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Phew! Like 2020's wonderful high school graduates, we put the work in – remotely – and did it! And we archived hundreds of their photos for posterity. These students survived a crazy final semester, but they have myriad accomplishments, and are destined to be stronger because of the crisis – they will do great things. We applaud them throughout this issue.

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Closing credits

A caravan of cars beeped, their drivers waxing nostalgic for Bob Gustafson, owner of one of the last successful video stores in America, who recently announced his retirement and sale of his Greenwich location. "When I started, there were just VHS tapes. There was no such thing as Netflix," he said.

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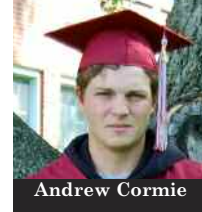
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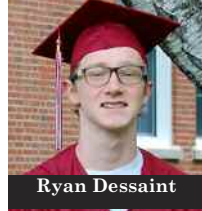
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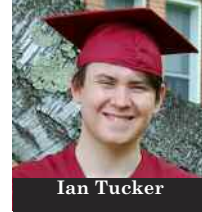
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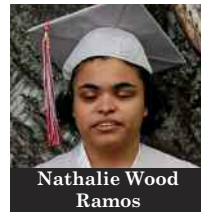
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One last play through for Video Korner

Natalie Jew
Journal & Press

In the 2000s, digital media took the place of walkmans, cassette tapes and vinyl. When streaming services became a popular alternative to VCRs and DVDs, there was still one place that kept the nostalgia of the '80s and '90s going. On the corner of Main Street, by the post office and auto shop, sat Video Korner II.

That is, up until now, when one of the last of the picture show stores closed after a 30-year run.

The racks of movies in the 1990-founded video store, in Greenwich, NY, showcased films from throughout time. It had VHS tapes on one end and Blu Ray Discs on the other. In the same place that Greenwich resident Reed Anderson took out "Star Wars" in high school, he later in life rented "Onward" with his kids.

"Starting with VHSs and working your way, more or less chronologically, to the new section where there are DVDs, there are just thousands of titles," Anderson said. "There's every movie you could remember and every new one that comes out too."

To Bob Gustafson, the owner of Video Korner II, the store was a collection of all his movies.

"When I started in June of 1990, there were just VHS tapes. There was no such thing as a DVDs, there was no such thing as Netflix," he said. "In about 1999, we started getting DVDs along with VHS tapes. Then eventually Hollywood didn't even put movies on VHS so all I had to buy were DVDs."

At Video Korner II, Shawn Co-bart, a Greenwich resident, would take out the Super Nintendo and some video games each weekend, according to his Facebook comment. There was one time when he rented a VHS called "Highway

to Hell," and 20 years later wanted to buy it (as no one else had taken it out since then), but Gustafson still held onto it.

When thinking about the small video rental store, Anderson remembers the tag on each movie that he would give to Gustafson to rent it. He will never forget the place he spent his teens years going to.

"It was a unique thing that most of the world doesn't have anymore," Anderson said about the store. "While it's sad that we're not going to have the movie store anymore, Bob is making the choice to retire on his terms, and that makes it not so bad."

Video Korner II was always a part of Greenwich, according to Oliver Edsforth, now a music teacher outside of Greenwich.

"I was raised on movies, video games and DVDs from Bobs," Edsforth said in a Facebook comment. "It was an institution and will always be firmly planted in my memories of Greenwich."

Video Korner II was home to some of the VHS tapes that were never made into DVDs, ones that you could only see with a VCR player. But now, the more than 10,000 movies in the store had to be sold. The 2,500 to 3,000 DVDs left were given to the Washington Center and all the VHSs still in the store were disposed of, according to Gustafson.

As a final goodbye to the video rental store, Anderson and a line of cars drove along Main Street for a "Video Korner Honk & Wave – Salute to Bob," according to a post on Facebook. (A surprise to Gustafson who didn't have a Facebook account.) There were posters taped on some of the cars and a retirement trophy for Gustafson, made out of one of his movie rental cases.

When most video stores were closing, Video Korner II still stayed open – and Gustafson isn't entirely sure how.



A parade of cars drove by. –darren johnson photos



"I came to work everyday first of all, that sure helps a lot," Gustafson joked. "I've always had a pretty good customer base and met a lot of nice people. Back then business was so good I paid off a 20-year mortgage on the building in 4½ years so that may be the reason why I was able to last a lot longer than other places (I didn't have to worry about paying rent)."

The credits are rolling for Video Korner II, and a chapter of Gustafson's life is ending.

"There was always something going on. It's been the best job I've ever had. It's been the longest job I've ever had and an enjoyable one because of all the people I got to meet. It was a lot of fun," said Gustafson who doesn't even remember what the last movie he took out from his store was.

The "Video Korner Honk & Wave – Salute to Bob" was on June 25 and Video Korner II closed two days after that on June 27.

Comfort Food assists with feeding kids

Natalie Jew
Journal & Press

There is a small box left at about 300 doors of Greenwich students, twice each weekday. One is for breakfast and the other for lunch.

In March, after schools closed because of the pandemic, Greenwich Central School would send some students two meals a day – up until June 22, when Comfort Food Community and Battenkill Community Services took over with The Student Summer Meal Program (and a grant from Nourish New York).

“We recognize that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, with parents being out of work and really things just being up in the air, that there may still be a need for meals for students throughout these next 11 weeks,” said Haley Graves, the assistant pantry manager and executive assistant of Comfort Food Community.

The Student Summer Meal Program, not only sends food to Greenwich students during the summer weeks in the pandemic, but also gives back to local agriculture (as the money from the grant is mostly spent on products from farms in the community). The Student Summer

Meal Program buys their dairy products from Bunker Hill Creamery and Battenkill Creamery and produce from Saratoga Apple, but is still looking for more farms to partner with.

“It was an added bonus that the funds A: help people in need and B: support local agriculture by purchasing food products from local farmers,” Graves said. “It was kind of a win-win situation for everyone involved.”

To executive director of Comfort Foods Community Devin Bulger, this was something the community needed.

“If the school wasn’t going to be in a position to provide these meals over the summer, that’s a pretty big gap to have students going without for that entire time,” Bulger said. “It just didn’t feel like a good situation, especially with the extra strain that COVID-19’s putting on everyone.”

The program is open to any student in Greenwich, according to Bulger.

“Our mission is to contribute to the health of the community through the inspirational power of good food,” Bulger said. “Comfort Food Community, most of the time we’re associated with



charitable, emergency food, but I would hope that families understand that this is more of a school initiative and we’re just filling in for the summer. We want everyone that the meals could help out, whether it’s financial reasons or to save you some time, because it allows us to spend more money to support local agriculture – so don’t hesitate to participate.”

A parent can sign their Greenwich student up at any time during the summer, according to Graves.

“If a couple weeks down the road, a month down the road, a mid-summer break comes and you realize that you need that extra hand then you can always sign up,” Graves said. “The pro-

gram is open for registration throughout the 11 weeks, so anyone that is in need is welcome to sign up, as long as you live within the district.”

It’s all the volunteers that make up the program, according to Bulger.

“We just couldn’t do it if the community didn’t turn out and respond as they have,” Bulger said. “Summer’s a really busy hectic time and especially in the era of COVID. It can be just a little bit concerning coming out, so I just really appreciate the folks that have raised their hand and have taken some time out of their summer and trusted us to create the safe environment to come out and do this work.”

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Graduating in times of pandemic

Natalie Jew
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The year 2020 will always be remembered for the pandemic – something its graduates know all too well.

“We’re not going to forget it,” said Daniel McKernon, valedictorian of Argyle Central High School.

While his graduation took place outside, following New York State Guidance for Graduation Celebrations, it was still like no other in years before it. “It’s definitely not what anyone wanted, but we all made the best of it,” he said. “With everything going on, I’m very grateful to all the community members that have worked to make this year better for everyone.”

It wasn’t supposed to end like this, but it seems like everyone is doing what they can now for the class of 2020 graduates. In Cambridge, NY, commencement took place at Hathaway’s Drive-In Theater where they played a recording of what principal Caroline Goss calls “mock, mini ceremonies,” put together to look like a feature film.

What Goss hopes the seniors got from all this was being able to celebrate their moment.

“Nobody else is going to have this opportunity,” Goss said. “At the end of the day, we all wish it was our normal process

because I think everyone just is craving normalcy in their life, but I’m hoping they realize how special this is.”

They taped the practice ceremony (to show at Hathaway’s Drive-In Theater) where all the seniors, in small groups of 5 to 7 students, went back to the school to get their diplomas. Each senior had their temperature taken and wore a mask at the videoed graduation. “It was a day of disinfection,” said Goss, who after each group of seniors left, had to clean up the gym before the next one came.

To Goss, everything they did was for their seniors.

“I want them to know that every consideration was made with the feeling that we want to make this as special as possible for our graduates. I’m really excited to see everyone and to see them off,” Goss said before the graduation.

Each senior got a copy of their graduation on a USB to keep forever, according to Goss.

“I certainly wish it was under different circumstances and I know it’s been hard, but given the scenario and the circumstances, this is probably the most inclusive option we have,” Goss said. “We’re doing everything we can to make it the most memorable experience for our kiddos, and at the end of the day, that’s why we’re here.”

To senior class president of

About this issue

For this special edition of the Journal & Press we tried our hardest to track down each and every senior photo from our coverage area – which was hard, because schools have been closed due to COVID – and we pretty much succeeded. If we missed anyone, apologies, though we double-checked our list against district lists. And we thank the local districts for being so helpful. Hopefully you enjoy this keepsake edition! Congrats to all graduates!



Schuylerville High School, Reese Tavares, this was not the graduation he dreamed of.

“I thought I would have the amazing opportunity to walk that stage in front of the massive crowd, just like the members of the graduation class prior to mine,” Tavares said. “Unfortunately, the rest of my classmates and I will never get to have that experience.”

His graduation was at the Schuylerville Black Horse Stadium, with each family in pods, away from others. However, to Tavares, this is now part of every 2020 graduate’s story.

“I have been forced to heal, to become stronger, and to realize that things in life don’t always go according to plan,” he said. “I truly believe that every student graduating in the class of 2020 will possess skills unlike no other. I believe that due to the pandemic occurring at such a pivotal time in our lives, we were forced to look at the world in a different light.”

If this is what graduations will look like from now on, Tavares has advice for other classes.

“If this pandemic were to carry over and god-forbid limit the school year of the next senior class, I would tell them to no matter what, walk with your chin up, even when it feels like their head weighs two tons,” Tavares said. “The weight of the sadness our class experienced was so tremendously strong, which is why my fellow graduates and I will help to lift that weight if need be.”

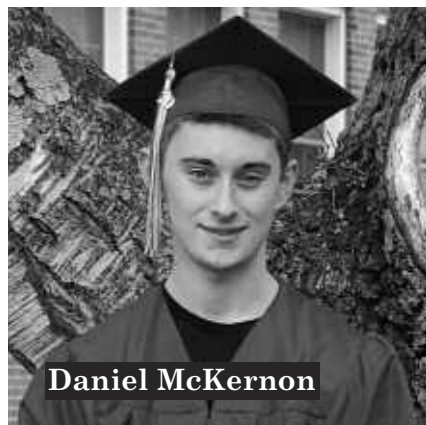
This pandemic has prepared him for so much in the future.

“We are not different, we are not special, but we are ready for when the next pandemic hits or when the next nationwide emergency swings into full effect,” Tavares said. “We will wait for that day to come, as we remember these times of uncertainty knowing we have the strength to persevere simply because we already have.”

‘Every student in the class of 2020 will possess skills unlike no other.’



Reese Tavares



Daniel McKernon

Greenwich's last barber is not retired!

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Longtime barber Art Roberts – who had a shop where Greenwich's traffic circle is now, inside the Battenkill Motors building, for the past 39 years – wants everyone to know that rumors of his retirement have been greatly exaggerated.

Actually, he's still working full time – at 38 Grove Rd. in Easton. Call 518-692-7822 to make an appointment. And he's getting shaggy-haired clients, awakening from quarantine, finally coming back. He says he's the last traditional barber still practicing in the Greenwich, Easton, Schuylerville area, and I decided to test his skills with a paid appointment – he's excellent. One of the best haircuts I've ever had.

The 75-year-old opened Work of Art in 1981 and, for the past decade, was located inside Battenkill, but a series of events led to people thinking he'd re-

tired. First, he had announced to clients that he was getting hip surgery (it went fine – he's now able to do a haircut every hour, the max per state COVID regulations), and then the pandemic hit. During the pandemic, he decided to move his shop into his spacious, nicely decked out home in Easton, but a local real-estate post on Facebook and a sign placed on the door of his former shop by an agent made it seem like his business was abandoned.

"They were trying to get another barber in there," he said. "But real barbers are hard to find now."

"Even in Schuylerville, they're all beauticians," added his wife, Rose, who has been married to Art since his beginnings as a Schuylerville barber in the 1960s and 1970s under John "Zark" McCarthy. She came into his at-home shop as I requested – wearing a mask – the hair above my ears to be trimmed, but not too much. He understood, wearing a Plexiglas face shield.

Eventually, much to Zark's chagrin, Art broke free and here we are, four decades later, his scissor and buzzer work seamlessly weaving in and out of our conversation.

"He was a success from Day 1," his wife said. "We were like, 'Why didn't we do this sooner?' He didn't have



an off week until the COVID."

Art wasn't thinking of retiring. He was just using the closure of his Battenkill shop to plan his future.

"We had always figured we'd move into the house, and we realized we were paying rent but closed down (due to COVID), so we used this time to set things up," he said, adding that he's currently working 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. six days a week to catch up with his clientele, many of whom hadn't had a haircut in months. Haircuts are still just \$17.

Because of current restrictions due to COVID, appointments are required. Give Art a call and set up yours!



Centenary UMC news

Rev. Debbie Earthowl will be preaching on Sunday, July 5th, the first Sunday back for Greenwich's Centenary United Methodist Church. If you attend, a greeter will ask for your name and phone number. Everyone is required to wear a mask while moving about the Sanctuary. Please try to maintain a six foot distance between

you and others. You may sit in the designated areas (wherever you see a ribbon), and then remove your mask. All Bibles and Hymnals have been removed. There will not be fellowship time downstairs. The group said in an announcement: "We are looking forward to worship with you again."

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Cemetery volunteers raise awareness

Darren Johnson
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With rolling hills and beautiful landscaping, Woodlands Cemetery in Cambridge is a wonderful place to tour, walk – perhaps bring your dog – and collect your thoughts, as the sun washes a regal, orange hue over 10,000 stones and monuments, new and old, and the winding roads that unite them.

But the cemetery needs your help. Its Association could use your donation, or, if you are planning a burial, consider Woodlands, with plots starting at \$550-1200. They also have smaller cremation plots.

“The challenges are that the income does not meet the maintenance costs, so we ask for donations,” said Bob Wright, the former Cambridge mayor who now runs the all-volunteer Association. “We have a mailing list and we ask for donations every year. We have supporters, but we need more.”

Mr. Wright, along with Board Vice President Sandra Davis (who has devoted 48 years to the property), gave us a tour of the Cemetery, which had been designed by one of the country’s top landscape architects, HC Sidney, in the mid-19th century, and hosts prominent burial sites, including one of the tallest monuments in the 40-acre cemetery, for Philip Embury, a founder of the U.S. Methodist Church.

“To find your loved one at the National Cemetery, you would

need a map, but here you can go here and sit on the hill and look over the valley,” Wright added.

Though some stones and monuments need repairs. Also, landscaping the property is a recurring cost. An ornate granite vault, built in 1905 by Cambridge’s William Dudley Hoyt, with Tiffany stained glass windows, also needs to be maintained.

“People should understand all these cemeteries like Woodlands – if the management and administration runs out of money, what happens?” Wright asked.

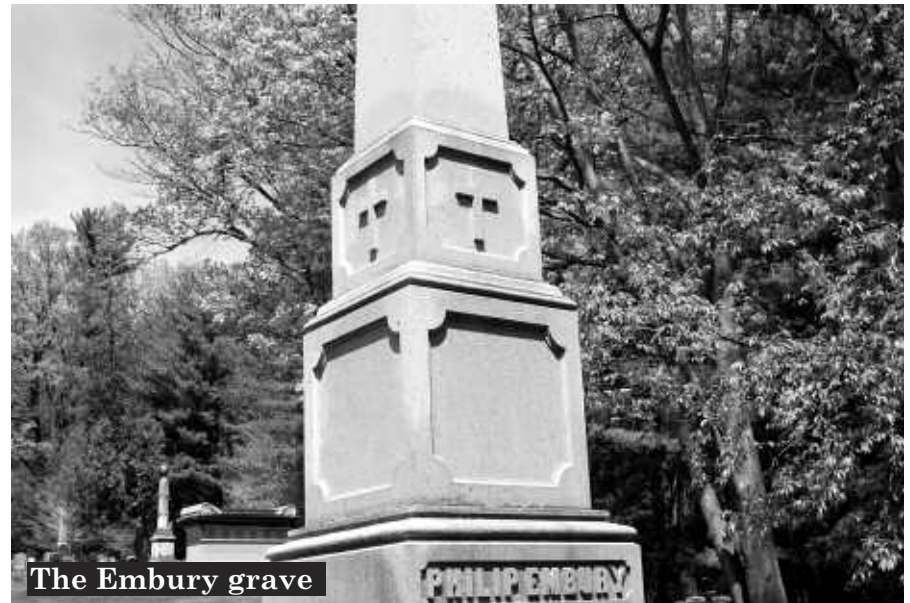
The answer is, the property reverts to the municipalities. In this case, the cemetery is mostly in Cambridge, but a good portion is also in White Creek.

“And no one wants that.”

The cemetery has seen dwindling revenues as many local residents now use newer veterans’ cemeteries, as well as the lack of population growth in the region.

“We are setting up for pets to be buried with their owners and getting that approved by New York State,” Wright said. “We are also hoping to get it recognized as a historic property.”

Your help is very much needed. You can send a donation to Woodlands Cemetery Association, PO Box 173, Cambridge, NY 12816, or visit woodlandscemetery.org.



The Embury grave



Volunteers Laura Carabello, Bob Wright and Sandra Davis.



—kaylee johnson photos

Basket raffle for cats

The Salem’s Community Cats, a non-profit organization, is holding a basket raffle on Saturday, July 18th, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. All proceeds will go to fund the group’s continued “Trap, Neuter and Release” efforts, and to assist cats in need in the Salem area. The raffle will be held next to the old train depot (across from Stewart’s) on Main Street in the village of Salem – rain or shine!

We were unable to get individual headshots from Salem's Washington Academy but did get this nice Photoshop montage from local photographer extraordinaire Tom McMorris. A ceremony is planned for later this month. Congrats to the grads: Cassandra Agathon, Alexandre Allard, Ashley Marie Aylmer, Christopher Alan Barrett, Jr., Sage Nicole Beagle, Jeremia James Bice, Brianna Marie Boyark, Lillian Mary Butler, Logan William Caban, Brandon Cardinal, Ethan Richard Drinkwine, Matthew Jaye Dubois, Yuliya Dynda, Nicholas James Behan Falk, Bryan Neil Ferguson, Damon John Ferguson, Lily Christine Gallagher, Jenna Dale Getty, Hannah Marie Groesbeck, Kaia Lynn Haskell, Jocelyn Keys, Harold Anthony Lashway, Ian Augustas Lockhart, Jordan Thomas Matteson, Philip Michael Mazzucco II, Nevaeh Ryaley McGowan, Dorothy Marion Moffitt, Bryan Morris-Danko, Charles Bills Myler, Brady Hogan Nichols, Zoë Lynn Pauquette, Hailey Reign Persad, Philip Harrison Rea, Jacob Nathaniel Robbins, Mikayah Olivia Rushinski, Mackenzie Jade Marie Spencer, Emma Irene Telford, Aden Nickolas Terry, Jack Ceglowski Thrasher, Eli Frederick Truehart, Jayden David Watters and Serena Rose Wilk, and Cooper James Wood. You did it!



Column: Liv It to Me

Why I left; why I returned

Liv Thygesen
Journal & Press

“Mr. Smith and his wife were married in June of 1945. Their son John married that girl from Schuylerville who was cousins with Mrs. Johnson from Bald Mountain.”

“That’s right, Betty’s cousin worked at the mill when they still made the paper for the town.”

“Yes, and their nephew, Steve ran the local shop on Main St until his wife died in January. Oh, that was a terrible winter. I can’t believe the cow made it through.”

“Oh, I hear you. Our land saw so many trees come down that year. Anna’s brother had to help plow, while she took care of the nieces and neighbor’s kids.”

“Yes! They all graduated with Mary in 1982. Her kids were on the wall in the gym for breaking the record in 2000.”

“You’re right. I remember when my uncle’s

friend broke the record for high jump and won at the FFA conference that year.”

We have all heard this story time and time again. We all know someone or are related to a person who has helped to carve our town’s history. When asked, “Why did you join the Marines?” I have to answer, “Well, why not? It fit at the time.” After years of reflection, years of being a mother and years of teaching, it is this type of dialogue that has helped to answer this question. I left home for every reason I returned.

We grew up in a town where everyone literally knows everyone. You can weave a web of connections with who knows who, and who knows what about our origins. My family came here from Norway in 1915. My cousins and family members were teachers, farmers and town trailblazers. As were so many of our deep-rooted locals. Many of these embedded connections have either pushed us, or empowered us to maintain our local roots, or to uproot and to transplant elsewhere. It was

just such connections, that encouraged me to uproot and to leave our know-it-all and our know-everyone- atmosphere. And it was just such connections that bought us back to town.

I love and embrace that which once plagued me. For that which pushed me away, has brought me back. Take not for granted our local and intertwined connections. Take pride in knowing that the sketch of your aunt that once hung in the town diner, now hangs in the local library. Take pride in your family’s award winning cattle history at the county fair. Take pride in your small town, your small county and embrace everything that keeps you together and keeps your local.

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



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A free driver's education

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

With Driver's Education this summer becoming more and more of a dream, I thought I would continue my public services here and provide a free Driver's Education for all of the fresh drivers reading this. I should warn you that I'm not "qualified" and that I don't have an "education" or that I "have a warrant on my name for a baker's dozen of hit and runs," but this is just basic information that I feel anyone could dish out. So, without further legal obligations, here is my free, modern Driver's Education!

Part 1 – Getting Ready

Obviously, the most important part of driving is before you even get on the road. No safe driver even starts their car without following my five-step driving plan, "CRASH!"

Clothing – You can't drive with confidence if you're not wearing your most dapper outfit!

Radio - Blaring your radio gives you the confidence boost you need to be ready to hit the road!

Air Freshener - Keep your nose happy with a quality scent in your car! (My favorite is "Peanut

Cotton Candy!")

Seatbelt – Remember to buy the fanciest looking seatbelt cover you can find to impress your friends! (It's also important that you put this on eventually, but prioritize the cover.)

Happy Meal – Nothing boosts your hand-eye coordination like pink slime, and McDonald's has you covered!

Part 2 – Getting on the Road

Now that you've got yourself situated, it's time to start driving!

You're going to notice that your car has different "gears," and we should know the ups and downs of those. Each letter means something different, so let's run through what they stand for:

Practice – This is for a beginner driver, or someone like you. Whatever you do in this gear is practice and will not have real life repercussions.

Read – When you're in this gear, the car will read to you and tell you what to do while you're driving. Just look forward and hit the gas, and the car will take it from there.

No – No. Don't use this gear.

Drift - You know, when the person in front of you is going slow.

Launch - If you are the person I mentioned above, this gear will give you a little boost.

Part 3 – Driving Etiquette

Now that you've chosen which gear to drive in, I need to show you "the rules of the road." Here's the 10 essential rules to driving:

Netflix is permitted on the condition that your phone is placed in front of you and you don't touch it while driving.

You can't be arrested for what you have in your trunk.

Any U-turn can happen if you believe in yourself.

In the event of an accident, just try and work it out with the other party so insurance doesn't have to get involved.

'Any U-turn can happen if you believe in yourself.'

Legally, you are obligated to make your presence known to pedestrians. My method of choice is honking the entire time they are within my sight.

Any red road sign is just a recommendation.

If you can outrun the police, your ticket is void.

The speed radars on the side of the road feed information back to the state where there is a leaderboard. If you go 30 above the speed limit, you get a plaque.

Carpool is a funny word. (This isn't a rule I just needed to note that somewhere.)

If you don't drive out on the actual road, you aren't legally out of state. If you need to flee, drive on the grass.

Part 4 – Maintenance

Now that you've gotten onto the road, we need to know how to work your car.

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Well, now that you've read up on everything you need to know, congratulations! You passed Driver's Education. Apologies to any Driver's Ed teachers that I just put out of a job, but business is business.

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



Easton Library reopens

The Easton Library will open back up again July 7 with normal operating hours. You must wear a mask and the number of people in the library will be limited. Each item returned to the book drop will be quarantined for 72 hours (with a checkout limit of 5 items per person). If

you need notary services or to make copies, fax or scans a staff member will do it for you.

From preschool to grade 6, if you read as many books at your reading level (and log it on a bingo card found at easton.sals.edu/), you can win prizes with the Easton Library

Summer Reading Program from July 1 to Aug. 19.

There will be virtual programs played by storyteller Diane Edgecomb at the Easton Library on July 15.

To sign up email jdecarlo@sals.edu or call the library at (518) 692-2253.

History Happened Here

Visiting Rogers Island in Fort Edward

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

Rogers Island is located in the middle of the Hudson River in the Village of Fort Edward, which in turn, is part of the town of Fort Edward. Archaeological discoveries on Rogers Island show Native American hunting and fishing activities dating back to approximately 4000 BCE. Native Americans remained in the area until the arrival of Europeans in the 18th century.

Due to its strategic location on the Hudson River, Rogers Island and the part of Fort Edward near the island became a fort for the British army. During the French and Indian War (1754 to 1763), over 16,000 British troops quartered in this area and used it as a staging ground for invasions of French Canada.

From 1756 to 1759, Rogers Island was used as a training ground for Major Robert Rogers, from which the island takes its name. Here, Rogers trained irregular fighting forces and composed his 28 ranging rules.

Robert Rogers (Nov. 7, 1731 – May 18, 1795) was an American colonial frontiersman. Rogers served in the British army during both the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. During the French and Indian War, Rogers raised and commanded the famous Rogers' Rangers, trained for raiding and close combat behind enemy lines.

Rogers was born to Ulster-Scots settlers in Methuen, Massachusetts on November 7,

1731. When he was eight years old, he moved to New Hampshire, near present-day Concord. As a young man, he trained with the local New Hampshire militia.

In 1755, Britain and France declared war on each other. The British in America suffered a number of early defeats. These French victories encouraged the American Indians to launch a series of attacks on the colonial frontier.

Rogers' Rangers was initially a provincial company from the colony of New Hampshire, attached to the British Army during the French and Indian War.

The unit was quickly adopted into the British army as an independent ranger company. Captain, later Major Robert Rogers, trained the rapidly deployed light infantry force, tasked mainly with reconnaissance as well as conducting special operations against distant targets.

Their tactics were built on earlier colonial precedents and were codified for the first time by Rogers. The tactics proved remarkably effective, so much so that the initial company was expanded into a ranging corps of more than a dozen companies (containing as many as 1,200 to 1,400 men at its peak). The ranger corps became the chief scouting arm of British Crown forces by the late 1750s. The British valued Rogers' Rangers for their ability to gather intelligence about the enemy.

The Rangers operated mainly in the Lake George and Lake Champlain region. They frequently undertook winter raids

against French towns and military emplacements, traveling on sleds, crude snowshoes, and even ice skates across frozen rivers. Rogers' Rangers were never fully respected by the British regulars, yet they were one of the few non-Indian forces able to operate in the inhospitable region despite harsh winter conditions and mountainous terrain.

After the British defeat at Ft. William Henry in 1757, the Rangers retreated to what is now known as Rogers Island. This allowed them to train and operate with more freedom than the regular British forces. They trained on the island for the next three years. It was during this time that Major Rogers developed his 28 ranging rules.

The ranging rules were intended to serve as a manual on guerilla warfare for Rogers' Ranger Company, a 600 strong contingent whose members were personally selected by Rogers.

The rules were the result of Rogers' blend of Native American tactics and his own innovative combat techniques, ideas that were considered revolutionary by military standards of the time. Combined with intensive training and live fire exercises, these rules created a mobile, well-trained force that was capable of living off the land around it in order to sustain it-



self for long periods of time.

Rogers' Rangers disbanded in 1761. Rogers died on May 18, 1795.

On July 6, 2001, the Rogers Island Visitors Center was opened on the island. Exhibits at the Visitors Center tell the story of the Fort Edward area, from the earliest Native Americans that lived here through the Revolutionary War. The Visitors Center also serves as the home

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Restarting the county

Culture

There are still some events on the calendar for this year, including an antique show and the Wool and Arts Fest, according to Rebecca Breese, Washington County Fair marketing manager. “We are optimistically watching to see if we could still have those.”

The state lost three more county fairs recently, and are down to six left. There are some of them that will not come back next year.

“We’re hopeful that the state, after shutting us down, will give us some support,” Breese said. “[But] I’m not going to hold my breath. It’s a pretty big hit to our culture and frankly the economy in New York state as a whole.”

Natalie Jew *Journal & Press*

There was an online Restarting Washington County Advisory Committee Meeting on June 24. These are some of the talking points at the event:

“I know what you know,” Washington County Board of Supervisors chairman Bob Henke said about the Phase IV opening plan, which starts on July 1. “Our numbers are as such that we can anticipate going into Phase IV when we’re supposed to.”

Phase IV includes opening up, for the most part, the rest of the non-essential businesses. “We’ve heard no real problems with Phase III,” Henke said. “[But] there are still a bunch of hoops we’re jumping through with people trying to get their plans done and that sort of thing.”

Business

The businesses in Phase III are all still following COVID regulations and should be running

throughout Phase IV, according to Putnam supervisor Darrell Wilson.

“From a business perspective everybody’s doing their best to meet the mandates, screen questionnaires, social contact tracing and all of the other preventative measures that we’re talking about with sanitation laws,” Wilson said. “A lot of businesses are doing their best.”

To Wilson, it’s looking like everything should go according to the Phase IV plan. “From a town perspective, we’re going to open up everything in Phase IV with those restrictions that we know of for capacity and continue with the same protocols that we’re using now,” Wilson said.

Public Health

The deputy director of public safety Timothy Hardy said they are still sending out personal protective equipment.

“Businesses with any need for cloth face masks or hand sanitizers – reach out to our of-

fices, we’ll coordinate and make sure we get those out,” he said. “We’re just trying to keep everyone stocked with as much as we can going forward, certainly we’re encouraging everyone, now that we’re at a lull in our area, to start working on acquiring your own personal protective equipment for the future.”

Court

The grand jury opened up court according to district attorney Tony Jordan. “It’s a start for courts,” he said.

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Rogers Island (cont.)

base of operations for the Adirondack Community College Archeological Field School for six weeks each summer.

The Rogers Island Visitors Center is open mid-May to mid-October. It hosts an annual French & Indian War Encampment each September that has proven to be popular with reenactors and the general public. Living history demonstrations, drills and skirmishes are conducted along the banks of the Hudson River.

The archaeological site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on 1973. The Royal Blockhouse site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2012.

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



St. Joseph’s reopens

After three months of being shut down, the doors of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church are now open. The parish family is home at last. Socially distanced and masked, keeping everyone safe and healthy, 35 Parishioners, including Fr. Ed Kacerguis, ushers, liturgical ministers and music minister Mary Anne Brown gathered on Sunday, June 21st for the first open Mass since mid-March. The church was able to offer 42 seats under the State’s 25% of capacity and other social distancing rules, 20 Parishioners attended. To ensure that the church does not exceed the current limitations, those wishing to attend the Sunday Mass are asked to call the rectory at 518-692-2159 to reserve a seat. What a joyful and prayerful occasion to worship gather again!



A ghost story

Rachel Clothier
Journal & Press

My friend had posted a picture on Facebook of her and her daughter playing in their backyard on Wilber Avenue in Easton. Zooming in to the right corner I could see a dark image. I asked her if she thought it was a ghost and she said yes, but had no idea who the ghost could be.

I have been trying to figure out who the person is in this ghost picture. I don't know with certain confidence who it is, but the research has been very interesting. Immediately my reaction was that it is a soldier. I started looking at pictures of military uniforms from the Revolution forward. I was drawn to the Civil War period for my starting point.

My only clues were what the person looked like and the loca-

tion that the photo was taken. The soldier was of medium build and height, with dark hair, and his ghost photo was taken on Wilbur Ave in Easton, NY. Civil War veterans that I found to have any connection to that location were John Lampman and Clarke W. Billings, both privates in the 177th Regiment. Pvt Lampman enlisted at age 18, mustered out a few times (second time with the 123rd) and made it back home. Pvt Billings, enlisting at age 23, was not that lucky to make it back, he died of Typhoid fever in Louisiana after about 8 months of service. I was able to find a photo of Billings and determined that he was not a good match to the ghost picture. The unfortunate young soldier I pray is resting peacefully.

Not being very familiar with military uniforms I went back for

a second look and determined that the uniform very much resembles a WWI Army Uniform. At least I think the blurry image is close to it, the coat is thigh length and boxy in shape. Scrolling through the rolls of soldiers in the National Archives I found another John from Greenwich. This one was John J. Millett. His draft registration card describes him as a 23-year-old, of medium height and build, with brown eyes and hair. He worked as a laborer for the Steven's and Thompson Paper Mill and was born in Hoosick Falls. Perhaps he may have traveled along the river from Greenwich, south towards Troy on his way off to war. As a ghost, he may have been just passing through this field on his way back home.

Pvt. Millett was in the 102nd Machine Gun Battalion, B Company. He died Oct. 26, 1918, from injuries received in France. He was the son of Martin and Catherine Millett, immigrants from Ireland who had arrived in



1882, and had several sisters and brothers. To my knowledge, he did not leave behind a wife or children. If Pvt. Millett is not the ghost in the picture, at least I have been given the opportunity to honor his memory by acknowledging his service and sacrifice and by writing a little about him. He and the other soldiers that I got to learn about during my research (and the ones that I have yet to discover) will never be forgotten.

Rachel Clothier is a history buff and legal researcher, in the Village of Greenwich.



Remembering Sophy

Greenwich residents remembered the village's most famous German Shepherd. Members of the Sophy Committee and Sophy's former owners smiled in front of the new sign in Washington Square-Salem Street Park after it is unveiled June 25. The sign is the final product of two years of planning and organizing from the Sophy Committee. Cliff Oliver-Mealy (pictured far right) got his first look at the sign honoring his beloved dog. It was an emotional sight, having lost his best furry friend just two years ago.





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Cambridge's Top 10

Cambridge Central School District recently announced the class of 2020 top ten graduates. They are:

Valedictorian **Abigail Maher** was an active member of the National Honor Society, environmental club, Latin club, student government, drama club, band, yearbook committee, the district's strategic plan committee, and a member of the soccer and basketball teams. She also participates in Irish step dance, plays the clarinet, and performed in productions at Hubbard Hall. Abigail will attend Yale University with an undeclared major at this time.

Salutatorian **Alice Roosevelt** was an active member of the student council, National Honor Society, environmental club, the "Whatever" art and literary journal, drama club, the district's strategic plan committee, and a member of the track and volleyball teams. Alice will attend the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and major in conservation biology, with the goal of working in environmental policy or education.

Mallory Brownell graduates third in the class. She held several leadership roles as class officers, as well as treasurer of the National Honor Society. She was a member of VOSCA and the soccer team. Mallory will attend SUNY Plattsburgh to major in biomedical sciences.

Jordan Brown graduates fourth in the class. He was the class president, a member of the National Honor Society, and member of the district's strategic plan committee. He ran indoor and outdoor track, played soccer, and enjoyed cheering on his friends at football and basketball games. Jordan will attend the University of Florida to major in biochemistry.

Matthew Romack graduates fifth in the class. He held several

leadership roles as class officers and was a member of the National Honor Society, VOSCA, and was selected as a delegate for Boys' State. Matthew was a member of the basketball team and soccer team, and was the soccer team captain for two years. Matthew will attend the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences to pursue a doctor of pharmacy degree.

Calvin Schneider graduates sixth in the class. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and the football, basketball, and lacrosse teams. In his junior year, Calvin became involved in VOSCA and participated in the annual trip to South Carolina to help rebuild homes. He is a self-taught guitarist and enjoys playing 90's alternative rock. Calvin will attend Union College to major in managerial economics.

Eden Bailey graduates seventh in the class. Throughout her entire high school career, she was a member of the varsity track and volleyball teams, and was co-captain of the volleyball team her junior and senior years. Eden will attend Gordon College where she will major in biology and play volleyball.

Gabriel Sgambettera graduates eighth in the class. Throughout his entire high school career, he was on the football and lacrosse teams, and was named captain in both sports. In addition to participating in sports, Gabriel enjoys coaching and refereeing for Cambridge Youth Lacrosse. He always enjoys playing the Irish fiddle. Gabriel will attend Union College where he will major in biology and play lacrosse.

Vanessa Evans was a class officer, a member of the student council, and a member of VOSCA. Throughout her entire high school career Vanessa was a member of the varsity soccer team and ran indoor and outdoor track. Vanessa will attend Mercy-



Maher



Roosevelt



Brownell



Brown



Romack



Schneider



Bailey



Sgambettera



Evans



Roarke

hurst University where she will major in biology and play soccer.

Adrianna Roarke graduates tenth in the class. She enjoys playing volleyball and tennis in

her free time, as well as bullet journaling and playing video games. Adrianna will attend the University at Buffalo and major in computer science.

A health camp for kids; the Smyth house

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 Julys many decades ago:

100 Years Ago **July 07, 1920**

Under new postal laws in effect July 1, one member of the local postal service will soon be retired on pension and the others will receive salary increases ranging from one to three hundred dollars a year. The one to be retired is Elmore A. Crandall, a rural carrier on Route No. 2, who has reached the age of 65 years and has been nearly 18 years in the service. His pension will be nearly 30% of the average of his annual compensation for the past 10 years or in the neighborhood of \$360 a

year.

90 Years Ago **July 15, 1930**

Life at Camp Alowaco, the children's health camp near this village and conducted by the county committee on public health, has settled down to its summer routine, and several of the children already show marked improvement in appearance and have gained substantially in weight, although they have only been in camp for two weeks. During the first few days, homesickness took its toll, and the number of campers was reduced from 40 to 36, either because the youngsters were too homesick or the parents were too lonely without them. However, there are others anxious to come, and it is expected that by the end of the week, the camp will again have its full quota.

80 Years Ago **July 03, 1940**

Donald Lynch, 36, clerk of Hudson Falls has been turned over to Massachusetts authorities for questioning since his confession that he stole a \$31,000 first folio Shakespeare from Williams College in February. Lynch was arrested for public intoxication in Albany.

Lynch, who called police to his room last Sunday, was quoted by officers as saying the theft was planned in an Albany grill. He said he had been offered \$1,000 for the folio, but only received \$160 in two payments.

70 Years Ago **July 12, 1950**

Means of preserving the old Patti Smyth house in Fort Edward as a historic landmark are being considered by a group of citizens in that village. The house is the oldest building existing in Washington County, having been constructed of the timber of the old fort, which predated the Revolutionary War.

A meeting has been called for this Friday at 2:30 p.m. on the lawn of the Smyth house to consider the possibility of purchasing the house and maintaining it as a museum for the preservation of historic records and as a community center.

60 Years Ago **July 13, 1960**

A couple of weeks ago Nelson Petey reported seeing a vulture making a meal of a woodchuck on the Greenwich-Salem road. Some skeptics thought perhaps Nelson had mistaken the bird for an overgrown crow, or even a hawk.

Now along comes Elton Borden of Easton to substantiate the vulture story. Tuesday morning Elton saw not one vulture, but eight, and they were sitting on a fence, rather bedraggled looking in the rain. He had an opportunity to get a good look at them, and identified them as turkey vultures,

the likes of which he had seen before, not in Easton, but in the South.

40 Years Ago **July 10, 1980**

For most of us caught up in the swirl of fast-breaking events, it is sometimes easy to forget our history – the events that lead to our understanding of the past and its relevance to our future.

History was made in Salem last Saturday, July 5, as teachers, graduates, teachers, principals and friends gathered in a wave in nostalgia and spirit to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of Washington Academy. The unique and long-lived history of Washington Academy, ingrained in the life of the Academy's community, provided a natural bond in common heritage.

30 Years Ago **July 12, 1990**

The celebrations at the Elks Lodge of Greenwich began with a bang! A small band of Green Mountain boys from Vermont opened the festivities, escorting a Middle Falls fire truck onto the field. Larry Wilbur of Easton was the year's Master of Ceremony, entertaining nearly 900 people. Musical guests were the Outfielders who played from 8 until 10 p.m. A special appearance was made by everyone's favorite superhero, Raphael, the Teenage Ninja Turtle!

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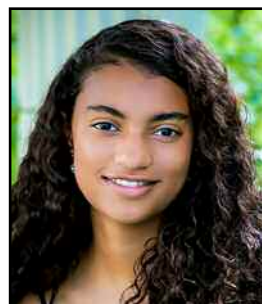
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Can we please fast-forward to New Year's Eve 2020?!

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

I'll admit, it's a tad early to pull out the wacky "Happy New Year" glasses, the champagne flutes, the confetti and the noisemakers. But since Memorial Day weekend came and went quietly (unless you received an invitation to a pool party in the Lake of the Ozarks) and most Fourth of July festivities have already been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns, why not just move the calendar forward?

After all, 2020 has already assumed its place as the worst year in modern history — even Depression-era survivors didn't have to wear masks — so I don't anticipate any pushback. We've almost made it halfway and that should be enough.

So, somebody get Ryan Seacrest on the line, have New York Governor Andrew Cuomo erect barricades in Times Square; one or two should be plenty; tell best New

Year's Eve bros Anderson Cooper and Andy Cohen to clear their schedules for the evening of June 30, and invite Mariah Carey to lip synch a song or two that evening.

Let's have a party to ring out a truly monstrous year. Just remember to social distance and keep your phones handy to record any possible instances of racial profiling or police brutality. Take it away, Ryan.

"Good evening, I'm Ryan Seacrest coming to you live from New York City. You're looking at the Waterford Crystal Times Square New Year's Eve ball, which has been thoroughly sanitized by a team of cleaning professionals in hazmat suits. Fun fact, more than 1 million unemployed U.S. citizens applied for those jobs this year.

As I gaze south down Broadway, I see

**'I'd like to thank Zoom,
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for tonight's ball drop.'**

hundreds, maybe thousands, nah, let's keep it at hundreds, of revelers all standing six feet apart and anxiously awaiting the big moment. Champagne is flowing heavily, but only because liquor stores are deemed essential businesses. Let me head down and interview a few tourists, who were lucky enough to get seats on the severely limited number of flights coming into New York City. Excuse me sir, wait, let me put on my mask."

"Mpbhgtpm"

"Nbumdphcvd"

"Thank you. For those of you who don't speak fluid COVID-19, I asked him where he was from and he said, "Albuquerque."

"By the way, I want to thank Zoom, our official sponsor for tonight's ball drop. Can't make it to Times Square by midnight? No worries. Join the 800 million people who are experiencing New Year's Virtual Eve on a single Zoom line, all revealing their New Year's resolutions simultaneously in the

world's largest display of pandemonium.

Right now, let's hear from President Trump, who is delivering a 'Happy New Year' message live from the Trump National Golf Club in Jupiter, Florida. Mr. President, take it away."

"You're a loser, Ryan. Bring back Dick Clark. Oh, and China bad. Twitter bad. Stock market looking good. Vote Republican. Keep America great."

"Uh, thank you, Mr. President. Well, it looks like we are about 30 minutes away from 2021. As I look north, I see people streaming out of Central Park, anxious to become part of the festivities. As you know, Central Park is a great place to jog, bike, rollerblade and even bird watch. Just remember to keep your dog on a leash.

We are about 15 seconds away from the new year. Everybody grab your loved one; check that, gaze at your loved one while maintaining a safe distance and count off with me: Ten, nine, eight, seven, and wait a minute. It appears there has been a malfunction. The ball has gone dark. Jenny McCarthy, what can you tell us?"

"Ryan, I'm just receiving word that the New York power grid is no longer functioning due to the high number of people who were unable to pay their electric bills after being laid off. Looks like we are going to have a dark new year."

"I don't think the country can take more of that, Jenny."

"Mpbhgtpm"

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Who me?

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Recent bestseller lists have been bursting with titles about racism and anti-racism. For a couple of weeks, there was an abundance of Facebook posts with reading lists about racism in America. Titles like “White Fragility” by Robin DiAngelo and “How To Be An Antiracist” by Ibram X. Kendi are back ordered as demand has suddenly surged. I can only assume that the majority of the readers of these books are White Americans who, in the wake of the wide-spread demonstrations triggered by the murder of George Floyd, are looking to educate themselves about the reality of life for Black Americans.

I’m a librarian, so my first reaction to any situation is to read about it, and I was feeling pretty pleased to see so many people focusing on an issue that has been a plague in this country for centuries. Even my rather sheltered life has allowed me to understand that racism is systemic and not about “bad apples.” Reading “The New Jim Crow” by Michelle Alexander this week has given me a much better understanding of the roles the “war on drugs” and mass incarceration play in rolling back the gains made during the Civil Rights movement of the ‘50s and ‘60s. I was feeling pretty pleased to be getting woke. And then I read a commentary in the Washington Post by Tre Johnson titled, “When Black People are in Pain, White People Just Join Book Clubs.” His point was that all the self-educating and self-examining and sympathizing in the world might make White people feel better but does no good for Black people without action.

That got me thinking about the #MeToo movement. As stories piled upon stories, all the women I knew nodded and said, “Yes, this is what it’s like to be a woman in this country.” All of us had experienced some form of sexual harassment, from comments to assault. It was no secret. The revelation in Ronan Farrow’s book “Catch and Kill” was not the fact that powerful men get away with sexual abuse but the mechanisms that make it possible. Nonetheless, a lot of men acted surprised, some became offended, some claimed to be victimized because they suddenly “didn’t know how to

act.” So many men claimed to be feminists that it didn’t seem possible that there were enough “bad apples” around to have done all the bad stuff. A Facebook acquaintance was miffed because he was asked to save his own abuse story for another forum. “Yes, your experience is valid, we’re just not talking about you right now.” And none of us were interested in sympathy that didn’t come with a commitment to change.

So, maybe I only get it because I made it about me, but I get it. Reading isn’t enough. Action is required. But what kind of action is possible for me here in Washington County? It was nice to get together with our signs and masks to let it be known that small-town America understands that Black Lives Matter, but that has to be a starting place and not an end. I am re-

‘Self-educating does no good without action.’

minded of Ann Townsend, who, several years ago, started a successful campaign to have the Confederate flag removed from the Washington County Fair. She started out alone, protesting something she found deeply offensive. Her actions caught the attention of others who supported her and they presented a compelling argument to

the Fair Board. This took some gumption and some bravery on the part of everyone involved.

I will confess right here that I stayed on the sidelines for this. At the time, I just saw that flag as the emblem of a losing side that, bizarrely, couldn’t let go. It baffled me that people around here with no Southern “heritage” would adopt it but I didn’t see the harm. Now, like everyone who’s paying any any attention, I know the history of this and the many other symbols that gained popularity long after the Civil War was over. They crop up whenever there is a surge in domestic terrorism aimed at Black Americans. This flag makes a statement that is a threat. People who fly it may not think that’s what it is or may not know that’s what it is, but the people it is aimed at know. I suppose if I knew more African-Americans, I might have heard it from them. As it is, I had to learn it from a book

There are things to be done. They may not all be big things, but they all move the bar. I have never been much of an activist and have no idea where to begin, so it’s really handy that “Me and White Supremacy” by Layla F. Saad is a workbook. Maybe I’ll use it to start a book club. Just as a first step.

Annie Miller is Director of the Greenwich Free Library.



Talking about race and racial equality

% saying they have ____ about race and racial equality in the past month

Had a conversation with family or friends

69

Posted or shared content on social networking sites

37

Contributed money to an organization

9

Contacted a public official to express their opinion

7

Attended a protest or rally

6

Source: Pew Research Center
Graphic: Staff, TNS

Naturalization event at Battlefield nixed

In consultation with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Saratoga National Historical Park has cancelled the Naturalization Ceremony, traditionally held on July 4.

The popular event draws hundreds of visitors and participants to witness the moving ceremony of citizens taking the oath of allegiance for the first time.

“This event is one of the most poignant ceremonies we have at the park, and it is unfortunate that we will all not be able to hold it this year,” noted park Superintendent, Amy Bracewell. “The health and safety of our visitors and employees is our top priority and ultimately led to this decision.”

For more information about park operations and activities, please see the parks’s website at www.nps.gov/sara.

Country Living

Do-it-yourself bird feeders

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

Several years ago, my father, in a fit of spring cleaning, decided to give us an old wooden wishing well that had been in his garage collecting dust. We placed it in our front yard over our well cover.

Each spring, our well becomes home to a robin's nest. For years I ran childcare in my home, and a favorite activity was to make bird feeders and observe the birds in the yard. As soon as we noticed the robin going back and forth, we would start to watch more closely. Towards the end of the spring, when the birds had grown and flown, we would take the nest down to study it. The children loved seeing the differences in the nests year to year. One year we found red yarn from a mitten we had left in the yard, an exciting discovery!

This year has been a strange one for most of us, work and school stopped, stores and businesses closed. The saving grace in our home has been that we live in the country. While we are not able to go to the mall or movies, we have been able to take walks, ride our bikes and just be outdoors. There is something soothing about the rhythm of nature, especially this year.

This spring once again, we had robins in our wishing well. I was able to get pictures this time (thank you, technology!). I even debated investing in a video device for next year, but I do not want to scare off the robin. It is, after all, her spot.

The well, and its annual visitors, are a reminder of my father,

who passed away in 2019. I have often wondered what he would have thought of the state of the world lately. I imagine he would just go with it. Life goes on.

Yesterday, I noticed the nest was empty. Another generation of robins has flown off. Next spring, they will be back, and the cycle will start anew.

DIY Pinecone Bird Feeders

Materials:

- Open Pinecones
- Peanut butter (or alternative)
- Birdseed
- Twine or yarn

Directions:

Cut the twine or yarn 10 inches long and tie to pinecone.

Spread a few tablespoons of peanut butter on a plate. Roll the pinecone in the peanut butter, making sure to cover completely.

Put a cup of birdseed on another plate and roll your pinecone in the seed, covering every section.

Hang up!

This is a fun project to do with kids, and you might just find the yarn in a nest come the spring!

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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Hartford names Top 2

Hartford Central School District recently announced Aaron J. Mitchell as valedictorian, and Alexander Holcomb as salutatorian for the graduating class of 2020.

Valedictorian Aaron Mitchell is a role model as a member of the National Honor Society and Key Club. He is also a member of the varsity basketball and baseball teams, where he earned NYSPH-SAA's scholar athlete status multiple times. He was recently selected as WNYT's class D scholar athlete.

Aaron will attend the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts where he will pursue a degree in physics. He is the son of Christopher and Cynthia Mitchell.

Salutatorian Alexander Holcomb held several leadership positions throughout his high school career including class secretary, class treasurer, and Key Club treasurer. He was a member of the Student Leadership Conference Committee for the past three years. He was a member of the high school band as first chair alto saxophone, a member of the high school government, as well as a member of the varsity soccer and varsity baseball teams. He was the varsity soccer team captain his senior year earned the titles of Most Improved Player, Player's Player, and Senior All-Star. Alex will attend the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts where he will pursue a degree in psychology. He is the son of Phillip and Tammy Holcomb.

Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

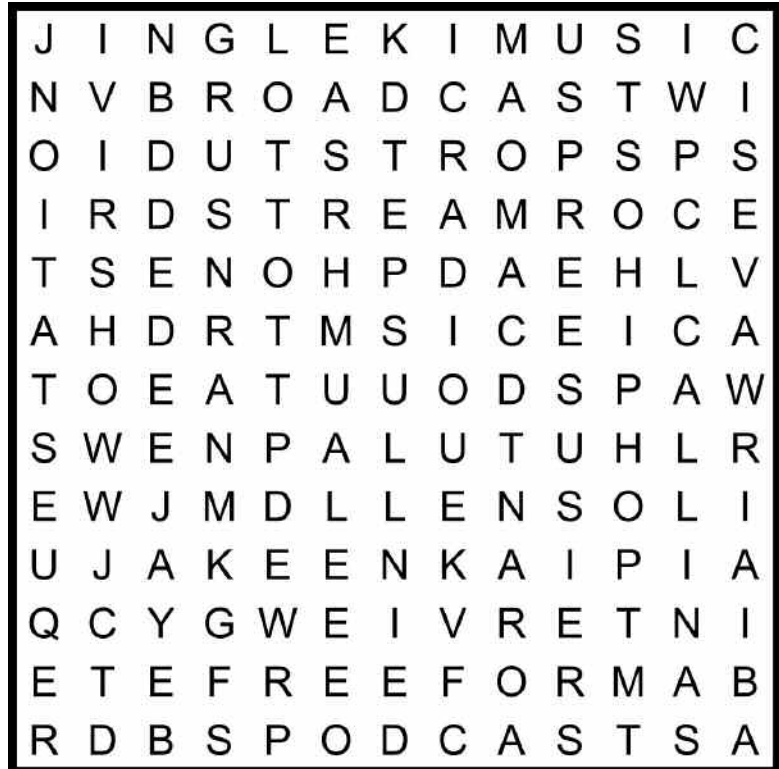
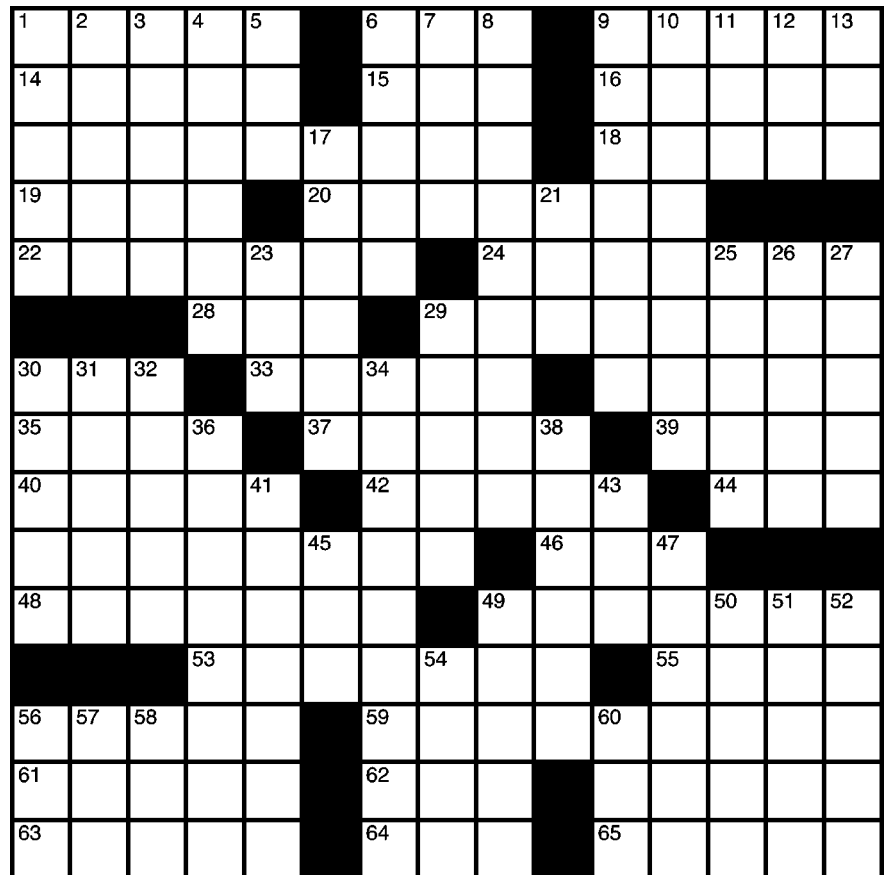
Across

- 1 Correct
- 6 Dr.'s visit
- 10 "No ___": "Piece of cake"
- 14 Farewell that's bid
- 15 Societal woes
- 16 Weapon in Clue
- 17 It's "down at the end of Lonely Street," in an Elvis hit
- 20 Horse hair
- 21 Online marketplace
- 22 City in upstate New York
- 23 Business baron
- 25 Liver secretion
- 27 Practice boxing
- 28 Oil well output, in slang
- 33 Hindu teacher
- 34 Fútbol fan's cry
- 35 Fencing weapon
- 36 Malleable metal
- 37 Historic events at Gettysburg and Vicksburg

- 41 Sister of Zsa Zsa
- 42 Ye ___ Shoppe
- 44 Spoil
- 45 Word with circle or tube
- 47 Miracle-Gro, e.g.
- 50 Flower usually sold by the dozen
- 51 Ivory source
- 52 Upper crust
- 54 NFL Hall of Famer Bart
- 57 Dreaded high school spots?
- 59 Baker's amts.
- 62 Part of an Aretha Franklin refrain about fools ... and a hint to the ends of 17-, 28- and 47-Across
- 65 Swiss river
- 66 Congressional confidante
- 67 Florida city on the Gulf Coast
- 68 Waitstaff rewards
- 69 Post-combat affliction, briefly
- 70 Sharply inclined

Down

- 1 Chicago mayor Emanuel
- 2 Thought
- 3 Big bamboo muncher
- 4 "Peekaboo!"
- 5 Boy king
- 6 Online service for booking rooms with local hosts
- 7 Guilty, for one
- 8 Ump's cry before the first pitch
- 9 "For shame!"
- 10 Mentored person
- 11 Roast, in Dijon
- 12 Oil cartel acronym
- 13 Actor Lugosi
- 18 Arthur of "Maude"
- 19 "Incredible" superhero
- 24 Chicago daily, familiarly
- 26 Frozen drink brand
- 27 Sty supper
- 29 Keno kin
- 30 Ali Baba's magic words
- 31 "Drove my Chevy to the ___": "American Pie" lyric
- 32 Luv
- 33 "Knock it off!"
- 38 Kennel cacophony
- 39 Suffered financially
- 40 iPhone's voice-activated app
- 43 Postings in ledgers
- 46 "Please, anything else!"
- 48 Right or left, while driving
- 49 Didn't admit
- 53 Sportscaster Berman
- 54 Ella's expertise
- 55 Spicy Asian cuisine
- 56 Boomers' lobbying group
- 58 Scoundrels
- 60 Water carrier
- 61 "Just like that!" fingers sound
- 63 Put a limit on
- 64 Dol.'s 100



9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



Olde Saratoga Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with radio stations!

Airwaves
Broadcast
Call-In

Campus
College
Deejay
Freeform
Headphones
Hip Hop
Host
Interview

Jingle
Listeners
Mike
Music
News
Podcasts
Punk
Radio

Request
Rock
Schedule
Show
Sports
Station
Stream
Studio

Talk
Weather

Find Mr. D'Agostino's puzzle books on Amazon.com.

Salem Sudoku

(solution page 30)

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

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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Special meeting to fund playground

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

The Greenwich Town Board held a special meeting on Thursday, June 25. The reason for the special meeting was to discuss a resolution to authorize purchase of playground equipment for Battenkill Riverside Park. Supervisor Ward wanted the special meeting in order to get the playground equipment ordered and installed in August.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ward at 7 PM. The members of the town board met in person using proper social distancing measures. The public was invited to "attend" by calling in using an assigned number.

The resolution to approve an expenditure of \$36,308.57 for playground equipment for the Battenkill Riverside Park (formerly called the Greenwich Town Park) on Route 29 was approved unanimously. The funds for this purchase came from existing monies in this year's budget. Another resolution was passed mak-

ing some of the old playground equipment "surplus" to remove it from the Town's inventory list.

The town board passed a resolution changing some wording in the sexual harassment and discrimination policy. The changes were suggested by New York state agencies. The changes go into effect in August.

The Town Board also discussed the possible acquisition of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for the Town offices and the Town garage. No action was taken.

There was a discussion about the current contract for phone/internet with PrimeLink. A five year contract was signed last year and the Supervisor feels it should be revisited. The board passed a resolution to authorize the attorney for the town to send a letter to PrimeLink requesting a meeting.

The special meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next regularly scheduled Greenwich Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14 at 7 PM.

Rural Soul winners

Congratulations to Stillwater and Schuylerville area students Rhiannon Curtis, Henry Nadler, Juliana Pasos, Quinn Sheehan and Nola Sheehan for completing Rural Soul Music Studio's 20 Piece Challenge!

From January to June, students were invited to learn 20 pieces of music. After they reached 20, they received a delicious prize: a sweet little cake from Cake by Alissa! Rural Soul's 20 Piece Challenge motivates students simply to practice more and to play through more music. By reading this



many pieces, they are increasing their overall music reading abilities and more musical genres can be explored.



INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

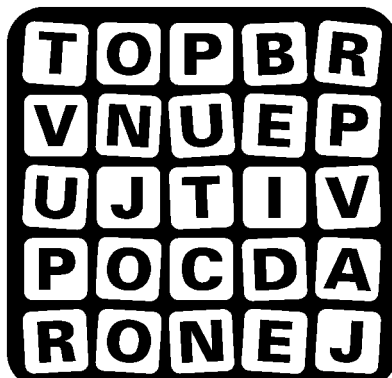
BOGGLE POINT SCALE

- 3 letters = 1 point
- 4 letters = 2 points
- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 6 points
- 8 letters = 10 points
- 9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING

- 151+ = Champ
- 101-150 = Expert
- 61-100 = Pro
- 31-60 = Gamer
- 21-30 = Rookie
- 11-20 = Amateur
- 0-10 = Try again

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST FIVE PARTS OF SPEECH in the grid of letters.

Answers, page 30.

Schuylerville High School

CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 2020



Hannah Klingebiel



Hannah Koval



Sunni LaBounty



John Lewitinn



Christian Lofgren



Isabella LoPresti



Charles Luzadis



Madelyn Macdonald



Matthew McCarthy



Jose Mendoza-Gomez



Lydia Mewton



Morgan Michalski



Isabella Morabito



Noah Morris



Jasper Morrison



Hollie Munson



Maxine Murray



Jack Nemer



Emma Nesbitt



Emma Grace O'Rourke



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Brody Parillo



Abigail Parnham



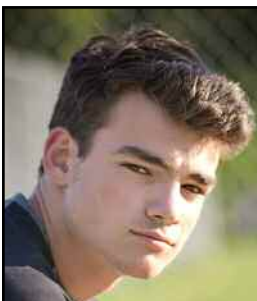
Tanner Peek



Hunter Phillips



Dominic Pompilio



Nathan Preston



Sydney Quinn



Cayden Renner



Sophia Reuther

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CONGRATULATIONS

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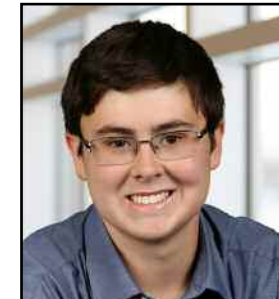
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Jamie Sousie



Ethan Sowle



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Reese Tavares



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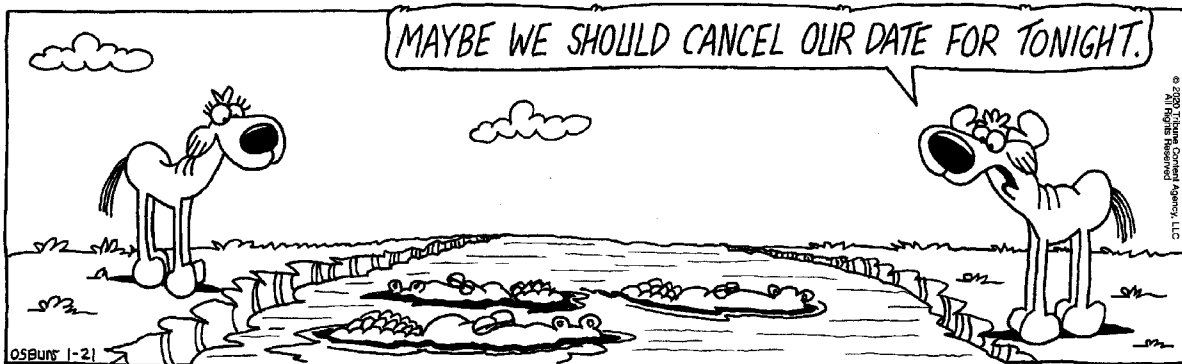
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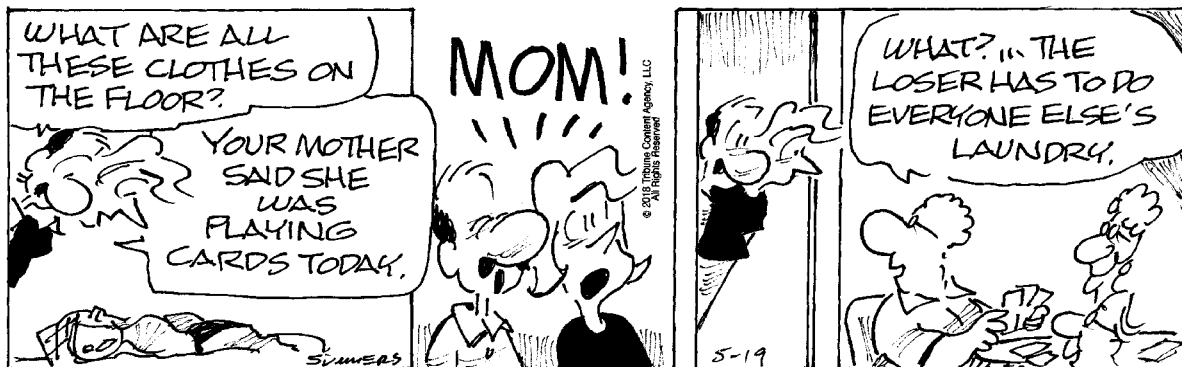
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PAR SCORE 260-270
BEST SCORE 322

FIVE RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. SOLUTION PAGE 30

For more information on tournaments and clubs, email NASPA - North American SCRABBLE Players Association info@scrabbleplayers.org. Visit our website - www.scrabbleplayers.org. For puzzle inquiries contact scrgams@gmail.com

04-28

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

EY TSA	□	□	□	□	□	□
SIPEO	□	□	□	□	□	□
GEMAPI	□	□	□	□	□	□
BRFDIO	□	□	□	□	□	□

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app.

BIG BEN RINGS ON A REGULAR BASIS WITH THE ---

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

Answers, page 30.

A	S	S	A	Y	J	D	S	U	W	A	I	T			
S	T	Y	L	E	O	C	T	P	H	I	L	S			
S	U	B	S	T	A	N	C	E	D	E	R	E	K		
E	M	I	T	N	A	V	A	R	R	E					
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					N	A	H	S	I	X	F	L	A	G	S
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A	L	O	U	R	L	E	S	D	O	L	E				
T	U	R	N	S	Y	A	T	E	S	N	E	T			
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A	V	A	N	T	F	A	L	L	S	H	E	A	D		
T	O	M	E	I	O	U	T	H	E	E	L	S			
H	A	Y	D	N	X	L	S	A	R	R	A	Y			

Thoughts on police reform

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

As we wade through the miasma of American life during a pandemic, the murder of George Floyd reminds us that life and death in America continues even without COVID-19. Before I continue further, let me offer three points that I would hope are not in the least controversial –

1. The status quo is unsatisfactory
2. No American should be treated as “the enemy”
3. All Americans are entitled to equal justice under the law

With that as a prologue, let me offer some thoughts as to a road ahead.

“DEFUND THE POLICE”

I think Lennon and McCartney said it best when they said, “If you go carrying pictures of Chairman Mao, you ain’t gonna make it with anyone anyhow...” If you really want to see change, you need to be able to tailor your message to more than your supporters.

I work day-to-day with a Police Department and some of my closest friends and former comrades are current or former police officers. If you approach me with “Defund the Police,” you’ve lost me. My vision becomes one of an officer having to buy gas for his patrol car out of his pocket, or lying on the pavement because there weren’t enough protective vests.

Once you peel back the message a bit and listen to those who are preaching “Defund,” what is being said is “Well, what we’re actually talking about is reorganization, reallocation of resources...” OK, now we can talk. But, “Defund”? No. It is not a good message

and is inviting further polarization at a time where we need to work together for solutions.

“REORGANIZATION”

It’s a fact that police officers are being asked to work far outside their lane. They end up being social workers, psychiatric nurses, animal control technicians and any number of other tasks. I get it. The Army was the same way. The police is a hierarchical structure similar to the military, and very often carries the same “salute and drive on” attitude regardless of what they are asked to do. This is how the Army ends up becoming de-facto civil government in nation-building campaigns when logic would dictate that much of this work should be accomplished by civilians with needed technical skills.

So what would reorganization look like?

First, the leaders of the civil government need to take ownership of their police departments. And taking ownership means taking responsibility. Leaders should delegate the authority as necessary so that subordinates can do their job, but the senior leaders of civilian government own the responsibility just the same. That is what accountability is. “I have no idea,” or “Not my job,” should never be an acceptable answer from an elected leader for the law enforcement organizations under him or her.

Second, civilian oversight currently through Police Committees should be done through Public Safety committees. Public Safety consists of far more than police.

The theory of “Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs” has been long taught in high school. The most basic needs at the bottom of the hierarchy are physiological – food, water, warmth and rest. The next level is safety, which includes security. These two levels at the bottom are basic needs. While these needs

are not met – for a person or a community, things are broken. This is often where the police are asked to operate.

Public safety means social workers. Public safety means animal control. Public safety means public health. Public safety means food pantries for the poor. If, as a society, we cannot provide these things, we will constantly be playing catch-up as people look to other sources for their most basic needs.

DON’T THINK THE POLICE DON’T CARE

In the recent case of Navy SEAL Eddie Gallagher who was charged with multiple war crimes, the military institution itself was in favor of disciplining Gallagher. It was a political decision of the Executive Branch to protect Gallagher to the dismay of military leaders. In the Floyd case, I see many police leaders and rank-and-file officers who say what the officers involved did was wrong. Acknowledgment is the first step, fixing the problem which involves years of entrenched politics and policies come next.

Our own country offers many packaged sentiments – “With liberty and justice for all,” “Land of the free and home of the brave,” “Sweet land of liberty,” “Crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.” Now we need to take these phrases which we have heard so many times and convince those with justifiable outrage that they are not a false promise. At the very least, we need to make our values an aspirational goal – a direction on the compass to walk in.

The Law Enforcement Officers’ Oath says, “On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character or the public trust. I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions. I will always uphold the Constitution, my community, and the agency I serve. So help me God.” Now we need to help and support our agencies in living up to the goals they state – including focusing on the public trust and accountability at all levels.

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



Photography workshop

As part of the Community Room Artist, photographer Risa Scott will give a series of online photography classes (each session a stand-alone class for ages 13 and up) at the Greenwich Free Library on July 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. To sign up for the virtual workshop call the library at 692-7157 or email jlalrock@sals.edu.

Butterfly release

On Aug. 1, the Greenwich Free Library will hand out Raise and Release kits so you can raise, tag and release a Monarch butterfly at home. For more information go to greenwichfreelibrary.org/butterfly or call 692-7157.

Letter: More on the effects of LED

Dear Editor, Journal and Press,

The fireflies have vanished from our village yard. I am a professional gardener specializing in Upstate's native plants, and we converted much of our former lawn into a small meadow and pollinator preserve. We have since had an abundance of butterflies and moths, dragonflies, fireflies, and bumblebees. In the summertime, night-singing insects raise a glorious concert.

Now the fireflies are gone. The newly installed LED lighting in Cambridge is probably to blame. Overnight light pollution is second only to habitat loss for driving the fireflies toward extinction. Blue-spectrum, shortwave light like that from LEDs is the most destructive kind of light for them. Changing the color temperature of the bulb doesn't protect insects even if an amber hue is more comfortable to our eyes. Beneficial insects perceive, and are harmed by, light that is invisible to us.

Advice for certain grads

In this issue, we have two stories about business people – one, Art Roberts, is still working his craft at 75. He said he'd never not had a profitable week until COVID, but, even so, he's back at work and business is looking good again. That's because he'd built a lot of trust in the community and a base of support. The other, Bob Gustafson, finally is calling it quits after owning a video store in town. One may say, "Video store? Who goes to video stores anymore?" but that's an unfair assessment. Bob saw a need in the community and his store was such a success he was able to pay off his mortgage in five years and owed no one after that. He was able to retire on his own terms. Dozens of people bid him farewell with a car parade as he closed his doors for good last month. His building is for sale; a monument to the equity and goodwill that he created right here, locally.

Art is the last traditional bar-

ber in Greenwich, Easton and Schuylerville, and Bob had one of the last surviving video stores in the country. They are legends.

In this issue we also salute our local graduates. Many are venturing off to college or to work for others; perhaps many will work for some faceless corporation. And surely the idea of opening a business right now, amid a pandemic, may seem scary, but perhaps many of our grads can learn from Art and Bob. They took chances, worked hard, and got to be their own people. Their "authentic selves," as the saying goes. And it's that earnestness that attracted such loyal customers. Customers who will miss you when you finally leave – on your own terms. The people who are the most popular usually are the most transparent.

Congrats to Art and Bob and all of our local graduates – you all accomplished great things, and the best is yet to come!

It is early in the season yet. We fear that our summer pollinators and the insect chorus will also be sharply diminished or just plain gone like the fireflies.

Outdoor LED lighting is a scourge on the natural world. Light is powerful. In the case of the far-reaching, flickering, blue-light variety that LEDs emit, it is powerfully destructive.

Less than six months after Cambridge put in this inescapable public lighting, here is evidence of harm to the environment quite literally in our own back yard. It will doubtless get progressively worse. The lost fireflies are like the proverbial canary sent into the coal mine. We accelerate the demise of the insect world, and in doing so accelerate the demise of our own.

MarieAnn Cherry.

Cambridge NY

Political Cartoon of the Week by Dana Summers



Six months already?

It's our half-year anniversary since taking over this paper Jan. 1 and, despite the epidemic, things are going fine. Ads are significantly down, but subscriptions are up about 20%. Thank you, dear readers, for sticking with us during these trying times. We're now in good shape to last many more years! If you don't subscribe, please do at jpsubs.com.

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Obituary

Mary Alice L. Gillis, 88

Mary Alice L. Gillis died peacefully in her Easton home surrounded by her loving family on June 22, 2020, following a long illness at the age of 88.

She leaves behind her husband of 64 years, Joseph E. Gillis Jr. She was the loving mother to Cathleen (Donald) Kessler of Groton, MA and Joseph Gillis of Stratford, CT. She was affectionately known as "Mimi" to her 4 grandchildren, Travis Kessler, Nicole Kessler, Elena Gillis and Alesia Gillis.

Mary Alice was born on December 27, 1931 at Mary McClellan Hospital in Cambridge, NY to the late Alice C. Lundberg and Elmer B. Lundberg of Easton. She was the sister of the late Elma B. Lundberg.

She attended Greenwich High School and graduated in 1949. As a lifelong resident of Easton, Mary Alice worked as a librarian at the Easton Library for many years and helped oversee its expansion in the 1990's. She was a member of the Easton

United Methodist Church and attended regularly until her health declined.

Mary Alice's favorite pastimes were gardening, collecting antiques, and listening to country music. Over the years, she adopted many cats and two dogs whom she loved dearly. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with friends and family. She cherished her time with her children and grandchildren, who will carry with them fond memories of "Mimi's House" forever.

A graveside service will be held at the Easton Rural Cemetery for friends and family on Friday, June 26, 2020 at 11:30am.

Arrangements are under the direction of Flynn Bros. Inc. Funeral Home, 80 Main St., Greenwich, NY 12834.

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



Obituaries policy

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Legal Notices

Legal Notice Town of Argyle, New York Democrat Party Caucus

The Democrat Party Caucus for the Town of Argyle, New York will be held at 39 South Valley Road, Argyle, on July 13, 2020, beginning at 7:00pm.

The purpose of the caucus is to nominate a candidate for the following office:

Superintendent of Highways—3 year unexpired term

Only enrolled Democrats are entitled to vote at the caucus, and no write-in or floor nominations will be accepted at the caucus.

Those wishing to seek any of the above offices should

submit a letter of intent to the Town Chair, Carol Kuhr, PO Box 275, Argyle, NY 12809.

The letter must be postmarked no later than July 8, 2020.

By Order of the Town of Argyle Democrat Committee, Carol Kuhr, Chair

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF GREENWICH DEMOCRAT PARTY CAUCUS

The Democrat Party Caucus for the Town of Greenwich will be held at the Town Beach Pavilion, Route 29, Greenwich on Monday, July 13th, 2020 beginning at 6:00PM and ending at 6:30PM.

The purpose of the caucus is to nominate candidates for the following offices:

Town Justice 4 year term

Only enrolled democrats are entitled to vote at the caucus. No write-in or floor nominations will be accepted at the caucus.

Those wishing to seek the above office should submit a letter of intent to the Democrat Town Chairman, James Nolan, 20 Sloan Drive, Greenwich, NY 12834.

The letter must be postmarked no later than July 6, 2020.

By Order of the Town of Greenwich

Democratic Committee Chairman
James Nolan
July 1, 2020

For additional information, call 518-531-4039

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

According to the bylaws of the organization the board of directors hereby gives notice of the annual meeting of the Evergreen Cemetery Association Board of Directors which will take place on Monday July 20, 2020 at 6:00 PM on the grounds of the Evergreen Cemetery, 168 Cemetery Road, Salem, NY 12865. The agenda will include the annual budget and election of officers for the organization. All board members are requested to participate. The public is invited to attend. Respectfully submitted, Michele Bardwell, Secretary

The purpose of the caucus is to nominate candidates for the following Town offices:

Office	Term
Town Assessor unexpired term	1 Year

Only enrolled Democrats are entitled to vote at the caucus, and no write-in or floor nominations will be accepted at the caucus.

Those wishing to seek the above office, must submit a letter of intent or email to the Easton Democratic Town Chairman, postmarked or emailed by Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

Phil Nicholas
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2	7	3	4	9	1	5	6	8
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