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Music amid a pandemic

By day, Tony Califano is a K-6 music teacher in Greenwich. Nights and weekends, he leads an excellent band called Rusticator, and they have just dropped a new album. In this COVID-19 era, they see some opportunities in the digital realm. Read more about this eclectic band inside this issue!

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Greenwich Board discusses reopening

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

Town Supervisor Don Ward commented on his recently-declared local State of Emergency at the town board meeting on Thursday, May 19. The local issuance, which is in effect from May 18 to June 1, states that the State of Emergency was “declared due to emergency conditions produced by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, which imperil the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents, business and workforce of the Town of Greenwich.” According to the declaration, the town offices will remain open on a “limited basis,” and all in-person services for civilians will be “by appointment only.” The issuance authorizes “all departments in the town of Greenwich to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.”

Once the town buildings open up on June 1, the Board plans to still take some precautions. “We plan on following the guidelines issued by Washington County,” explained Ward. “Only one person will be in the building at a time. We’ll all wear masks if anyone from the public comes in.”

Deborah Craig and Alaine Ball-Chinian representing the Susan B. Anthony House also spoke about the new property the town is acquiring. The Board passed a resolution to “concur with the office of Parks and Recreation Historic Preservation supporting their purchase of the property.” The Susan B. Anthony house is a historic site that will hopefully support both tourism and historical education in Greenwich.

According to Ball-Chinian,

the house will require “\$60,000 in renovations,” considering the property “has a lot of hazardous materials at the moment” and “has to be fully stabilized.” Ball-Chinian said that since the owner of a tavern adjacent to the house decided to sell his property, there are many potentials, including “a community gathering place” to “provide new programming or hold an event that could get the community excited about the house” and serve as a “potential tourist destination.”

“It’s a very, very impressive building,” commented Supervisor Ward. “It would be great to have a town board meeting there someday,” he suggested lightly.

Jeannie Pemrick also reported on the potentials for the Summer Town Youth Program. The Town plans on hosting the 6-week summer program at some point this summer, she said. “The kids need it, and the parents probably need it now,” she said. The start date, although initially planned for June 29, is not finalized yet. No matter what, she emphasized, “we will still have a scholarship program. Kids should not get to not go just because they can’t

‘The site will hopefully support tourism and education.’

pay for it. Not in this town.” Pemrick said that the program, whenever it starts, will be “following COVID protocols,” including daily temperature checks of the kids, turning in the kids’ cell phones, and periodic hand washing and sanitizing. In past years, the town program has taken kids on Friday field trips to places like the



The Susan B. Anthony House —dj photo

Fun Spot or the movie theater, but it is unlikely that will happen this year. “We will be probably doing something in the town,” said Pemrick, like the Splash Pad or renting out inflatable obstacle courses in one of the town parks.

The Board also unofficially recognized Greenwich’s newly-discovered “birthday,” with commentary from Town Historian Sandy McReynolds. “Greenwich’s birthday is technically March 4, 1804, when we separated from Argyle,” McReynolds recounts. “The first town board meeting was a few days later on the twelfth.”

“Now we have a birthday that we’ll celebrate every year,” commented Supervisor Ward.

The Board is still adapting to COVID-proof ways of holding meetings. In the small public comment section of the meeting, resident Annie Miller commented on the hard-to-understand nature of the virtual meeting. “It’s really difficult to hear what everyone’s saying, everything is completely garbled.” She suggested that in the future this should be

taken into account to assure the Board’s transparency.

The Board did try a virtual Zoom meeting with all of the council members online rather than this version of filming and meeting in person, but technical difficulties did arise there as well. “It was hard for the board to actually discuss things,” explains Clerk Joanna Messina. “We’re just hoping that by next month, we can actually meet in person.”

For everyone attending online, the Zoom connection cut out about an hour and a half into the meeting, during the last item on the agenda, a report on the Town Youth Program being given by Jeannie Pemrick. “We’re sorry for the technical difficulties during tonight’s Town Board meeting,” commented the Town of Greenwich Government Facebook page. “We will work harder on this!”

The town also hired a new attorney, David Klingebiel, to replace the former town attorney, who recently retired.

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You should have gotten a newsletter from your respective school district detailing their 2020-21 budget proposal. Soon, you will get a ballot with return postage paid so that you can send it back as to whether or not you agree with the budget. There also are school board candidates on the ballot (and room for write-ins). The ballots are due back June 9.

Under executive order of Gov. Andrew Cuomo, the state will also soon mail out ballots to all eligible New York State voters for the June 23 primary. However, the only primary happening in Washington County is for Democrats, who can vote for Joe Biden or various candidates who had ended their campaigns, such as Bernie Sanders. These candidates went to court to stay on the ballot for delegate purposes at the national convention.

Village elections keep getting moved. Originally, they had been slated for March, but now they won't take place until Sept. 15. Practically all local races are uncontested.

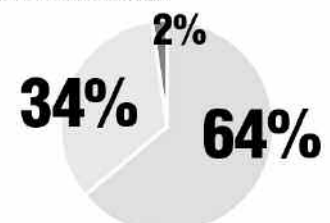
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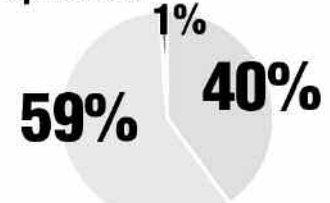
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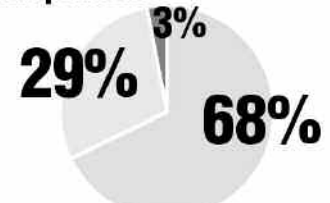
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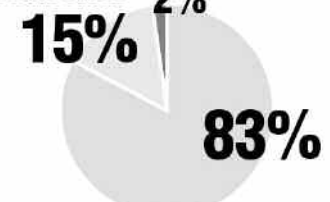
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Cambridge market opens

With an abundance of caution, the Cambridge Valley Farmers Market continued, starting May 17, now spreading out on the spacious grounds of the Cambridge Central School. About a dozen tents are spread out and vendors are wearing masks and keeping

items away from touchy hands. Cash is carefully handled through a no-touch system and many items could be ordered ahead via credit/debit card. Here are some photos from May 24's event, where vendors reported that they had decent turnout, serving

scores of local residents. The market will continue on Sundays at the school from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. throughout the summer. Learn more at cambridgevalley-farmersmarket.com.



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Rusticator: Americana with local roots

Natalie Jew
Journal & Press

There is a place in the Adirondacks, where the sun lights through the trees, between the tops of mountains and by a stream off of the Indian Lake, that a band member of Rusticator walked through on a trail – and left with a song for an album.

The new album called “Between lines,” made up of four instruments, is a collection of Americana stories about everyday life. “Everything I Love” follows the honky-tonk of life, “Summer’s Child” sings of hoping for a child and “Home” is about a walk in the Adirondacks.

It was the natural scenery of the trail that left acoustic guitarist and bandleader Tony Califano in wonder. On a trail by the Miami River, before it became the opening song to the album, he had one line in his head.

“I was hiking Pillsbury Mountain, which is over by Indian Lake in the Adirondacks, and I had gotten this line into my head: We stop to listen to the sound of the Miami River, gurgling through the trees,” said Califano, who is also a K-6 music teacher for Greenwich Central School. “I had written a few lines of the song when I was hiking, and when I came home they kind of sat there for a long time.”

After that lyric, came the music, and then the rest of the song.

The Stories of the Album

In their first album, Rusticator only used acoustic (versus electric) instruments, and in their second, they parodied the instrumental sound of a live

concert. But for this album, nothing was off limits.

“I had put myself into a box,” Califano said. “This new album is just every sound that I could want to use. I didn’t really limit my palette at all.”

Each song in the album is its own story, according to drummer Derek Dobson.

“This album is about people, it’s about the American landscape, it’s the sound of a different time of the Adirondacks – more rural areas and simple people. It’s the American spirit,” Dobson said. “[There are very interesting meta-inside stories. You don’t need to know that to be a listener, but being behind the scenes I get joy out of knowing that it’s about something.”

The song Dobson loves the most is the one Califano wrote hiking (the one which inspired the album cover of a topographical map).

“The notes that are played are chosen very carefully. The fiddle solo Joe [Gumpper] plays is very soft and tender – he doesn’t overplay it and it fits the song” Dobson said. “Everything moves in and out [and] things, don’t get in each other’s way.”

The music is about going to another place, according to bass player and vocalist Jordan White.

“Songwriting is about creating a place that listeners can come to with me – whether it’s a honky-tonk bar, a long ride in a car while you’re missing someone or a steamy bedroom,” White said. “It seems to be one of the great powers of music to create something where before there was nothing.”



Rusticator with Greenwich’s Tony Califano, center.

What White loves about the album is it’s a collaboration between friends. To him, the album is another chapter of the band’s history.

“This album is a sort of signpost, or maybe a trail marker. This album marks a particular

‘The notes that are played are chosen very carefully.’

point in history for the band. It’s about being a human here on this crazy and wonderful planet Earth,” White said. “We were brought together by a mutual love of music, so I guess the inspiration would be music itself.”

In the album, there are musical hidden gems according to Dobson.

“Anybody who’s reading this or anybody who is interested in

finding those sonic little mysteries after a couple of playthroughs, [the final mix] that’s one good place to look,” Dobson said.

The Band in a Pandemic

While the band has had to cancel some of their gigs because of this pandemic, they do have conversations over Zoom and were able to livestream a concert.

“We were socially distant on the patio and we live-streamed it,” Dobson said. “We got over 2,000 views on Facebook, which is kind of amazing. We don’t get to see exactly who all those 2,000 people were, but we’ve never had 2,000 people come to a show.”

The trends of the music industry have changed according to Dobson, and so the virtual album release may sell more songs for the band than other launches.

Memorial Day remembered

Greenwich couldn't hold its usual Memorial Day Parade this year but instead had a drive-thru service available at the VFW on Abeel St. on May 22, from 5-7 p.m. Chaplain Don Ward read the Prayer every 15 minutes and the names of local

veterans who had fallen were read with "Taps" being played by bugler Dillon Niles (a Greenwich High School junior). The Veterans Monument there and the flag-draped Caisson were decorated and on display. One of the event's organizers,

Jeannie Pemrick, said 60 people attended that Friday and many more cars were spotted passing through over the holiday weekend to remember the fallen.



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Rusticator drops new album (cont).

"Album releases these days are not what they used to be. In some ways we might have better luck with a virtual launch than we would with a regular launch just because people don't buy CDs anymore," Dobson said. "We are building up to do some special lives next weekend as we launch it, something a little different. As a band, I think in some ways it's made us stronger."

White feels for other musicians who depend on gigs at bars, restaurants or other venues

"We've lost some gig opportunities because of COVID, and as sad as that is for us, we are healthy and that's something to be thankful for," White said. "The four of us, we all have other vocations, but we know there are musicians for whom this pandemic is having a much greater toll. Our hearts go out to those folks who might be having a much harder time scraping by in a time like this."

The Love of the Music

While every member of Rusticator has another job, they make time for the music because it's what they love to do.

We don't want to be famous rock stars or anything, but we want people to hear us. That's something we agree on," Dobson said. "We like to play and write our music and we want other people to hear it and at least give it a chance."

'We were socially distant on the patio and live-streamed.'

their music virtually. But White hopes they will get to play together with a real audience soon.

"We just love to make music together and share that with as many people as we can," White said. "I'm hopeful that the ven-

While this pandemic has closed most venues, Rusticator will still play

ues that support live, local music will soon be able to re-open and bring people the great community-building, healing power of music. And I'm hopeful that folks will continue to support local music, especially now that we've all had to go without things like this for so long now."

The band is always looking to talk about music according to Dobson.

"We're always looking for reviews and we're always looking for feedback and people to let us know how we're doing," Dobson said. "With this album, hopefully you sit back and listen to it as a nice 45 minute trip through America and not think about what's going on during the pandemic right now."

Their music is on all streaming platforms (including Amazon Music, Apple Music, Pandora and Spotify) and on www.rusticatormusic.com. "Between Lines" launched on their website on May 29.

Driving across the USA (part III)

Liv Thygesen
Journal & Press

My little '98 Ford Escort chugged up the steep road that wound like a snake around the sheer rocky cliffs. It was dark. The only time the three-lane road was visible was when a double length tractor trailer sped by me on the left. Their headlights created a blinding glare as the sleet beat against the windshield. My car shook as they barreled past me. The road was so slick and steep that I could not get out of second gear. Although I could not see my surrounding due to the black of night, I knew that what my car was climbing must have been one heck of a mountain. There was no more radio signal and I could barely read the road signs. With the wipers flashing back and forth and my eyes squinting against the speckled glare of the snowy windshield, I finally saw the sign for my exit. Flagstaff Next Exit.

After several fourteen-hour days of driving, a broken car in Texas, I simply could not drive any further. I pulled into the first hotel I could find and

stayed for the night. The following morning, I awoke into a whole new world. The day before I was in a dry arid desert, void of rain, moisture and cold. This morning I stepped outside into a damp chilled air with fog all around me. How odd, I thought. I must have really gone up in altitude for this drastic of change. I got back into my car, checked my Rand McNally book of maps and got back on the road for the 45-minute drive to the Grand Canyon. It was early in the morning, about 7am. My fan belt adventure in Sonora had set me behind almost an entire day. I had driven literally through ice and snow, wind and sand to spend the day at the Grand Canyon. One cannot simply drive across the country without stopping to see this amazing piece of our country. I have to be to the Grand Canyon and leave by 11:30am to stay on schedule.

The highway to the Grand Canyon was long and straight nothing like what I had trekked the night before. The air was so damp that fog limited my vision to only a few meters on either



A random snowman spotted on my trip.

side of the highway. What was visible were the short stumpy pine trees and the yellowed fields. No hills, no mountains. Just flat on either side of the road. The short stumpy pine

'How do you close the Grand Canyon?'

trees were the only green vegetation that protruded up from the fields. It was still rainy from the night before. I expected the desert to be a bit drier, I mused. The closer to the Grand Canyon Park I got, the shorter the trees became. I must be at an extremely high elevation at this point... but everything is so green for a desert. At long last the gates to the park appeared through the fog. The park ranger took my park entrance fee and pointed me in the direction of the south side of the Canyon. My excitement was growing. I cannot believe I'm actually here! I cannot believe I'm actually going to see the Grand Canyon! The park road wound up and down some

small hills and finally ended at a parking lot with a brown wooden visitor's center at the top. There were few cars around and the center was empty. Oh my gosh! I came all this way and I'm too early the park is closed! But how do you close the Grand Canyon? It must be open. The fog was thick and dense and snow lined the sidewalks and parking lot. Snow?! In the desert? It was just summer yesterday! Upon exiting my car, I dug through my trunk to find my sneakers and my winter coat. How is it possible that I need a winter coat and sneakers?! And WHERE IS the canyon? It's only the world's largest hole in the ground. Where is it?

(To be continued...)

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



Graduation at drive-in

Caroline Goss, Secondary Principal at Cambridge Central School District announces this year's graduation commencement will be held at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19 at Hathaway's Drive-In Theatre in North Hoosick, NY.

A video featuring Cambridge's Class of 2020 will be projected on the screen, with the diplomas distributed to the graduates in their cars by school administrators. Safety practices will be in place for the diploma distribution and throughout the entire evening. Graduating seniors can expect additional information about the production of this video in the near future. Two cars per graduate will be able to attend and tickets will be required. Contacting the high school office at (518) 677-8527.

Students become leaders

Have you ever wondered about the role of a school's student council? Giving back to the community is just one of the many important functions a student council plays in shaping young people to develop into excellent citizens and leaders.

During the February winter break, members of the Cambridge High School Student Council worked diligently to create five fleece tie blankets. The blankets were made with cheerful vibrant colors and crafted with care. The students personally delivered them to Cambridge Square residents in early March. The residents truly appreciated the thoughtful, beautiful, and functional gifts.

In late February, the Cambridge High School Student Council organized a food drive, spearheaded by the council's presi-

dent, Alice Roosevelt. Students in grades 7-12 were encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the "Loaves of Fishes" food pantry to help bolster their food supply during the current shelter in place. There was a competitive spin on the drive by challenging each grade level in collecting the most. The eighth-grade class emerged as the winners by collecting 78 food items.

Alice Roosevelt stated, "The generosity demonstrated by our students is truly appreciated, and our Student Council sends a virtual thank you to all who participated."

This student-driven project supports the district's strategic plan.



Pictured (L-R): Alice Roosevelt, Madeline Phillips, Kordehlia Koopmann, Stasia Epler and Emma Townsend

Giving in full bloom

allenges often spark innovation and creativity. While students across the state continue to learn off-campus, new ideas to keep them engaged in their education are blossoming.

Coral Erikson, a junior at Cambridge Central School District, serves as a classroom mentor for Mrs. Chalen Lathrop's third grade class. In Coral's quest to contribute to the education of her underclassmen, Coral initiated a bean seed germination and planting project for the entire third grade to do at home.

Coral put her organization and communication skills to work. She wrote age appropriate day-by-day instructions, and created a video for the young students to watch on their Google classrooms. She also created kits to include all of the necessary items to successfully carry out the project.

There is no cost for the students to "grow" a love for gardening. Coral and her family own Coral's Corner and Cones in Cambridge and supplied all of the materials. It's not too late for students to give their green thumb a try, and should contact Mrs. Lathrop at chalen.lathrop@cambridgesd.org for their kit. Students already participating are reminded to send photos of their project's progress to her.

The video of Coral providing the instructions for the project can be found on the district's homepage cambridgesd.org under the "News" section.

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Coral's Corner and Cones owners (L-R) Trish Ericksen, Coral Ericksen and David Ericksen

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The misadventures of weight loss

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

Now my hardcore fans (no one has stopped me and asked for a picture yet, get on it people) will remember that my first article was centered around staying fit during quarantine. Since then, so much has happened. Quarantine was extended, we found a new bee, quarantine was extended, we had a tornado, quarantine was extended, and who can forget when quarantine was extended. The design of Pringles' cans is still awful (#WarOn-Pringles). In my personal life, I managed to lose 30 pounds.

Now I debated writing this article for two reasons. One- I didn't want to make it seem like I was bragging about losing weight and two- I didn't want anyone to feel bad that they aren't as drop dead gorgeous as myself. In all seriousness, I did genuinely struggle planning this article because I have no intention to brag. As much as I am proud I achieved this, I still manage to struggle using a microwave, so it cancels out. I'm not writing this to bask in myself, but more so as a way to recount everything that has happened along the way.

I initially started trying to lose weight in December. At this point, I looked like I ate a McDonald's. Not McDonald's food, but an actual McDonald's building and naturally all of the food inside it. I feel like in most cases, people have their breaking point where they realize that they need to change. Mine came in the form of pulling a muscle reaching for a package of Oreos at 2:30 in the morning. Up until this point, I had been living a life of calling

nachos healthy and deliberately doing one pull up the first month of gym class so it would look like an improvement when I was doing three by the end of the year. I finally took the initiative and decided it was time to start going to the gym.

Along with going to the gym, I began my new diet. I called it "less Pop-Tarts." I was ready and, on my way, to get fit. I arrived at the gym for the first time. I walked in and basked in the moment. I stood right at the door and just looked around at all the machines and people and knew that this was a great decision. I then turned around and went back to my car.

'On the route home, I passed a McDonald's...'

On my first official day at the gym, I started on the treadmill. I overestimated my endurance and went straight for 6 mph. I ran that for a solid 12 seconds, and then landed at a solid 2.8 mph. My route home consisted of passing a McDonald's, Subway and Dunkin' Donuts. I struggled to make myself not stop. (To clarify, I don't mean stop at one, I mean all three.) Over time, I hopped around machines and found a new route home. I got better, but that's not what I'm here to tell you.

The first issue I had with going to the gym was the unwritten rule of not judging others, which to be frank was the part I was most looking forward to. I begrudgingly obliged and began "respecting others." My best advice for keeping

yourself occupied at the gym is putting on a Netflix show and watching. I would recommend "The Great British Baking Show" or "Sugar Rush."

The most noteworthy aspect of my day at the gym rarely happened in the gym itself but usually in the locker room. Every day I would manage to walk out of there with a story more interesting than the last.

My first awkward encounter in the locker room was when I went to put my gym shorts on and realized I'd grabbed shorts I managed to still have from at least five years ago. In other words, very small. This occurred on a day where the locker room was very busy, and I had no other shorts to put on. This one isn't too bad though – it gets much worse.

One of my biggest pet peeves is sharing deodorant. This notion, however, is not shared amongst many people. I was asked several times if I could give someone my deodorant, and over time I compiled a list of things to do when you are asked and don't want to share:

- Say "Are you okay with lemon scented?"
- Say "I'm sorry, I can't. I don't think I'm ready to risk getting pregnant right now."
- Give them your deodorant and just say "you owe me." Next time you see them in the locker room, point at their deodorant and say, "are you gonna eat that?"

I'm going to start off the next example by saying that the rumor that old men walk around naked in the locker room is very much true. I'll spare everyone the details, but this happened too often for me to laugh it off as a one-time

awkward experience. I did, however, meet a very nice naked old man who often discussed politics with me. To reiterate, a naked man began conversing with me in a locker room, and at a point looked me dead in the eyes and said "Hey, you're a Democrat too! We're rare around here."

At this point, I'd been going to the gym for around three months. In early March, my school track season started. I ultimately decided against a large "DO NOT RESUSCITATE" sticker on the side of my shirt but it nearly happened. I started out the season running long distance. I broke my first record of the year when I was advised to move to sprinting in an impressive 12 minutes. This went smoothly for the whopping four days until our season was cancelled.

All is well though, because I've recently started my own quarantine workout. I call it "Self Treatment Daily," or for short, STD. This workout consists of runs, workouts, meditation and an unnatural amount of crying. Ultimately, this workout plan has been great, and I feel a little less guilty eating KFC macaroni and cheese over three times in one week.

I guess the moral of the story is that I got myself into several situations trying to lose weight. Ultimately, I wouldn't recommend it.

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The history of Hudson Crossing Park

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

Many area residents and people from afar have enjoyed spending time in Hudson Crossing Park located in Schuylerville. The walking trails, fishing and birding sites, proximity to the Champlain Canal and picnic areas draw individuals and families throughout the year.

Although the park name gives a hint at the historical significance of this area, it is worthwhile to delve further into the reason it is called Hudson Crossing Park. The Saratoga National Historical Park encompasses the area where the Battles of Saratoga took place as well as the surrender of British General Burgoyne's army. We all know this victory is known as "the turning point of the American Revolution."

How did the British General Burgoyne's troops get to their position on the west side of the Hudson River? Before we answer that question, we need to understand the route his army had taken after the victory over the Americans at Fort Ticonderoga.

General Burgoyne settled in

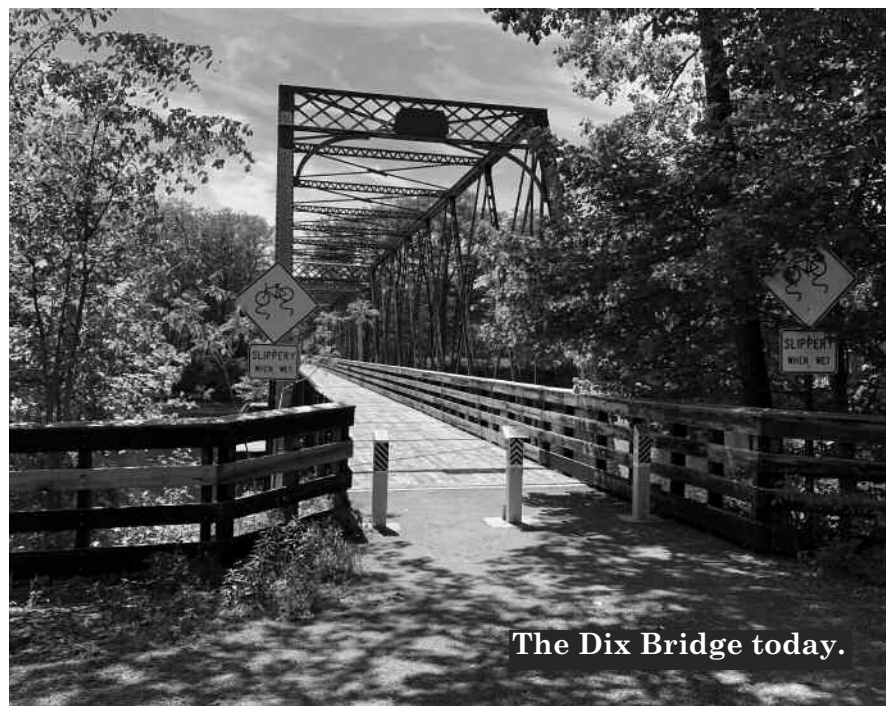
Skenesboro after the victory at Ticonderoga. Traveling by water was the fastest way to move an army. This meant Burgoyne would have to back-track several miles in order to get to Lake George and sail south from there. Burgoyne decided backtracking would look like a retreat, so he decided to march his 7,000 man army down to Fort Edward.

The Americans slowed British progress by felling trees along the route the British would need to travel. They also re-routed streams to flood the path. It took Burgoyne's army two weeks to get near Fort Edward on the east side of the Hudson River.

The overmatched Americans manning Fort Edward fled the fort as soon as British scouts appeared. Now the British and American armies were close enough that scouts for each army skirmished throughout August 1777. Burgoyne now knew the American army and fortifications were on the west side of the Hudson River.

Faced with strong river currents that washed attempts at traditional bridges away, British Lt. John Schank designed a bridge using what was at hand: the military's bateau. A bateau is a shallow-draft, flat-bottomed boat that was used to carry military supplies.

Lt. Schank anchored the bateaus, which measured an approximately 30 feet long, side by side to create a floating trestle system that spanned the river. Wooden beams were then laid across and planks set to make a roadway for the



The Dix Bridge today.

crossing. Finally, a ramp was constructed to connect the land road to the bridge.

Using this man-made bridge, over 6,000 British troops, military supplies and animals were able to cross from the east side of the Hudson River to the west side. The

'6000 British troops, military supplies and animals crossed.'

British army was now in position to confront the American army.

Hudson Crossing Park encompasses this area. The Dix Bridge, just south of the actual crossing point, connects Saratoga and Washington Counties. Today, pedestrians, bicyclists and snowmobilers use the bridge to cross the river. If one stands in the middle of this bridge, looking north, you can see the cuts in

the river bank made by the British in 1777.

Walking in the Hudson Crossing Park to the Louise Landry Memorial Bridge of Boats Overlook gives you a closer view of the roadbed that was cut into the riverbank and was used by Burgoyne's army to approach the Bridge of Boats.

Hudson Crossing Park is open year-round, dawn to dusk and is free of charge. You can learn more about the park by going to their website, www.hudsoncrossingpark.org.

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A faded sign near the entrance -dj

The Greenwich Chamber of Commerce in the times of the pandemic

Pam Fuller
Journal & Press

What do you do when things change all at once? When Kelly Eustis became the Managing Director of the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce nine months ago, he couldn't have predicted what would happen in March, with most businesses either closed or challenged to find new ways of working.

I recently sat down with Kelly at the Chamber office in Village Hall on Academy Street to talk about his first nine months, his goals for the future and how the Chamber has pivoted to meet the needs of businesses during the pandemic crisis.

The Chamber's mission is to support and promote members in supporting one another, and to find ways to help each other boost business and meet goals. So when the shutdown was put in place in mid-March, Kelly thought about what the Chamber could do to help business owners in Greenwich; as it turned out, businesses all over the Battenkill Valley were in the same positions. And since the virus that caused this shutdown is still very much with us, probably the most difficult thing is that no one is sure about what the next year will bring.

Kelly conceived of a project that he calls



Kelly Eustis -pf photo

Battenkill Strong, and he developed a website to help guide business owners through the shutdown and beyond: www.battenkillstrong.org. The site pulls relevant information into one place. Business resources are listed, including the rules and guidelines for who is allowed to be open and who isn't, and now the 10-point policy for reopening. The loan and grant guidelines for small businesses are detailed. Social Distancing Dining Out provides information about which restaurants are open for take-out. Local Community Support and Healthcare resources are listed. And finally, the latest COVID-19 information is listed, including where to get tested.

Through the Battenkill Strong brand, the project has facilitated conference calls with elected officials at the state and federal levels. All the Battenkill Strong resources are available to any business whatever their membership status. The information is updated as it changes.

Much of the effort of the Chamber goes into organizing the two biggest annual public events in the Village: the Whipple City Festival, in June, and the Annual Lighted Tractor Parade, in November. After only 7 years of parades, the event has put our Village on the local map and brought thousands of visitors.

Although because of the COVID-19 status, the Chamber Board made the decision to cancel this year's Whipple City festival, the Chamber is planning an alternate festival.

The idea is for a community-wide event to reboot the local economy: Back to Business! Street Fair. Main Street in Greenwich will be trans-

formed into a festive, pedestrian street fair with local businesses and organizations lining the streets with tables and tents. The date isn't set yet, but as guidelines become clearer, the Chamber will announce a day and time.

When he began in this position at the Chamber, Kelly had set two major goals for his first year: create a new Chamber website, updating the design and content as well as the user experience. The second goal was to increase Chamber membership. These goals haven't been put aside. The new website

will launch on June 1, and one of its features will be microsites for every chamber member. Kelly works on increasing members one business at a time through personal outreach.

Kelly encourages businesses to get in touch with the Chamber and go to the battenkillstrong.com site as well as the greenwichchamber.org sites for information and ideas.

**'His first two goals:
Improve the site and
increase membership.'**

*Pam Fuller is Mayor of
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Greenwich CSD announces its Top 10

George Niesz, Greenwich High School Principal, announced the top ten graduates of the Class of 2020:

Quinn Collins is the daughter of Kevin and Jill Collins of Greenwich. Quinn is a member of Greenwich's chapter of the National Honors Society (president). She was awarded the George Eastman Young Leaders Award from the University of Rochester. She was the NYS 800m State Champion. She has won Section II Champion, multiple times, in the following (400m, 800m, 100m, 600m, 4x400m, 4x800m). She was a multiple time Wasaren league and Times Union All-Star winner in indoor and outdoor track and cross country. She was a member of the 2 time NYS Cross Country Champion Team. She was a 2019 World Food Prize Global Youth Institute participant and a Norman Borlaug Scholar. She has earned her Triple Mastery in Mathematics and is a Mari Copeny Award and Scholarship recipient. She has also been awarded the Bill Shrader Jr. Memorial Scholarship and the TCT Federal Credit Union Award and Scholarship.

Quinn will be attending the **United States Military Academy** where she will be majoring in history or international relations.

Brooke Smith is the daughter of Gregory and Dawn Smith of Greenwich. Brooke is a member of Greenwich's chapter of the National Honor Society (vice president). She is an active participant in FFA, Drama Club, Varsity Choir, Treble Choir, All-County Chorus, Vocal NYSSMA, Art Club, Yearbook Club, Math League and Mock Trial. She is part of

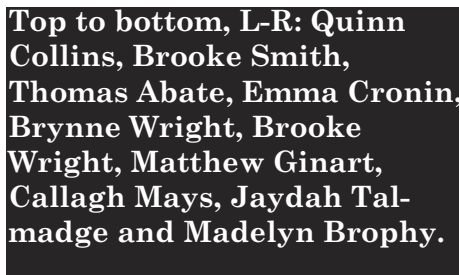
the varsity girls tennis and outdoor track teams. Brooke has earned the Triple Mastery in Mathematics. She has won multiple awards in Shot Put Relay and FFA competitions. Brooke volunteers with the Comfort Food Community and has been a Girl Scout for over 10 years. Brooke is also a ski instructor at Willard Mountain.

Brooke will be attending **SUNY Binghamton**.

Thomas Abate is the son of Sean and Patrice Abate of Greenwich. He is a member of Greenwich's chapter of the National Honor Society and a 6 year member of the Greenwich Band. He was the captain of the boy's soccer team, awarded First-Team All-Star in soccer and is a volunteer coach for Greenwich Youth Soccer and the Joshua Demarest Memorial Soccer Camp. He is a member of the Greenwich varsity baseball team. Thomas is part of Math League and is the president and treasure of the Greenwich Soccer Club.

Thomas will be attending the Honors College at **SUNY Geneseo** and majoring in physics. He is considering the 3+2 dual-degree program (offered with Columbia, Clarkson or Case Western Reserve University) and earning a double major in physics and engineering.

Emma Cronin is the daughter of Ben and Angela Cronin of Greenwich. Emma is a member of Greenwich's chapter of the National Honor Society (secretary). She has been awarded the Mari Copeny Scholarship and the Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award. She will be earning her



Top to bottom, L-R: Quinn Collins, Brooke Smith, Thomas Abate, Emma Cronin, Brynne Wright, Brooke Wright, Matthew Ginart, Callagh Mays, Jaydah Talmadge and Madelyn Brophy.

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Greenwich Top 10 (cont.)

Seal of Biliteracy in French. She has been part of the 3 time NYS Champion Cross Country Team and was awarded the Section 2 Class Sportsmanship Award. Emma has been the vice president of her class for two years.

Quote from Emma: “Try to figure out what will make you happiest in life and then do everything you can to make that become your reality.”

Emma will be attending **Russell Sage College** and majoring in Occupational Therapy.

Brynne Wright is the daughter of David and Deborah Wright of Greenwich. She is a member of Greenwich's chapter of the National Honor Society, Student Council, French Club, Math League and Varsity Club. She will also be earning her Seal of Biliteracy in French. She is a 6-year member of the varsity cross country and indoor and outdoor track teams and has earned the following achievements; NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track Division 2 2000m Steeplechase 9th place (2019), 8th place (2018), 3000m 6th place (2018); NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championship Class D 2nd place (2016, 17); NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championship Class C 3rd place (2018); Times Union Section 2 First Team All Star for Cross Country (2017, 18, 19); Times Union Section 2 Second Team All Star for Cross Country (2015, 16); Times Union Section 2 Second Team All Star for 2000m, Steeplechase (2017, 18); Indoor One Mile Steeplechase Champion at the Hispanic Games (2019, 20); New Balance National Championships Outdoor 10th place Freshman Mile (2017); NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Qualifier in the steeplechase (2016, 17, 18, 19); Section 2 Class D Cross Country Champion (2015, 16, 17, 18, 19). She is a member and captain of the Saratoga Regional YMCA Competitive Gymnastics Team and is a 2 time NY State All-Around Gymnastics Champion. She has won multiple individual events at the state level and Northeastern States Regional Championships in gymnastics. Brynne is a counselor-in-training, junior counselor and leadership team member at Dunkley's Gymnastics Camp.

Quote from Brynne: “It is going to be hard, but it doesn't mean it's impossible.”

Brynne will be attending the **University of Rhode Island** majoring in civil engineering and minoring in landscape architecture.

Brooke Wright is the daughter of David and Deborah Wright of Greenwich. She is a member of Greenwich's chapter of the National Honor Society (treasurer), Future Business Leaders of America (vice president) and Student Council (secretary). Brooke has been a Scholar Athlete and High Honor Roll Student throughout junior and senior high school. She has been a varsity athlete for 18 seasons. She has earned her Triple Mastery in Mathematics and Science and will also be earning her Seal of Biliteracy in French. She has been awarded the Character Award and Heisman High School Award. She was a member of 3 NYS State Champion Cross Country teams (co-captain). She was the 2020 4x1mile relay National Championship Qualifier and the 2019 4x800m relay 5th place finisher at State Championships. Brooke was the 4 time NYS Sports Writers' Association All-Star Team honoree. Brooke has volunteered as an Angel Pusher for Ainsley's Angeles of America, the Flag Project at Saratoga National Cemetery, Soup R' Bands and the YMCA.

Brooke will attend **St. John's University**, majoring in international management.

Mathew Ginart is the son of Christopher and Michelle Ginart of Greenwich. Mathew was awarded the RPI Medal Award and the John Hopkins University CTY Scholarship. Mathew is a member of Greenwich's chapter of the National Honor Society. He won 2nd place at JSHS Science Fair and will also be earning his Seal of Biliteracy in French. He is a guitarist in a local band. He has had two NYSSMA performances and has won 2 battle of the band competitions. He is a frequent participant in the All-County Band. Mathew is on the varsity boys lacrosse team and won the Outstanding Defensive Player Award and 2nd Team Wasaren All-League Goalie. He was a volunteer for Students for Scholarship Concert earning money for graduates from 5 local schools interested in pursuing music degrees.

Mathew will attend **Stony Brook University**, majoring in physics.

Callagh Mays is the daughter of Paul Mays and Lisa Hayes of Greenwich. She is a member of Greenwich's chapter of the National Honor Society. She has taken tap and ballet for 14 years and has been a Greenwich theater production stage manager for 2 years.

She has earned the Group Smart Chemistry Award for her University in High School science research project entitled Photodegradation of Microplastics in Water. She also completed a UHS science project entitled Lanthanide Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs) and Their Effects on the Hydrolysis of P-Nitrophenylphosphate. She has been awarded the Knights of Pythias Award, St. Michael's Book Award, AP Scholar Award and Women in Geoscience Award. Callagh has been a volunteer student tutor in Greenwich's elementary school for 3 years. She was also the 3rd seed in the girls varsity tennis team.

Callagh will be attending **Ursinus College** majoring in chemistry with an interest in art and art history.

Jaydah Talmadge is the daughter of Jennifer Talmadge and Eric and Erin Talmadge of Greenwich. Jaydah has earned the Presidential Gold Award for academic performance all 4 years of high school. She is part of the competitive New Visions Health program, working closely with Glens Falls Hospital. Jaydah is a member of the varsity choir. Her goal is to become a midwife.

Jaydah will be attending **Keene State** and majoring in nursing.

Madelyn Brophy is the daughter of Timothy and Stacy Brophy of Greenwich. She is a member of Greenwich's chapter of the National Honor Society. She is the vice president of the Future Business Leaders of America. She is the captain of the girls tennis team and was awarded MVP in grades 10, 11 and 12. She was on the Foothills Council Varsity Tennis First Team. She has organized and led youth summer tennis programs. She has been awarded the Section II Scholar Athlete award. She plays basketball and softball as well. Madelyn is a member of Student Council, The Backpack Program, Math League, chorus and Friends of Rachel. She is a volunteer with Vacation Bible School and the Red Cross. Madelyn is a member of Greenwich's Wellness Committee and has been a member of Girl Scouts for over 10 years.

Quote from Madelyn: “I would like to thank all of my amazing friends, family, teachers, coaches and advisors who have gotten me to where I am today. Underclassmen, remember to try your best and don't take any of this for granted, because, believe me, you are going to miss it!”

Madelyn will attend **SUNY Oneonta** and major in elementary education.

Hoping milk will add weight

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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

June 09, 1920

It is a dull season in Saratoga County when there are not three or four political feuds going on, and no one living outside the county has expected the ins and outs of the political situation there. Whenever things happen over there, the natives at once begin to speculate concerning the politics behind it, so when Governor Smith wrote last week to the Saratoga County authorities warning them that unless gambling should be sternly suppressed he would remove from office those responsible for the law enforcement.

90 Years Ago

June 04, 1930

The results of supplying milk to grade children of the Greenwich school for the past half year have been very satisfactory according to Principal Herrington, who states that all of the children whom milk had been given have gained in weight. The gains in

some cases have been as great as ten pounds, and many of the children have reached the standard weight and height for their age. It also stated that with younger children the break in routine when they got to the lunchroom seems beneficial, relieving fatigue and making the children more alert during the last part of the morning and afternoon sessions. The children seem to enjoy the milk thoroughly, many drinking it who do not care for it at home.

80 Years Ago

June 12, 1940

Greenwich's new community playground will open for use by people of the village on Monday, July 1, according to an announcement made Monday by Fred Martin, who is to be in charge of the playground. The playground committee is looking forward to a full and complete summer and sincerely hopes the community will continue to give the project its splendid support and cooperation.

Groups of younger children are already in the process of organizing various games the playground will afford. For the youngsters, there will be baseball, softball, volleyball, kickball, tennis and other games. But the playground has been organized not only for the youth Greenwich but for its adults as well. It is hoped that the older people of the town will feel free to use the playground facilities.

70 Years Ago

June 07, 1950

The Greenwich bathing beach will be officially opened on the first day of July, when lifeguards will begin duty at the beach. Applications for lifeguards to serve at the beach this summer are now being received by the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce. To qualify a person must hold either a senior or junior lifeguard certificate.

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40 Years Ago

June 05, 1980

A reunion dinner was held Saturday, May 17, for the class of 1970 of Greenwich High School. The event held at The Rafters, was attended by 44 class members and their guests, from a graduating class of 82. Class members came from as far away as Iowa, Virginia and New Jersey. Letters and pictures were received from a few members for those who were unable to attend. President of the class for four years, Danny Hayes, welcomed everyone and David Roe read the class prophecy.

30 Years Ago

June 07, 1990

Creating the largest s'more in the world; watching as girl scouts inflate a hot air balloon as they learn all about car care and studying the stars in a portable planetarium – these are just some of the activities planned for the 1,500 Girl Scouts and volunteers who will head to the Washington County Fairgrounds in Greenwich on June 8, 9 and 10 for Adirondack Council's second triennial "Jam-Camporee."

20 Years Ago

June 1, 2000

In what could be described as a most unlikely scenario, Miss America Heather French and Washington County officials spent Tuesday afternoon at the headquarters of the Jury Motorcycle Club in Kingsbury working to solve an embarrassing American problem – the plight of more than a half-million homeless veterans.

Following a luncheon at the Cambridge Hotel, Miss America's limousine, led by a 30-motorcycle escort, and followed by a host of county officials and press vehicles traveled through Greenwich to The Tank, an abandoned oil storage tank that now serves as headquarters for The Jury and a shelter for homeless veterans.



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Some bad economic stats

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Special to Journal & Press

To understand just how devastating the pandemic has been to the labor market, consider this: 20.5 million is more than double the total decline in employment during and after the Great Recession. It is 10 times more than the single worst month on record, which occurred in September 1945, when nearly 2 million Americans were out of work after WW II.

As for the unemployment rate, in February, it matched a half-century low of 3.5% and now two months later, the rate is more than 3.5 times that pace. The highest rate during the last recession was a single month (October 2009) at 10% and before that, it was 10.8% (December 1982). Official records don't go back to the Great Depression, but it's estimated that unemployment hit about 25% in the summer of 1933.

Economists fear that the government's report may understate

the severity of the situation. The reason is that millions of Americans are not actively looking for work, which means they are not considered part of the labor force and not counted as unemployed. The labor force participation rate, which measures the share of workers working or actively seeking employment, fell to 60.2%, its lowest level since January 1973, just before women entered the labor force in large numbers.

Additionally, there may have been confusion among respondents to the household survey, which is the basis for the unemployment rate. The Bureau of Labor Statistics noted "If the workers who were recorded as employed but absent from work due to 'other reasons' had been classified as unemployed on temporary layoff, the overall unemployment rate would have been almost 5 percentage points higher than reported (on a not seasonally adjusted basis)."

According to economist Joel Naroff: "Simply put, the 14.7%

rate is a lower bound and the 'real' number is probably close to 20%," which is close to the broader unemployment rate (U-6), which includes those working part-time and want full time and those who are not looking at all - that rate jumped to 22.8%, the highest on record. Other awful and historic highs were seen in the Hispanic unemployment rate (18.9%) and the black unemployment rate (16.7%).

No industry was spared from the damage: leisure and hospitality, retail, professional and business services and education and health. Naroff notes: "The declines were so broad-based that fewer than 5% of the 258 private industries posted a payroll gain. Even at the worst point in the Great Recession, over 15% of the industries posted gains."

Big questions loom for the U.S. economy, including how many of the temporary layoffs will become permanent and how many small businesses will survive. A survey of small businesses by the Society

for Human Resource Management found that about 60% of business owners surveyed said they've lost revenue as a result of the coronavirus and related stay-at-home orders. If the pandemic lockdown continues, 12% said their businesses could not last another month and 52% said they would fold within six months.

Naroff said that while government efforts have created "a temporary lifeboat for many businesses and households, when funds begin to run out, they will have to stand on their own."

Those lifeboats need to stay afloat for another three months - after that time, they could be remembered as ineffective and sink the fortunes of many Americans.

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It's time to learn a new skill

Daneen Skube
Special to Journal & Press

Q: *Is there a way to come out of this shelter-in-place situation better than I went into it?*

A: Yes, realize you cannot turn a switch and suddenly possess all the skills other people were contributing to your life. We all feel inadequate when we forced to see how much we don't know. Then again, we can now begin to learn those skills so we leave this crisis better than we went in.

Jokes are circling around the internet about going to the restaurant called the kitchen only to discover that it only has ingredients, and what is up with that? These quips are funny and true at the same time. Suddenly we are

seeing clearly just how much we rely on food systems, restaurants and their workers.

As Americans, we often pride ourselves on our self-sufficiency. We are the country that threw England's tea in the harbor for goodness sake! Yet we are learning just how much we are not self-sufficient during this time.

Many of my clients are for the first time cooking, doing their own laundry and making things they once bought, and it's becoming crystal clear how dependent we are on our modern systems.

We take these things for granted and rarely give a thought to what we'd do if there was no doctor, no dentist, no takeout and nothing on the grocery shelves.

Another true joke on the internet is that before COVID-19, most people thought preppers were crazy and now, well, prepping is looking like an intelligent activity. Keep in mind that even people who have been devoted to prepping for decades are not completely self-sufficient. The takeaway from prepping is that learning any self-sufficiency skills is like buying insurance for a challenge you may experience.

Rather than overwhelming yourself trying to become a gourmet chef, gardener, handyman and family medic or moving off the grid, contemplate just learning one new skill a week. Making laundry soap is surprisingly cheap, easy and healthier than most store products. You can find

a recipe, experiment, and take 10 minutes on a weekend to do it.

Deficits between what we know and what we need to know are obvious during rapid change. The good news is we have a new list of things worth learning. The bad news is we have to tolerate feeling overwhelmed by seeing just how much we don't know.

As your community returns to connecting, we'll have a deeper appreciation of all that everyone around us does for us. We will emerge from this challenge with a new appreciation for the ordinary paradise we enjoy.

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The ups and downs of my new dream job

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

Several columns ago, I wrote about the need to, after 30 years, toss my resume into the job pool due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While I have yet to receive any employment offers, I have identified a new career path; one that requires only a mask, sterile gloves, and a willingness to stand for eight hours while enduring short bits of inane conversation.

Need an elevator operator? I'm your guy.

As retail establishments slowly unlock their doors and ponder how to attract customers while adhering to social distancing guidelines, industries synonymous with large crowds - travel and tourism come to mind - are facing complete overhauls when it comes to keeping people apart, yet happy.

Visitors to a reopened Disney World may no longer be standing shoulder-to-shoulder with other park patrons as they wait to ride Space Mountain. According to the Orlando Sentinel, other changes Disney is contemplating include staggered waiting rooms for rides, eliminating reusable 3-D glasses (thank you, Disney!) and abolishing restaurant buffets.

Oh yes, and only letting one person touch the elevator buttons at Disney hotels. Yes, the dying image of a uniformed operator asking, "Floor please?" and announcing numerical destinations each time the doors slide open may soon become the norm. That's where I step in. I want to be that guy. And I don't even need a uniform. I will accept the job not solely for economic reasons, but for selfish ones.

In short, people in elevators annoy me.

Correction: Anyone near an elevator annoys me.

Most of my pet peeves involve an elevator. For starters, there are the woefully impatient humans who bang on an already lit "up" or "down" button, as if doing so will magically make the elevator arrive faster.

Then there's the on and off process. People who try to enter an elevator before everybody wishing to get off has exited should be grabbed by their shoulders and forcibly hurled back into the lobby until it's their turn. Ladies, from my experience, you are the biggest culprits when it comes to this behavior. No, I've never grabbed your shoulders; but, I'll admit, you have been the object of a few verbal barbs alluding to your rudeness.

Once in my elevator, I would announce two rules: Per company policy, no touching of anything other than yourself. Per Greg Schwem policy, no talking. Nobody wants to hear your cellphone conversations, which will undoubtedly include some semblance of the phrase, "I'm in an elevator so I might lose you."

'Only letting one person touch the buttons at Disney hotels.'

Furthermore, there's no need for unfunny jokes like, "Maybe we should have taken the stairs" or "Obviously, this isn't an express train." If I hear either of those lines, I will be forced to unleash my own twisted sense of humor. I'll subtly bring the elevator to a grinding halt, gaze at the ceiling and say, "Wow, I thought they fixed this. But no worries. Somebody should come for us in two hours. Three tops."

I realize I may have to play traffic cop, telling would-be riders that my car is full even though the new definition of a "full" elevator might be four patrons, each standing six feet apart from one another. As the doors close, I would cackle and remind the still-



stranded riders how their request for a high hotel floor or purchase of a penthouse apartment now seems like a really bad idea.

Hey, when you spend eight hours in a box measuring, on average, 7 feet wide and 6 feet deep, a few snarky barbs will help pass the time.

I know this may not be the most stable profession, no pun intended, but I'm not worried. The new reality of keeping our hands off anything touched by another person will resurrect other occupations that, like elevator operator, are associated with bygone eras.

Who knows? The next time your automobile requires gas, I might appear at your car window asking, "Unleaded or diesel?" I'll dispense your fuel, so you don't have to touch the pump.

Just don't attempt humor. Remember, you just handed me your credit card.

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My father is a very smart guy who knows how to turn a phrase. When I was a kid, it was a significant emotional event when a player left my favorite baseball team. Teams were stable, and heck, I even knew who the second and third-string catchers were. Now there is free agency and lots of wheeling and dealing to the point that now it is surprising to see a player stick around for any length of time with a team. The exception has become the rule. I remember my father's comment on this: "You don't root for a team anymore, you root for a logo." It's the same today with my political party.

There's not much Republican in the Republican Party any more. The party has basically surrendered its principles and any hope of a big tent for momentary expediency. In the meantime, many of my fellow Republicans seem to cower in fear of an "enfant terrible" taking to Twitter and disparaging them to his small but loud base and media enablers. The party has no strategic plan – planning in the age of this administration takes on a futility, knowing that the next thing out of the President's mouth can send them scrambling to explain or equivocate, or at the very least send them back to the drawing board. So what is a Republican?

To start with, we were once the party of fiscal responsibility. Remember "Tax and Spend Democrats?" How can we ever call them that again? We elected a man who proudly calls himself the "King of Debt." He financed a tax cut entirely with debt. The Congressional Budget Office said in early 2018 that any growth that was projected to come from those tax cuts would not offset the deficit. Fiscal conservatives like me know that continuing deficit growth and deficit spending will slow the economy if not addressed. The "King of Debt" always built himself the escape pod of bankruptcy, which he was more than happy to use. His experience did not prepare him for a world where you don't get a "get out of debt free" card. Remember when we used to say that we were screwing over the next generation by amassing a huge deficit? Yeah, me too.

We were the party of military strength, yet we've gone out of our way to cause traditional allies to rightly question our reliability (rein-

forced by our abandonment of the Kurds), abandoned leadership of the free world, and conspicuously granted legitimacy to authoritarian regimes such as North Korea. Granting legitimacy to North Korea was something that our last Republican president bristled at. If this was part of a cohesive strategy to denuclearize North Korea, the summit in Hanoi should have given away how wrongheaded it was. According to author Fred Kaplan in his recent history "The Bomb,"

"Kim [Jong-On] believed that Trump was so desperate for a deal, he'd agree to anything; Trump believed that he and Kim could settle all their disputes in one grand bargain – Trump lifting all economic sanctions if Kim dismantled his entire nuclear program – strictly on the strength of what he saw as their deep friendship. The summit ended disastrously... If anyone still believed that Trump was a master in the art of the deal, Hanoi shattered the illusion."

We were the party of free trade, yet we

'What is a Republican? The party has no strategic plan.'

have an administration which either doesn't understand or doesn't acknowledge the interdependence of the global economy. The President, who believes "when it comes to leverage, tariffs are king," doesn't acknowledge that tariffs are, in practice, pass-through additional expenses for the consumer. At the same time, he violates one of the most basic principles of the free market – governmental non-interference. During his candidacy and Presidency, he has gladly interfered at various times by calling for boycotts of Harley-Davidson, the NFL, Nike, AT&T, Macy's, Univision and Apple.

These are but three examples. But these three are somewhat important to me because they are what kept me in the party as a



moderate. I do favor a strong defense. I do favor the innovations that can be generated and spurred onward in the free marketplace. And I know the importance of responsible fiscal policy. When November comes around, I'm not going to vote for someone just because they wear the logo of "Republican." I'm not voting for a logo. I'm voting for a person who is going to be filling the seat that was once occupied by a person holding the awesome responsibility of leader of the free world.

Since the Republican line on the ballot no longer indicates someone who is well ... a Republican, its time do a little more work and research the question that a voter should be asking him or herself anyway: "Who is best capable of supporting the things that I think are important for my country and its stated values?"

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“WATCHMEN: AN HBO LIMITED SERIES”: After the success of the graphic novel and a live-action movie, the saga of vigilantes operating in an alternate world got weekly-show treatment in this well-received version executive-produced by Damon Lindelof (“Lost,” “The Leftovers”). It’s actually a sequel to the comic book, moved ahead to the present day with Oscar winner Regina King leading the notable acting ensemble as a Tulsa police detective trying to balance her obligation to protect the city with her home life as a married mother of three. If that sounds like a fairly standard setup, the result is anything but that, thanks to the premise — which strongly factors in a racial undercurrent — and the other characters who populate the series. Also in the cast are Jeremy Irons, Don Johnson, Jean Smart, Louis Gossett Jr., and James Wolk. Though this was planned as a one-shot limited series, the possibility of a continuation remains.

“JAWS: 45TH ANNIVERSARY LIMITED EDITION”: Hard as it might be to believe, it was almost 50 years ago that a Great White shark first attacked fun-seekers at Amity Island ... and put Steven Spielberg on the map as a major filmmaker. This latest home-video release of the suspense classic marks the picture’s debut in the 4K Ultra HD format, as it adapts Peter Benchley’s novel that sends a sheriff (played by Roy Scheider), a shark expert (Richard Dreyfuss) and a crusty shark hunter (Robert Shaw) out to sea on the trail of the very hungry creature.

John Williams’ Oscar-winning score is enduringly famous for its simple but hugely effective combination of notes warning that the enemy is coming. Co-stars include Lorraine Gary (then the wife of the head of Universal Pictures) as Scheider’s spouse, and Murray Hamilton as arguably the most ineffective and oddly attired mayor in movie history. The many extras include several “making-of” documentaries carried over from earlier video editions of the film.

“STAR TREK: SHORT TREKS”: The title is quite self-explanatory in the case of this collection of entries in the short-subject series that was launched by CBS All Access to coincide with — and expand upon — “Star Trek: Discovery.” Cast members including Anson Mount, Ethan Peck, Rebecca Romijn, Doug Jones and Rainn Wilson appear in their roles from the main show, diving deeper into their respective characters than “Discovery” sometimes has been able to. Each of the standalone stories has a correlating and new “making-of” documentary here, featuring such talents as executive producers Alex Kurtzman and Jenny Lumet, writer Michael Chabon and composer Michael Giacchino.



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Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 Throws the first pitch
- 7 Find fault
- 11 Bygone Ford
- 14 They may be hard
- 15 Tavern
- 17 Hunt's TV co-star
- 18 "Next subject"
- 19 Made dinner at home
- 20 "Sold!"
- 21 CIA predecessor
- 22 Historic Potomac estate
- 25 Son-gun connection
- 26 ___ land: disputed territory
- 31 Rueful word
- 35 Quick snack
- 37 Simple home
- 38 With 40-Across, NPR broadcast since 1979
- 40 See 38-Across
- 42 Word with box or light
- 43 Levelheaded
- 45 Timer drizzler

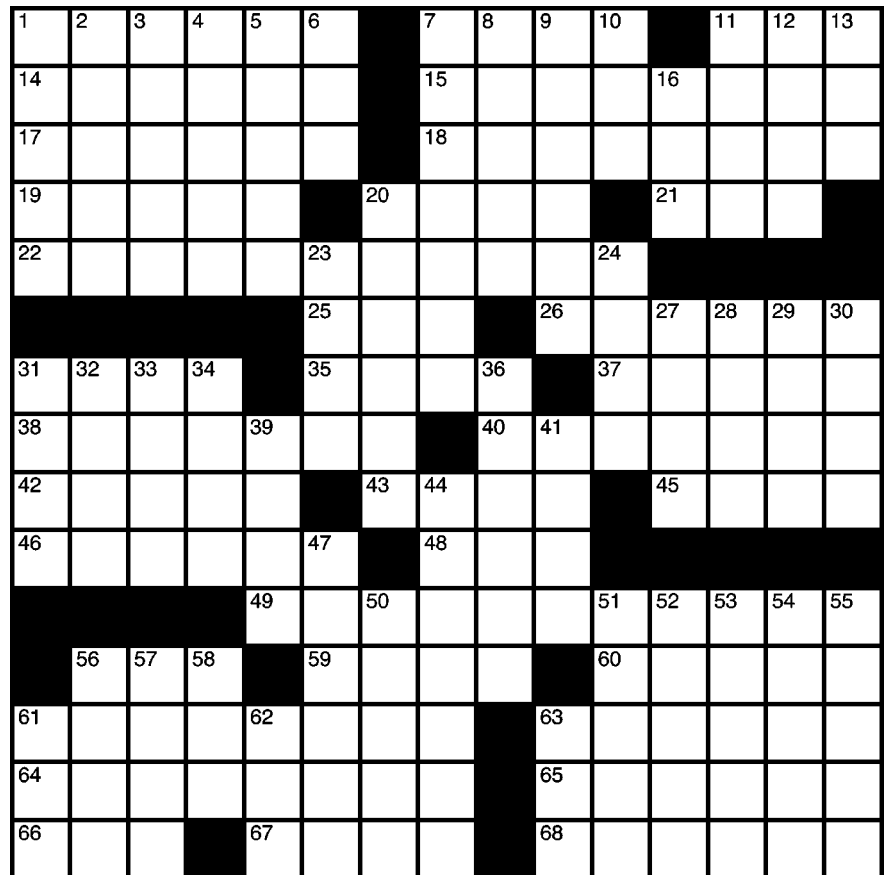
- 46 Mussel habitat
- 48 Uno plus due
- 49 "Life of Brian" comedy group
- 56 Plant studied by Mendel
- 59 With 41-Down, tries for a long pass, in football lingo
- 60 Odor
- 61 First or last quarter ... and, literally, what can be found on either end of 18-, 22-, 38-/40- and 49-Across
- 63 Action scenes
- 64 Get-out-of-jail card?
- 65 Museum guide
- 66 32-Down contents
- 67 Fruity coolers
- 68 "Nothing to it!"

Down

- 1 Make a run for it
- 2 Connect with
- 3 Parting mot
- 4 Lacquer ingredient

- 5 Former Senator Lott
- 6 Lat. or Lith., once
- 7 Traffic enforcement devices
- 8 Take out ___
- 9 Love Is On makeup maker
- 10 Upsilon follower
- 11 Hauls
- 12 Menu possessive linked to the Qing dynasty
- 13 Place in the woods
- 16 Tokyo-born artist
- 20 Gets the mist off
- 23 World Cup skiing champ Lindsey
- 24 "Moi?!"
- 27 Citi Field squad
- 28 Polynesian capital
- 29 Bright sign
- 30 Text command
- 31 "Time's Arrow" author
- 32 66-Across source
- 33 Covent Gar-

- den solo
- 34 Pretentious sort
- 36 Eight British kings
- 39 Agenda listing
- 41 See 59-Across
- 44 Shows up
- 47 Give to charity, say
- 50 Peter of Herman's Hermits
- 51 Webmail option
- 52 Copy exactly
- 53 Old Testament prophet
- 54 Future foretellers
- 55 Really bad
- 56 Carson fore-runner
- 57 Nobelist Wiesel
- 58 Duck mascot company, on the NYSE
- 61 Starz rival
- 62 Kellogg School deg.
- 63 Some retirement acct. holdings



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 joking around.

Comedy
Deadpan
Delivery

Fool
Funny
Gags
Ha-Ha
Hilarious
Humor
Hysterical
Jest

Jocular
Joke
Knee-Slapper
Laugh
Nightclub
Parody
Prank
Punch Line

Puns
Quip
Riddle
Routine
Silly
Sitcom
Skit
Standup

Story
Wisecrack
Witty

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Salem Sudoku

(solution page 30)

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	1				8	6		
2					3			7
							7	5
	4	5	8		1	2	9	
1	2							
9			3					8
		6	4				1	
			2	8	5			

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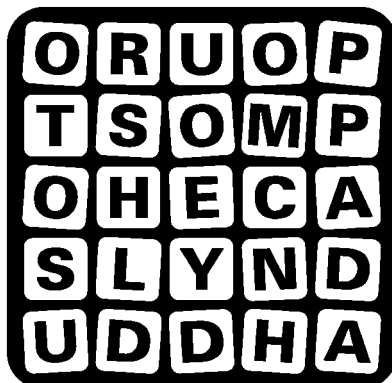
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Matt Lauer denies all, cuts critics

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Matt Lauer has penned a lengthy op-ed, venting his thoughts about Ronan Farrow's reporting and, once again, denying that he raped Brooke Nevils, the former NBC employee who said she was raped by Lauer in Farrow's best-selling book, "Catch and Kill."

Writing a piece for Mediaite, in which Lauer goes into meticulous detail, fact-checking Farrow's book himself, the former "Today" show host says Farrow was "hardly an unbiased journalist" whenever he reported on NBC, calling his stories "salacious" and accusing him of using his reporting to promote his book, which went on to become a New York Times best-seller.

"What I found when I read the book was frankly shocking, and it should concern anyone who cares about journalism. This is not just about accusations against the former host of the 'Today' show," Lauer writes. "It's about whether changing social attitudes can be allowed to

change the most fundamental rules of journalism. It's about whether, as journalists, we have a responsibility to check facts and vet sources. It's about understanding the difference between journalism and activism. It is about whether we are putting far too much trust in journalists whose publicly stated opinions impact their ability to remain objective."

Aside from scrutinizing Farrow's reporting, Lauer took the opportunity to, once again, deny the rape allegation made by Nevils, who first came forward in Farrow's book. It was Nevils' com-

plaint that led to Lauer's swift firing in 2017, which was followed by Variety's exclusive report, detailing numerous accusations of sexual harassment made by multiple women.

Lauer says Nevils' allegation was part of a "promotional roll-out" for Farrow's book, which was "outrageously...used to sell books." He says Nevils never used the word "assault" or "rape" when she made her complaint to human resources and that NBC never informed him of those specific accusations. Lauer says he was "shaken" by the media's response to Nevils' allegations, writing, "The rush to judgement was swift," noting that some journalists were calling Nevils "brave" and "courageous" before doing their own reporting on her claims.

NBC declined to comment on Lauer's op-ed. Representatives for Nevils did not immediately respond to Variety's request for comment, although, without mentioning Lauer by name, Nevils took to Twitter and posted, "DARVO: Deny, Attack, Reverse Victim and Offender."

Regarding Lauer's denial of Nevils' rape accusation, Farrow released a statement, which reads, "We called dozens of corroborators around the Lauer allegations described in the book, and more than a dozen around Brooke Nevils specifically."

Farrow also responded to Lauer's piece on Twitter, writing, "All I'll say on this is that Matt Later is just wrong." The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist added that his book was "thoroughly reported and fact-checked," noting that he fact-checked the book with Lauer.

A spokesperson from the pub-



Matt Lauer

lishing company behind Farrow's book tells Variety: "Little, Brown and Company fully supports Ronan Farrow and his reporting in 'Catch and Kill.' Ronan's dedication to a deep and thorough fact-check of his reporting, his commitment to the rights of victims, and his impeccable attention to detail and nuance make us proud to be his publisher."

Lauer has always denied any accusations of harassment, instead admitting to a consensual relationship in the workplace. More than two years after Variety's report and his termination from NBC, the former TV anchor is sticking to his story. "I was fired from my job at the 'Today' show after admitting to having a consensual, yet inappropriate relationship with a fellow employee in the workplace," Lauer writes. "I am sorry for the way I conducted myself. I made some terrible decisions, and I betrayed the trust of many people."

Lauer's op-ed was published the day after the New York Times published a piece questioning the accuracy of Farrow's reporting, titled "Is Ronan Farrow Too Good To Be True?" authored by media columnist Ben Smith, formerly

editor-in-chief of BuzzFeed. Echoing the NYT's headline, Lauer's piece is titled "Why Ronan Farrow Is Indeed Too Good to Be True," and in his piece, Lauer appears to draw parallels between Smith's column in an effort to back up his own claims about Farrow. (Smith declined to comment on Lauer's op-ed when contacted by Variety.)

Lauer says he was considering publishing his thoughts back in November 2019, but never did. He says the New York Times piece "prompted me to move forward with my own findings."

It was impossible for Farrow to be unbiased when covering NBC, according to Lauer, because of his own feelings toward the company, which canceled his MSNBC show. Lauer notes Farrow's repeated stance that NBC News quashed his Harvey Weinstein reporting (which NBC has repeatedly denied), and proposes that Farrow cultivated many sources who also had ill feelings toward NBC or were fired by the company. Lauer states that Farrow did not hold up journalistic standards because of his personal activism.

The former "Today" show host

The Allen Family Massacre

Rachel Clothier
Journal & Press

It is unknown exactly what the consequence for not ceremoniously laying our loved ones to rest is. One theory is that the souls of those who are not properly honored will haunt the living. It appears as though the late Allen-Kilmer family is doing just that. Not by haunting per se, but by sending out a message to a receiver who is willing to decode it.

John Allen has contacted a local woman through her dreams. He showed her images of the South Argyle Cemetery on Lorhet Road and beckoned for her help. Joyce was receptive to the contact and the very next day went to visit the cemetery. As a psychic medium she is able to communicate with spirits by visiting locations that are significant to them. While at cemetery she saw visions of the violence that had taken place against Allen and his family.

Attempting to understand more, Joyce reached out to the local librarian and to John Fillmore, Chairman of the South Argyle Cemetery Association. Fillmore shared with me a document that was packed with details about the Allen family and Revolutionary War history. The author of the document is Erma Bain Gilchrist, who cited to reports by Dr. Asa Fitch, Arthur Reid and Mary MacMorris.

As the story goes – John and Eva (Kilmer) Allen had a homestead on what is now Allen Road in South Argyle, not far from Cossayuna Lake. They occupied the land as farmers, peacefully with their three very young children, Eva (4), Elizabeth (2) and John (infant). Unsuspectingly they had all come in from the fields where they were harvesting wheat, to sit down for lunch. Joining the family of five was Eva's sister Catherine, and three of her father George Kilmer's slaves (Sarah, Tom and an unknown man). Their home was miles away from the nearest neighbors, remote and apparently vulnerable.

As fate would have it, the Allen's were in the path of a band of rampaging Iroquois Indians, led by Chief Le Loup (the Wolf). They were seeking revenge for the loss of one of their men who was shot to death when prowling around a makeshift fort in Salem (then called New Perth). On July 25, 1777 they made the unsuspecting Allens the victims of a savage massacre. The innocent group was ambushed and scalped.

The murder took place during the Revolutionary War, when English General Burgoyne had formed an alliance with the Iroquois Indians. The Indians were only to kill armed men that opposed the crown. Ironically Allen had not been an enemy of the King, he was rather neutral in the matter and ordinarily did not fear the Indians.

When Catherine and the slaves did not return home, Kilmer had sent a messenger boy over to check on the family. What the boy found was terrifying – it sent shock through the settlers. The surrounding families spent the next few days melting down pewter and casting bullets and buckshot, so they could stand a



chance if the Indians returned for more scalps. The burial of the family had to be placed on hold so that preparations for defense could be made. When the family was buried it was hastily done by a few men without a proper right of service.

Le Loup led his small band on to Fort Edward where a short time later they massacred the famous Jane McCrea, August 1777. It is unknown what happened to Le Loup after returning to the British Camp with scalps of the Allen Family and McCrea. There are suggestions that he may have been reprimanded by General Burgoyne. That would be in contradiction to the legend

that an Indian wise man placed a curse on the British Army because of their complacency, stating “that army can not prosper, [if it] tolerates the taking of scalps of women and little children”.

The prophecy was eventually fulfilled. The American Revolutionaries rallied around the news of the inhumanity of the massacres. They fought

passionately to avenge the cruelties and won their freedom at the Battle of Saratoga. Several monuments have been erected to honor McCrea. It took 150 years for the Allen Family to get a proper memorial and celebration of their lives. In 1927, a cairn was erected at their burial place, and the Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a program, inviting attendees to place stones on the mass grave. Later a historical monument was erected by the Kilmers at Prospect Hill Cemetery. I would assume that the spirits appreciated the acknowledgements, but from what was shared with me, the souls will not be at rest until they are given a proper Christian interment, with a headstone in the South Argyle Cemetery. Fillmore has set the plans in motion for that to happen.

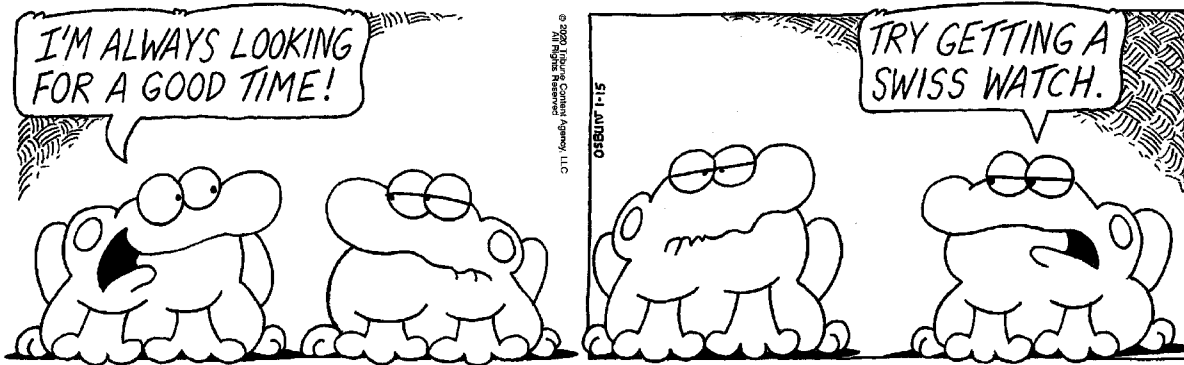
‘It took 150 years for the family to get a proper memorial.’

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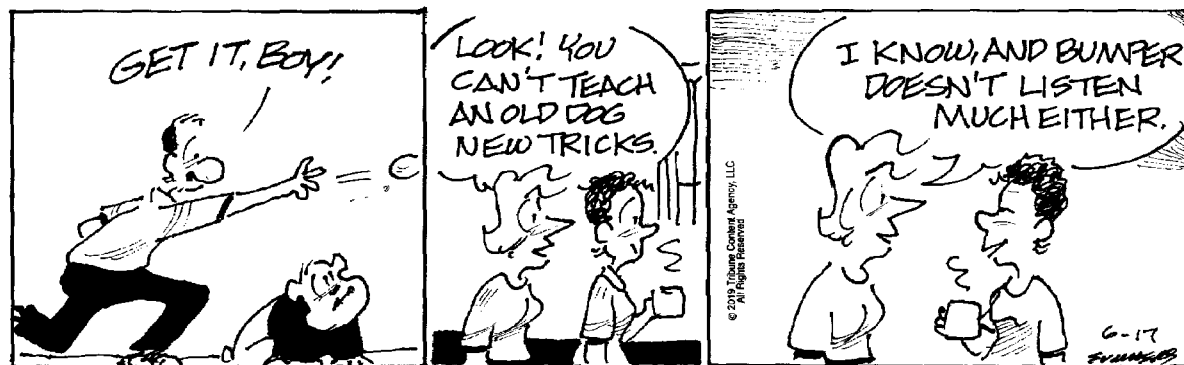
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 Answer here: ○○○○ ○○○○ ?
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 Jumbles: VALET IGLAO SEESAW PEACH

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Henrietta Mealy Clark, 92

Henrietta Mealy Clarke, 92, beloved mother of Clifford Oliver Mealy of Greenwich, went to be with her lord and savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx, NY.

She was the smallest baby in the family and 2nd oldest of a family of 7 born in Brooklyn, NY on October 8, 1927 to the late George Roland and Gladys Beatrice (Ingram) Clarke.

“Having outlived first siblings much family and friends of my age it is time to journey on to the stars of my greatest destiny.”

Her father passed when she was 14 and she took over the role of second mother and big sister to her siblings. She attended and graduated from Walton High School in the Bronx. She was a hard worker all her life beginning in her early teens to help support her mother and siblings. Henrietta was extremely crafty she would make paper poppies and other flowers, she also sold homemade biscuits at various events.

She first started her career as a supervisor at Lewitt Electronics and later took a job with N.Y.C Metropolitan Transit Authority working as a clerk until her retirement. Henrietta volunteered at various N.Y.C hospitals, helping Vets acquire housing and benefits.

She was a noted astrologer who enjoyed teaching and talking about astrology with other enthusiasts. She was a great cook her leg of lamb and oxtail stew was made to perfection. She was a voracious reader, reading 5 newspapers as well as many books and other publications.

Henrietta lived a godly life and lived by the bible. Indeed she, lived a long full life devoted to God, country, family, church and friends and still left us to soon. She will be sorely missed remembered well and loved forever.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her husband Oliver Mealy; siblings Roland, Dolores, Clifford, Barbara, Donald, Harold; nieces and nephews

who she loved dearly Linda, Willy, Wally, Diedre, Bobbi Jr., Charlie, Vincent and Renae; best friend Gloria Williams.

Survivors include her loving son Clifford Oliver (Wendy) Mealy of Greenwich; grandson Clark Mealy of Greenwich; beloved friend who was like a daughter Pam Williams and her daughter Gabriella of WA; nieces and nephews, Barbara, Pauline, Sylvia, Leslie, Kim, Gina, Roland, Barry, Derek, Kevin and Eric.

Henrietta’s homecoming will followed her calling hours on May 22 with the Rev. Keith Mann officiating. Burial followed her services in the Greenwich Cemetery.

Donation’s in Henrietta’s name may be made to The African Children’s Mission at www.stlukesnyc.org or the Times Square Church, 1657 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

The family writes: “May the lord continue to bless each of you



for your prayers and thoughtful display of love, words cannot express our family’s heartfelt appreciation during this most difficult time.”

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lays out numerous examples, citing specific page numbers from “Catch and Kill” where, Lauer writes, Farrow “betrayed the truth in writing his book.” Farrow did not reach out to numerous people referenced in his book, Lauer claims, adding that he reached out to those individuals himself who verified that Farrow never contacted them.

Lauer calls out Farrow for offering “zero proof” of text messages and emails between him and Nevils, and calls Farrow “manipulative” for playing word games, such as leading readers to

believe that there were seven allegations of sexual misconduct raised by women. “There were not,” Lauer writes. Aside from denying the claims made by Nevils, Lauer brings up the story told by former “Today” production assistant Addie Zinone, who shared her account of a consensual relationship with Lauer, and also attacks former “Today” show booker Melissa Lonner, who claimed in Farrow’s book that Lauer exposed himself to her in his office.

Lauer says Lonner was simply a disgruntled employee who was fired, did not leave the company on good terms and held a grudge against him and NBC. Lauer

Obituaries policy

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notes that Lonner is a good friend of Lauer’s former co-host Ann Curry, and suggests she and Curry have remained bitter, due to Curry’s 2012 departure from the morning show, in which Lauer says he played no role. (“They both blamed me, and they did little to hide their feelings,” Lauer writes.)

Mediaite, the outlet that published Lauer’s piece, is owned by Dan Abrams, who was formerly employed by NBC News, and now is a prominent journalist at ABC News, which has frequently invited Farrow onto their broadcasts to discuss his reporting.

The best park you've never heard of

At a Greenwich Town Board online meeting last month, councilmembers decried being “stuck” with a park that had been pushed through by previous Supervisor Sara Idleman, but, the reality is, it’s a pretty cool park and its relative cost was low – about \$140,000 for three acres, which include three former buildings that had belonged to a long-defunct prep school.

We’re talking about Riverside Park, which is on Route 113 in the western part of town, between Clarks Mills and Thomson. This part of town gets little in the way of tax benefits – there are no street lights, no sidewalks, no water district or garbage pickup. It seems a little park is the least the town can do for this quiet, underrepresented area.

True, perhaps at least one building may need to be razed, and the park could use a rail so visitors don’t fall into the Hudson. And, sure, if this property were privately owned, the county/town would get about \$1400 in annual taxes (it’s in the Schuylerville School District). But much of the volunteer work to maintain the place will be organized by nearby Hudson Crossing Park, a non-profit who also will set up offices in a sturdy classroom building on the property. At least, that’s the plan.

As Supervisor Don Ward said at the May meeting: “We’re stuck with it and have to make the best of it.”

Here are some recent photos from the park and of the former classroom in a building. Take a tour and see for yourself.



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Political Cartoon of the Week by Dana Summers



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Obituary

Mary Jorgensen DeRosa, 40

Mary Jorgensen DeRosa, age 40, passed away unexpectedly at her residence in Greenwich on May 24, 2020. She was born on December 18, 1979, to Clifford and Deborah Jorgensen of Ballston Spa.

She is survived by her children Autumn, Annalee, Trinity, and Jacob; her siblings Naomi, Benjamin, David and

Hannah. Also a maternal Grandmother, Florence Wilming of Rexford, NY, and several Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews.

Mary was a humble and compassionate person, who was loved by all who knew her.

A private memorial will be

held at a later date.

If you would like to extend your support please visit the link gf.me/u/x4xjbz for Memorial and Scholarship Fund for Mary DeRosa.



Micro-loan program for small businesses

The Lake Champlain – Lake George Regional Planning Board is pleased to announce the continuation of our COVID-19 Business Interruption Micro-Loan Program. These loans are available to businesses within Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, Warren and Washington Counties for working capital purposes, including payroll, rent, utilities and monthly expenses. Some quick facts about the Program:

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Alum event nixed

The Schuylerville Central School Alumni Banquet, which is usually held the first week in August, is cancelled due to COVID-19. To get on the list of next year's banquet, contact Pat Temple at Patty61349@yahoo.com or 518-338-2329.

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School and COVID-19

Irene Baldwin
Journal & Press

Imagine being fifteen years old and traveling 7,981 miles to live with relatives and attend school in the small town of Cambridge, New York. Alisha Kumari made this journey last year to begin her junior year at Cambridge Central School. She left behind her parents, friends and her school in the southern Indian city of Vizag, in the state of Andhara Pradesh.

Alisha was born in Romulus, Michigan where her father and mother had briefly settled to develop a marketing business. During this time the family lived close by to Alisha's grandparents. Her Aunt Sangeeta Bell and Uncle Andrew Bell had hosted Alisha's sister Daksha, born in India, before she left to attend the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. After Alisha's birth Dinesh and Archana, Alisha's parents, along with their two daughters returned to India. Unfortunately, Alisha's mom and dad will not be able to attend her graduation because all flights leaving India have been cancelled.

Alisha is a pretty young woman with impeccable manners and a kind and loving heart. Because she lives with my son and his family, I have had the opportunity to become acquainted with Didi (Hindi for sister), as her young cousins call her. I admire Alisha's work ethic, serenity and ability to tackle her schoolwork in a place that is so very different from her life in India. Each Monday Alisha receives her school assignments for the week on Google Meet and then works diligently on the assignments. On most Tuesdays and Fridays Alisha, Ravi and Sohan (my grandsons) come to my home. Here we do art projects, read aloud, plant and care for vegetables as well as enjoy time by the Little White Creek.

Alisha is quick to say that the students at CCS have been welcoming and helpful to her. In India Alisha spoke Hindi at home until she entered pre-K and then began learning English which most people in India speak because of the former British rule. There are hundreds of languages and dialects in India including Telugu and Urdu which is also spoken in Pakistan. India and Pakistan were once joined as one country and are still fighting over Kashmir located between the two countries.

The public schools in India are not in good shape; classes are crowded and students unruly. If parents have the financial ability to send their children to a private school, they will. Alisha and her sister attended such a school for grades eight to ten; the school day runs from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Courses included chemistry, biology, history, English, geography, economics and Hindi. The same classes are repeated each succeeding school year.

A car and driver shuttled the sisters to and from school each day. They came home for lunch, but ate dinner at school. The building was cramped and had no outside green spaces for the students. The school offered no sports. Teachers traveled from room to room while students remained in one room. Alisha was surprised and happy to discover that American teachers are friendly and take an interest in their students above and beyond academics. She found that in India teachers do not take the time to develop relationships with their students. Alisha was especially pleased with CCS guidance counselor, Miss O'Hearn, who was never too busy to answer all of Alisha's questions and help with any concerns she had. From watching American TV shows in India, Alisha had many fears about what a U.S school would be like. She is pleased to say that her teachers have been helpful, the subjects taught challenging and interesting and her classmates friendly. Another perk is that Alisha has her permit and is practicing her driving skills with her aunt and uncle.

All across the world high school students have found their lives and schooling abruptly interrupted by the coronavirus. Alisha recently took her AP Calculus exam online. The test contained two main problems and eight sub-questions. She thinks she did ok on the test. CCS teachers and administrators have worked hard to keep seniors connected to their very last year of high school. Each senior has an orange and black sign planted in their front yards with their names emblazoned on it. Miss O'Hearn created a video accompanied by music showcasing each senior wearing their chosen after-graduation college or armed services sweatshirt. Sadly, there was no prom, no senior class trip or the fun of communing daily with other seniors. The suddenness of



Alisha Kumari

the closing was jarring for all students who kept hoping school would reopen.

CCS is rising to the occasion and making sure that a commencement of sorts will take place. Ahead of graduation day seniors will meet at school with four family members and friends where photos will be taken and a ceremony taped. Then on June 19th the Senior Class of 2020 will be on the big screen at Hathaway's Drive-In Theater in North Hoosick. Each senior will be allowed two cars of family to attend this very different but safe graduation. No awards ceremony will be held this year, but seniors will be given their scholarships and awards.

In September Alisha is hopeful that she will be attending Siena College in Loudonville majoring in mechanical engineering. Students will be tested on the first day of college for any evidence of COVID-19. Things will be very different for all students across the world. There is some comfort in that fact knowing that other young people are facing the same limitations and changes. Alisha is happy to be a part of a very large extended family here in the US as well as India.

"I am glad that I have had the opportunity to attend school in America; Thank you to everyone who has supported me. My new home is now in the United States. I will miss India, but I plan to visit once a year," said Alisha as we ended our visit.

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.



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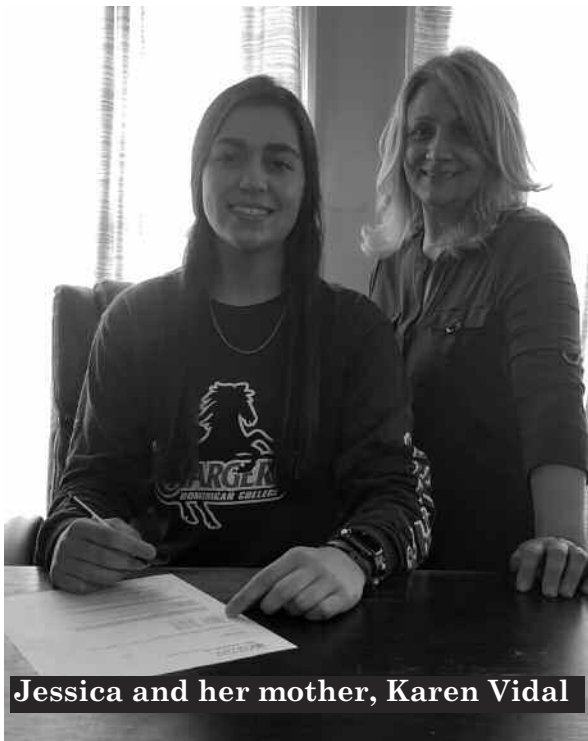
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Salem softball standout picks Dominican

Natalie Jew
Journal & Press

The softball games at SUNY Corning Community College ended in the middle of the playing season. It was after the second game, both wins, that the pandemic canceled all recreational activities for the Red Barons and softball player Jessica Vidal-DeJesus, a Salem-native.

“We had we played two games and we won both of those,” said Vidal-DeJesus, a shortstop. “We had a really good outlook going on into the season. We didn't really



Jessica and her mother, Karen Vidal

get far. It was kind of a really abrupt thing to the season.”

While the pandemic ended a promising future for the Red Barons, Vidal-DeJesus accepted an academic and athletic scholarship from Dominican College, taking her .482 batting average with her to the NCAA D2 school.

What Vidal-DeJesus loves about softball is the nature of the sport itself.

“The competitiveness has always been in that sport and driven me,” Vidal-DeJesus said. “The camaraderie with the team, I always have a good bond with all the girls and all of my coaches. I like having that bond and meeting new people and learning new things through that sport.”

However, looking at colleges this year was not the same.

“I have a really good support system and they were able to help me get ahold of schools and talk to coaches,” Vidal-DeJesus said. “I was presented with a lot of opportunities,

and good opportunities. [But] it's frustrating for me and everyone else transferring that you can't go and see the campus and walk around – you kind of take it from what you see online and what you hear about it.”

‘The competitiveness in the sport has always driven me.’

To Vidal-DeJesus, what she is most looking forward to next season is playing the sport she loves.

“I play softball because it's my passion. Whether I went to another school or not, I always want to be a part of softball in one way or another,” Vidal-DeJesus said. “If it's coaching or playing or training other athletes, I always want to be a part of the sport. It's not just about winning. For me, it's about being a part of the game.”

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