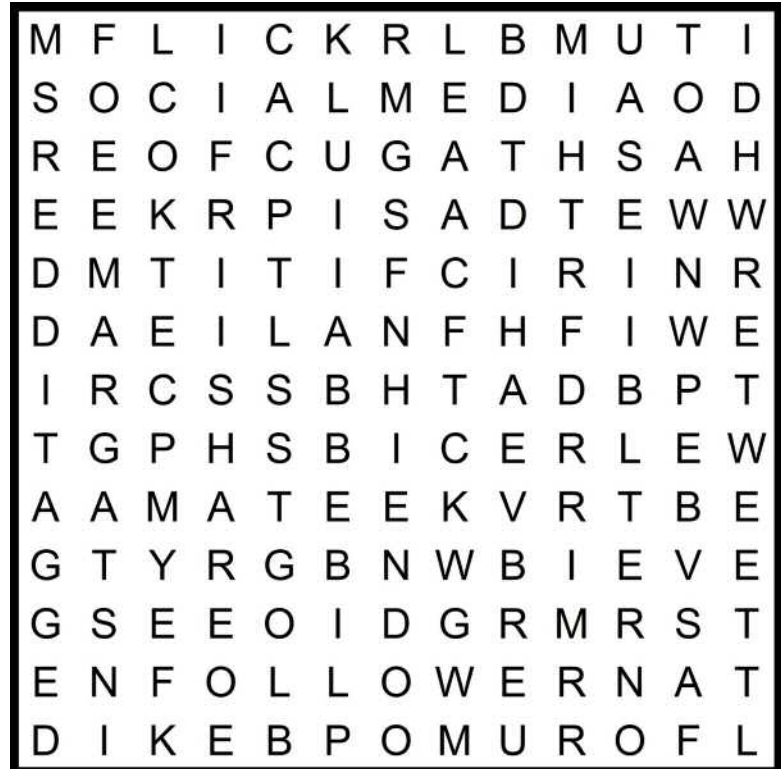
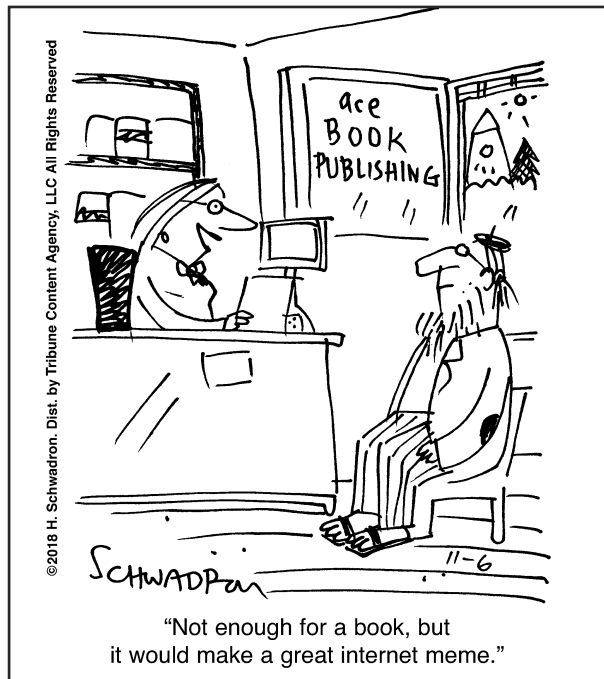
Down

- 1 Caustic potash, e.g.
- 2 Fought, in a way
- 3 Company with a Taco Club
- 4 Contests whose competitors stand in place
- 5 Course for some U.S. arrivals
- 6 Tease
- 7 Gutter sites
- 8 Woolly mama
- 9 Lose
- 10 Way behind buildings
- 11 Hostile place
- 12 Swallow one's pride
- 13 Campus org. revived in 2006
- 18 Un-friend?
- 22 Grass components
- 24 Bound
- 25 Finicky sort
- 26 Marks with two intersecting lines
- 28 Confused sounds
- 32 Blues singer in the Rock and

- Roll Hall of Fame since 1987
- 33 Word before repeat
- 34 Sensitive subject for some
- 35 Reject
- 36 Clinton's instrument
- 37 A tie may be partly under one
- 38 Pound sound
- 39 Toyota model
- 42 Trojan who survived the sack of Troy
- 44 First name in impressionism
- 45 Plain awful
- 46 "Amen to that!"
- 48 Rumble in the Jungle setting
- 49 Inuit home
- 50 More than skinny
- 51 Bounty title
- 55 Pine ___
- 56 Outside: Pref.
- 57 Casino area
- 58 Shark feature



9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



Olde Saratoga Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with social media.

Blog
Chatroom
Facebook

Flickr
Follower
Forum
Hashtag
Instagram
Likes
Linkedin
Meme

Messenger
Pinterest
Reddit
Retweet
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Tagged
Thread

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Trend
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Salem Sudoku

(solution page 30)

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	6			2			7	
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- 31-60 = Gamer
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Amid crisis, Noah's show grows

Brian Steinberg

Variety

Special to Journal & Press

The best late-night companion for Comedy Central's long-running "The Daily Show" may just be "The Daily Show."

The ViacomCBS cable outlet will expand Trevor Noah's late-night showcase to 45 minutes per night during production that takes place during the coronavirus. It's the first time since the franchise launched in 1996 with Craig Kilborn that it will get that much time allocated to it. The new parameters start this evening with the show's 11 p.m. broadcast, expanding duties for host Noah, the show's array of contributors, and its writing and production staff.

The 45-minute timeframe is not expected at present to last beyond the show's pandemic efforts, which are being done remotely, without a live audience or a studio. Comedy Central intends to follow the 45-minute "Daily" with airings of other programs like "Crank Yankers" or repeats of "The Office."

The programming move shows Comedy Central testing a new wee-hours strategy. For years, "Daily Show" was paired with great success with "The Colbert Report," a half-hour orchestrated by former "Daily" contributor

Stephen Colbert. He played a bloviating political commentator, a smart move as cable news grew more partisan while MSNBC and Fox News Channel gained audience. That format dovetailed well with Jon Stewart's tenure at "Daily," which has often portrayed itself as a satire of a typical newscast.

Yet Comedy Central has faced headwinds in late night since Colbert left the network in 2014 to seize the reins of "The Late Show" on CBS. Two new programs featuring "Daily Show" alumni - Larry Wilmore and Jordan Klepper - did not perform to executives' expectations when they were set to follow "Daily," and Comedy Central recently decided not to bring back David Spade's "Lights Out," which launched in the 11:30 p.m. slot in July of last year. Spade's program was hatched as a bid to capture viewers who had



plenty of alternatives to political comedy in late night. But the show was launched during the tenure of former Comedy Central chief Kent Alterman. Since Viacom and CBS merged, programming executive Chris McCarthy has taken oversight of the comedy-focused cable outlet.

"Daily Show" is Comedy Central's signature program, and has been an instrumental part of the overall business of the former Viacom. "Daily" brings in a younger cohort of viewers than most of its late-night competitors, and by extending to 11:45 p.m., it will compete more directly with the TV's three biggest late-night programs: NBC's "Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live," and CBS' "Late Show With Stephen Colbert." Where that last show was once a competitor, Colbert and Noah now work for the same media conglomerate, ViacomCBS.

One other late-night program has tweaked its length as the format grapples with broadcasting during the coronavirus pandemic, which has scuttled normal production of all the shows in the genre. Most late-night shows depend heavily on having a live audience gather in a studio to provide energy, atmosphere and instant feed-

back. At ABC, Kimmel has been hosting a thirty-minute show during the pandemic, a move that allows the Disney-owned network to give an earlier berth to "Nightline," the long-running newsmagazine that has focused entirely on coronavirus in recent weeks.

"Daily Show" has changed, too. These days, Noah holds forth from remotely from what appears to be an apartment, in a program the network now bills as a "Daily Social Distancing Show." The host has landed early interviews in late-night with Dr. Anthony Fauci and New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. Comedy Central says the program this year has seen a 24% uptick in viewers between 18 and 34.

'He broadcasts from his apartment.'

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Who was the murderous Mrs. Halladay?

Rachel Clothier
Journal & Press

I experienced a strange revealing of a bit of Greenwich history.

A few years ago, during the evenings in late July I was seeing some shadows and feeling a heavy presence in the downstairs of my split-level home on Academy Street. It was not an ominous feeling, but it did make me feel uncomfortable. I had only moved into the house couple of months earlier. Maybe I just wasn't used to it yet, or was being hyper-sensitive.

In any event, I decided to contact a medium friend of mine to get her impression of who I was sharing my home with. She revealed to me that there were three spirits on the property. One a plump woman with a round face with the name or Mary or Margaret who made everything from scratch, a little wiry old man whose name began with an A, and a young child that had drown in a pond or a well. Lynne confirmed that I had something going on, but did not give me much to go on to identify who the lost souls were.

I believe that spirits only hang around if they have unfinished business or need to be acknowledged. I set out on a mission to find out who was trying to communicate with me. By the magic of google I was quickly pointed in a direction. The search results for "Greenwich NY history" brought me to a little blip on Washington.nygenweb.net that read "Mrs. Halladay was an insane murderer. She killed her husband and several children." Of course, my next step was to find out who that "Mrs. Halladay" was.

Turns out there was a lot on the internet about this lady. An Irish immigrant whose given name was Eliza Margaret McNally, she travelled from County Atrium with her parents and eight siblings to New York City. She was known to be a troubled child with a tyrannical temper. She became estranged from her family as a teenager and bounced around the North-eastern states. In 1879 she married her first husband Charles Hopkins aka Ketspool Brown in Pennsylvania. He died two years later.

She lived with her second husband in the Village of Greenwich! The Post-Star clipping from January 10, 1885, read "Artemus Brewer was married to Miss Maggie Hopkins by the Rev. D. K. Smith yesterday. The contracting parties were from Greenwich." By August 4 the same year, the poor old Army pensioner, Mr. Brewer, was passed away. Another article that I found said that he died following a brief illness, happy to escape the constant

'She tried to kill the army pensioner with tea poisoned with arsenic.'

—Artemus Brewer was married to Miss Maggie Hopkins by the Rev. D. K. Smith yesterday. The contracting parties were from Greenwich.

Poor old Artemus Brewer, a broken down veteran of Greenwich village, Washington county, whence her first husband had also come, was her second, and he died in a year, glad to escape from her beatings and hair pullings.

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beatings and hair pulling.

Her next husband was a Hiram Parkinson who is said to have fled from her, not much is known about him. While I suppose she was technically still married to Parkinson she circled back to Greenwich and married George Smith of Easton, a friend of the late Mr. Brewer and another Army pensioner. A few months into her third marriage she tried to kill Mr. Smith by giving him tea poisoned with arsenic. He thwarted her attempt and she took off to Bellows Falls with every item of his that she could haul away.

The death of Artemus Brewer later became suspicious, but no charges for it were file against Mrs. Halliday for it.

Her criminal escapades escalated in severity to the level of arson and multiple murders. She, at the time of her conviction known at Lizzie Halliday. She was the first woman to ever be sentenced to death by electric chair. The sentence was commuted by Governor Flower and she lived out the rest of her life in Matteawan State Hospital, a mental institution (now Fishkill CF).

Coincidentally the shadows in my home are gone, but I am not resting easy. Artemus Brewer is in the directory of the Greenwich Cemetery, but I cannot find his headstone anywhere. There should at least be a marker honoring his service as a was a Civil War Veteran, but it is nowhere to be found. It appears as though justice has not yet been served for poor old Mr. Brewer.

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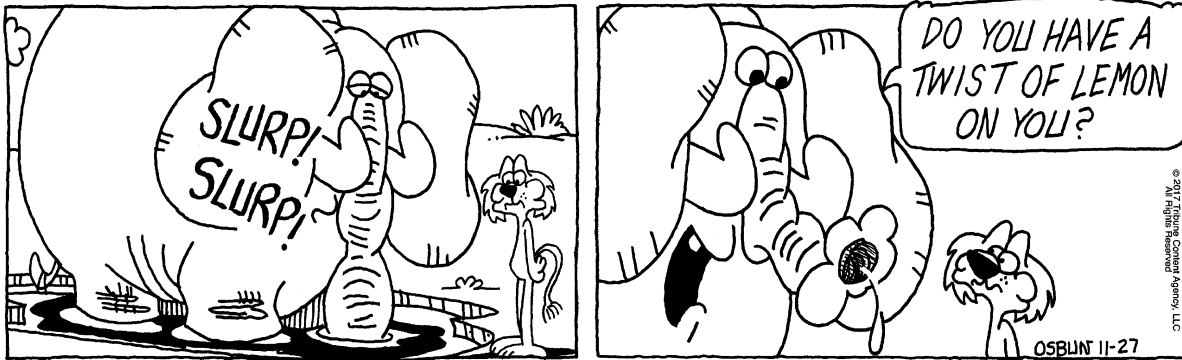


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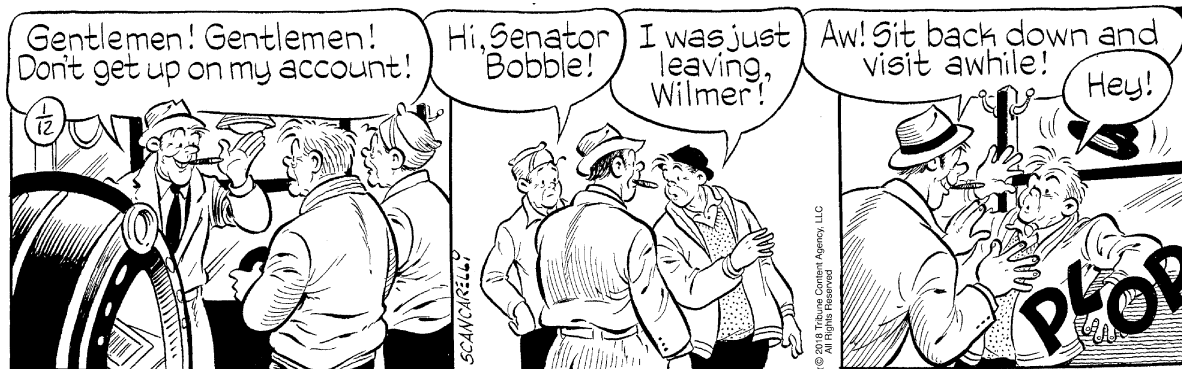
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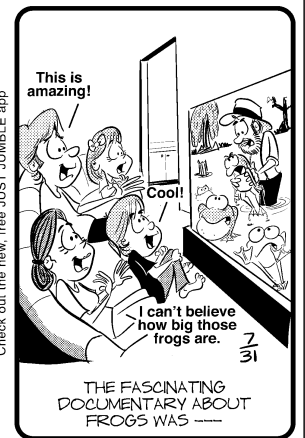
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THE FASCINATING DOCUMENTARY ABOUT FROGS WAS —

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Jumbles: GUEST BRISK FRIGID BROKEN
Answer: The fascinating documentary about frogs was "FRIBBITING."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District will be held May 26, 2020. Copies of the budget and the text of any proposition that will be presented to the voters will be available for review by any qualified voter beginning on May 26, 2020 upon request by email to the District Clerk at districtclerk@argylecsd.org.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, to vote by absentee ballot exclusively upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the Argyle Central School District for the fiscal year 2020-2021 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property on the District.

2. To adopt the following proposition:

³⁵/₁₇ To appropriate monies to the Argyle Free Library and to authorize the requisite portion

thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

3. To elect one member of the Board of Education for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2025 and to succeed Thomas Genovese, whose term expires on June 30, 2020.

4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2020-2021 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding June 9, 2020 via email request to districtclerk@argylecsd.org.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education to fill one expired term of five years each shall be received by the District Clerk at 5023 State Route 40, Argyle, New York, or by email to districtclerk@argylecsd.org not later than May 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Each petition shall be directed to the District Clerk and must state the full name and residence of the candidate (signatures are not required for the petition to be deemed valid, pursuant to Executive Order 202.26). A copy of such petition and information packet may be obtained by email request to the District Clerk at districtclerk@argylecsd.org.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that absentee ballots will be forwarded to all qualified voters of the District who are currently on the Washington County Board of Elections registration of voters. Completed ballots must be mailed and received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on

Tuesday, June 9, 2020. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election and (4) not otherwise disqualified under the Election Law.

The Education Law makes special provisions for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters of the District and any questions regarding these rights should be directed to the Clerk of the Board. All completed ballots shall be mailed to the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020.

The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission not later than May 15, 2020. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

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Clerk on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Saturday or Sunday, and the day set for the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Education Law §§ 2035, 2008, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with and directed to the District Clerk at the District Office, on or before May 8, 2020; must be typed or printed in the English language. However, the Board of Education will not entertain or place before the voters any petition or any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of monies which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition.

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Comfort Food Community raises \$25k for 'Kick COVID'

Submitted by Comfort Food Community:

Comfort Food Community is thrilled to announce a successful wrap of their Kick COVID fundraising campaign. Thanks to the help of their community and supporters, CFC achieved their goal of raising \$25,000 throughout the month-long campaign. This news comes at a significant time as next week would have been the launch of their 7th annual fundraiser, Give Hunger the Boot. Although disappointing to not share this special tradition with our community there is still much to be celebrated.

All funds received throughout the campaign will be used to strengthen and grow the programming at Comfort Food Com-

munity. During these challenging times, these programs have proved to be essential to the well-being of a great number of individuals throughout Washington County. Over the past month, the support of nearly 300 donors has allowed CFC to continue responding to the increased need for food assistance and health resource navigation in our community and beyond.

Comfort Food Community gives its sincerest thanks to each and every person who has made a contribution to Kick COVID. They would also like to give special acknowledgement to the following local businesses for sponsoring the campaign: Lakeside General Store, H&R Block, Cur-



rin Compliance, Patane Architecture, PLLC, Black Dog Media, and The Greenwich Journal and Salem Press.

Together we have proven that although we are apart, we can still come together to make a difference.

Letter: The Conservancy and the sidewalk

To the Editor:

The 501c3 non-profit performs many worthwhile projects and has notable accomplishments since its incorporation in 1993. It is supported by many local members and more beyond the borders of Washington County.

Its goals are noteworthy. Many projects and activities of the Battenkill Conservancy have little or no direct impact on local taxpayers. However it appears that their insistence that the NYS Department of Transportation include an approximate \$400,000, 500+ foot long sidewalk on Route 29 while the bridge is being replaced goes beyond a reasonable approach to enhance access to fishing or view the falls from the bridge.

The Town of Greenwich and the residents will be responsible for maintaining the new sidewalk and the portion of the sidewalk on the bridge. There will be a need for snow removal, repair, maintenance and perhaps snow removal equipment plus other associated cost. Although half of the bridge is in Easton they declined to share any of the maintenance cost or responsibility for the sidewalk on

their half of the bridge.

During the planning stage a few years ago, the Town of Greenwich's Highway Superintendent with the than Town Supervisor's support informed the DOT planners that the Greenwich DPW did not want nor need the sidewalk. DOT overruled the Town's position than and now because of the Battenkill Conservancy advocating and support for the sidewalk.

One would think that at this particular time with NYS's budget crisis along with the State of Emergency and COVID-19, the State would find a much better use of \$400,000 instead of 500+ feet of sidewalk that literally goes nowhere. One could walk to the bridge whether or not there is 500+ feet of sidewalk.

The Battenkill Conservancy should be very proud of its history and its accomplishments over the years. They have been known to work with local governments in the past not against them as with this Rt. 29 project. Adding an unnecessary tax burden for a project that the Town Council and the Highway Superintendent does not support nor want is not working with the local taxpayers. Perhaps it's not too late for the Battenkill Conservancy to withdraw its encouragement for DOT to construct the unnecessary sidewalk and use the \$400,000 in support of the NYS's efforts to provide PPE for 1st responders. Write or call your local State officials if you feel \$400,000 can be better spent during this budget and pandemic crisis. Greenwich officials have tried to dissuade to drop the sidewalk project DOT to no avail.

Louis J. Leone

Greenwich

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Editorial

Where are our reps?

Our various village, town and county officials are doing a good job at staying active and being helpful during this COVID-19 crisis, but what about our state and federal representatives? They seem to be taking a backseat to the governor and the president and we're not hearing as much from them.

Perhaps this is how state and federal legislative positions evolved – an individual representative has no real power — unlike, say, a mayor or supervisor — so in times of crisis they can't offer as much.

Too, to remain elected, most of these officials mainly go to every little event in our area, hand out proclamations, grab a photo, post on Facebook, and that's about it. At the state and federal levels, the reps get some pork, which they can have parsed out to various civic and governmental groups. Generally, getting reelected depends on a rep getting funding for little league fields, historic church steeples and similar projects. These projects are extremely meaningful for the community, but, now, little league games are cancelled and church services aren't being held. We all are social

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distancing, so the era of political gladhanding (yuck!) and selfie photo ops is over for at least 2020 and maybe longer.

So what will our state and federal reps do during this time, besides merely voting with or against their governor or president?

We are not being cynical, or putting down past practices, but we now are in an era of revolutionary change. Schools and businesses have to change. How will our politicians serve us in the weeks and months ahead?

While people can argue if the governor and president are doing a good job during this crisis, most of us can agree that leadership should not come from one person in a democracy. In the longterm, that's dangerous. We need a new vision for legislative positions.



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The Book Club

Irene Baldwin
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I have always been a voracious reader starting at age ten when I hid in the way back of our bedroom closet with a flashlight and a book. Usually my sisters and parents were fast asleep as I began or continued my word adventures. The earliest readings began with *Alice and Jerry* books in first grade. Mrs. Pekins gave any student who read a certain number of the tiny books a free one to take home. I cherished the little blue books.

Then I moved into *The Bobbsey Twins* and *Nancy Drew*. Soon my mother enrolled me in a book club by mail for young readers and I advanced to *National Velvet*, *Kidnapped*, *Treasure Island* and other classic titles. I couldn't wait to receive my monthly book in the mail and begin a new journey. Each title gave me the wonderful ability to go somewhere I had never been. Through reading I was able to meet all kinds of people and enter into their exciting lives. I was hooked and have remained a reader for all of my life.

All of my elementary teachers at Salem read to their classes. This happened after recess and gave us a chance to settle down and listen. Mrs. Duby, my third grade teacher, read us all of the *Box Car Children* books. I absolutely loved listening to Mrs. Duby's serene voice reading about the lives of four children who were living alone in a boxcar. She stood at the front of the classroom, a very proper older woman who wore suits, black lace-ups and glasses. I looked forward to these peaceful times.

In middle and high school at Salem Washington Academy Miss Layden, Salem's school librarian, became a much valued suggester of books I might like to read. She knew just what I would enjoy and gave me several titles to take home. I read every *Black Stallion* book there is and a special favorite, *Five Brave Horses*, the story of circus equines who climbed a ladder and jumped into a tiny pool. I always had a book going and have retained this habit over all of the years. Boredom has never existed in my life and it's probably because I am usually in the middle of read-

ing a story.

More than twenty years ago I became a member of a book club we call The Snipes. The group consists of a small number of women readers who love books. We try to meet monthly at each other's homes. The hostess has the honor of selecting the title of the book to be discussed. This person also prepares food and has wine and water available for each member. The routine is simple: we each enter holding that month's book and then take our places at a dining table. We engage in catching up, savoring our food and drink and then after dessert launching into a discussion of the chosen book. We are avid readers and always give each author's words serious contemplation.

'Boredom has never entered my life because I'm usually reading.'

It is such a pleasure to listen to the various opinions of my fellow book club members. Usually a member or two will read a particularly interesting paragraph to the rest of us so that we can comment on its meaning. Each of us has her own take on the various titles. Sometimes we love the book being discussed and at other times not so much. But according to Margaret, that is what makes our discussions so lively.

Member Kathy says, "Book Club widens our horizons and makes us read books we might not have chosen ourselves. And of course there are the friendships that have formed." Sometimes we venture away from our homes and go on "field trips." We have visited *The House of the Seven Gables* in Salem, Massachusetts, had lunch at The Mount, Edith Wharton's estate in Lenox, Mass, and stayed in a cottage by the sea in Provincetown for an extended book club meeting. Occasionally, we will do a day trip to an author or poet's grave or see a book-



based movie. Once we picnicked at Robert Frost's gravesite in North Bennington at dusk while reciting our favorite Frost poems. We all felt very connected to the great New England bard; our roads have surely converged to a place less traveled. True bibliophiles!

After a pandemic moratorium of a couple of months, the Snipes met outdoors on Kathy's deck and engaged in social distancing of at least six feet. The purple Taconic mountain views were glorious and it felt so good to be back talking books! We discussed *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris, the powerful story of a man and his eventual wife who suffered and rose above horrific circumstances in the most notorious concentration camp during WW II.

Member Sandra suggested we read *City of Fools* by Michel Bataille for our next book. Our Book Club is grateful for Battenkill Books in Cambridge. Connie gives book club members a ten percent discount and will order any title needed. During these times of forced isolation, grab a book or listen to a book-on-tape and be swept off on a vacation from your routine. Happy traveling!

Irene Baldwin is a longtime resident of Cambridge. She is a writer and a retired teacher of English. She grew up and attended school in Salem.



Free senior portraits, special issue



Bus Tour Postponed

The Washington County Historical Society has decided that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic that they will need to postpone the May 31 us tour, "Through Susan's Eyes," celebrating the 200th birthday of Susan B. Anthony and the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment. They hope to hold the event later this year. The group will post updates to its website at www.wchs-ny.org or on its Facebook page.

Logo winner

Climate Smart Schuylerville announced the winner of its Logo Design Contest – Aimee Davis from Gansevoort, NY!

The group said in a statement: *Thank you to all of the logo applicants for putting in the time and energy toward helping CSS find its mission-aligning visual identity. CSS was recently formed to engage the community in addressing the climate crisis by identifying, promoting and implementing climate smart actions. We think Aimee's logo best demonstrates the group's creativity and drive for a more sustainable Schuylerville.*



Special thanks to Holly Wright, Schuylerville Public Library program coordinator; Kate Morse, Hudson Crossing Park director; and John Iseman, United Methodist Church pastor for adjudicating the logo contest.

Hudson Crossing Park is pleased to partner with the The Greenwich Journal and Salem Press in offering free, socially distanced portraits for graduating Greenwich and Schuylerville Central School Seniors on Thursday, May 28, from noon to 4 p.m. at the park near the Dix Bridge.

While this graduation season may look very different than those of the past, the community stands behind – and wants to celebrate! – our graduating seniors.

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ior portrait? Email it to The Journal & Press at pics@jp-sub.com.

While this is offered free of charge, in order to maintain socially distance, reservations must be made for this event. Please visit www.hudsoncrossingpark.org/socially-distanced-senior-portraits for more information.

Depending on the popularity of this event, another event, perhaps also including other high schools, will take place in June.

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A chance at a \$6000 painting, for \$20

The Shushan United Presbyterian Church will raffle off a stunningly beautiful painting by George Van Hook entitled “The Battenkill from Foster’s Farm.” The painting is an oil on linen and is 30 inches by 20 inches in size.” The raffle is being conducted by the church to raise funds during this challenging time. Raffle Tickets are \$20 apiece. A maximum of 250 tickets will be sold.

The retail value of the painting is \$6,000.

Folks who want to participate in the raffle can mail a check to Sarah Foster, Shushan United Presbyterian Church, County Route 64, Shushan, New York 12873. The check



“The Battenkill from Foster’s Farm.”

should be made out to Shushan United Presbyterian Church. A receipt and ticket stub will be mailed back. If you prefer PayPal/Venmo, please e-mail or call Sarah at mm61185@yahoo.com or (518) 222-4900. Please call Sarah for further information.

The raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, June 14 at 11:15 am in Brownell Hall at the Shushan Presbyterian Church. Please note that the winner does not have to be present. If the coronavirus prevents a drawing at the church at that time, it will happen live on Facebook.

George Van Hook, a resident of Cambridge, New York, was born and raised in Abington, Pennsylvania, a northern suburb of Philadelphia. He moved to Cambridge after marriage and the start of a family. His wife, Susan is a Mycological Consultant. They have three daughters.

George’s painting has been influenced by the Pennsylvania Impressionists, the Brandywine tradition, and the European tradition. He thinks of his paintings as primarily a visual response to the selected environment, be it landscape, figure or still life. “I want the color to be beautiful and the

drawing firm and secure”, he says. The paintings are a marriage of external and internal forces – what emerges on the canvas should be a reflection of both the beauty of the world and the artist’s most inner response.

For the past five years, Van Hook has been involved in Plein Air (the art of outdoor painting capturing landscapes and views in natural light) competitions in numerous venues including Bennington; Ocean Park, Maine; Seneca Lake, New York; Saranac Lake; and Canandaigua, New York. He has won numerous awards in these competitions including “Best of Show,” “First Cash Prize”, “Peoples’ Choice,” “Artists’ Choice,” and “First Place Quick Draw.” Van Hook’s paintings are in numerous galleries including those in New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Florida.

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