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OUR **REGION'S HISTORY** - TODAY

## Broadband, for some

We live in a region of dead zones, where scores of people can't get online.

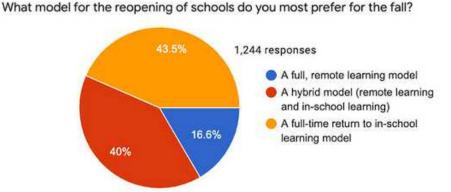
People park outside libraries and the YMCA with their laptops, just to use the free wi-fi. But with schools possibly going dark this fall, and online education becoming the norm, the problem with our region's inconsistent broadband access is more pronounced than ever. The year is 2020 - can our regionfinally get out of the <u>20th</u> century? We talk to local officials about this problem.

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## The results are in

An area school district polled parents about their expectations for their children for the fall, and over 1200 responded. Most are worried.

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## School survey gauges parents' concern

#### Kaylee Johnson Journal & Press

With school possibly reopening in September, parents, teachers and students alike are wondering what that model of learning will look like. Recently, Schuylerville Central School District conducted a survey to see how local parents of school age children feel sending their children back to school in September. and all of the changes that will come with adhering to CDC guidelines. I interviewed Tarvn Kane, Communications Director at Schuvlerville Central School, to see how our local community is bracing for the hardships that the upcoming school year may bring.

According to the survey, most students spent 1 to 3 hours per day on remote instruction, but with many parents returning to workplaces, time management and organization may have to be revised in the fall. Kane acknowledges that working parents are being taken into account, "The district is still working out the parameters for classroom scheduling and time management and will be communicating its reopening plans to the community following the submission of the plans to the state on July 31."

The question that reigns supreme in most parents minds right now pertains to the model of schooling in the fall. New York State school districts are mandated to prepare for possible scenarios, Schuylerville is no exception. "Districts have been charged with creating comprehensive reopening plans for schedules that include in-person instruction, remote instruction, and hybrid instruction. Plans must be submitted to the New York State Education Department by Friday, July 31 for review."

Looking at the statistics, most

parents find Google Classroom, Zoom/virtual meetings and worksheet packets to be the most effective forms of remote instruction. A committee has been formed at Schuvlerville to rule on the best online educational tools and transitional tactics. "The district formed a committee in July to discuss a transition back to school. The committee met on July 13 and 20 and will meet again on July 27. The committee is made up of several school stakeholder groups including: school superintendent, building principals, cafeteria manager, transportation supervisor, facilities director, parents, community member, board of education member, school nurse, classroom teachers and communications director." It is also notable that "Governor Cuomo has announced schools can reopen if the region is in Phase 4 and if the region's daily infection rate remains at or below 5%, using a seven-day average after Aug. 1," so plans for online learning will need to be set in place in case of a transition to fulltime remote schooling.

## 'Over 15% can only partially participate in online learning.'

While over 79% of Schuylerville students do have full internet access, over 15% can only partially participate in online learning due to restrictions and a small percentage have no internet access at all. While those statistics seem concerning, Kane reassures parents: "The district is researching its ability to provide Wi-Fi scholarships for families in need." The ultimate goal of the district is to meet the needs of each individual family, while following state guidelines.

Parents also seem to have a lot of

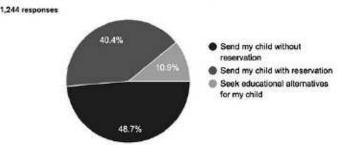
varying opinions about bus transportation for the upcoming school year, but the maiority claim that their students will ride their bus, with or without social distancing and masks. How will transportation and pickup and drop off protocol look different in the fall? "The district is still working out the parameters for transportation and will communicated the plans within its July 31 submission to the New York State Depart-

ment of Education. A virtual community forum will be held on August 4 to answer questions about the three models of instruction." No matter what decision is made, transportation will look completely different than it did last fall.

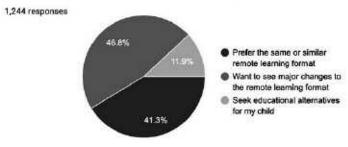
According to the survey, 43.5% of parents want their students to be in a full-time, in person school model, 40% would prefer a hybrid model and 16.6% want instruction to be fully online. Kane states these statistics are being looked at closely, "The transition committee and administrative team is taking into account all thoughts and feelings as it prepares its three models of instruction." Schuylerville will announce their model of instruction after plans are successfully submitted to New York State.

If you are wondering how you can properly prepare your student for the upcoming school year "The district will be releasing a FAQ as well as protocols once the plans have been submitted to the state and re-

If school reopens on a modified, hybrid schedule that allows for reduced student density and adheres to all CDC/state guidelines, I would:



If school does not reopen and remote learning continues, I would:



viewed. Within the FAQ and protocols will be information on how families can plan for the upcoming school year."

As an educator myself, I urge readers (especially those with school age children) to remain calm and flexible during these uncertain times. We as teachers want your students to excel in all realms of school - socially, academically and emotionally, while of course remaining healthy and adhering to CDC guidelines. When the doors to your child's school finally do open, it will be a glorious sight, even though things will not look the same as they did pre-pandemic. We are also aware that the wellbeing of your student comes first, and when it comes time to make the decision to send them back to school, we know that you also want the best for your child and respect both homeschooling and traditional in-person learning. While the formatting of school will change drastically, the heart and passion will remain.

## A lack of broadband in Washington County

Natalie Jew Journal & Press

The telephone wires with broadband services, that run along cities and suburbs, aren't in most rural areas. A lot of rural towns, including parts of Washington County, lack the high-speed technologies that most places have.

"The COVID crisis has shown the disparity between the have and have nots when it comes to digital connectivity," said librarian Annie Miller of the Greenwich Free Library. "We have all these people sitting in parking lots trying to do work. It's an everyday issue for a lot of people in our area."

Everything from school to work, to telehealth and tax forms, job applications and unemployment, take place on the internet through a broadband service.

"This is probably the biggest issue in front of us now," Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner said. "It was bad before the pandemic, but the pandemic revealed how bad it is.

In rural communities, close to 58% of Americans report not having access to high-speed internet, according to a study from Pew Research Center. In Washington County, 80% of people said they have access to the internet, according to the most recent report called Existing Conditions Report: Broadband and Telecommunications. But, only 39% have what they call adequate internet speed.

#### Why Washington County?

A lot of it has to do with income: "lower-income



from the lot.

people get left behind," according to Miller, but population and geography also play a part in the lack of broadband services.

"It all boils down to money," Woerner said. There aren't as many people in rural areas and with the natural landscape of Washington County, Woerner

believes companies couldn't make a profit putting a broadband service in rural areas.

In 2015, Governor Andrew Cuomo put aside \$500 million for broadband in New York, of that Washington County got \$24,506 million. However, there are still gaps of broadband services in some parts of Washington County.

#### **How it affects Washington County**

"We are seeing how hard people have been hit after the pandemic," Miller said. "As we've all stayed home – it's just not possible for a lot of people [without internet]. The expectation of workfrom-home or that your kid can do their school work from home is based on the idea that everyone has access to the internet."

To Woerner, rural areas will stay behind cities and suburbs without modern technology.

"When you can't get to your office and school, you need to rely on modern technology and not have that be a huge disruption," Woerner said. "Without [broadband services] we're setting our rural communities back."

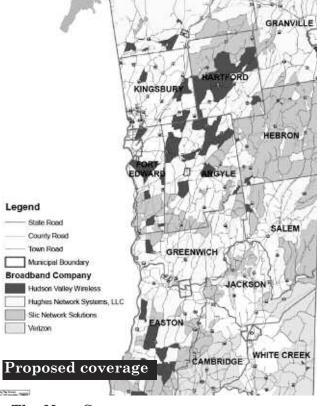
At some schools in Washington County, when bus drivers drop off student lunches, they also leave a packet of worksheets at each house. "That's just not enough," Woerner said. "That's not the answer, that's just a band-aid."

Salem's Superintendent of Schools David J. Glover feels the same way.

"The lack of broadband puts students into an inequitable position where some students have access to learning in a remote setting while others do not. The district has been doing what it can to help families with access, computers and using hard copies of work for families without internet access since the closure in March," Glover said. "However, the lack of stable, adequate broadband connectivity has been harmful to our students. This will continue to be a challenge for us in the upcoming school year."

The Existing Conditions Report: Broadband and Telecommunications talked about the need for access to Wi-Fi.

"In today's complex world, the tools available to make us thrive are driven by connectivity and broadband," the report read. "Communications access and access to internet are critical tools for providing global access to information. Likened to the need for rural electrification, broadband is increasingly seen as an essential, not a luxury."



#### The Next Steps

"How do we fund and how do we get real broadband to every household in New York state?" Woerner asked. There are many ways to go about it according to Woerner, such as lifting permission restrictions on adding lines to telephone poles, homegrown cooperatives that get the wires up themselves, or a potential surcharge on cities to pay for rural areas.

To Miller, the government has to play some part in it, but it's also up to the people.

"If we looked at it as a basic public service like water and electricity, it's going to take some government oversight and some push on the part of legislators to really make this happen," Miller said.

To Miller, a lot of Washington County doesn't see how much broadband services are a part of modern life.

"Many of the requirements of 21st Century living are online," Miller said. "It hasn't been treated as a utility. As more things have gone online, we haven't been recognizing that it's like electricity and water – we need to be able to access it. You wouldn't ask people to live without electricity, so we need to think about why we are asking people to live without this basic service."

## **Country Living**

## The dog days of summer

Kate Sausville Journal & Press

I love summertime. Sunshine, high temperatures, being on the water and relaxing in the shade are just a few of my favorite things. Gardens are producing now; sweet corn. cucumbers, lettuce, maybe a tomato or two. Upon hearing that the blueberries were ready to be picked, I packed up my family and headed over to Hand Melon Farm. It just so happened to be one of the hottest days of the year, which did not bother me at all. I can't say the same for some of the people I overheard while picking. Someone actually said they couldn't wait for October. Blasphemy! In any event my family picked over 7 pounds of blueberries, not counting (thank God!) what we ate while picking.

As soon as we got home my teenage daughter decided she needed to make blueberry syrup. When that was finished cooking, my husband begged her to make blueberry pancakes for the syrup to go on. Some heavy sighs and a few eye rolls later, she did whip up a batch of delicious blueberry pancakes. Husband and I declared it had been worth the sass. We have been putting blueberries on everything and just eating them by the handfuls. I may tackle some blueberry freezer jam later today. There is something inherently satisfying in

On the Battenkill

preserving nature's bounty for the winter months.

This summer has been hot and dry in our neck of the woods. One of the ways we love to beat the heat is to head up to The Georgi on the Battenkill. The Georgi is a community park and museum that was bequeathed to the town of Salem in 1989 by Jessie Georgi. The park grounds are gorgeous, with hydrangeas that are over 60 years old as a focal point. But the best part, in my humble opinion, is access to the beautiful Battenkill River. We pack a picnic lunch, some beach chairs and blankets and head up. I like to put my chair right in the water in a shallow spot, and just watch the kayakers and tubers head by. Unlike pools, which can get too warm during this time of year, the water of the Battenkill is always refreshing. Even better, there are no fees for using the park, which makes it a good value for

'She decided we needed to make blueberry syrup.'

a family on a hot day. That being said the park is not supported with taxpayer funds and relies on donations and memberships to keep going. If you love The Georgi as much as I do, please consider making a donation.

Located next to The Georgi is another favorite place for our family. Yushaks Market is a small-town grocery store, but so much more. Yushaks is probably most famous for their meats, which are top notch. After spending the day on the Battenkill, we like to stop in and grab some steaks to throw on the grill for dinner, and you can also have freshly made subs and sandwiches from

their deli. Yushaks also has a great beer selection, including many craft beers, and nothing beats a cold beer on a hot day.

I enjoy all times of the year, but summer is most definitely my favorite. I am in no rush for October, thank you very much!

- Blueberry Syrup
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 1 cup water
- ½ cup sugar

Place blueberries, water, and sugar in a small saucepan over medium-high heat for 10 minutes or just until it begins to boil. Decrease the heat to medium-low and simmer, stirring occasionally for 30 minutes.

Serve on pancakes, french toast, put in oatmeal or on ice cream. The possibilities are endless.

Hand Melon Farm is located at 533 Wilbur Avenue. They are open Wednesday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Check out their website at www.handmelonfarm.com for additional information.

The Georgi on the Battenkill's ground are open from dawn to dusk. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the museum and public restrooms are closed. If you go, please be respectful of the ground and clean up after yourselves and pets. You can check them out at www.thegeorgi.com.

Yushaks Market is located at 3 Main St. in Shushan. The market is open 7 days a week from 9:00 a.m, to 6:00 p,m. Grab a steak (or two) you can thank me later.

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





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## From the Publisher's Desk

## Our printer called it quits

#### Darren Johnson Publisher

Another Coronavirus casualty, the printer this paper uses recently closed shop, so I had to shop around for another printer. They all seem to use different paper sizes, so I had to redesign these pages to meet the new specs. The Journal & Press previously had a printable area of 9.5 x 11. This one is 10.5 x 10.5. That difference may not seem like much, but with newspaper layout each little element needed to be tweaked. It took a long time to change everything around. Hopefully, you don't mind the changes too much. Let me get to some questions I hear from readers:

## We miss the calendar. Can you bring it back?

Yes, we'd love to – once there are some actual events happening. No offense to the host, but Virtual Backgammon is not an event.

Could you have pages devoted to each town with the

### name of the town across the top of the page?

Part of me would like to say yes to this, but the other part of me feels all of the towns are intertwined and we should look at the region as a whole, not just town by town. Second, I strive to have as much original content as possible; I don't want to present press releases as "news." If I felt obligated to do a page for each town each issue, on deadline, I'd probably feel pressure to merely fill those pages with press releases because it's impossible to cover each town that consistently. Especially in this Coronavirus era, where the various boards are meeting virtually. But it's still on the drawing board to have pages devoted to each town, once things get back to normal.

## Where do the syndicated pieces fall into the equation?

As you see in each issue, we do have some outside content, such as comics, puzzles and advice columns. I have become a student of the Journal & Press archives, and such copy was 100 and more years ago. First, it's my goal to make 32 pages each and every issue, so we do have space (especially as advertising has been another Coronavirus casualty). Second, the syndicated pieces give the paper a sense of time. So when I look in the archives, I get a feel for the pop culture of the era. Someday, this paper will be perused in archives; the national stories give

the local stories context. Third, I per-

sonally enjoy syndicated and wire sto-

ries. Some people just want something

to read. These stories are great for the

beach or when riding on a train.

used in the paper consistently – even

Will this paper go out of business? Just become another

#### website?

No. There's a lot of hope for the print edition of The Journal & Press. There may soon be federal legislation that gives small businesses tax breaks to advertise in truly local newspapers, like this one. Subscribers will also get a tax break. Those two facets will lead to more ads and more sales. Too, I feel, for those papers that do survive this socially distant era, more readers will come forward and support the papers that have kept them company during these trying times.

Meanwhile, we're going to keep giving you as much original, truly local content as we can. Have a newspaper question? Send it to me at editor@journalandpress.com.

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## Rescue Squad's grant for pediatric defibrillator

The Easton-Greenwich Rescue Squad recently thanked Stewart's Shops for their generous grant from their 2019-20 Holiday Match Campaign, which was used to assist in the purchase of the EMS Broselow PED/CH Tape and Zoll Pediatric Defibrillation Pads.

The Broselow Tape relates a child's height, as measured by the tape, to his or her weight to provide medical instructions including medical dosage and the size of the equipment and level of shock voltage when using a defibrillator to return the child to a normal heart rhythm. The Pediatric Pads are correctly sized for the pediatric patient for better rhythm. Both items will allow the Squad's members to provide faster service to any pediatric patients.

The Squad currently has 42 members, ranging from drivers to Advanced EMT Paramedics. New members are always welcomed to apply. Contact 518-692-7118 for more information.

## Two vie for open state senate seat

#### Annabel Gregg Journal & Press

As Election Day approaches, candidates for the 45th State Senate District in New York prep for their campaigns. As 25-year incumbent Betty Little steps down from her position, two candidates take the stage to represent Greenwich and the rest of the North Country in the Senate.

Dan Stec, running on the Republican, Conservative and Independent party lines, has had a longtime career of public service – "first in the Navy, then as Queensbury Town Supervisor and Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors." Hailing from Queensbury, Stec has been in the State Assembly representing the 114th District since 2013. Stec's life and professional career, combined with his desire to assure "that this Senate seat is filled by an experienced official who is committed to ensuring North Country values and voices are heard," is why he is running to represent us.

Kimberly Davis, running on the Working Families Party and Democratic lines, is running because of her dedication to honoring her community. Davis has been Clinton County Treasurer since 2014, has an extensive background in finance and banking, and has been a member of international child service organization Kiwanis for over two decades.

For both Davis and Stec, having their campaigns running at the same time as a global pandemic has added challenges.

Stec has used his position as an Assemblyman to help his community during COVID. "Over the past four months, my office and I have been busy helping people apply for and receive unemployment, helping local businesses receive PPE and

apply for support from the state and federal government, and have worked to provide our communities with clear guidelines for managing and understanding the state's confusing reopening process."

COVID has impacted how Davis' campaign operates "tremendously," she said. "Usually, I'm very comfortable doing the grassroots work like knocking on doors, because that's when you get to really talk to people about what their views, problems, and concerns are."

But the virus has completely wiped out that method of constituent interaction, for both candidates. "We can't do that now," she says, "it's just not safe. So, we had to rethink everything, even events – meet and greets, fundraisers. We have to think outside of the box and move forward."

Stec has had similar problems working around the virus and safety guidelines. "As election season proceeds, I hope to reach out to voters using traditional and digital means of communication in order to engage in a meaningful dialogue," explained Stec. In this race and many others, this seems to be a running theme.

# 'For Davis, the main issue is infrastructure; for Stec, taxes.'

Despite the problems, Davis says she is still going to try to reach out to voters in person, safely. "I'll probably be in Warren and Washington county every other weekend now up until the election. I am always open to virtual communication like meet and greets, or even small outdoor events if people want to gather at a



park and just ask questions.

If people want to think outside of the box, I am absolutely willing to meet them wherever they want, so we can get to have these conversations and hear about what's important to them."

Both candidates have core issues that they are running on to get elected in November.

For Davis, one of her top-rated issues is infrastructure. She admits that it's "not a sexy subject, but it's one that's very important. We depend on our grid, we depend on our roads and bridges, we depend on things that we don't think about until they are gone."

For Stec, one issue is definitely taxes. "It's simply too costly for residents and businesses to afford to live and work here, so they leave. Especially now, we must facilitate the growth and development of new and existing small businesses, so we can rebuild the upstate and statewide economy. That means eliminating regressive taxes and

fees, easing bureaucratic redundancies and hindrances, and working directly with local innovators to ensure our economy works for everyone," he says.

Most important to Davis, however, is the environment. "I was incredibly disappointed last year when Dan voted against the Climate Change Bill," she explains, referring to A03876, the bill that enacts New York state climate leadership and community protection act. "Why do people come here, both to live or to vacation? It's because of our beautiful surroundings and natural resources."

"We're one of the few places in the country that still has good manufacturing jobs, in Plattsburgh especially; specifically, transportation manufacturing jobs. Let's use green energy and bring green manufacturing jobs here – we have the resources to do it, and it'd be a great way to increase good jobs, and support both the economy and the environment at the same time."

Another important issue for Stec

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## (cont.) Davis and Stec vie for Little's post

that he highlights is public safety, criminal justice and the police. "The past two years have been a disaster on the public safety front," he says. "Having worked directly with local law enforcement and district attorneys, I've seen and heard how bail reform has negatively impacted the lives of law-abiding New Yorkers. This is now exacerbated by the "defund the police" movement. Law enforcement has been targeted with toxic, dangerous rhetoric and we've seen the consequences of that in the past few months. I believe officials, law enforcement and community stakeholders must engage in meaningful, substantive dialogue to make progress on the issues we face. Turning police into villains and cutting funding isn't the answer, especially in a district like this, where officers serve, protect and travel over large geographic regions."

Most recently, Stec voted against bills establishing the Enforcement Misconduct Investigative Office (S3595), requiring Law Enforcement to report weapon discharges to their superior (A10608), and prohibiting police officers from racial and ethnic profiling (A4615), while he voted in favor of establishing the New York State Police Body-Worn Cameras program (S8493).

One issue the two agree on – the importance of broadband internet access.

"COVID has really brought this to the forefront: cell and broadband internet access," says Davis. "We've been yelling and screaming about

this for years, and nothing ever gets done. I had parents calling my government office, asking 'where can I take my child so they can sit in the car and get Wi-Fi to do their homework for three hours?' That's ridiculous, nobody should have to do that. This is the 21st century. [Broadband and Cell Service] is a necessary tool, not a luxury."

As someone with a background in progressing children, Davis highlights the importance of Broadband for our kids, especially during the pandemic. "The kids that don't have Broadband are going to fall behind everyone else who has that access. Our businesses need broadband. Our tourist economics need broadband."

Davis highlights how "Cell is even more of a safety issue more than a convenience issue," from her personal experiences. "I live in the town of Plattsburgh, and I had to install a landline in my house. It's ridiculous that this is not accessible, that things other places in the state take for granted, that we just don't have." She says that increasing this access is directly correlated to economic equality in the district.

Stec highlights how he has fought for this issue before, and that he would continue doing so if he were elected to the Senate. "Tremendous progress has been made on this front since 2014, but there's still more to do," he explained. "A bill I co-sponsored in the Assembly is slated to become law. This legislation commissions a study to identify where broadband and fiber optic service is not available and prioritize access to those areas. In conjunction with this, I am leading an effort to repeal the Fiber Occupancy Fee. This tax, passed by the Senate and Assembly in the 2019 budget, taxes each foot of installed fiber optic cable on state-controlled highway right of ways over \$1,000 per mile. In rural areas like most of this district, that's made installation too expensive for our small fiber-optic companies (providers) to install for residential customers."

Despite their political differences, both candidates have a dedication to their community, for different reasons. Davis feels she wants to represent this region because of all it has done for her throughout her life, and all the potential it has. Stee has a history of community service and wants to continue his climb through the ranks and serve his area.

Davis' most cherished personal value is community service. "I am the daughter of a union household," says Davis. "In my teens and twenties, I had two jobs and had to work for

everything I ever got.

'One issue they

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internet access.'

My parents didn't have enough money to send me to school, so I went immediately into the workforce. When I finally had the opportunity, I did go back to school as an adult, which can sometimes be difficult. I put myself through school and was the first in my family to graduate from college."

One of the reasons she is running for Senate is that she feels "a responsibility to this community. This region has really changed my life.



That's the debt I feel I have, and [representing them in the Senate is] how I want to be able to serve them."

For Stec, he also has the drive to serve his community. "I became a Naval Officer after graduation, and I had committed to five years of duty but enjoyed the experience of serving our nation and served eight. When I left the Navy in 1998, I moved back home and took a job as an engineer in a company in Glens Falls. But I missed service and had an interest in politics, so I joined my town's zoning board, then ran for Town Board and then Town Supervisor (where I also later became Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors), then Assembly and now Senate."

"I'm proud to come from this area, proud to have started a family and career right here," says Stec. "I love public service, truly. Engaging with everyone from educators to small business owners and concerned men and women, then advocating on their behalf has been extraordinarily fulfilling."

Dan Stec and Kimberly Davis will be competing for the 45th State Senate seat on Election Day; Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020. You can get an absentee ballot online at https://www.vote.org/absentee-ballot.

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## Dave Catalfamo vies for Woerner's spot

Natalie Jew Journal & Press

We sat down with David Catalfamo, a candidate for the Republican Party, in his first election, running for the New York State Assembly to represent District 113 and talked about everything from Black Lives Matter to the pandemic and infrastructure. He is running against incumbent Democratic Assemblyperson Carrie Woerner.

Here is our conversation:

#### Why are you running?

The reason I got in this race was in my professional life (and currently) I spent a lot of time in economic development. After 9/11, I was principally in charge of designing and delivering in the recovery programs. I didn't have any intention of running, but I've been following what I thought would be the fallout of this pandemic, and I thought it was critical that we have people who have some experience in dealing with disaster recovery on a large scale.

I tried to get a couple of other people to run—they didn't want to and I said, 'If not now then never' and then that's why I got in the race. I spent the better part of my career working on economic development and job creation and job retention and I can see (and I don't even think people have really wrapped their mind around yet) how bad this is going to be for our economy.

### What is your plan moving forward through COVID-19?

There are a lot of factors at play. One that is certainly important is that we get the state back to a place where we're not just being run by the governor alone and that the legislature reasserts its constitutional authority. When I say that, I think a lot of the way the pandemic has been reacted to in New York has been primarily about New York City and not upstate New York and not particularly about Saratoga and Washington County.

We have a very different dynamic here – a lot smaller population, a lot more open space. Some of the things that we can do here are very different than they can do there and I've just been really frustrated by the legislature. Early in the crisis, I could see you have to have a strong executive who can act quickly to make decisions to save lives. But, we're well by that now.

There's a strong knowledge base about what COVID is and how it works and what the things are that you need to do to contain it. Those emergency powers should be scaled back. That does not mean that everything [Governor Andrew Cuomo] has put in place needs to be thrown out the window. It means that the legislature has to pass laws and instead of the Governor waking up every day (like yesterday) and saying 'now if you go to a bar, you can't have chicken wings, you can have a sandwich.' That's ridiculous. That's not a democracy. That's not the way our state should work. Our government shouldn't be deciding what is substitute food or not and having my fair share of chicken wings for dinner I can tell you chicken wings is often dinner. I don't even agree with it on its merits, and it's just so comical that we're allowing this level of micromanagement of our lives (not by an elected body) but by one single person every day.

Any recovery that is going to actually weigh the needs of upstate New York and Saratoga and Washington County needs to have representatives who are at the table fighting for the different needs that we have here. It's again a balance. It's always a balance in New York between upstate and downstate and we just have a different economy. We have different needs that we really have to attend to. That's number one of the things we need to do.

## 'Cuomo's emergency powers need to be scaled back.'

### What do you hope to do for Washington County?

We don't know how long this is all going to go. We're all really hopeful that we'll have a vaccine. Even when they have a vaccine, even before it's delivered I think it will stabilize the financial markets and the bonding markets and while it won't mean that we can fully reopen, it will mean that there will be some surety in the marketplace.



One of the things that I really believe will be the smart thing to do and the right thing to do now will be to take all these "economic development programs" that are discretionary, all these tax credit programs and what not and basically redirect all those revenues into infrastructure.

Infrastructure is one thing Washington County desperately needs in order to facilitate further growth. It can be in bridges, it can be in roads, extension of water, sewer, electricity. In a modern economy, it's a beautiful place to live, and people will move there (people with resources will move there, but they can't move there if they don't have broadband. There are too many areas in Washington County that do not have adequate broadband and that would be a priority that I would be pushing - take this time, while we're in uncertain circumstances and invest in infrastructure. It's going to be really hard to invest in individual small businesses because there's a lot of different factors at play that really don't shake out until the safety issues are addressed and people can feel comfortable with face interactions. But infrastructure is something that lasts and it's some-

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thing that we ought to be focused on. That would certainly be one of the bigger things that I'll be focused on.

### What are you going to do for the lack of broadband?

What's happened is that the state, through a whole bunch of mechanisms, has made it very much non-competitive for companies to extend broadband. We need to look at what those inhibitors are and try to essentially create incentives (when I say 'incentives' I don't mean cash incentives, essentially getting burdens out of the way so that they're able to do it). But there are going to be places where it makes sense from a market point of view, especially in rural areas, for the private areas to provide that infrastructure. Then, in that case, it really requires the public to step up.

I've done economic development for a long time and there is significant economic development dollars that are out there, that are used in a lot of ways that I think could be better used and I would really look to target those into an infrastructure program that actually has the state picking up a large piece of that infrastructure cost.

#### What is your stance on Black Lives Matter – what would you do for it?

Ninety-nine percent of people saw the murder of George Floyd and knew it for what it was, which was absolutely horrific and had a strong reaction to it. That, in my mind, does not excuse the kind of protesting turned to violence, turned to looting in a lot of places that has characterized some of that activity. Having an increased sense of racial issues is a great thing and I think we should be continually focused on how do we improve our society and our institutions to be better? Using that murder as a reason to cause destruction to individuals and to businesses who had nothing to do with it

and the amount of push back on police all over the place (not just bad police, of which there are some for sure). But the vast majority of [police] are police who go out every day and put their lives on the line to protect communities, including communities of color. I've been concerned with the net result of it, in which we see a massive increase in violent crime (not just in New York City, but in upstate cities).

I believe in social protest. I believe that people have the right to express themselves. But, I'm really concerned about when that takes on an aspect that is dangerous and/or causing damage to other people – and too much of that happened during that period.

## What would you want Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner to know about your run?

I believe that New York City and New York City legislatures are driving too much of the agenda and how it affects New York. That doesn't mean that they're bad people, that doesn't mean that I couldn't like them personally. I work a lot of time with Democrats right now who are in charge of trying to manage through this COVID crisis – we just have a different philosophy.

## What would you want to say to the readers of the Journal and Press?

I was born and raised in upstate New York in a community that is very much like Washington County. I grew up in Columbia County, NY which is very rural and has a lot of agriculture so I understand what it's like to grow up in a community like that and I understand a lot of the issues. My goal as a representative will be to speak loudly and speak firmly on behalf of the constituents of Washington County because they're not heard enough.



## **Younger Voices**

## A proper journalism preview

#### Cody Fitzgerald Journal & Press

I've been writing here for quite a while now and it's been a lot of fun. I feel like you've all gotten to know me enough to enjoy my writing but not enough to hate my personality. which is right where you need to be. However, I have heard a few complaints saving that the pieces I write aren't "fit" for a local newspa-

"Why are you writing about idioms when you could be covering actual news?"

"This isn't the place to be doing what you're doing."

"No, we're not going to give you a lifetime of free Whoppers because vou write articles."

I want everyone to know that their concerns have been heard. promptly ignored and ultimately forgotten. That being said, they seem to come up every now and then, and I feel like I should give the people what they want. From now on I will be doing strictly genuine journalism - no more jokes. For those who don't believe me, here is a preview of the next articles I'll be writing:

· A Facebook user goes vegan from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. every day to feel good about themselves

- Petition to not tell people not in the loop what "Person, woman, man, camera, TV" means and forever make fun of it
- · "Fast and Furious 86" delayed indefinitely due to COVID filming
- · Lyrical breakdown of every country song ever proves that the words "beer," "truck," "Jesus," "field" and "the troops" make up ap-

### 'A Facebook user goes vegan from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m.'

proximately 60% of the genre.

- Kidz Bop 33 was robbed at The Grammy's and here's why
- Local community theater shuts down after pitching "50 Shades of Grey: Just the Talking Scenes" as their next production
- · Carol's son won his soccer tournament and she won't shut up about it
- Jeff Dunham apologizes for having Islamophobic character - "I promise to fix this and give everyone a racist puppet of themselves"

## **Get an IT certificate**

SUNY Adirondack's Office of Continuing Education invites individuals interested in a career in IT to register for the Google IT Support Professional Certificate Program available for the first time in Fall 2020.

This five-course certificate program developed by Google includes an innovative curriculum designed to prepare attendees for an entry-level role in IT support and for additional industry certifications. A job in IT can mean in-person or remote help desk work in a small business or at a global company like Google. Join a virtual information session about the Google IT Support Professional Certificate Program at noon Wednesday, Aug. 5, on Zoom. Contact conted@sunyacc.edu to participate.

- "Complete upset" Tortoise Keebler Elf" beats hare in race
- · When asked to comment on American politics, Pope Francis begins shouting expletives
- · Local man claims "masks are useless" while attending "Flat Earth Society" meeting
- Studies show that your Confederate flag swimming trunks aren't "showing your heritage," it's just ig-
- · We asked an NFL player about concussions in the game - they replied, "What's the question?"
- Scientists comment on why "Mitch McConnell looks like what would happen if you stepped on the

• Pringles has vet to fix their can design and this is an act of war

As you can see, I will be turning over a new leaf and writing purely from a journalistic stance. My humor articles have been fun but it's time to grow up.

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





## Make your own ice cream sandwiches

#### America's Test Kitchen Special to Journal & Press

When we decided to make a homemade version of ice cream sandwiches, we thought it would be as easy as smooshing some ice cream between two chocolate chip cookies. But all that gave us were rock-solid cookies that we struggled to bite through while we squished the ice cream out the sides. The takeaway: Cookies that are best eaten with a glass of milk are not perfect in an ice cream sandwich.

To make cookies that were easy to bite through, we focused on an ingredient rarely considered in cookie composition: water. Our recipe includes almost twice as much water than most chocolate chip cookie recipes. That may sound counterintuitive -- you'd think frozen water would make cookies harder -- but it works because the sugar in the dough lowers the temperature at which water freezes, keeping it fluid. By increasing the amount of sugary water in the dough, we were able to make cookies that were sturdy enough to sandwich the ice cream but tender enough to bite through with just a hint of snap.

We also wanted a thinner, flatter cookie so we could still use a good amount of ice cream without making the sandwich the frozen-dessert equivalent of a New York deli sandwich. To do that, we dropped the baking temperature to a relatively low 325 degrees so that the dough had more time to spread before it set. And to compensate for the freezer's flavor-dulling effect, we packed the cookie with deep toffee notes that came through even when frozen.

The result? An infinitely customizable, perfectly engineered version of this summertime dessert. Fill them with the ice cream flavor of your choice or press mini chips around the rim of each sandwich for a dose of Chipwich nostalgia.

### Chocolate Chip Cookie Ice Cream Sandwiches

Makes 12 sandwiches

- 10 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup (5 1/4 ounces) packed dark brown sugar

- 3/4 teaspoon table salt
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons (52/3 ounces) all-purpose flour
  - 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup (3 ounces) mini semisweet chocolate chips, plus 1 cup for optional garnish
- 3 pints ice cream



#### **Directions**

- 1. Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 325 F. Melt butter in a 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Cook, stirring and scraping skillet constantly with a rubber spatula, until milk solids are dark golden brown and butter has nutty aroma, 1 to 3 minutes. Immediately transfer to a heatproof large bowl. Whisk in sugar and salt until fully incorporated and let mixture cool for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper. Stir flour and baking soda together in a second bowl; set aside.
- 2. Add egg, water and vanilla to the browned butter mixture and whisk until smooth, about 30 seconds. Using a rubber spatula, stir in flour mixture until combined. Stir in 1/2 cup chocolate chips. (The dough will be very soft.)
- 3. Using a #60 scoop or 1-tablespoon measure, evenly space 12 mounds of dough on each prepared sheet. Bake cookies, 1 sheet at a time, until puffed and golden brown, 9 to 12 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through baking. Let cookies cool on the sheet for 5 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack and let cool completely, about 45 minutes. Place one sheet, still lined with parchment, in freezer.
- 4. Place 4 cookies upside down on the counter. Quickly deposit 2-inch-tall, 2-inch-wide scoop of ice cream in center of each cookie. Place 1 cookie from the wire rack right side up on top of each scoop. Gently press and twist each sandwich between your hands until the ice cream spreads to edges of the cookies (this doesn't have to be perfect; ice cream can be neatened after chilling). Transfer sandwiches to the sheet in freezer. Re-

peat with remaining cookies and remaining ice cream. Place 1 cup chocolate chips, if using, in a shallow bowl or pie plate.

5. Remove first 4 sandwiches from freezer. Working with 1 sandwich at a time, hold sandwiches over bowl of chocolate chips and gently press chocolate chips into sides of sandwiches with your other hand, neatening ice cream if necessary. Return garnished sandwiches to the freezer and repeat with the remaining 8 sandwiches in two batches. Freeze sandwiches for at least 8 hours before serving. (Sandwiches can be individually wrapped tightly in plastic wrap, transferred to zipper-lock bag, and frozen for up to two months.)

Recipe notes: These sandwiches should be made at least 8 hours before serving. For the best results, weigh the flour and sugar for the cookies. We prefer the deeper flavor of dark brown sugar here, but light brown sugar will also work. Use your favorite ice cream. If using a premium ice cream such as Ben & Jerry's or Haagen-Dazs, which is likely to be harder than a less-premium brand when frozen, let the ice cream soften slightly in the refrigerator before scooping. We like these sandwiches with chocolate chips pressed into the sides, but the garnish is optional.

For 25 years, confident cooks in the know have relied on America's Test Kitchen for rigorously tested recipes developed by professional test cooks and vetted by 60,000 at-home recipe testers. See more online at americastestkitchen.com/TCA.

## Maggie Horrigan's revenge

## Rachel Clothier Journal & Press

Recently a member of the Schuylerville Community Facebook page asked what "Maggie's Revenge" referred to. I recognized the name from looking up author, Hollis Palmer, to order his "To Spend Eternity Alone" book. The book summary for Maggie's Revenge gave me the time period that the story came from, and a little more searching gave me Maggie's last name. On to fultonhistory.com I went to scour the newspaper clippings for answers.

I found that on the morning of Oct. 19, 1889, two young children were playing by their home in Middle Falls when they discovered a woman's hat and jacket. They ran to get help and found Superintendent Stewart and his crew of men working on the roadway. Mr. Stewart went back into the secluded area off the road, to his shock he discovered the face-down body of a woman floating in a pool of water.

The woman was identified as Maggie Horrigan. She was the 19-year-old daughter of Irish immigrants John and (the late) Katie Horrigan. She was a healthy, attractive, young lady, who worked as a servant for Herbert Reynolds' family.

Ms. Horrigan had left her employer's home at 7 p.m., intent on meeting friends to enjoy some music. Her friends called around looking for her when she didn't show up. Mr. Boyd saw her walking over the stone bridge a little after 7 p.m., he did not speak with her, he said that she was walking slowly like she was waiting for someone. Soon after he was passed by a carriage, he looked back in the direction of Ms. Horrigan, but it was dark and he couldn't see if she was still there. No one saw her after that.

Upon recovery of her body, Dr. S. Walter Scott



performed an autopsy and concluded Ms. Horrigan had drowned. The coroner ruled it a suicide. Her friends had no suspicions that

she was unhappy and there did not seem to be any triggers that would have brought her to take her own life.

District Attorney Edgar Hull suspected foul play and ordered the disinterment of Ms. Horrigan for a second autopsy to be conducted. The doctors found discoloration on her arms and a significant wound on the back of her head under heavy red hair. The wound likely caused her to be knocked unconscious.

August of the next year, The Schuylerville Standard newspaper summarized what was thought to have happened to Ms. Horrigan: she was picked up by someone that she knew in a carriage, she abruptly exited the carriage, on her exit she struck the back of her head hard on the wheel, the blow would have rendered her unconscious or dead, she was then disposed of in the pool of water where her lifeless body floated.

No arrest or conviction was ever made. The only trial that came out of the incident was that of a libel suit that Dr. Scott filed against The New York Sun Times. The paper apparently had a field day with the "who-done-it" and ran with the story that Dr. Scott was the one who picked Maggie up in his carriage, he trying to hide what happened and put her in the pool, and when the time to explain what had happened to her he declared a suicide by drowning.

## 'Within six years, all three suspects were dead. Rumor is one confessed.'

Big city papers blamed the murder being unsolved on botched police investigating, and the fact that Ms. Horrigan was a poor servant. According to Grand Jury records, over 200 witnesses were interviewed. The case was worked on by the famous Pinkerton's and aided by the best investigators in Washington, Saratoga and Rensselaer Counties. The District Attorney petitioned the governor for a \$1000 reward for an arrest and conviction. Was every stone overturned?

#### FOUND IN A BROOK.

#### The Body of a Young Girl at Greenwich. N. Y.-Foul Play Suspected.

GREENWICH, N. Y., Oct. 20.—The body of Maggie Horrigan was found drowned in a brook about one mile from Greenwich at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning. She started away from Margarette Reynolds'-with a strange girl about 7 o'clock on the previous evening. The cloak and hat were found on a log about 100 feet from the body.

Deputy Sheriff Skiff has taken charge of the body until Coroner Millington arrives. The deceased was 18 years old. There are suspicions of foul play, and the village is greatly excited. The body of the girl was found in the creek between Greenwich and Middle Falls in about 18 inches of water. Miss Horrigan was a highly respectable young woman, of good reputation, and her death cannot be accounted for.

From The Schuylerville Standard

What about the other carriage that was on the road where Ms. Horrigan walked that evening? The one occupied by three rowdy gentlemen who rented it from a stable in Fort Edward. Those men were questioned about the incident and gave the alibi that they had taken the carriage to Glens Falls to go drinking at a bar. That would have put them 17 miles away from the crime scene.

The three men were Frank Hull, Dimmock Hinckley and Albert Woodin. Coincidentally less than 6 years after Ms. Horrigan's death all three of those young men were dead. It was rumored that Hinckley on his death bed confessed to being involved with Hull and Woodin in what happened. Clergymen denied that a confession was made, but the rumor was out. Not long after Frank B. Hull, son of Washington County District Attorney Hull drowned, the next day Albert Woodin was hit by a train. If in fact they were her murderers, justice was not served, but Ms. Horri-

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gan's ghost got her revenge.

## **ABC News investigates how COVID exploded**

Brian Steinberg

Variety Special to Journal & Press

In his role as ABC News' Chief White House Correspondent, Jonathan Karl has helped tell the story of the Trump administration's oversight of the United States. Now he and the news outlet aretelling the story behind the story.

ABC News unveiled a "20/20" report on July 28 that was three months in the making. It is currently available on-demand.

"American Catastrophe: How Did We Get Here?" give viewers a behind-the-scenes look at how the United States missed opportunities, warning signs and chances to prepare for the coronavirus pandemic, and interviews past and current U.S. officials in an attempt to figure out how the nation will proceed.

"This is the beginning of our reporting on the understanding of how we got here," says Karl, in an interview recently. "It's a big step, but it's a first step."

ABC News' production is the latest in an ongoing series and specials the nation's TV-news outlets have created in response to what may well be the biggest news story in recent memory. CNN has on Thursday nights run an ongoing "town hall" related to disseminating information about the pandemic, while NBC News has launched a "Kids' Edition" of its "NBC Nightly News" to offer younger viewers stories about current events. Fox News Channel has convened "town hall" programs in early afternoons and weekend primetime. ABC News has made big programming swings in recent months, swapping out an early-afternoon edition of "Good Morning America" for a harder-news hour focused on the pandemic, and moving its late-night newsmagazine "Nightline" to an earlier slot in the late evening.

The Walt Disney unit's investigative team led the new effort, and Karl is joined during the one-hour special by colleagues including Linsey Davis, Tom Llamas, Rebecca Jarvis, Pierre Thomas, Cecila Vega, Gio Benitez and Josh Margolin. "It's a big challenge, during the pandemic, trying to do some of the stuff we need to do, but there were a lot of people we were able to talk to," Karl says. "We talked to all the key players – current officials,

former officials and officials in two previous administrations."

Indeed, one part of the special report examines how President George W. Bush, alarmed by a book he read on the global flu pandemic of 1918 and in the midst of grappling with the fallout from Hurricane Katrina, directed his team to ready the nation for a possible pandemic in 2005 – and why the nation was still overwhelmed when the coronavirus turned up on U.S. shores. "You just see how the ball was dropped" over time, says Karl, as various administrations steeled the nation for a fight against other contagions, then let their guard down when they weren't as destructive as had been expected.

ABC News tells viewers about a group of former government officials and doctors known as "The Wolverines" who maintained a "Red Dawn" email chain that warned the Trump administration about the havoc to come while the sickness was still in China. Interviews include Dr. James Lawler, the former top biosecurity official at the National Security Council and Dr. Dan Hanfling, an expert in urban rescue and emergency medicine who worked on the 9/11 and anthrax attacks. ABC Contributor Tom Bossert, the former United States Homeland Security Advisor who headed up a pandemic response team the White House disbanded shortly before the outbreak,



also talks for the report.

Current U.S. officials also take part. Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Robert Redfield, Director of the CDC, are also interviewed, along with other experts.

"American Catastrophe: How Did We Get Here?" is produced by the ABC News Investigative Unit and ABC Longform Unit. Jeanmarie Condon and Chris Vlasto serve as senior executive producers.

Karl expects more in-depth reportage on the subject in the future. "There will be more projects, more investigations," he says. "100%."



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## My hammock goes to the highest bidder!

**Greg Schwem**Special to Journal & Press

Hey, vacationers, are you looking for some reasonably priced sleeping accommodations this summer? Somewhere to lay your head without fear that nasty COVID-19 germs are festering beneath you? A place where you can peacefully slumber as long as you're up by 5:30 a.m. to avoid getting drenched by an underground sprinkler system?

If so, then look no further. My hammock awaits.

I began envisioning my backyard slumbering sling as a source of income after stumbling on Swimply, an online marketplace for the swimming pool industry. Taking a page from the Airbnb business model, pool owners can list their private watering holes on Swimply and then pray they didn't inadvertently rent the pool to a group of frat bros looking to recreate the Spring Break trip that was canceled due to coronavirus.

My next-door neighbor has a wonderful pool, and I have two other neighbors with pools in various states of construction. I have alerted all of them to Swimply but also mentioned that I should still be allowed to swim in their pools for free. That's the neighborly thing to do, right?

Meanwhile, fearful of becoming known throughout the neighborhood as "the guy without the pool," I decided I needed to justify why I don't have a construction crew digging a 10-foot hole in my backyard. Now I need only point to the hammock.

Since receiving it for Father's Day many years ago, my hammock has been the source of unbridled pleasure. And naps. The hammock is that dangling carrot that awaits me after mowing my lawn in sweltering heat. I've devoured books, snacks and assorted beverages while lounging in it. My children, when they were younger, would climb on and look at the stars with me. I've tried coaxing my dog onto it but eventually realized dogs don't like to sway while sleeping. Their loss.

Now I'm ready to share my paradise with strangers. I even have a name for this venture: Dynamic Hammock. OK, "dynamic" may be overstating a flowered piece of canvas hooked on a slightly rusting metal frame but it's catchy, right?



Dynamic Hammock is available to anyone providing you abide by one rule: You must prove you know the correct pronunciation of hammock. It's HAM-mick, not ham-MOCK. Pronouncing it incorrectly will get you banned from my yard.

But, once I approve of your diction, you are free to use the hammock however you please. My backyard is free of trees, hence the aforementioned metal frame that holds the hammock in place; but that's advantageous because now your sleeping quarters are mobile.

Move the hammock closer to my outdoor

## 'My hammock has been a source of unbridled pleasure.'

speakers and let Simon and Garfunkel or Steely Dan lull you to sleep. Or move it closer to my neighbor's speakers and let Aerosmith keep you up most of the night.

I will provide a pillow, bedsheet and blanket. Oh, and also insect repellant. My yard is not normally a mosquito paradise, but they have been known to appear in force, depending on weather conditions. Please don't give me a poor rating should you get eaten alive. Remember, I

did supply the insect repellant.

I should also probably mention that an occasional coyote has wandered into my yard. This shouldn't be an issue because, from what I've read, human flesh is not a staple of a coyote's diet. But anything you order from Uber Eats might be, so just use the same judgment campers are supposed to use when they know grizzly bears are in the area.

The checkout process is remarkably easy. No need to return a key, strip the bed or tidy up the kitchen. Just leave. Preferably before noon so I have time to throw the fabric into the wash in preparation for the next guest. Thanks for staying at Dynamic Hammock.

Oh, one more thing. There's no bathroom in my backyard. But my neighbor with the pool has one. I'll let you two work something out.

Greg Schwem is a corporate stand-up comedian

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



Greg on the web at www.gregschwem.com.

## Farm-to-Library food program continues

Comfort Food Community and the Southern Adirondack Library Systems (SALS) are excited to announce that their collaborative 'Farm-2-Library' initiative resumed on Tuesday, July 21. This year's participating libraries include Argyle Free Library, Pember Library & Museum and Schuylerville Public Library.

So, how does it work? Fresh Food Collective is a mobile produce distribution program operated by the Greenwich-based non-profit, Comfort Food Community. Fresh Food Collective harvests and purchases excess produce from local farms that is then distributed among the program's participating libraries. The produce, much of which would have otherwise gone to waste, is made available to those in need. All are welcome to visit the libraries and take home fresh fruits and veggies – free of charge! The Farm-2-Library initiative plays three very important roles in our community: making healthy food accessible to all, supporting the local food economy and reconnecting individuals with the abundance of resources that libraries have to offer.

"Public libraries play a vital role in the health of a community," said Erica Freudenberger of the Southern Adirondack Library System. "We're delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with Comfort Food Community to improve the lives of the people we serve, and to give them another reason to visit our wonderful libraries."

From July to November of 2019. Farm-2-Library saw over 700 visitors distributing over 5,000 pounds of produce. Schuylerville Library will join for its third year and has experienced great success with the program. Caitlyn Johnson, Director at the Schuvlerville Library, comments- "The Farm-2-Library program has been a great help to our community. Many families struggle to purchase fresh produce and rely on shelf stable foods to get through hard times like we find ourselves in now. This program, along with our Free Summer Meals program for children at the Schuylerville Public Library, allows us to support our patrons in the most basic ways and encourages more use of the public librarv."

Comfort Food Community and SALS is looking forward to another successful year ahead!



For more information please contact Mary Beranek at mary@comfortfoodcommunity.org or visit www.freshfoodcollective.org.

## Lily Gallagher wins Burnett Scholarship

The 73rd annual Belle C. Burnett Scholarship, sponsored by the Salem Area Woman's Club, was awarded to Lily Gallagher on Friday evening, July 24, 2020. Salem Central School's 2020 Valedictorian, Lily is the daughter of Michael and Karen Gallagher of Salem. Lily graduated with an Advanced Regents diploma with honors and mastery in math and science. Her planned program of study is Environmental Studies which she will pursue at Franklin and Marshall College in the fall.

"Lily exemplifies what the Belle C. Burnett Foundation represents with her warm outgoing personality, involvement in her school and community and academic excellence," according to a press release.

She was selected as Salem Central School's top student for the 34th Annual Scholars Recognition Program sponsored by the Capital Area

School Development Association.

In addition, she also received the President's Education Award, a New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence and a Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award.

Over the years she has been active in sports and numerous clubs and service organizations. A gifted musician, Lily has performed with the All-County Chorus, band, NYSSMA, the Battenkill Chorale and Dorset Playhouse productions. She will no doubt excel at whatever she pursues.

Awarded each year, the 2020 Belle C. Burnett Scholarship amount is \$1,000. However, growth in this year's investment portfolio enabled the foundation to award an additional \$1,500, bringing this year's award to \$2,500. Former Belle C. Burnett recipients Greta Worthington (Class of 2017), Neva DiBlasi (Class of 2018) and Alyssa



Loveland (Class of 2019) will also receive \$2,500 each for the 2020/2021 school year as they continue to pursue their college studies.

## **New sign in Clarks Mills**

Hollingsworth & Vose (H&V), the global manufacturing company that operates plants in both Easton and Greenwich, has been key to the Battenkill Conservancy's successful Corridor Connection Project that works to improve public access sites along the river. Last year, BkC and H&V partnered to install new signage at the Center Falls Public Access site. Now, they added a sign along the new Clarks Mills Bridge, bordering Easton. Cambridge resident and long time H&V em-

ployee, Terry Moore, came up with the plan to plant the sign -- which wasn't easy, considering the ground was bedrock. It involved a wooden container, 28 bags of cement and some mulch. The result is BkC's newest Corridor Connection sign highlighting the historic Pulp Mill Rapids.

**Pictured:** Karl Pffaffenbach, General Manager, Tyler McLaughlin and Rob Thieverage, Maintenance and Terry Moore, Operations Manager at H&V.



## Folktale superhero



Join Easton Library on Wednesday, August 5, at 1:30 p.m. on their website, easton.sals.edu, where Diane Edgecomb will give a virtual performance that will celebrate imagination and the human spirit with superhero tales from cultures around the world that will entertain the entire family. A beloved storyteller, Edgecomb is known for transforming into the characters in her tales, bringing stories to vi-

brant life. She has been featured on NPR and is the winner of the ORA-CLE award for Storytelling Excellence in the Northeast as well as five Storytelling World awards.

This online event is part of Easton Library's summer reading program, "Imagine Your Story," and is funded by the Stewart's Holiday Match Grant. Call Easton Library at 518-692-2253 with questions or visit the website.

## Turn this Journal & Press into a work of art – see page 31

In the last issue of The Journal & Press, we learned how to turn this newspaper into a cute little pencil case. You can find that article on our site, journalandpress.com.

In this issue, we learn how to make this paper into a fan. Learn more on page 31.

These articles are brought to us by local educator Paula Krieg.



She pioneered methods of making books and other folded wonders with children starting in late 1980's.

She has been continuatively active teaching in classroom workshops in in NYC and Upstate, working with children as well as educators. Workshop venues have included The Center for Book Arts, the Museum of Mathematics, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Most recently her work with children has evolved to include using folded paper as a way to illuminate mathematical concepts.

If you and/or your children make any of these creations, please send us a photo at pictures@journalandpress.com or text to 518-879-0965. You can also find us on social media. We look forward to seeing your work!



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## Is college still worth it?

Jill Schlesinger Special to Journal & Press

As colleges and universities announce their plans for the upcoming semester, many families are worried about footing the bill for a significantly different experience. Is it worth it to shell out tens of thousands of dollars – or to go into debt - for virtual learning that may not fit the style of the student? A few colleges are extending discounts for the arrangement, but many more are not - some are even charging more, even as millions find themselves in a far worse financial condition than they were when financial aid was granted.

Let's start with the basics: a college degree pays off financially over the long term. According to analysis from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, "median lifetime earnings rise steadily for workers with increasing educational attainment." Over the past two decades, the premium on college edu-

cation has grown to 84%, while the penalty for not finishing high school is steep -- almost \$9,000 a year. The paper emphasizes that while the degree is valuable, the monetary pay off varies "depending on the degree type, age, gender, race/ethnicity, and occupation of an individual." (Georgetown has a separate analysis, which ranks 4,500 colleges and universities by return on investment (ROI), which is eye opening.)

Presuming that you buy the concept of college attendance, there's the thorny issue of paying for it. With many universities extending their deadlines to accept offers, now is the time to renegotiate your deal. If you have seen a reduction of income due to COVID-19, communicate with the school immediately and try to increase the amount of financial aid that you will receive.

Perhaps the only bright spot of the crisis as it pertains to higher education is that the federal government's interest rates for student loans have dropped to historically low levels. For new federal loans disbursed between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, the rates are: Undergraduate = 2.75%; Graduate = 4.3%; Grad PLUS and Parent PLUS loans = 5.30%.

Undergraduate loans come in two flavors: Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans (aka "Stafford Loans"). Direct loans have slightly better terms, but students can only borrow up to \$5,500 per year, while unsubsidized loans allow borrowing up to \$20,500 (less any subsidized amounts received for same period) depending on grade level and dependency status. PLUS loans, the category that gets a lot of families into trouble, is capped at the cost of attendance (determined by the school) minus any other financial aid the student receives.

The new federal rates are fixed for the life of the loans, but only impact money borrowed for the upcoming academic year. That means you have to live with the higher rates associated with any loans that were previously disbursed, unless you choose to refinance those federal loans into private ones. Doing so could reduce your interest rate, but it will also mean that you forego the federal government's various payment options, including deferment, forbearance, which current borrowers are entitled to until September 30th, and income-based repayment options.

No conversation about college would be complete without a warning: a college degree may be worth it, but only if you earn it with a reasonable amount of debt. College funding expert Mark Kantrowitz recommends that students should borrow less than what they will earn in their first-year salary. For parents, Kantrowitz cautions that borrowing for all children should be less than annual income, including cosigned loans.

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## Trying to stay upbeat about work

**Daneen Skube** Special to Journal & Press

**Q:** I'm depressed with the situation in my workplace and the world. How do I keep going?

A: You can keep going with the idea that it's only going to get worse understanding that nothing absolutely nothing lasts forever. If we like our current moment...it will change. If we don't like our current moment...it will change.

Currently our business environment is constricting. Businesses aren't expanding, organizations aren't hiring, and money is tight. Business and everything else in nature goes in cycles.

My kids and I received cherries from a neighbor's tree. We decided to try planting them. A trick to seed planting is to put the seeds first in the freezer simulating winter. After suffering through the cold the seeds burst forth when planted and so will our economy after this winter.

Seeing both cycles of contraction and expansion means we rest during contractions and work hard riding the waves of subsequent expansion. Believing that bad times last forever means we are ill prepared for the eventual surge of activity.

Yes, we'll have more adversity. No this may not be our last pandemic and certainly we can guarantee it's not our last crisis. However permanent pessimism is not an effective strategy.

If we chase the outgoing tide during expansion, we're too tired to work when that tide comes in. Intense adversity introduces us to dark places inside ourselves. If we avoid these uncomfortable feelings we make decisions that worsen our circumstances.

If you can tolerate the dark places inside yourself you'll find your soul resides there. There's an irony that we only find the angels of our best selves during our most hellish moments.

I've had clients say, "I'd rather die than feel those feelings." My response is, "Then you'll never truly live because all your decisions will be based around avoiding those feelings!" The bottom line truth is what we resist persists. The fear we face loses power.

Many situations in life can throw us into intolerable emotions. If we can lean into what we fear that hell loses all power over us. If we love ourselves enough we'll be willing to walk through that hell to obtain permanent freedom and a rich life.

Obviously I'm not advocating that you seek hell out. However, when hell seeks you out walk through the intolerable feelings. If not hell will continue to stalk you and you'll have to keep running. The older we get the slower we run from hell.

The difference between those who will and those who won't walk through hell is a question of whether you believe you're worth getting to know.

If we cannot grow and learn while we are suffering then we will never transform anything about ourselves.

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



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## The Newspaper Archives

## Raided for booze; horse meets car

#### Kaylee Johnson Journal & Press

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

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

#### 100 Years Ago August 11, 1920

Whitehall businessmen are concerned because a slowing up of the silk industry has affected the Champlain Silk Mill, and it is announced that about one hundred employees will be laid off in a few days for an indefinite period. The mill has been working three shifts. The mill managers put up to the organization of workers that participates in the conduct of the affairs of the mill the question whether the three shifts should be retained and all the help should be kept on for a four day a week schedule, or whether one shift should be dispensed with. They decided in favor of the latter course.

The average pay of the men affected by the new order is said to be about \$30 a week, although a few earn as much as \$46 or \$50.

#### 90 Years Ago August 13, 1930

Some little excitement was occasioned shortly before nine o'clock last

evening when Elmer Tucker of the federal prohibition enforcement squad walked into P. J. Smith's drug store on Main Street. shut the door and pulled down the shades. The report that the store was being raided spread quickly and interested spectators gathered in groups to watch proceedings, but they were unable to see much.

#### 80 Years Ago August 07, 1940

The work of Miss Susan E. Wade, who last January was appointed Washington County historian, is highly recommended in the report of an inspection by Hugh M. Flick, acting state historian. Since her appointment, Miss Wade, who is a member of the staff of the county clerk's office, has done a great deal of work classifying and indexing old documents and records of historic interest. She has also instituted a movement for the formation of a county historical society which gives promise of being very successful.

#### 70 Years Ago August 09, 1950

A horse, owned by George McClellan was instantly killed, and an automobile driven by Harry T. Coli was wrecked Sunday morning when the two collided on a state road in Cambridge.

The accident occurred at about 2 a.m. near the farm of Mr. McClellan. Charles Cantwell of Cambridge, chief of police and deputy sheriff, reported that the horse wandered out of the pasture onto the main road and was struck by Mr. Coli's car. Coli, whose home is in Arlington, Vermont, received cuts and bruises and was treated at the Mary McClellan Hospital in Cambridge.

#### 60 Years Ago August 10, 1960

A water carnival will be held Friday evening beginning at 6:15 p.m. at Hedges Lake, to mark the closing of the swimming lessons of the summer recreation program. This is the eighth year that the swimming lessons have been held, and the attendance has been over 800.

There will be demonstrations of the swimming techniques learned and races as well as water ballet at the carnival on Friday evening. In the event of a thunderstorm, the carnival will be held on Saturday evening.

#### 40 Years Ago August 07, 1980

A Chihuahua named Chipper, who resides with the Conkey family in the Pleasant Villa Mobile Home Park, gave birth to six puppies on August 1, an unusually high number according to Maryjane Conkey.

The puppies are only about three inches long but appear to be in good health, Maryjane reports. Chipper, who is five years old, has been with the Conkeys since she was a puppy.

#### 30 Years Ago August 09, 1990

The junior Olympians returned home full of pride and a new sense of self-respect. The Greenwich Youths were recognized as being 10th in the nation out of 23 teams that competed for the gold. The team competed in the 15- to 16-year-old four by 800-meter relay. The winning time for their age group was 8:02; the national standing record is 7:35.

#### 20 Years Ago August 10, 2000

The presence of the potentially deadly West Nile virus has been confirmed in dead crows found in Warren, Washington, Rensselaer, Albany, Columbia and Schenectady counties. Carried by birds through the bites of two common strains of mosquitoes, the viral infection can, in severe cases, can cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord).



## **Notes from the Dairy Princess**

By Molly Walker Special to Journal & Press

Amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, dairy farmers have been busy working long hours to plant cor and harvest first cutting hay and haylage. The old adage, "Make hay while the sun shines" still stands true today. Mother Nature plays a major role in the farmer's ability to provide quality feed for their dairy animals. An average dairy cow eats over one hundred pounds of food (hay and corn) a day. That means farms need an abundance of food in storage. It is imperative that the fields are harvested and stored in a timely manner. On many farms the choppers have

been working overtime harvesting the fields and filling the wagons and trucks with chopped grasses on route to storage. You may be familiar with silos and Ag Bags. This is where haylage is packed and sealed to prevent spoiling and are used to maintain the quality of the animal's food.

Many farmers also bale dry hay in all shapes and sizes to ensure a quality feed supply throughout the upcoming year.

"Knee high by the 4th of July" is a phrase often heard about corn. Corn needs warm weather and ample rain to grow. This has been an ideal growing season for corn and many of the corn fields were better than knee high! Farmers are great stewards of the land. They work hard to keep the land and soil healthy and productive for future generations while supplying an abundant milk supply.

The dairy industry is the number one industry in Washington County. The Dairy Princess team continues to take an active role promoting this vital industry. The Washington County Dairy Princess program is made possible through the support of the American Dairy Association Northeast, the local planning and management organization funded by dairy farmer check off dollars.



## Donate blood, get a gift card

Though this summer may feel different than summers past, one thing remains constant: The need for blood donations to help save lives. The Red Cross is urging healthy individuals to give blood to restock the shelves for patients battling disease and facing the unexpected.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, people across the country have stepped up to help by giving blood or platelets with the Red Cross. Blood donations from healthy individuals are just as essential now to meet patient needs, and those who gave this spring may be eligible to help again.

As a thank-you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma, including convalescent plasma, Aug. 1-Sept. 3 will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, courtesy of Amazon.

Upcoming donation sites:

Hoosick Falls: 8/3/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church, 484 Hill Road.

Saratoga Springs: 8/7/2020: 1 p.m.

- 6 p.m., Saratoga Regional YMCA Wilton Branch, 20 Old Gick Road.

Hartford: 8/3/2020: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Hartford Fire Department, Rt 149 and Rt 40.

**Hudson Falls:** 8/11/2020: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., American Legion Post 574, 72 Pearl Street.

Other dates and locations available. Donation appointments can be made for the coming days and weeks by downloading the free Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.



## Salem library update

The Bancroft Public Library in Salem is moving into the next phase of reopening.

Beginning July 27, three public computers were made available for use by appointment. Contact the library at 518-854-7463 or slm-director@sals.edu to request a time. Computer time is limited to 45 minutes per patron per day and masks must be worn while in the building. In addition, library staff members will be available to fax, copy or retrieve wireless printouts for patrons. Library material pickup will continue to be handled curbside.

Along with increased services, library hours have been increased to the following: Monday 1-6 p.m., Tuesday 4-8 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday 4-8 p.m., Friday 1-4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.Watch the library website (www.bancroftlibrary.org) or Facebook page (Bancroft Public Library) for further updates.

## **History Happened Here**

## The oldest cemetery in Salem

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

Salem was first settled in 1761 by Joshua Conkey and James Turner who, as soldiers in the French and Indian War, passed through the territory. In 1764, Alexander and James Turner acquired a patent which was soon divided up between the New Englanders from Pelham Mass. and a group of Scotch/Irish Presbyterians from Ballibay, Ireland.

The name of this place was disputed for many years. The New Englanders called it White Creek after the clear creek that ran through the village and the Scotch/Irish called it New Perth since it reminded them of home. In 1788, the New York State Legislature settled the dispute by calling it Salem, a name first used in 1777 for Fort Salem of Revolutionary War time.

The two groups cooperated in set-

tling this territory and soon determined that a common burying ground was needed. This burying ground was Salem's only public burying ground until the Evergreen Cemetery was established on March 5, 1859.

Salem's oldest cemetery is called

'Over 1000 graves dating from 1769-1923.'

the Old Burying Ground and is alternately known as the Revolutionary War Cemetery. Past the entrance, a wide path runs across the cemetery. It passes a cluster of mounded family vaults and then enters the main ground, with many marble headstones. The majority face east, the preferred orientation for graves in the 18th century. Their full number was not known until a Daughters of the American

Revolution count in 1954 which put the number at 1,040, dating from 1769 to 1923. A recount in 1998 found 58 more, bringing the total to 1,098. Two more mounded family vaults are located against the rear wall.

There are some footstones, and 10 slate table stones, but the majority are

headstones. The earliest graves are clustered against the north side, including three in red sandstone, a rare material for 18th-century Washington County graveyards. Many

of them have unusual stones with carved funerary art by Zeruabel Collins, a local stonecutter

In addition to containing the bodies of many of Salem's earliest

settlers, like James Turner, Hamilton McCollister and Joshua Conkey, the cemetery contains documented burials of 101 Revolutionary War soldiers. According to historians, this cemetery probably holds the greatest number of Revolutionary War soldiers in New York State.

There is a belief handed down

REVOLUTIONARY CEMETERY

MORE REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS ARE

BURIED HERE THAN IN ANY OTHER

CEMETERY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

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through the years that over a hundred bodies were brought from the Saratoga Battlefield and buried in a common grave here.

The Old Burying Ground or the Revolutionary War Cemetery is located on Archibald Street, just off NY Route 22 in the Village of Salem. It is approximately 2.6 acres of land.

A resident of Greenwich, Jim

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### **Mansion tours**

The Knickerbocker Mansion in Schaghticoke is offering guided tours through the Mansion every Sunday from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. A guide will provide a fascinating walk through the mansion, offering insights and knowledge about its history that is educational and enjoyable. Tours by appointment only, with at least 48 hours advance notice. Masks required. And yes, please wear a face mask, we will be. Arrange a tour by emailing Knickinfo@aol.com.

## TV series now available on video

Jay Bobbin Special to Journal & Press

Stuck at home? Here are some new video releases:

"THE OUTSIDER: THE COM-PLETE FIRST SEASON": It might seem impossible for someone to be in two places at the same time -- including a murder scene -- unless Stephen King is involved. One of the horror icon's novels fuels this engrossing, made-for-HBO melodrama largely adapted by Richard Price (who also co-wrote the cable network's acclaimed "The Night Of") and follows a police detective (played by "Bloodline's" Ben Mendelsohn, the show's producer as well) who grieves the loss of his son as he investigates another youngster's vicious death. A teachercoach ("Ozark" Emmy winner Jason Bateman, also an executive producer here, plus the director of the first two episodes) is a solid suspect, but he has a strong alibi. Two-time Emmy recipient Mare Winningham, Tony winner and "Harriet" Oscar nominee Cynthia Erivo, Paddy Considine, Julianne Nicholson and Yul Vazquez also are in the extremely solid cast.

"ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK: SEASON SEVEN":

Though binge-watching of streaming series is a common practice now, this prison-set Netflix comedy-drama had a great deal to do with making that a "thing," since the conversation piece that the show was made it a "must" for water-cooler chatter. This concluding season -- which wraps up in a way that should satisfy longtime followers -- sees Litchfield inmate Piper (Taylor Schilling) released back into society, but she has a very tough time assimilating. Cast regulars Natasha Lyonne and Laura Prepon each directed an episode here, while actor Andrew McCarthy ("St. Elmo's Fire") filled that job on a couple of others. Kate Mulgrew, Uzo Aduba, Danielle Brooks, Taryn Manning,

Alysia Reiner and Yael Stone also put final touches on their characters here. DVD extras: two "making-of" documentaries; "A Message to the Fans."

"AN ACCIDENTAL STU-**DIO":** When he started out as a Beatle, George Harrison might not have entertained becoming a movie producer ... but through the firm he cofounded, HandMade Films, he turned out a number of notable and widely praised pictures that are excerpted in this documentary about the socalled "accidental studio." Among the titles are "Time Bandits," the Monty Python group's "Life of Brian," "The Long Good Friday," "Mona

Lisa" and "Withnail and I." The late Harrison himself is seen in related interview footage, as are many other talents who were involved in Hand-Made's movies including actors Michael Caine, Bob Hoskins and Richard E. Grant, filmmaker Neil Jordan and Monty Python members Michael Palin and Terry Gilliam.

"HAWAII FIVE-O: THE FINAL SEASON": Though it ultimately didn't match the original version's 12 seasons, this recently ended CBS reboot of the police drama still had a very healthy run of its own, lasting 10 years. The concluding round ultimately brings the saga of its Steve McGarrett (played bv O'Loughin, who also wrote and directed one of the last episodes) fullcircle, but before it gets there, it finds danger paying a visit to Five-0 headquarters and Halloween turning lethal (with the latter story featuring the return of former cast regular Masi Oka). One of the tales serves as a crossover with another Hawaii-set CBS series that's also gotten an update, "Magnum P.I.," with title star Jay Hernandez among the actors



from that show appearing. Founding cast member Scott Caan also saw this program out, with Chuck Norris and Rob Morrow among guest stars, and Christine Lahti reprising the part of McGarrett's mother.

"THIRTEEN GHOSTS": Now being offered in a Blu-ray "Collector's Edition," this update of a cult classic by horror-movie gimmick master William Castle is a vastly slicker, considerably more graphic version that does have its moments. A house turns out to be a giant, reconfiguring puzzle for the family that inherits it, thanks to its inhabiting ghosts who only can be seen by the new occupants if they wear special glasses. (That element was a nod to the 1960 original, for which moviegoers had to wear such goggles to see the ghosts in 3-D.) This edition's extras include recent interviews with director Steve Beck and cast members Shannon Elizabeth, Matthew Harrison, John DiSantis and Herbert Ducnanson; among additional stars are Tony Shalhoub, Embeth Davidtz, Matthew Lillard and F. Murray Abraham.

"WONDER WOMAN: THE COMPLETE COLLECTION":

This Blu-ray release of both incarnations of the 1970s Lynda Carter television series was meant to coordinate with the theatrical debut of Gal Gadot's "Wonder Woman 1984," which was delayed by the coronavirus pandemic, but this still is a nostalgic blast for fans of the iconic DC Comics character or classic TV in general. Made for ABC, the first version of the show is set during World War II, with Carter's Diana Prince -alias you-know-who -- serving as secretary, and frequent rescuer, to Major Steve Trevor (Lyle Waggoner, who had just wrapped up his tenure on "The Carol Burnett Show"). CBS then picked up the series for its remaining two seasons, requiring the period setting to be jettisoned in favor of a then-contemporary backdrop. Movie-star-to-be Debra Winger was added as Wonder Girl, and among the fun guest casting is the appearance of both Joan Van Ark and Ted Shackelford in an episode before they became spouses Val and Gary on "Knots Landing."

## **New York's Republicans of Conscience**

#### Lance Allen Wang Journal & Press

Neither politics nor Republicanism was always the way it is today. When George H.W. Bush referred to a "kinder, gentler nation" in 1988, he was not pulling these words out of left field. There was a time that the focus of strong-willed Republicans was on cooperation between parties for the benefit of the least fortunate. Bush was the last of a breed. As the New York Times put it, President Bush had an "essential dignity, commitment to public service, and willingness to compromise in the interest of governance." And as a veteran, I hold President George H.W. Bush in particular esteem.

I want to highlight two more Republican veterans who I have considered political role models for their dedication to doing what American ideals call upon us to do. Were they perfect? No, not even close. Did they live up to their words? Not always – as I've said before, history without context is meaningless, and these were men of their times, and their times were not always enlightened.

#### A CELEBRITY GOVERNOR

In 1898, a man who was already a celebrity, Theodore Roosevelt, former police commissioner of NYC, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy, western cattle rancher, hunter, author and historian, led a composite volunteer Cavalry unit up Kettle Hill outside Havana and into history. Roosevelt, who was quietly ashamed of the private knowledge that his father avoided service during the Civil War by hiring a substitute (a legal out for those of means), overcompensated by living what he called "the vigorous life," culminating in what he called his "crowded hour" under Spanish bullets. Upon his return from war, Roosevelt was immediately elected Governor of New York, and soon thereafter became Vice President to William McKinley. An assassin's bullet elevated Colonel Roosevelt (as he preferred to be called, even after becoming President) to the Oval Office.

During Roosevelt's time as police commissioner of NYC, he gained a reputation as someone who professionalized and reformed the police department. He walked officer beats late at night to make sure officers were on the job. He got to know members of the press, and they called his attention to the conditions that poor immigrants were living in. Reporter Jacob Riis, who published an

expose about these living conditions, said of Roosevelt, "When Roosevelt read [my] book, he came ... no one ever helped as he did."

In 1901, he invited the most important black leader of the day, Booker T. Washington, to dine at the White House, to the chagrin of the more racist elements in Congress. Said Senator Benjamin Tillman of South Carolina, "The action of President Roosevelt in entertaining that n\*\*\*\*\*, will necessitate our killing a thousand n\*\*\*\*\*s in the South before they learn their place again." Most notably, Roosevelt stated in 1903, "I fought beside colored troops at Santiago [Cuba], and I hold that if a man is good enough to be put up and shot at, then he is good enough for me to do what I can to get him a square deal."

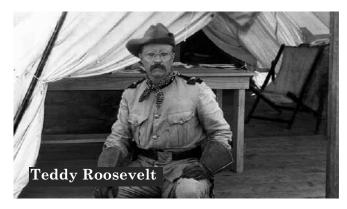
#### AN IMMIGRANT GOVERNOR

Another who made his rounds of the West before rising to fame in New York was an immigrant Army brat named Fiorello LaGuardia. He rose to office in New York also fighting corruption and was elected to Congress in 1916 as a Republican who fought for immigrant rights. After taking leave from Congress to fight during World War I, where he served as an interpreter and pilot, Major LaGuardia returned to his seat in Washington.

## 'Parties go through cycles. The current cycle is a road to nowhere.'

Like Roosevelt, LaGuardia had an outsized personality, and achieved much through his personal exertions. He stated, "I am an inconsiderate, arbitrary, authoritative, difficult, complicated, intolerant, and somewhat theatrical person." He could have been describing Roosevelt. Yet, also like him, he harnessed this power to fight crime and corruption, and better the lives of those who he felt were suffering.

LaGuardia, a "New Deal Republican," who supported Theodore's cousin, Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt, committed himself to a "vital, new type of government ... for the benefit of all the people ... an administration tender hearted toward the weak and unfortunate and hardhearted toward the wrongdoer and the grafter."





#### SO WHAT'S THE POINT?

Parties go through cycles. This is a particularly tough one for me as a Republican. The current incarnation of the Republican Party is built on "Culture Wars" and right-wing populism — and it's a road to nowhere. Sure, people can yell about the importance of America "coming together," but in the end, it will not happen under this leadership. It cannot happen. The whole basis of culture wars and right-wing populism is "out groups." To quote Sinclair Lewis, "Every man is a king so long as he has someone to look down on." This is why selling fear of people who don't look, vote, or worship as you do sells so much better than discussions of the ballooning national debt.

The reason I cite the two Republicans above is to remind me that the Republican Party can again be a party that looks out for these "out groups." In the end, it's not about the party; it's about the character of the people we choose to carry its standard.

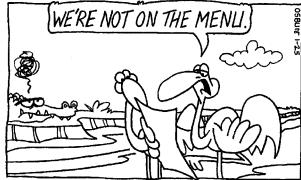
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## **The Funny Page**

#### Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner

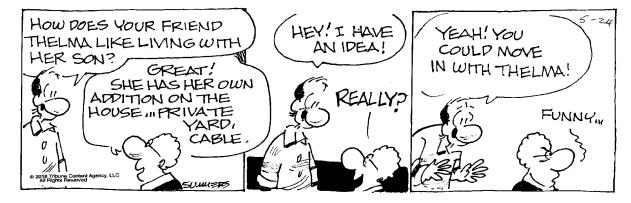




#### Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli



#### **Bound & Gagged** by Dana Summers



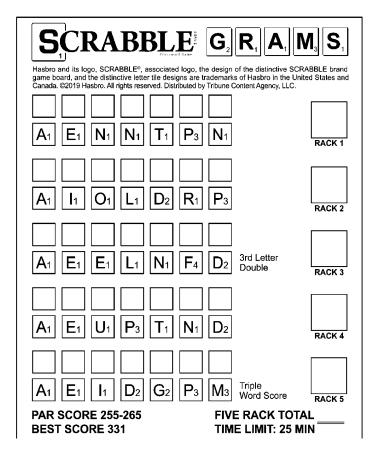
#### **Broom Hilda** by Russell Myers

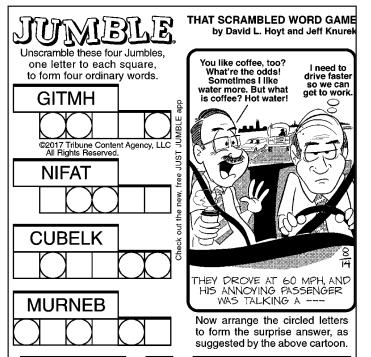














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## **The Opinion Page**



## **Enough talk**

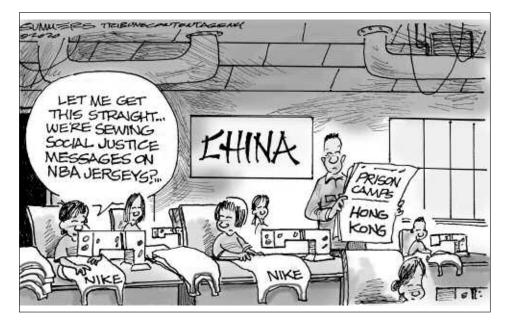
The fact that so much of our region doesn't have decent Internet access is a travesty. And politicians keep talking about it, but the reality is, our less populous areas just don't have the pull to get it done. The people who run for state offices rarely are from around here, and our county is cash strapped and has a Board of Supervisors setup that has trouble tackling broader issues like this.

With schools likely going virtual or at least hybrid this fall, the digital divide is even more pronounced. But this crisis can also be a call-to-action. Finally, perhaps legislation could be pushed through to give all of our region's residents decent broadband. And we're not talking satellite Internet, but wired, high-speed, affordable Internet.

In this era, such is not a luxury, but a necessity, like heat and running water. And this is New York. Isn't it expected we'd at least have that?

## **An Artist's Take**

Political Cartoon of the Week by Dana Summers



## **Have patience with** your school this fall

If Major League Baseball can't get through a few games without COVID-19 sidelining whole teams, imagine how hard it's going to be for our local school districts to manage the myriad needs of so many kids this fall.

Whatever your views on how the state and federal governments are handling the pandemic, there's no arguing that it's going to be mayhem holding classes – whether live, hybrid or wholly online.

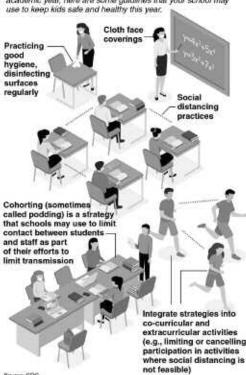
A rather extensive survey by the Schuvlerville Central School District (see story, page 2) shows parents completely divided: Some say they will pull their students from the school if classes are 100% live; some say they will pull students from the school if classes are 100% virtual. Many don't like the hybrid idea, either.

Live vs. online? There are valid arguments for each teaching method, but obviously many parents are going to be upset either way, and many students will feel alienated.

Education is utterly important, and it's usually best delivered by professionals – our local teachers and administrators. The start of the semester will be rough. Let's be patient and let them work out the kinks. They have the best interest of our local students in the forefront. We have no doubt about that.

#### Preparing schools this fall

With some school districts just weeks away from the start of the academic year, here are some guidlines that your school may use to keep kids safe and healthy this year.



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## **Letters to the Editor**

## **BLM: Be proactive, not defensive**

Editor:

Annabel Gregg's article on rural BLM protests (July 16) highlights the remarkable social awareness and community focus of young people in Greenwich and Cambridge. The efforts they are undertaking demonstrate the depth of their commitment to the promise of liberty and justice for all.

Some characterize the BLM movement as anti-police. To be sure, there is anger over the wrongful death of George Floyd and many others. That emotion is not anti-police. Rather, it is a plea to those who serve and protect our communities, and who hold the power of life and death in their hands every day while doing their difficult jobs, to exercise that power to preserve life as well as order.

The NYS Sheriffs' Association held coordinated statewide press conferences promoting the notion that ideas like those expressed by our young citizens are anti-police. They propose draconian measures to shield police including one calling for felony charges against anyone ordered away by an of-

ficer (who just may be committing a crime him/herself) who approaches within 25 feet of a police/citizen interaction. They offer nothing to similarly protect citizens.

Our own Sheriff Murphy passionately decried criticism of officers stating, "An officer's split-second reaction to a perceived threat perhaps may later be thought all wrong. There is a time and place to question an officer's actions, but not in the middle of the street when the officer is under pressure to control a situation on behalf of the public's safety."

True, but over eight minutes with a knee on a neck was not a "split second decision." That was a crime.

The BLM protests are exactly the right time and place to examine officers' actions. Let's stop the defensiveness and instead work to build communication and cooperation among police and communities. We will all be better served.

Alan Stern Greenwich, NY



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## Thanks for the ad

Editor:

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for you continuing to advertise for my business, even though it was originally meant to be for only one or two issues. Though I have yet to receive any inquiries, your help has been greatly appreciated. While at Hannaford in Greenwich last week, I was just curious as to whether or not it would still be in there, so I stopped and briefly scanned through and just happened to spot the advertisement once again.

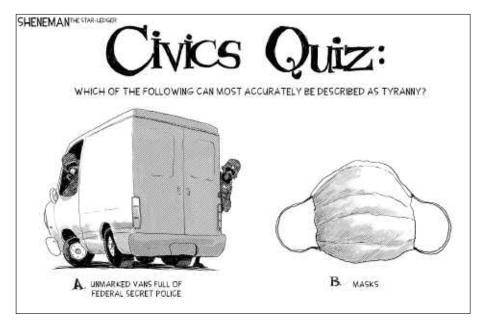
To me, this is another example of how this community of ours has come together in this unprecedented time. Although I am not originally from Greenwich, I already know first-hand the strength of small towns during difficult times; raised in Johnsonville, I witnessed how the residents helped one another after the tornado in 1999. The fire department supplied fresh water for drinking, along with delivering water via tanker truck to those pools to use for bathing, etc. There were neighbors helping each other clean up debris on their properties, so on and so forth.

Gestures such as yours and those of the rest of our community throughout the pandemic and beyond make proud to say I reside in Greenwich, NY. Again, thank you for continuing to support my business during this time. It means a lot to me.

Yours truly, Sarah E. Campbell Greenwich, NY

## **An Artist's Take**

Political Cartoon of the Week II by Drew Sheneman



## **Obituary**

## **Dot Beayon, 85**

Dot Beayon, 85, a mother and a grandmother passed away in her home early in the morning of July 27th, 2020. Dorothy spent her long life as the matriarch of her large and loving family. While she could be known by many different names Dorothy, Dot, Dottie, none made her prouder than the adored titles of Mom and Gram.

Born in Cambridge, New York, on August 4th, 1934 Dorothy began and ended her life devoted to caring for, and fiercely loving her family. She deeply believed in the values of hard work which she put to the test at her careers at both Asgrow Seeds and Mallinckrodt, and her many other odd jobs she worked to make financial ends meet for her children.

Her greatest joy in life were her grandchildren. She was steadfast in her mission to watch her 27 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and her 1 great-great grandchild grow and thrive in her glowing light. As her children and grandchildren grew into adults, she spent her spare time with her husband Dick on long car rides. She enjoyed the many seasons the northeast had to offer and watching what nature does to the landscapes as time passes. Her passion for watching things grow did not end with her family. She genuinely enjoyed the daily task of tending to her collection of plants and the affection they all took to flourish. The task of caring for all the things she loved she

leaves for Dick with confidence.

Dottie is predeceased by both of her parents, Matthew and Alice Carroll, brother Tommy Carroll, sisters June Norton and Arlene Brayson, daughter Thalia Beavon, and son David Beavon. She will be missed and celebrated by her family including her husband Richard Beavon of Greenwich. Gladys Blanchard, brother William Caroll, her children Nancy (Frank) Munger of Gansevoort, Larry (Lynn) Gardephe of Pennsylvania, Brenda (Tony Perrotta) Peets of Hoosick Falls, Carolee (Kevin) Brockway of Greenwich, Donna Barrow of Greenwich, Rick Beayon of Vermont, Dan (Tina) Hall of Maryland, and Ted Beayon of Maine.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2pm on Friday, July 31,



2020 at the home of her daughter Carolee located at 57 Moorhouse Lane, Greenwich, NY, 12834 with the Rev. Laura Mitchell officiating.

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### Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

#### Across

- 1 Unlike this clue, obviously
- 5 Driving force?
- 10 Bar regulars, and then some
- 14 Bible book before Romans
- 15 One-named singer with 10 Gram-
- 16 William of "Broadcast News"
- 17 Does well at the casino?
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- 21 Bridge call
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- 23 Star's statuette
- 25 Cereal box factoid
- 28 Mushroom cloud makers
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- 31 \_\_ shadow
- 32 Tip to one side
- 33 Etiquette expert Baldrige who was Jackie Kennedy's

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- 37 Concert finale ... and what 17-, 25-, 50- and 60-Across have in common
- 41 Comes back with
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- 48 Ready for the piano recital
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- 55 Climbed aboard 56 Some Neruda po-
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- 64 Ancient Greek region
- 65 Conversation piece?
- 66 \_\_ chair
- 67 Minute
- 68 Archer of myth

#### Down

- 1 Researcher's garb
- 2 Puzzle with a quote
- 3 Recent medical research subject
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- 5 Prepare, as avocados for guacamole
- 6 Ancient theater
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- 49 Where to see IBM and JNJ
- 51 Deschanel of the musical duo She &
- 52 Whom to trust, in "The X-Files"
- 53 Astronomer Hubble
- 57 PayPal's former parent
- 60 Morsel
- 61 Salmon eggs
- 62 More than impress

**ANSWERS ON PAGE** 24.

#### 9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



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#### **Biz Fact**

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Home prices

## Word Find By Frank J. D'Agostino (solution page 30) Find these words that are associated with college radio stations! Airwaves **Broadcast**

Call-In

Campus College Deejay Freeform Headphones Hip Hop Host Interview

**Jingle** Listeners Mike Music News **Podcasts** Punk Radio

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#### Salem Sudoku

(solution page 30)

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

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**Boggle:** TIN GOLD ZINC IRON LEAD SIL-VER NICKEL PLATINUM

Jumble: MIGHT FAINT BUCKLE NUMBER
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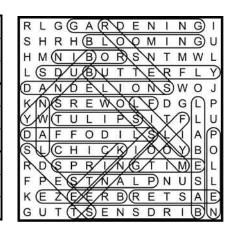


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## **Before You Throw Away This Newspaper**

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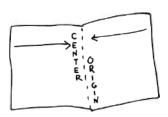
### Paula Krieg Journal & Press

Ever try making a fan by folding paper back and forth, accordion style, but the sections never turn out evenly? Here's a workflow for folding paper that works well with all sorts of paper, even floppy thin newspaper. The secret is to start the folding from the middle of the paper, then create folds which continually reference the middle fold. There are interesting math ideas embedded in this folding, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

First step will be to take a full rectangular spread of a newspaper, fold it in half, then unfold it. This step should be fairly easy; chances are that your newspaper has come to you with that center fold already made. Just make sure this fold really divides the paper evenly in half, as all other folds will reference this first one.

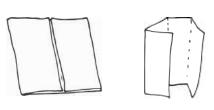
I will be calling this center fold the origin fold.

Think of this origin line like a mirror: in creat-



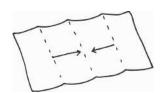
ing folds, each fold that is made is reflected on the other side of the origin.

In the drawing above, to make it easier to decipher, it appears



that the edges that are folded in aren't meeting exactly in the center, but note that they do meet. Open

the folds. Notice if you stand the paper up all the folds bend in the same direction, not like an accor-



dion at all. This is what you want right now.

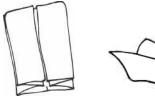
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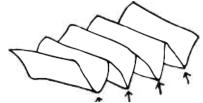
Lay the paper down flat, with the folds pointing up, like they are small mountains.



One at a time, curl the mountains that are closest to the origin directly towards the origin fold, pressing down to create new folds. Next, fold the far edges towards the center

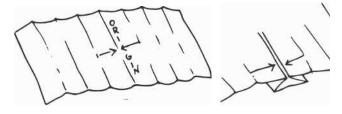
Now the paper is already looking like an accordion, but there are not enough sections to make this a satisfying fan. Some folds look like mountains, while others can be described as valleys be-





tween the mountains. What you need to do next is to refold all those valleys so that they become mountain folds, which is like what we had earlier, except now there are more mountains than before.

Lay the paper down with all the mountain folds pointing up. Once again, curl the folds that are closest to the origin fold directly to the origin and press. Remember, what you do on one side of the



origin fold you should do on the other. This should feel familiar, as this was done in the previous step.

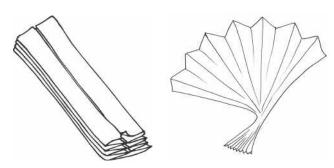
Continue this pattern of, one at a time, curling each of the closest folds to the origin directly toward to the origin, then pressing to create a fold.

When all sections are folded toward the center, refold the origin fold to fit the pattern, and you're done!



When I was done making my fan I showed these directions to my friend Professor John Golden because I where I see a fan he sees an opportunity to illuminate mathematical ideas.

Here's what he said, "Doing a process that we can always repeat often makes me think of patterns. Patterns also give an opportunity to predict what's next. If we did one more step, I'm pretty sure there would be 32 sections. That's a classic exponential pattern."



Professor Golden reminded me that mathematicians often organize data they collect, sometimes in tables. I could sense his excitement in creating a table. I have to say that I've noticed that mathematicians enjoy the process of creating tables, as if they are organizing their toys so that they can best decide which ones to play with. Mathematicians play with numbers by noticing relationships between them.

Professor Golden pointed out that, by making the table and noticing a pattern, there is chance to figure out a rule. With the information in this

table, he asked, "How many sections for step 7? 10? 43? For a general number? Like S steps.

Step	1	2	3	4
folds	1	3	7	15
sections	2	4	8	16

Step 1 was 2\*1, step 2 was 2\*2, step 3 was 2\*2\*2. The shortcut way to write that is 23. So I'm guessing step 7 will be 27, step 43 will be 243, step S will be 2S.

Are there other patterns to notice? Connections? Rules we can figure out? There's lots of opportunities to notice and wonder. I wonder how many steps make the best fan? Does it depend on the size of paper?"

This query, about how many steps make the best fan caught my attention. One fold isn't enough, but 128 folds would be too many because the shallowness of the folds would approach making the paper seem nearly flat again. So, what is the optimal number of folds? Time to experiment with different papers!

Artist Paula Beardell Krieg pioneered methods of making books and other folded wonders with children starting in late 1980's.





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