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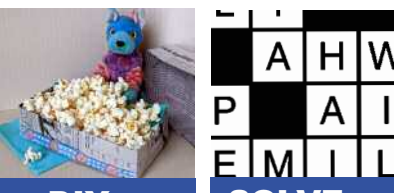
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Gravel miners seek OK

A former polo property is now eyed for quarry; neighbors are irate.

A proposed gravel mine is going before the Planning Board. Says one opponent: "This would have a tremendous impact, not only on us, but on people in this particular area – it's not just the noise and the dust and the traffic, but there are also issues with protected streams nearby." But can the Planning Board stop it, or will the DEC make the call?

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See-through backpacks, Chromebooks

A local school district will provide both of these items, and much more, as elementary schools will offer live classes; other schools, hybrid.

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New: Clear backpacks, alternating days

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

Schuylerville Central School District recently held a Zoom forum for families, to acknowledge all of the questions that community members have about the uncertainty of the upcoming school year. Prior to the forum, parents and persons connected to the district had the opportunity to submit a Google Form to pose questions about the reopening protocol and what students can expect to see when they return on the newly decided first day of school on September 10.

Firstly, all faculty members will be wearing PPE and practicing social distancing and hand washing protocols. The ultimate goal of the district is to prevent cases of COVID-19 from occurring and spreading. Students will also be required to wear masks, but be given short and monitored opportunities to remove them during the school days.

Details such as transportation have been thought out meticulously. "All of the school buses will be cleaned and disinfected between and after every bus run and all of the commonly touched surfaces such as hand rails, doors, seats, dash and drivers areas will be wiped down with an EPA approved disinfectant," according to Chuck Barrs, transportation supervisor. Bus riders will also be required to wear masks and given assigned seats. Bus drivers will have their temperatures taken before and after routes and wear masks at all times. Drivers will also take the temperatures of students as they get off the bus at the school – a high temperature will get them sent directly to the nurse via a special entrance. Of course, parents will have the option to opt out of bus transportation if they still feel uneasy about it.

Food services will also look unfamiliar in the fall. "Breakfast and lunch will continue to be available daily for all participating in in person learning, although the choices will be limited and we are encouraging students to bring their lunch at this time," said Sarah Keen, director of cafeteria services.

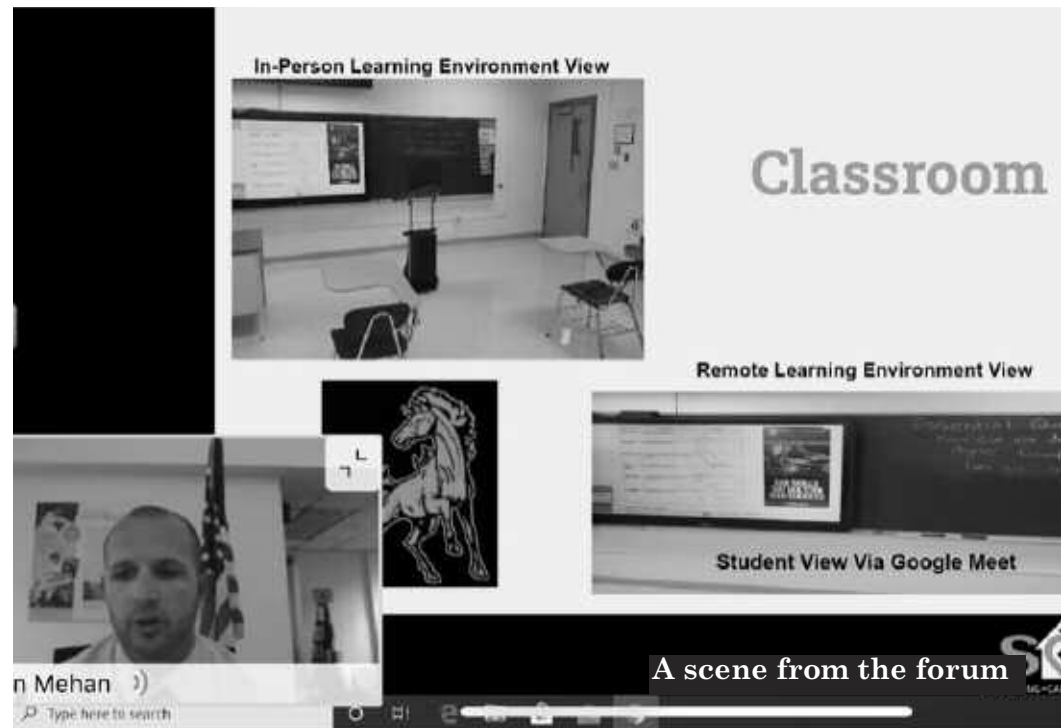
Students at the elementary level will be escorted to their classrooms each morning and be given opportunities to visit their lockers or cubbies in small groups while adhering to mask wearing and social distancing guidelines. School supply lists will be sent out soon, and for obvious sanitary reasons, students will not be allowed to share any supplies at the risk of transmitting disease.

Schuylerville is hiring four new elementary school teachers for the upcoming school year to ensure smaller class sizes that can safely meet social distancing guidelines. Students in grades K-5 will receive their new teacher placement in the mail the week of August 17. Principal Beckett of Schuylerville Elementary School reassured parents that

'Bus drivers will take temperatures.'

this is not a cause for alarm, "Most students will not have a change. Less than 50% of students will have a change. However, we will send a letter home to all families just to avoid confusion."

Specials at the elementary level will be taught in the classroom, except for physical education, which will be facilitated outside in the open air on weather permitting days. Science and Computers have been cut, as they require students to



move classrooms to use equipment.

Schuylerville does take into account that young students at the elementary level may struggle with all of these new expectations. The forum laid them out perfectly so that parents can mentally prepare students for the new model of school and how education is taking a completely different approach than anything they have been used to.

Parents can choose to keep students home. Remote learning at the elementary level will still be required to Zoom conference for the daily ELA and math lessons and be checked for attendance. Teachers will communicate with parents to make sure expectations are being met, and technology will be used in innovative ways. All students will be provided with iPads, and internet scholarships will be available as needed.

Schuylerville Middle School students will only attend in-person school twice a week (and occasional Wednesdays) in an attempt to decrease class sizes by 50%. While learning at home, students will still

adhere to a "bell schedule" and use Google Meet to attend their classes. Principal Elsworth says, "Students will be assigned clear book bags provided by the district and encouraged to limit locker visits." This hybrid model has been thoroughly thought out and should flow smoothly when students return in a few weeks.

Schuylerville High School will also follow a hybrid model. Many of the classes will have less than 10 students and desks will strategically be social distanced. Students at this level will also be given clear book bags and have higher online learning organizational expectations to meet.

It is strongly recommended that all Schuylerville Central School Districts families watch the forum via a link on the district's homepage to familiarize themselves and their students with what the school year is going to bring. At this time it is also vital to remain calm and adaptable; while there are a lot of unknowns, Schuylerville's devotion to their students shines through brilliantly, even during a health pandemic.

Proposed gravel mine causes upheaval

Natalie Jew
Journal & Press

A so-called polo field, between Route 29 and Christie Road, is where a new gravel mine and dry screening operation may take place. The applicants, owners of the polo field who live in Connecticut, have been accepted by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for a New York state mining permit – but some residents of Greenwich are still hoping to stop the operation altogether.

“Those around this area are pretty much against it,” said Tom Rybaltowski, who lives close to the proposed site. The 14-acre sand and gravel mine on a 32.3-acre parcel, proposed for 441 Christie Road would affect all those who live on or near Christie Road, Langley Hill Road, Mahaffy Road, Route 29, Route 49 and Tracy Drive, according to a Facebook post.

“This would have a tremendous impact, not only on us, but on people in this particular area – it’s not just the noise and the dust and the traffic, but there are also issues with protected streams nearby,” said Rybaltowski, as the potential gravel mine would border Whittaker Brook, a tributary of the Battenkill River.

The residents by Christie Road first heard about it months after the application process started.

“It was very little, if any, communication about this. We did not know anything about it, because they did not divulge that information to their neighbors,” Rybaltowski said. “The DEC’s only requirement to notify residents is a legal ad in the newspaper and that occurred in Jan. 2020, with a small legal notice in the Post Star – and these days newspapers are not read by many people. We didn’t meet one person who had read about it prior to our receiving notice from the town.”

To Rybaltowski, it’s up to the town to stop the application.

“They [the town planning board] represent the members of this town and we the residents, those who live in this area, are against this mining operation,” he said. “I don’t know why they would approve of something that doesn’t benefit the majority of people here, for the benefit of two individuals who do not live here [the owners].”

This is true for Mary Green too, who has been giving out what she calls a “fact sheet” of information on the operation.

“The town should be acting in the best interest of its residents and these people are taxpayers but they’re not residents,” Green says. “They’re not going to be here to listen to the noise and to see the dust and to be inconvenienced by this. My motivation is to keep our little valley pristine and quiet and beautiful – a bucolic place that it has been for centuries. We want to continue to enjoy our pastoral living.”

Critics say the gravel mine and dry screening would most likely be in operation for 15 or more years from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, which may also decrease property values in the surrounding areas.

To board member Jim Nolan, it’s not entirely up to the planning board.

“As a planning board, all we can refer to is the regulations that we’re in charge of. We’re not supposed to include in our deliberations whether someone wants it or not; it’s whether it meets the town code,” Nolan said. “If it does and meets planning board regulations and DEC approves it, then, there’s not a legal reason we could deny it.”

Nolan promised to have an open mind, but can only look at certain legal issues concerning the operation.

“We’ll be looking at setbacks from property lines and rights away, dust control, the hours of

operation, the routing of vehicles (both coming in and out of the property) and what public road they’ll be accessing,” Nolan said. “Those are the kinds of things that we as a planning board look at and even then, we only make recommendations because DEC is the lead agency; they can accept or reject those recommendations.”

To both Rybaltowski and Green, right now it’s mostly about informing their neighbors to take a stance.

“Information is power and the neighbors need to know this,” Green said. “It’s in everybody’s best interest that they know what’s going on.”

This topic will be addressed at the next meeting of the Planning Board, on Thursday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at Greenwich Town Hall. The meeting will also be held remotely, via a link on the town site.



The property near the proposed mine. –darren johnson photos.

‘People were only notified by a legal ad in the Post-Star.’

The show must go on

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

I am constantly blown away by the incredible talent we have in our area. Many musicians, actors, singers, authors and artists call southern Washington County home. We are fortunate that many of these talented people take the time to mentor our young people. For the last couple of weeks, my daughters were able to participate in a teen theater workshop at Hubbard Hall in Cambridge. I was impressed at how far the Hubbard Hall staff and volunteers went to make sure our kids had a fun and safe time. They had two weeks and just three hours each day to come together and put on a show. Because of COVID-19, all the actors and staff wore masks, they had their temperatures checked each day and parents had to sign off that their child was healthy enough to participate every day. Most of the time they were out-

side and six feet apart, rehearsing. And even with all that, it was so nice to be among peers again. A little semblance of normalcy in a not so normal world.

The shows took place on Friday and Saturday evening. I'll admit, it was a little strange to have the cast on stage wearing masks that were not part of the costumes, and the audience wasn't shoulder to shoulder to accommodate as many family members as possible. Each actor was allowed four guests, all had to wear masks, and the seating sections were well over six feet apart. And yet, it was still that amazing theater experience. The excitement as the curtain goes up and the actors hit the stage, there is nothing like it. Well, unless you're a sports fan, I suppose. I watched a teenage girl sing, "I Dreamed A Dream" from the musical *Les Misérables*, so beautifully I had chills. Of course, being that the play was a comedy and not *Les Mis*, she

was stopped mid-song. I would love to hear her sing that song in its entirety. Maybe next time. My daughters both loved the experience and look forward to similar opportunities in the future.

Lately, I have noticed that I'm feeling more gloom and doom, and many people I talk to are also feeling the same way. After some reflection, and the judgmental reminder on my iPhone, I realized I was spending a lot of time on social media. As a preschool teacher, the wife of a teacher and the mom of two high school students, the debate over opening schools or not, has felt very personal. Like most everyone else, I have been spending a lot of time trying to read up on the ever-changing statistics, the recommendations, and everything else that has gone along with that. While it's good to be informed, there is such a thing as too much information.

At times it feels like one step forward and two steps back. But I take comfort in the fact that some things are returning to a normal place. Albeit slowly, and with many new protocols in place. I will be returning to my classroom at the end of the month if all goes well. It will not look the same way it did last year, with lines on the floor for social distance and teachers in masks. But it is a start. After all, the show must go on.

Hubbard Hall Center for the Arts and Education is located at 25 East Main St. in Cambridge. You can check them out at www.hubbard-hall.org.

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



Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad fundraiser Oct. 3

Sgt. Frederick Mausert Chapter, American Legion Riders of Cambridge, NY, have rescheduled their Spring fundraiser for the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad for Saturday October 3, 2020.

The original date in May was scrubbed because of COVID.

"Turns out it was fortunate that we rescheduled anyway," said Chapter Secretary Lance Allen Wang, "Since it snowed on the May morning that we had originally planned!"

The Second Annual Cambridge Valley Rescue Ride will start at the American Legion in Cambridge, with sign-in beginning at 9:30am.

Donations are \$20 per motorcycle, and \$5 per passenger.

"The October date should be great," added Wang, "It's a scenic ride, and if we get to see some fall colors, all the better."

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Greenwich CSD forum to inform parents

Elizabeth Gregoire-Betts
Journal & Press

Greenwich Central School District parent Elizabeth Gregoire-Betts attended the school board's Webex meeting on August 10 and shared her notes with us.

Here is what she gathered:

- Pre-K hours: 7:40 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.; and 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Grades K-4 hours: 7:40 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Grades 5-6 hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For grades 7 to 12, it was announced at a previous meeting that classes would be held on a 1:4 rotation, so no more than 25% of students are on campus at any given time.

Families will have the option for remote learning. All students will be provided a Chromebook. Students learning in-person are asked to charge their Chromebooks at home and bring them to school.

Each morning, parents are asked to do an at-home screening with their children and log into an app to provide the school with the results. Any student whose screenings are not uploaded in the morning will be screened by the nurse. Any student with possible COVID-19 symptom will be segregated from other students until they can be picked up.

Masks are required for all students when up and moving. If they are sitting in desks or eating areas where they are socially distant, they are able to remove their masks. Teachers are encouraged to keep their windows open for air circulation.

New York state has lifted their requirements for P.E., though students may be brought outside to walk when the weather allows. Sports are being handled on a case-by-case basis. They are attempting to find a way to still have band and chorus, with strict guidelines in place.

Transportation is working on arranging

routes to allow for 22 students per bus (one student per seat).

There will be no cubbies, closets or lockers.

Teachers are still working out how they plan to remote teach. They cannot live stream while teaching in-person, due to technology limitations. They can record ahead with Google Slides, or continue to figure out other solutions.

Pre-K classrooms that have round tables, have approved dividers in place.

Parents with questions are encouraged to reach out to their child's teacher and/or join the Webex meeting(s) on Aug. 17 at 9 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. The next board meeting is at 6 p.m. that evening.

Fuller, live Greenwich CSD-wide Webex meetings will be on August 17. Find a link on the district's web site.

Still time to enroll at ACC

SUNY Adirondack will begin its Fall 2020 semester on Sept. 9, offering classes both remotely and in person, with dual goals of helping students achieve their academic goals on time and protecting the health of students, faculty, staff and the broader community.

What to expect:

Many classes not requiring hands-on instruction will be conducted on a remote-learning basis. Some remote instruction will be done through live video conferencing sessions in which class members gather at the same time, much as they would in a traditional classroom. In other instances, faculty members will post course materials online in advance and students will have the opportunity to access them based on their own schedules.

Courses that include hands-on laboratory or studio instruction, such as art, music, culinary, and science and technology programs, where practicable, will be conducted with face-to-face instruction at 50 percent of the lab or studio occupancy capacity. The specific details for each course will be determined by the respective faculty member and variations could include students alternating weeks of attendance or participating in lab/studio activities in the first or second half of the semester only.

Faculty and students in a face-to-face classroom setting will be required to wear facial coverings, unless otherwise advised. Facial coverings will be available for students, faculty and staff, and all students will be provided with two reusable face coverings as part of a welcome packet.

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Elise Stefanik talks about living locally

Natalie Jew
Journal & Press

On Aug. 11, we had a conversation with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik for New York's 21st congressional district since 2015. We talked about everything from the agricultural economy of Washington County to the Washington County Fair.

What are some of your key issues?

I am running for reelection for my fourth term. I've focused on delivering results for this district, so ensuring we have access to high quality, affordable, rural health care is absolutely important for constituents across the district, I wrote the largest fix to the Affordable Care Act which lowered costs (my portion of the bill) from that fundamentally flawed legislation. I also have pushed forth bipartisan solutions to expand access to patient care – so allowing patients to go to two primary care visits over the course of the year and have that covered by health insurance. Most importantly, during COVID, I've delivered \$165 million to rural hospitals throughout the region.

In addition, I'm focused on my results for seniors and our elderly residents. I was the Republican lead on the Older Americans Act, which provides funding and resources for the meals on wheels and we passed that in the House before COVID, but we know how important that's been over the course of the COVID crisis in terms of providing that important nutritional service for our seniors, particularly those who are homebound at this time.

In addition, I've claimed \$2.6 million of social security benefits, so these are families and seniors who reach out, who are having difficulty

accessing their social security benefits. In addition, this district has the highest number of veterans from any congressional district in New York state and I have a long record over many years of advocating on behalf of our veterans – whether it's claiming over \$4 million of VA benefits to constituents or just today, my bipartisan bill ensured that we have veterans treatment courts. I also lead the effort for the Blue Water Navy Bill to make sure that our Vietnam Era veterans had the healthcare coverage from the VA that they deserve.

I've also been focused on supporting small businesses, particularly for your readers in Washington County, our agricultural businesses and family farms with a focus on providing support for our dairy farms and that is in multiple ways – we have an updated trade agreement, (the USMCA), which expands our ability to export our dairy products into the Canadian marketplace that's really important, as well as import provisions by USDA that allow some of our dairy farmers to work with our local pantries during this COVID crisis.

I also voted in support and helped shepherd through an up-

'For Washington County, an updated farm bill and rural broadband.'

dated farm bill, which is incredibly important, not just for our dairy farmers but for all farmers across the district.

What do you hope to do for Washington County specifically?



One of the biggest economic drivers of Washington County is agriculture. I've been proud to lead the effort to pass an updated farm bill, that included provisions like the Margin Protection Program, which needed to be overhauled – we successfully did that. Another key priority for farmers is expanding their trade opportunities, so we successfully did that in USMCA. The next step is ensuring that Canadians abide by what they agreed to do, which is expanded access to our dairy products – we should be able to sell more of our dairy products in Canada and really making sure that there's accountability. That is one of many trade agreements that we need to ensure that we focus on expanding our agricultural access.

And then rural broadband; I was able to include in the farm bill funding for rural broadband, but that is an issue, it continues to be in Washington County and I'm working to make sure that New York state is eligible for additional rural broadband funding. That just doesn't

help the farms it helps our schools, our households, our families, our small businesses.

What is your plan moving forward through COVID?

Number one: making sure that we provide economic relief for families, small businesses, hospitals and our healthcare providers. So, for families, I've worked with thousands of families, making sure that they can access their stimulus payments – and that was an important part of the economic relief directly to individuals and families. In addition, we've provided support for expanded pandemic unemployment assistance and I know there were challenges in the New York state unemployment system, which is way outdated. We were able to help process thousands of those claims with our state elected officials. On the hospital piece, I walked through the 165 million, specifically the formula with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to ensure that all of our rural hospi-

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(cont.) Touts record in congressional race

tals had access, given their unique circumstances and challenges to those funding.

I was in Glens Falls today, highlighting the small business relief, the Paycheck Protection Program. There are many, many businesses in Washington County that have benefited from the Paycheck Protection Program which ensured that they were able to keep people on their payroll, so ensuring people get safely back to work.

Moving forward, as we continue to combat and beat COVID, we definitely need to fund [and] protect supported K through 12 funding as our schools (and I've talked to many superintendents in Washington County) are planning their safety back to school programs for this fall. There are costs that come with that and the federal government should provide federal funding as we get our kids, teachers and staff back to school safely.

In addition, this has highlighted the digital divide. We need to focus on rural broadband like a utility and ensure that every home, every business, is able to get connected and that there is the commitment at the federal and state level to ensure access to high-speed, high-quality.

The other piece is federal funding for economic development. I've expanded the Northern Border Regional Commission Economic Development Grants. Prior to the last year, Washington County was not eligible. I rewrote the eligibility so that every county in my district was eligible for that pot of funding which has gone to infrastructure, to cell phone tower to different projects that municipalities and counties prioritize.

What is it like living in Saratoga County?

I live right on the border. I live in Schuylerville, so I'm in Saratoga County but we frequent Washington County, too. I love the Washington County Fair, I went to go grocery shopping to get produce at Hand Melon Farm, I've been on dozens and dozens of small business visits and farm visits to Washington County. I was born and raised in upstate New York. I've done over 15,000 constituent outreach events all across the district and have participated in many local events in Washington County.

Personally, my husband and I love to garden when we have time. This has been a particularly successful year with our small vegetable garden.

I also enjoy reading. I love enjoying the outdoors in the Adirondacks and just the natural resources we have. I also spend a huge amount of my childhood on Lake Champlain and still love when I have time spending moments on the lake.

What's your favorite part about Washington County?

The people and the history, our community and the real commitment that local communities have, particularly rural communities have to ensuring we have safe, prosperous, healthy and happy towns and villages is just a real bright spot. It's attracting more young people to look beyond the cities and you're seeing this over the course of the COVID crisis as people are moving more towards upstate New York.

And then the history. To be able to live in a place that is really the cradle of the American Revolution in the sense that we're right around the corner of the Philip Schuyler house, we're only a couple miles away from the Saratoga Battlefield – that's just a tremendous honor to represent a district with so much history. As someone who loves history and loves our county, I love living in a community that values our history.

Is there anything you want the readers specifically of the Journal & Press to know?

'I love living in a community that values our history.'

Other broad issues that are important across the district are also important in Washington County. One is I'm a proud supporter of our constitutional liberties, especially our 2nd Amendment rights. I also understand, having grown up in a small business family, that our small businesses are the engine of our economy and I'm always focused on ensuring that our small businesses so not face higher taxes and more regulations, which inhibits their ability to hire additional workers. So, I've always been a strong supporter of our small businesses, including lots of small business visits and very focused on the tourist sector in terms of how it affects the Washington County economy. Nothing is better in the summer than the Washington County Fair, and I always participate in



the milking contest – this is the first year in a while that I will not be at the milking contest (because the Fair is not happening).

If Tedra Cobb, your opponent, reads this, what would you like her to know?

This is a clear choice, this election cycle. I have a record of never voting to raise taxes, my opponent has raised taxes 20 times. I have a strong record of standing up for the Constitution, my opponent is on record for banning guns. I have a strong record of ensuring that we're investing in our military and national defense, she wants to cut national defense. I support patient-centered healthcare and protecting employer-provided healthcare, which is important in our district. She wants to take away employer-provided healthcare and supports Medicare for all, including Medicare for all illegals. So, there are very distinct policy differences. My district knows where I stand on each and every issue, and they also know that I'm in the top 5% of most bipartisan members of Congress, according to the Lugar Center. That was a promise I made when I ran and a promise I've been proud to deliver.

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Woerner seeks to keep Assembly seat

Natalie Jew
Journal & Press

The Journal and Press sat down with Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner to talk about issues she stands for during this upcoming election, including everything from lack of broadband, healthcare in rural communities and life after COVID-19.

Here is the conversation:

What are some key issues that you stand for?

Continuing to support agriculture, the equine industry and racing. Creating new jobs in our communities, fighting for resources for our schools, and ensuring that healthcare is available for those in our rural communities where access to care is a serious issue.

What do you hope to do for Washington County?

I hope to be returned to the Assembly so that I can continue to fight for the expansion of reliable wired broadband projects in Washington County. Over the past several months, New Yorkers have been working hard to flatten the curve and follow the health guidelines that have been handed down by the state. This has meant transitioning students to online learning, transitioning employees to a work-from-home setting, and transitioning businesses to operate entirely online. This shift has been particularly difficult for upstate communities that lack reliable broadband access. Children are not able to complete their homework at home because their school provided laptop cannot access the internet. Businesses are limited in their communications because the service offered in their area does not provide enough megabytes per second to successfully upload information. One way that I have sought to address the issue is by introducing legislation to amend the Public Service Law to include all utility poles in a given census tract under one contract. Including all poles in a census tract under one contract will create a more efficient system for companies to complete the process of installing broadband infrastructure. This would increase the likelihood that cable companies will service more areas of the state and ensure that all homes within a cen-

sus tract receive the same level of service. There is certainly more work to do but I believe that this is a strong start--and will go a long way to ensure that Washington County residents receive reliable broadband. Another critical and timely issue for Washington County communities in the age of COVID-19 is access to telehealth services. I have introduced legislation that would require private health insurance companies to reimburse telehealth visits at the same rate as an in-person visit, which we already do under the Medicaid and Medicare system. My bill specifically speaks to the reimbursement rate for family physicians but could certainly be expanded to other kinds of practices as well.

What is your plan for COVID-19?

I am committed to ensuring that our schools, hospitals, nursing homes and small businesses all have clear guidance, and have the resources that they need, to effectively protect their students, staff, customers and patients. Over the past few months I have held many roundtables with community members on each of these various issues. I use that input, and my relationships within our state agencies, to advocate on behalf of our communities and our local decision-makers. I have worked diligently to ensure that our local leaders' voices are heard at the state level and are seriously taken into account when decisions that impact our communities are made to combat the spread of COVID-19. My office has also assisted well over 200 individuals with navigating the fundamentally broken un-

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employment system, and we continue to do so to this day. We asked folks to stay home to stop the spread of the virus and promised them that they would receive unemployment benefits. It is our responsibility as elected leaders to ensure that the state and the Department of Labor live up to that promise.



Carrie Woerner

What is your stance on Black Lives Matter?

I believe that black lives do matter. I believe in fairness and equality for all. I support those who are peacefully seeking change. I do not support those who are breaking the law. I also support our police officers, in my experience I have found that in our region the overwhelming majority of law enforcement officers are honest, hard-working people who entered the field for all the right reasons. I am deeply saddened by the events that we have seen across the country in recent days, weeks and months. However, I am hopeful that if we can commit to educating and listening to one another, and having an open and honest dialogue, we can work towards a more equitable future for all.

If David Catalfamo, your opponent reads this, what do you say to him? Why may you be a better fit for Washington County?

Over the last six years I have built a signifi-

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The history and importance of the US Census

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

The framers of the Constitution of the United States chose population to be the basis for sharing political power, not wealth or land.

“Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers...”

–The Constitution of the U.S., Article I, Section 2.

The Constitution requires a census to be completed every 10 years. A census aims to count the entire population of a country, and at the location where each person usually lives.

The census asks questions of people in homes and group living situations, including how many people live or stay in each home, and the sex, age and race of each person. The goal is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

Federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, race and other factors. A community benefits the most when the census counts everyone. When you respond to the census, you help your community get its fair share of the more than \$675 billion per year in federal funds spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, food assistance and other vital programs.

Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, and this creates jobs. Developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods. Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness. Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation,

quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.

Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution mandates that an apportionment of representatives among the states must be carried out every 10 years. Therefore, apportionment is the original legal purpose of the decennial census, as intended by our Nation's Founders.

‘Unfortunately, NY’s proportion has declined.’

Apportionment is the process of dividing the 435 memberships, or seats, in the

U.S. House of Representatives among the 50 states, based on the state population counts that result from each decennial census.

The apportionment results will be the first data published from the 2020 Census, and those results will determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives for the next 10 years.

Unfortunately, New York State’s population as a percentage of the United States population has been declining. It is expected that New York will lose one or two congressional seats after the 2020 census is tabulated.

Individuals in small communities might feel it doesn’t matter if I complete the census. Their attitude may be “What effect is one less household going to have on the census?” For the aforementioned reasons, the effect of undercounting in areas can be significant. Less government aid for schools, health care, public works, support for food, heating and other living expenses will be the result of undercounting.

If you have not filled out the 2020 census form, there are many ways you can do so. Go to the Census bu-

reau web site (www.2020census.gov) to download a sample form. You can also go to your local library to get a census form. Census takers are now visiting homes to help individuals fill out the census form.

I close with an interesting tidbit about the tabulation of the census. In late 1880, the Census Bureau realized they would not be able to get the final results of the 1880 census completed before the start of the 1890 census. They tasked a census employee, Herman Hollerith, to figure out a way to speed up the tabulations required for future censuses.

Hollerith devised a scheme where census data could be stored on cards using hole punches. After devising this way of coding the census data, he invented a machine that could tabulate the data from many punched cards. The 1890 census was completely tabulated in one year using Hollerith’s new scheme.

Hollerith left the Census Bureau and established a business called the Tabulating Machine Company. It produced punch cards and tabulating machines for processing the cards. This company later merged with several other companies and became known as International Business Machines – IBM.



GYC AND GREENWICH INTERFAITH BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES OUTREACH AUGUST 29TH 10 AM-2 PM

Last year GYC and Greenwich Interfaith both had events to support our youth with school supplies. This year we are working together to once again help ensure our youth have all they need for school. Due to COVID this will be a drive up event with registration required. Please see below.

WHO : Any child in the Greenwich School District

WHERE: At Bottskill Baptist Church. 32 Church Street Greenwich NY 12834

HOW: Go to the GYC website (www.greenwichyouthcenter.org) and click on the link labeled Back to School. You will be taken to a google form to fill out. We will then email you with your time to come pick up your supplies.

NOTICE: This is first come first serve for the first 120 kids. Time slots will also be given on a first come first serve bases.

For any questions email us at jackiewaitegyc@gmail.com



A modern and upgraded dictionary

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

The world is changing, and it's changing fast. With this, new concepts and thoughts come up all the time and unfortunately, the dictionary isn't able to keep up with it. Today, I'm presenting new words that I believe are relevant and necessary to adopt into the English language.

- badfrienditis – forgetting your friend's birthday, knowing you can go through their Instagram and look at the photo they posted on their birthday last year, check the date it was posted and in turn, know their birthday

- auntcarlakindaracist – the stage in puberty where a child realizes a vast majority of their family members are kind of stupid and

they've been blindly agreeing with bigoted political views for the majority of their childhood

- notflix – the phenomenon that occurs when a friend recommends a Netflix show to you over and over and you say you'll get to it, but you don't have the heart to tell them you'll never watch it

- publétism – when a singer reaches a dry point in their career and releases a Christmas album to stay relevant

'You don't have the heart to say you'll never watch it.'

- facebook – a cesspool of misinformation and drama, often coupled with people abusing their kids

and playing it off as a joke for advertisement revenue on their "family funtime" videos

- riskwar – a company playing on the edge, knowing full well they are acting against basic human decency; close to inciting a war, they are potentially damaging the population, the economy and any concept of morality. often associated with Pringles.

- facemask syndrome – when a vast majority of the population chooses to deny facts and spite scientists by claiming their rights are being denied

- cody – synonymous with genius, typically associated with a young, hilarious, attractive, healthy male

- headachequest – any question that has an answer beyond human comprehension. "How big is the universe?" "Where do we go when

we die?" "What is a tampon?"

- drifry – fighting the urge to eat fries on the drive home from McDonald's

Well, there you have it. All of these words are going to make it much easier for us to convey how we feel and what we want to say. If we all pledge to drop one of these words in casual conversation daily, eventually we'll all be adapted to a new, modern English.

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



BCS spruces up barns

Karen M. Squires, Special Projects Manager for Battenkill Community Services, Inc., reports:

"The folks at Battenkill Community Services were disappointed to learn the 2020 Washington County Fair would be cancelled. The individuals who attend BCS love the fair and spend several days there each summer. In an effort to lend a hand to our neighbors, we reached out to Rebecca and Chris at WCF. We asked if there were any painting projects, they could use a hand with. They were both happy to have us help paint the cow barns for an upcoming Holstein show that is not able to be held at the State Fair this year."



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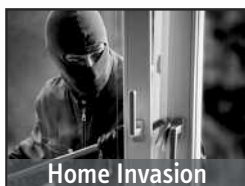
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29East, a publication

We at the Journal & Press is developing a free, secondary publication called 29East. We've already purchased the domain name. 29East will cover the corridor from Saratoga to where the road ends, in Salem, and all of the towns in between – Schuylerville, Greenwich and more! We will have dozens of racks in stores on and near Route 29. It will also have special New York City delivery to

prestigious Manhattan neighborhoods.

The goal is to highlight our area as a great place for tourists to visit and for more serious visitors to find places to eat and stay. Some will surely buy homes here. But 29East will also be a celebration of all that is local, and our core audience is you. Again, this will be free. Stay tuned! Contact us to write for us and/or advertise!

Poster contest

Washington County students are invited to enter the Washington County Poster Contest. Prizes will be awarded for artwork to inspire people to register and vote. Three prizes will be awarded in each age group: Group One, Ages 5-9; Group Two, Ages 10-14; and Group Three, Ages 15-18. The poster can be "virtual" (created with software) or "real" (created with art supplies and photographed for submission). Artwork must be original and cannot promote

any political party, candidate or political issue. The work should inspire people to register to vote, to vote, or both.

Deadline for submission is National Voter Registration Day, September 22. The contest is sponsored by the Washington County Democratic Committee. For a complete list of rules, go to washingtoncountymocrats.com/poster-contest/. For more information, contact Linda Salzer, 518-683-6926.

Woerner (cont.)

cant understanding of the communities of Washington County and specifically the unique challenge facing our small family farms and dairy operations. I have put that knowledge to work to pass significant legislation to support agri-tourism, encourage the sale and purchase of locally sourced food and to bring critically needed resources to Washington County. As a member of the Assembly Majority Conference I am one of the only strong voices for Upstate New York – and specifically for Washington and Saratoga Counties. Now more than ever, it is essential that our region have a seat at the table, in the room where decisions are made.

What would you want to say to the readers of the Journal and

Press?

I want you to know that I truly care about the communities that I represent. I have been able to secure resources and pass legislation to support our business owners and members of our community. I have made it a priority to be an active presence in all of the communities that I represent; to be a frequent visitor to their businesses, to stay in touch with the local organizations and institutions that make our communities strong, and to always stay tuned into the issues that matter most to you.

I have valued your support for the last six years, and I have been proud to be your representative. I would humbly ask that for your vote to return me to office.

Insisting innocence

Rachel Clothier
Journal & Press

I try to stick to stories that are from the area, but this time I would like to share one that I found while researching my family tree on ancestry.com. The story was titled "Saved from the Noose" by Myra Bovsun, published in the Daily News in 2001 and was clipped to the profile of Louis Thornhill.

It takes place in southern Mississippi, where my grandmother's family was from, during Reconstruction in the late 1800s. At that time vigilante groups were formed all through the South, with the aim to impose their will and terror over the recently freed black people.

Neighbors, the Purvis and Buckley families participated in the mobs. The difference being the Buckley brothers did not have a racist ha-

ted, just a desire to keep the peace. They had a young black farmhand, Sam Waller that they genuinely liked and when he was harassed and flogged by the vigilantes, they took exception to it.

The Buckley Brothers reported the abuse to the authorities and testified before a grand jury. On their way back from testifying they were ambushed, and Will Buckley was shot dead. Jim Buckley and Sam Waller were able to dodge the bullets that rained down on them.

Buckley swore that their assailant had been their neighbor's son Will Purvis. Sheriff I.O. Magee went and arrested the 19-year-old Purvis. He willingly went with the sheriff, confident that they would believe that he had been at home at the time with friends. Despite his claim of innocence, he was put on trial for murder, and found to be guilty and sentenced

to death. Upon being read his fate, Purvis shouted to the jurors "I'll live to see the last one of you die!"

On the gallows floor Purvis stood before a crowd of 3,000, all screaming for his death. He responded to the crowd: "I am innocent. I killed no one." The Sheriff covered his head with a black hood, put the noose around his neck and opened the trap.

Purvis fell through the door straight to the ground. The noose had slipped. When the Sheriff went to try it again the crowd demanded that he stop, that God had intervened, it was a miracle.

Purvis was taken back to prison, where he sat on death row, until his friend's and family broke him out of jail. He was a fugitive for over a year. Then, the newly elected governor swore he would show Purvis leniency if he would turn himself in.

Purvis returned to custody under a sentence reduced to life in prison.

Just short of two years later his case was appealed and it was found

that the evidence did not support the verdict. Even Jim Buckley said that he could say for sure that it was Purvis who shot his brother. Purvis walked out of prison a free man.

Over 20 years after Purvis was set free as a deathbed confession was made by Joe Beard, he admitted that he and an older man, Thornhill, were responsible for Buckley's death. Thornhill had died several years before Beard.

The State of Mississippi paid Purvis \$5,000 for damages. Purvis went on to marry a preacher's daughter and had 11 children. He lived to the age of 67 and fulfilled his prophecy that he would live longer than every one of the jurors that sentenced him. The last one died just four days before he did.

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



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Is it over for Ellen DeGeneres?

Elaine Low

Variety

Special to Journal & Press

As "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" winds down its summer hiatus, *Variety* has learned that producers on Monday are addressing with staff accounts of workplace misconduct on the popular daytime talk series, which are currently being investigated by WarnerMedia. As an increasing number of allegations come to light, questions are mounting as to how DeGeneres' lucrative talker and carefully crafted public persona will be affected.

Senior creatives and producers are back at work this week, with the 140 or so personnel at "Ellen" gradually returning in stages following the break. The investigation is still ongoing. As *Variety* reported exclusively last week, series producer Telepictures and distributor Warner Bros. Television informed staff that WarnerMedia's employee relations group and a third-party firm would interview current and former staffers about their on-set experiences.

The probe comes in the wake of several reports of mistreatment and misconduct, including a mid-July BuzzFeed News investigation that surfaced allegations of racist behavior and intimidation on the show. In April, *Variety* reported on the outrage among the show's crew members over pay reduction, a lack of communication and poor treatment by producers after the pandemic shut down production; a non-union tech company was hired to tape the show remotely from DeGeneres' California home. Last week, a separate BuzzFeed News report emerged that included dozens of former employees alleging sexual misconduct and harassment by top executives on the show.

The new season of "Ellen" is

scheduled to premiere on Sept. 9. Another show that DeGeneres hosts, "Game of Games" on NBC, is headed back into production the week of Aug. 24, although according to those familiar with the situation, it is still undetermined as to whether there will be a studio audience during taping.

How the recent reports will impact the "Ellen" viewership in the fall remains to be seen.

"What makes it difficult, with the kind of crisis this is, is it's not an acute problem" such as harassment by DeGeneres herself or embezzlement, said Ketchum senior VP of issues and crisis management Andrew Moesel. "It's more a challenge to her entire brand ethos, which is as a friendly, relatable person next door, which is really the way that viewers perceive her and her value as an entertainer."

The allegations "create a sizable crack in the impression of her as a friendly, next-door neighbor that you're spending your afternoon with," he said.

Given the popularity of the long-running show, some publicists say DeGeneres' core fan base is unlikely to stop tuning in because of recent reports, though only time will tell whether the negative publicity will sour more casual viewers.

DeGeneres' public persona as a talk-show host has been built on the premise, "Be kind to one another." When "Ellen" won a Daytime Emmy in June for best entertainment talk show, DeGeneres said in her acceptance speech that she would more actively use her show as a way to create change and amplify the voices of Black people and people of color.

Following the recent spate of headlines, DeGeneres issued an emotional apology letter to staff last week that the show was not

the "place of happiness" that she promised it would be, and said that she was "disappointed to learn that this has not been the case." Executive producer Ed Glavin is expected to exit his role.

Entertainment publicist Danny Deraney said that he has been hearing stories of DeGeneres' alleged behavior "for years," including from those who have worked on her show.

"I think Ellen has had a problem with reading the room lately," he said, in reference to DeGeneres broadcasting from her sizable home amid the pandemic and calling self-quarantine a "prison," and the criticism she received after photos surfaced of her attending an NFL game with former President George W. Bush a year ago.

"She has an image problem that



clearly is going to need some work to salvage any kind of momentum that she has earned over this time or any kind of positive reputation that she has," said Deraney. "There's a lot of negativity surrounding her and her show, and it starts by offering a better apology and taking ownership of what she's done, and really being better."

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Sorry, YouTube, my life is not that interesting

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

Since this whole pandemic, quarantine, stay-at-home thing began in mid-March, I have uploaded a dozen videos to my YouTube channel. The self-produced movies ranged from an interview I conducted with my 11-year-old nephew - I queried him about his passion for Legos -- to snippets from a few Zoom comedy shows I performed for business employees trying to stay sane as they juggled work with home schooling duties.

But never have I bounced out of bed, grabbed my iPhone or video camera and proclaimed, "THIS day will be SO amazing, that I will document it in its entirety and post it to YouTube, so the entire world can enjoy it!" Another day spent without a plane to catch, a restaurant to explore, a health club to sweat in, or humans outside my immediate family to converse with just didn't seem worthy of documentation.

And yet, some 300,000 aspiring filmmakers worldwide thought differently. They submitted videos in hopes of being featured as part of the "Life in a Day 2020" documentary, now in development.

The project, commissioned by YouTube and directed by Oscar-winning filmmaker Kevin Macdonald, invited anyone and everyone to roll out of bed on July 25, record anything they wanted, and submit it to YouTube, hoping Macdonald will use at least a portion of it in the 90-minute finished product, scheduled to debut at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2021. Of course, that's assuming the festival isn't canceled, postponed, moved to a virtual format or "reevaluated," all very real scenarios if the world's population keeps insisting on running around without masks.

Wondering if I had missed a golden opportunity, I scrolled backward through my phone's calendar, curious to see what I could have filmed. Tapping July 25, I saw a two-word phrase that has become synonymous with the pandemic: "No events."

I immediately felt better.

Had YouTube chosen July 22 to conduct "Life in a Day 2020," I could have wowed Macdonald with a happy birthday Facetime call I made to my 84-year-old aunt in Michigan. Yes, that was on my calendar. All by itself.



Or June 20, when I actually typed "shredding day" into the calendar, a reminder that I could drop off paper documents at my town hall and they would be ground to a pulp, free of charge.

Oh, wait, forget the shredding event. June 28 was way more scintillating. On that day, I watched my niece graduate from Harvard Business School. Via Zoom. Then there was July 12, the day I reminded myself to "check in with dentist." I specifically remember that call ... all

**'Walk dog, mow lawn...
Yes, my supply of Coors
Light is running low.'**

three minutes of it.

Of course, there have been events that I didn't deem worthy of including in an online calendar. "Mow lawn," "walk dog," "record 'Ozark'" and "check beer supply" all come to mind. Would Macdonald have considered adding a scene of me sticking my head into my refrigerator and deciding that, yes, my supply of Coors Light was running low? We'll never know.

Incidentally, this isn't Macdonald's first go-round with the "Life in a Day" concept; he produced a similar film documenting life on July 24, 2010. I'm not sure what I was doing that day but I'm certain it was more interesting

than "pull weeds."

According to Variety magazine, a slew of people managed to find excitement in their lives on July 25, 2020. Submissions included footage of Black Lives Matter protesters, Tibetan Buddhists and COVID-19 researchers. I do remember indulging in pickleball, my new athletic passion, on the 25th but footage of me swatting at a yellow Whiffle ball pales in comparison to scientists trying to cure the virus that is causing tumbleweeds to blow through my day planner.

This pandemic needs to end. Now. I don't care how long I have to stand in line, awaiting the vaccine. For I will spend the time updating my calendar, adding entries that involve travel, concerts, weddings and the chance to say goodbye to a loved one at a funeral home or a graveside service. None of these events may be documentary-worthy but all have a nicer ring than "Delete spam."

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.



Clearing is all about the wood, for now

Natalie Jew
Journal & Press

On a lot, at the top of the hill by the fairgrounds, the property owners have been clearing trees.

NECB Properties LLC, the owners, bought the lot in 2017, as potential commercial land in Greenwich for other businesses and are now cutting down their trees for timber sales.

“There are no hard plans past that at this point,” said Chris Cripps, owner of Betterbee. He is also one of the three partners in NECB Properties LLC, and owner of the Northeast Center for Beekeeping LLC, the Downeast Center for Beekeeping LLC and Rooster Management LLC.

This past winter, when Schuylerville Village advertised a timber sale and Cripps (who owns an adjacent lot), wanted to see if he could tag along with the tree clearing. A gully separated the two lots (Schuylerville-owned watershed and the property Cripps owned) where the timber would be harvested.

“They refused since they are a government and we are a private business and they did not want to create any appearance of impropriety,” Cripps said. “They did give me the name of the

forester administering their sale, F&W Forestry in Glens Falls. The forester met with me and reviewed the lot and thought if we clear cut it, with its frontage on 29 and great drainage, it would bring a good price for a spring sale.”

After meeting with the forester, Cripps sold the logs and then hired a contractor to remove the stumps and plant grass seed.

As for the lot to the west, owned by Rooster Management LLC, only some of the trees were cleared. “We piggy-backed on the timber sale by NECB Properties to selectively harvest trees from that lot,” Cripps said.

There are no plans for the lot to the west as of now.



—kaylee johnson photo

“That lot is known to many people because the restaurant Someplace Else was there. That building and the view were beautiful but had suffered from abuse and lack of maintenance for many years,” Cripps said. “I hired another contractor to raze the building. That work has started and should be done soon. I don’t have any firm plans for that lot at this point either.”

Drive-thru rabies clinic

Washington County Public Health has announced that it will be holding another Rabies Clinic by Appointment Only. The drive-thru clinic will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at the Fort Ann Highway Garage on State Route 149, Fort Ann.

Washington County Public Health wants pet owners to know that New York State law requires all dogs, cats, and domesticated ferrets to be vaccinated against rabies. If an unvaccinated pet or one that’s overdue on its vaccination comes in contact with a rabid or suspected rabid animal, the pet must be destroyed or strictly quarantined for 6 months. All dogs and cats should be vaccinated against

rabies at 3 months of age and re-vaccinated one year later, then every three years thereafter. Ferrets should be vaccinated against rabies at 3 months of age and re-vaccinated yearly thereafter.

Pet owners can start calling Washington County Public Health on August 27th at 518-746-2400 for appointments and weekdays between 8:30am and 3:30pm to schedule their appointments after that. Registration for the clinic will end September 10th at 3:30pm or sooner if the appointment slots become filled. Rules:

- Pet owners must wear a mask at all times.
- Pet owners should not arrive



more than 5 minutes before their scheduled appointment time.

- Pet owners must stay in their vehicles until instructed otherwise.

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Salem kiosks unveiled

Thanks to the combined efforts of The Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc. and members of the Salem Rotary Club, the rest stop on State Route 22 between the Salem/Jackson town line is now enhanced by two informative kiosks. One describes the historic Northern Turnpike from Lansingburgh to Whitehall, the other depicts three covered bridges on the Battenkill:

Rexleigh, Eagleville, and Shushan. Kiosk text and photos were provided by Salem Town Historian Al Cormier.

Pictured left to right: Locks to Lakes Board Member Bruce Ferguson. Rotarian Allyson Barber, Bruce Gordon, contractor; Rotarians Al Cormier and Jim Carrolan.

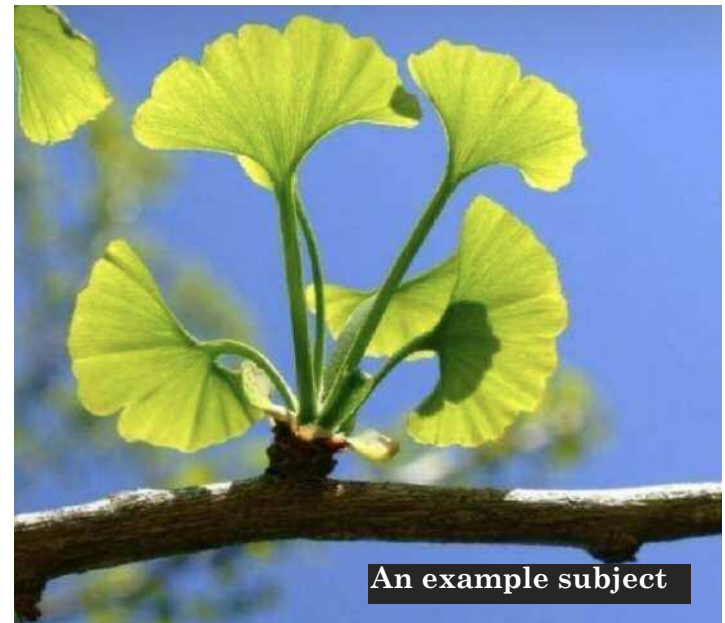


Outdoor paint & sip

Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. will host an "Outdoor Paint, Snack, and Sip" fundraiser on Saturday, August 22 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The event will be held under the tent at R.S. Taylor & Sons Brewery located on Route 30, Hebron, NY.

Guests can expect a fun afternoon of painting, sipping, and snacking. COVID-19 safety protocols will be adhered to. The art supplies will be sanitized and guests are asked to wear a face covering.

Maureen Temple, a retired Hudson Falls High School teacher will lead guests with step-by-step instruction in painting a picture of a vibrant ginkgo leaf. The cost is \$30



An example subject

per person and includes the canvas, painting supplies, instruction, and light appetizers. There will be a cash bar available, as well as door prizes and a 50/50.

Space is limited to 30 guests and pre-registration is required. For questions or registration Roxanne at 518-642-9453 or roxanne_peck@yahoo.com.

Tribute to E. Brady Waite

The Measure of a Man

Author Unknown/Anonymous

Not "How did he die?" But
"How did he live?"

Not "What did he gain?" But
"What did he give?"

Not "What was his station?"
But "Had he a heart?"

And "How did he play his
God-given part?"

Not "What was his shrine?"
Nor "What was his creed?"

But "Had he befriended those
really in need?"

Not "What did the piece in the

newspaper say?"

But "How many were sorry
when he passed away?"

Was he ever ready with a
word of good cheer,

To bring back a smile, to ban-
ish a tear?

These are the units to meas-
ure the worth

Of a man named Brady
Waite, the most loved and
missed man on Earth.

**We love you.
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Sobering numbers

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

The first estimate of second quarter GDP was a doozy. Just how bad was the pandemic's impact from April through June? The Bureau of Economic Analysis said that the US economy contracted at a 32.9% annualized pace. [GDP is reported as a seasonally adjusted annual rate, which means that a 33% Q2 decline is approximately a 9.5% decline from the seasonally adjusted Q1 reading, which came in at -5%.] The first half of 2020 makes the ten-year "slow and low" recovery period from 2010 through 2019 seem positively idyllic. Gone are the days when we can complain that the economy was "only growing" by 2.2% to 2.5%.

With the economy coming to a sudden stop, it should be no surprise that the numbers were ugly. According to Daniel Bachman from consultancy Deloitte, "The decline in consumer spending is driving the

downturn...just two key categories of consumer spending – food services, accommodations and recreation – together account for 8% of GDP. And that doesn't account for the decline in business spending in those areas."

The current climate has also accelerated the pace of retail bankruptcies.

Ascena Retail Group, the owner of Ann Taylor, LOFT, Lane Bryant, and others, now joins Neiman Marcus, JC Penney, Brooks Brothers, J.Crew, Pier 1, Modell's, and Lucky Brands in the bankruptcy club, with new members likely to arrive throughout the year. This year could see more bankruptcies than 2010 (48), according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Perhaps the good news about the rotten GDP reading is that it reflects the past. As more states eased restrictions, spending increased in May and June. But the very openings that helped boost economic activity also allowed COVID-19 to spread throughout the South and West, prompting

the re-imposition of masking, social distancing, and other restrictions, which has meant a slow down in activity in July.

The Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey showed the number of employed Americans declined by about 6.7 million from mid-June through mid-July. Other findings::

- Households where someone had a loss in employment income since March 13: 50.1%.
- Expect someone in household to have a loss in employment income in the next 4 weeks: 35.1%.
- Missed last month's rent or mortgage payment, or have slight/no confidence that they can pay next month on time: 26.4%

Analysts from Capital Economics note, strength in the second half of the year relies squarely on "how the virus plays out, and health policy responses to it" and of course, the next phase of stimulus will play an important humanitarian and economic role.

Kathy Jones Senior Vice President, Chief Fixed Income Strategist, Schwab Center for Financial Re-

search underscores that the new stimulus money will provide "a further boost to economy," which "should help support consumption and employment, lifting expectations for a stronger recovery." However, without adequate government support, the recovery could be more painful. To be clear: There will be growth in the second half of 2020, but few economists believe that it will be strong.

Deloitte sees several quarters of "subdued" growth and the question and answer they provide about the next five years is sobering: "Are we really going to end up where we started?...The answer is probably no."

But Capital Economics thinks "some of the pessimism about the longer term economic impact of the virus may be overdone...For all these reasons, good public health policy is good economic policy."

Jill Schlesinger, CFP, is a CBS News business analyst.



Anger spilling over at work

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *Lots of people at work are eager to attack others. I'm also seeing this in the news including physical violence. I don't remember ever being so anxious that what I say will spark conflict. How can we work effectively when everyone seems like they're lying in wait for a big fight?*

A: Yes be conscious that you're speaking into a powder keg of troubled hearts. Before you speak closely evaluate how others will hear what you say and do. Silence is also a reasonable response.

You cannot afford to open mouth and potentially insert foot if you want effectiveness during a powder keg atmosphere. Worst case you say the wrong thing to the wrong person and

end up physically hurt. Best case people yell at you.

Yesterday driving through my neighborhood I fully stopped at a stop sign. A scowling guy doing yard work screamed because he thought I didn't stop. I blew him a kiss, which surprised him, and kept driving. I have no idea what his life is like. He may be unemployed, had his wife die of COVID-19, or some other tragedy. What I knew for sure is he was mad, super mad, and just looking for an excuse to vent.

Love, silence, or deescalation is the best response to generalized fury. At present people, just like my raging neighbor, see what they need to see to validate their raging.

Anger is an easier emotion than grief. Whatever losses this guy was experiencing, his wrath would be

soothed if he could allow the vulnerability of grief to move through him. Instead he's in his front yard screaming at strangers.

The question, as we speak into the powder keg, is not what we tell ourselves others deserve. The question is what do we deserve? No matter how well deserved we feel it is to rage at people we're left shaky and upset. We end up feeding ourselves the poison we tell ourselves others deserve.

Social change is more complex than being mad. Social change requires hard work, diplomacy, and creativity. Every big inner or outer change starts with polarization and conflict. Every important inner or outer change eventually integrates these opposites into a new higher level of functioning.

We don't enjoy living with inner or

outer conflict but if we're going to grow up we have to tolerate periods of intense conflict while common ground develops. If we've learned how to withstand these emotions in our inner world we're more patient when others freak out.

I predict our social tendency to rage is not going to fade after the pandemic. If someone blows their top at you, use your impulse control to walk away or surprise the crap out of them and do something kind. Effective interpersonal choices will improve your chances of living in a more peaceful world during this hostile and divided social time.

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



Wild dogs attack flocks; fewer polio cases

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 late Augusts many decades ago:

100 Years Ago
August 18, 1920

Washington County farmers who keep sheep have suffered great a loss

from attacks on their flocks by vagrant dogs, but it is unusual for cattle raisers to have losses of this kind. However, dogs are getting more ambitious, judging from the exploits of a pair of them near Hudson Falls a few days ago.

M.D. Vaughn and Charles Geer, assessors of the town of Kingsbury, were called to the farm of Charles M. Yarter, Monday to appraise the value of registered cattle that had been killed by dogs. Investigation showed that two dogs, one a hound and the other a shepherd dog, had gone into the field in which twenty-one young cattle were pastured and chased them until they succeeded in killing four of them.

90 Years Ago
August 27, 1930

The Washington County Children's Health Camp closed its season Sunday, and the last of the children who had spent eight full weeks at the camp left for their homes. Some of the youngsters whose parents had other plans for a portion of their vacation had left a week or two earlier, and on get-away day the number of campers, which was nearly forty at the re-opening of the season had been reduced to twenty-four. All campers were a hearty and deeply sun-tanned lot who showed little sign of physical deficiency!

80 Years Ago
August 21, 1940

The board of education of the Greenwich School is advertising in another column of this paper for the construction and completion of a building on the high school grounds to provide temporary quarters for the music department of the school which cannot be suitably accommodated in the current building. The plans, which were adopted at a recent meeting of the school board, call for immediate erection of the building and specify that it shall be completed on or before Oct. 15 of this year. Plans and specifications for the building may be examined at the office of Van Ness and Russell, and the bids are to be received not later than 6 p.m. next week Friday, Aug. 30.

70 Years Ago
August 23, 1950

Washington County, which was hard hit by polio last year, has escaped an epidemic this year with only three cases reported during 1950 in Washington County. That report was submitted to the state department of health, according to Dr. Robert F. Korn, director of the department's bureau of communicable disease control.

Two new cases were reported from Saratoga County, one on March 11 and one on July 31. Three new cases were reported during January and February from Washington County. The figures in upstate New York trail the total for August 1949 by more than 100.

60 Years Ago
August 24, 1960

A four-story concrete block build-

ing, housing 16,000 White Leghorn pullets collapsed Monday evening at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Perey Woodard on the Meader road north of Greenwich. No one knows what happened, but Frank Woodard, son of the owners, was in the yard at the time, shortly before 10 a.m., and he heard an explosion, saw a flash of light and looked up to see the rear and front walls of the building fall in, carrying the roof with them.

30 Years Ago
August 23, 1980

A joint investigation conducted by the Washington County Sherriff's Department and the Washington County District Attorney's office into the illegal growing of marijuana, ended Friday, Aug. 17, with the arrests of three individuals. A total of 400 marijuana plants were confiscated and various growing implements and equipment resulting in a total street value of \$400,000.

20 Years Ago
August 24, 2000

Several styles of hand washing stations using a sanitizer instead of water are located throughout the fairgrounds. Most are positioned near food vendors and others are located near wherever persons are likely to have contact with animals, such as the FFA Petting Zoo. The purpose of course is to give fairgoers the opportunity to remove all traces of bacteria from their hands before consuming the dazzling array of finger foods offered by vendors.



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The River on the Border, Part I

Liv Thygesen
Journal & Press

My lungs were on the verge of bursting. Never had I been forced to hold my breath for so long. How could I still be under the water? At this point, you normally surface and begin to float downstream. Yet, there I was still under water, unable to curl my legs up. Terrified that the rocks would begin to smash my legs as the current swept us along, I tugged and pulled trying to free my legs from the raft. The icy water of the rapids no longer felt cold as the fire in my lungs began pulsating through my chest and into my head. “How long can I hold my breath?” I wondered. Why could I not free my legs from the raft? Why was my life jacket not pulling me to the surface? I must be tangled in the ropes. My foot must have gotten wrapped in the cord on the edge of the raft as I went over. With the water rushing all around me, my back smashed against a rock. The pain shot through me like a bolt of lightning. My mouth opened to gasp out in pain and water rushed in. Just as my lungs were giving

out, I felt my leg come free and the dark waters began to lighten. The bubbles of the rapids surrounded my face as my body rose to the surface. The daylight pierced my eyes. I sucked in the fresh air. I was finally free from the raft.

The brisk current rapidly began separating me from the raft. Knowing the river as I did, it was only a matter of a few moments before the conditions worsened and the rapids would grow with intensity. I needed to board the raft as quickly as possible. With my feet finally free, I was able to tuck them up into my chest and attempt to float bottom first downstream. The waves and rocks knocked me to and fro. Each wave up, was another plunging dive under the depths of the water. The exhaustion from holding my breath so long was beginning to catch up with me faster than the raft was able to. I could see the orange raft to my left. Onboard they were yelling something to me. Their screams were inaudible due to the crashing waves around my head. The only yelling I could hear was the screaming of my back as it smashed against



another rock and the shrieking of my lungs as they begged for air.

(to be continued)

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



Virtual Run Fast For Flint nets \$1568

The 2020 Run Fast For Flint 5k was a historic race for many reasons, finishing up this past weekend. The race, occurring in late July at Greenwich High School for the past two years, went “virtual” this summer to keep participants safe from COVID. As this would’ve been the third race, making a decision on how to hold the 5k this year was a tough one, considering plans up until March had been to hold the race in person, as usual. But when COVID hit, it didn’t seem responsible. “Initially we were going to do nothing, and then we decided no, we had to do something,” says Race Director Annabel Gregg in a recent interview. This year, the race was put on by the Water Insecurity Correction Coalition, a budding organization based in Greenwich and also founded by Gregg.

The virtual race raised \$1,568 for the Flint community, within \$50 of funds raised at the 2019 in-person race. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be going to the Mari Copeny

Clean Water Fund and the National Clean Water Collective, to provide both “short-term relief to Flint residents in the form of water donations,” as well as “helping find long-term solutions to the water crisis like pipe-replacements and home water filtration systems,” according to the WICC website.

Hosting over 62 participants, the virtual race had runners and walkers mostly from Greenwich and the North Country, but many others from all over the country in places like Connecticut, Maryland, and Minnesota. “It actually was super cool because we had people from all over the country join in as well,” explains Gregg. “It was just cool because the whole reason we started this was to raise awareness of this crisis, at least in my hometown, and now we got to have an even bigger platform because it was virtual. So I think we’ll keep the in-person race and also have the virtual component in the future.”

In terms of history-making, aside from being held during a pandemic, the third annual “RFFF” had its first female Overall Race Winner, local GCS cross country runner Nina Sgambelluri. Sgambelluri, who placed 7th in the state at the NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championships in 2018, had a time of 20:31 to win the 5k at large. She was followed by Cody Beldon, first for the men with a time of 21:05, Jamie Haskell, second for the men, Emma Cronin, second for the women, and Matt Bink, third for the men. Third for the women was Annie Grimmke, who placed 12th overall. Full results, including age group winners, can be found on the WICC website at <https://yeswicc.com/virtual2020>.

In a wrap-up video to participants, Gregg looks to the future of the Run Fast For Flint 5k. “I wish I could’ve been with you guys in person, but we will be next year, and even though we couldn’t be together in person this year, we all still ran fast for Flint together.”

For results, sponsors, photos and more, go to <https://yeswicc.com/virtual2020>.

Greenwich Council talks youth, history

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

As the summertime comes to a close and kids start looking at a new variety of learning methods this fall, the resilient Town Youth program officially came to an end, wrapping up its last day on Friday. Town Clerk Joanna Messina gave a quick report on the 2020 Town Youth Program at the Aug. 11 Town Board meeting. The kids celebrated their last days of the youth program having special lunches from McDonald's, and a field day event with ice cream from Stewart's. "They had a water slide outside of [the town] office for two days, and all afternoon, all we could hear was the kids screaming, which was pretty awesome," she said. The youth program had been a tense topic considering coronavirus concerns, but the program adapted throughout the summer by having kids wear masks, socially distance, and complete daily check-ins with their nurse.

Roy Richards and associate Jeremy Hughes from Barton and Loguidice, a Syracuse based firm, gave a presentation to the Board proposing the creation of a preliminary engineering report, the first step in the process of a developing

water line project. "This is essentially our marketing tool," explains Richards, who specializes in water and wastewater system projects. The engineering report "has a lot of info about finances, which could help us qualify for more funding." Highlighting their "good track record," the firm has worked successfully with Greenwich before, according to Richards. "The village of Greenwich actually received a grant through us to do their water line project recently," he said.

In terms of the water line project itself, the town is "proposing extending the public water line further into the town past the traffic circle," specified Joanna Messina. Richards said this process is often very long, but will start the process of partnering with the Board and Supervisor Ward to figure out the needs of the town and create a plan.

Greenwich Schoolhouse #11, a 700 square foot property recently purchased by Jill Tefft, could be placed in the National NYS Historical Registry soon. Town Historian Sandy McReynolds explained the value of the property and why it should be in the National Register of Historic Places for New York. "The house was built in 1850, as a replacement for the other schoolhouse they had at the time. The

previous one was the one that Susan B. Anthony taught at," said McReynolds. "The school was a one-room schoolhouse, and it ended in 1944 when Greenwich centralized."

She said there is literal history preserved within the schoolhouse. "In 2017, Jill Tefft purchased the property and began remodeling," she explained. "When she went in there, a lot of the writing was still left on the chalkboards from the last day in 1944. Some of [Jill's] grandfather's work was found under the floor." There will be a hearing regarding the property's historical status on September 10th.

The Board also spoke on the new law recently passed by New York State regarding the STAR Benefit Exemption, where if a participant has not paid school taxes for this year, they are removed from the program. In Greenwich, eight taxpayers have been removed from this exemption program due to this new law. "It's really unfair," commented Supervisor Don Ward. The STAR Benefit Exemption is for property taxpayers who recently bought a home.



The Board also plans to advertise an opening, replacing retiring member Ralph Vecchio, on the Board of Assessment Review for the October 2020 to September 2025 term. The Assessment Review Board meets on Grievance Day to hear complaints against the current assessment roll of properties.

Recent Greenwich High School grad Christian Bittel was appointed to be the alternate member for Zoning Board of Appeals. The alternate position, who subs-in when a regular member is absent, is filling an alternate 5-year term that ends on December 31st, 2022.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m., different from the usual second Tuesday of the month schedule to avoid Labor-Day related conflicts. The public can attend via the Zoom link provided on the Town website.



HVCC exhibit online

With the COVID-19 pandemic keeping students out of on-campus classrooms, labs and studios, Hudson Valley Community College's Fine Arts, Theatre Arts and Digital Media Department has moved its annual end-of-year student exhibits to virtual galleries. The three exhibits can be viewed at www.hvcc.edu/teachinggallery. The exhibits include drawing and painting, photography, collage, interactive computer art, video, web design and animation. The online galleries will be available through Aug. 31, 2020.

Movies/TV series now available on video

Jay Bobbin

Special to Journal & Press

Stuck at home? Here are some new video releases:

"THE WRETCHED": One of very few movies to get a theatrical release during the coronavirus pandemic, this independently made thriller fared well at the box office ... relatively speaking, given the limited number of theaters that were open to be able to show it, but it still placed at No. 1 for its first several weeks. Written and directed by siblings Brett Pierce and Drew T. Pierce, it casts John-Paul Howard as a young man drawn into supernatural doings when he goes to live with his divorcing father. A literal witch ultimately is revealed as part of the mayhem, which involves such trademarks of the genre as possession and strange disappearances. Disney Channel veteran Piper Curda ("I Didn't Do It") plays the young hero's new friend, who also is given a personal reason to get to the bottom of the mystery.

"THE HIGH NOTE": Released to home viewers vis On Demand at the same time it opened in whatever theaters were available for it then, this comedy drama gives Tracee Ellis Ross ("black-ish") a showcase that has the subtext of letting her pay homage to her music-icon mother, Diana Ross. She plays a veteran singer who's been coasting on her past hits for a long time, until her personal assistant (Dakota Johnson) -- an aspiring music producer -- inspires her to start working on new material, something their record label is skeptical about. Plenty of personal and professional complications arise for the women; Kelvin Harrison Jr. portrays a would-be musician who factors into their dealings; Bill Pullman, Ice Cube, Eddie Izzard and Melanie Griffith also are featured.

"BELGRAVIA": "Downton Abbey" mentor Julian Fellowes

adapted his novel also titled "Belgravia" into this Epix series, writing all six of the episodes of another period piece that weaves many characters into a backdrop drawn from history ... specifically, the Battle of Quatre Bras, which preceded Waterloo. That conflict has results that play out over many years for figures including an arms dealer and his wife (played by Philip Genister and Tamsin Grieg), who eventually relocate to the privileged London area known as Belgravia. There, their earlier dealings have unexpected aftereffects, some of which set the stage for major emotional complications for others as well.

"AMERICAN MASTERS -- MAE WEST: DIRTY BLONDE": "Come up and see me sometime" isn't the typical line you hear on public television, but then again, Mae West hardly was a typical celebrity. The famously salty talent didn't hesitate to play up her sex appeal, from her time as one of the raciest movie stars of the 1930s to her tenure as an icon seen in such later films as the controversial "Myra Breckinridge." Her decidedly colorful life and times are recalled in this tellingly titled profile recently broadcast by PBS, detailing how her independent approach to her career made censors and even powerful publisher William Randolph Hearst nemeses of hers. Still, she counted such popular actors as Cary Grant and James Stewart among her leading men. Executive-produced by someone else who's famously done things her way, Bette Midler, the program includes comments from Ringo Starr, Candice Bergen and actress-comedian Margaret Cho.

"THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA": There certainly has been no shortage of screen versions of



"Mae West: Dirty Blonde"

Gaston Leroux's classic tale of a disfigured man who dwells in the bowels of an opera house. This 1962 retelling produced by the renowned Hammer Films company -- and newly offered in a "Collector's Edition" on Blu-ray -- casts Herbert Lom, arguably best-known as Inspector Clouseau's ill-tempered boss Dreyfus in the "Pink Panther" comedies -- as the Phantom, whose worshipping of a performer (Heather Sears, dubbed by Patricia Clark in the singing sequences) leads to suspense and tragedy. Michael Gough and Patrick Troughton also are in the cast. Among the special features are a longer version of the movie that was prepared for television showings, and a featurette on the horror-oriented Hammer studio's history.

"THE BRITISH INVASION": Those who know the music of a certain era -- and a certain country -- likely will recognize the theme of this set of five documentaries. Several of them are separate profiles of three of the most prominent rock bands to hail from England during the 1960s, The Rolling Stones, The Who and (of course) The Beatles. The legend of

the latter group also yields separate documentaries here on John Lennon and the Fab Four's manager, Brian Epstein. Naturally, there's plenty of musical evidence presented that attests to why the showcased acts have continued to endure in popularity over the succeeding decades.

"BATWOMAN: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON": With the exit of star Ruby Rose, The CW will be installing a new Batwoman in the series' second season, so here's a chance to see the DC Comics-based show in its original form. Often while wearing a terrific costume, Rose does an extremely and commendably physical job of playing Kate Kane, who assumes the absent Batman's mission of protecting Gotham from criminal elements -- a pursuit that often puts her in conflict with her father (Dougray Scott), a military veteran turned private-security-firm chief. Rachel Skarsten gets to vamp it up wonderfully as Kate's half-sister, who turns out to be Batwoman's chief enemy. And if you think you recognize the voice of Gotham gossip Vesper Fairchild ... yes, it's Rachel Maddow.

The forgotten war – happening right now

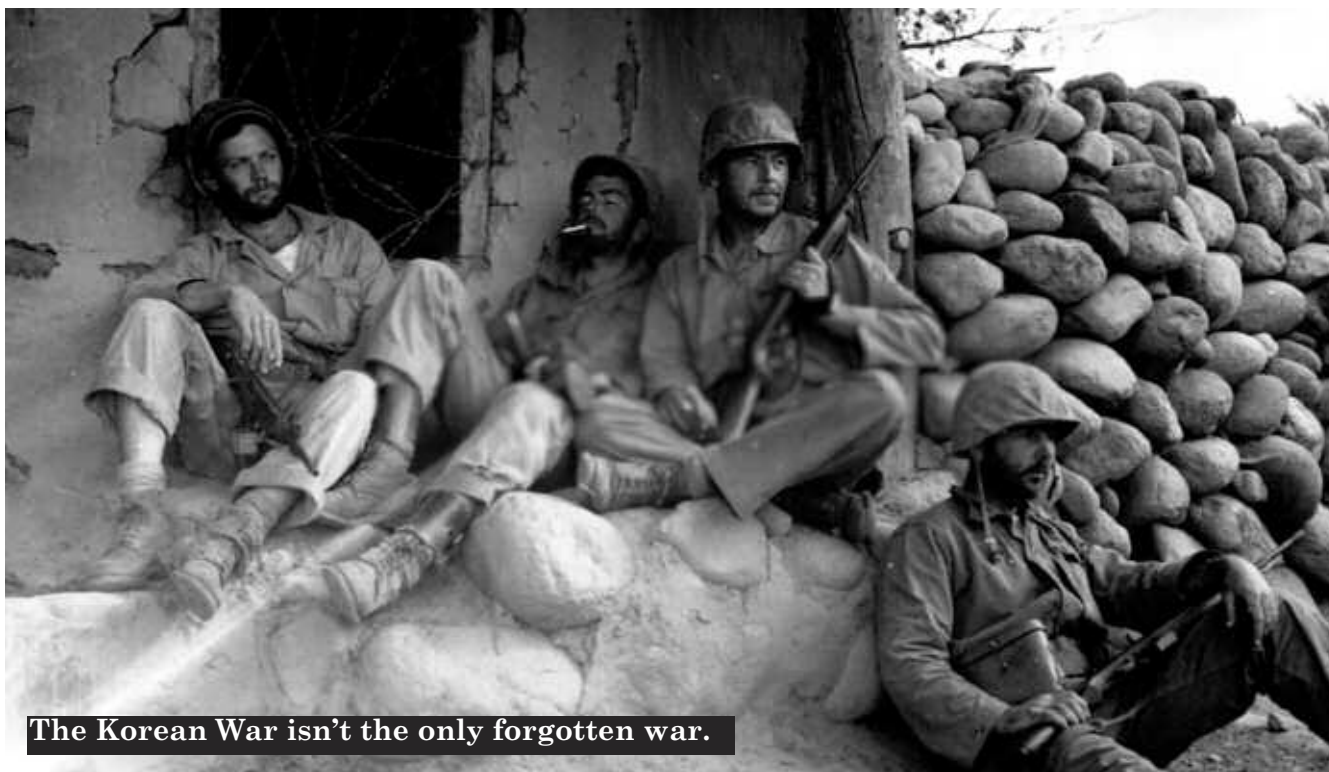
Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

As you read this, approximately 10,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines are in Afghanistan, slogging onward towards an eventual end of a 19-year conflict, our longest American war. It doesn't make headlines anymore – COVID-19, racial unrest and domestic politics have pretty well monopolized the front pages for most of 2020. But it's important to know that as you go to sleep at night, halfway around the world, our servicemen and servicewomen are going through the daily, and sometimes deadly, motions of a military in a war zone.

We've had "forgotten wars" before. Our eight years of war in the Philippines following the Spanish-American War. The "Europe first" policy we followed in World War II, which led some of those fighting in the Pacific to think their war was forgotten. The Korean War, fought to a stalemate in 1953 by a nation still exhausted by World War II, was sandwiched between "The Big One" and the long, contentious war in Vietnam, and was termed a "forgotten war" by its veterans. Afghanistan has been a forgotten war through almost its entirety – when I was in Iraq in 2007-08, Iraq was termed "the big show" and Afghanistan "the side show." It didn't mean that Afghanistan was any easier, heaven knows, but the priority of resources and attention was going to Iraq at that time.

At the beginning of the Korean War, most of the American public didn't know where Korea was, nor why it was important. However, the communist invasion of South Korea, which in the popular trope of history at the time was believed to be the work of Moscow, provided a certain degree of context for what was taking place. Once the invasion was turned back in bloody fashion, the last two years of the war was spent in seemingly meaningless battles which led to an armistice. The troops came home, not to flying flags and a grateful public savoring victory, but rather to a certain degree of indifference.

Afghanistan has been its own puzzle – we've had numerous off-ramps by which we could have declared the mission complete and pulled out. For instance, when we threw the Taliban out of power in 2001 for their support of Al-Qaeda. Or when we finally killed Osama Bin Laden. But we have lingered in Afghanistan for ends that have never been fully explained. Are we trying to build an American-style democracy? Are we trying to



The Korean War isn't the only forgotten war.

strengthen their central government? Is this a humanitarian mission? A training mission? Or are we in Afghanistan essentially having troops buy time with their own blood for someone in power to finally make a decision to come home? For those

'We have lingered in Afghanistan for ends that haven't been explained.'

without the answer guide, the answers are "no," "maybe," "sometimes" and "yes."

Every Christmas Eve, I go down to Stratton VA Hospital with my Albany Post of the Jewish War Veterans of the US. We spend some time walking the wards, bringing holiday greetings to those who are unable to go home. I remember sitting with one Afghanistan veteran, who I had asked if he had any good memories of his time there. He told me about a civil action program where he was building a school and he talked about the happy looks on the kids' faces and how satisfying it was. He then sadly stated, "I wish that was the part of it I could dream about."

Perhaps the legacy of the Afghanistan War is to reinforce the lessons learned, re-learned, and re-

learned again in our "forgotten wars." One of the products to come out of America's military experience in the 20th Century was the Powell Doctrine, named after a military and political leader who I hold in very high esteem, General Colin Powell. In a nutshell, what he said was before we get involved in military action, we need to be able to answer "yes" to a series of questions about whether this is in our national security interest, whether we have overwhelming force, and whether we have widespread public and allied support. Most importantly – do we have an achievable, clear objective for our actions? If we don't, how do we know when we are done?

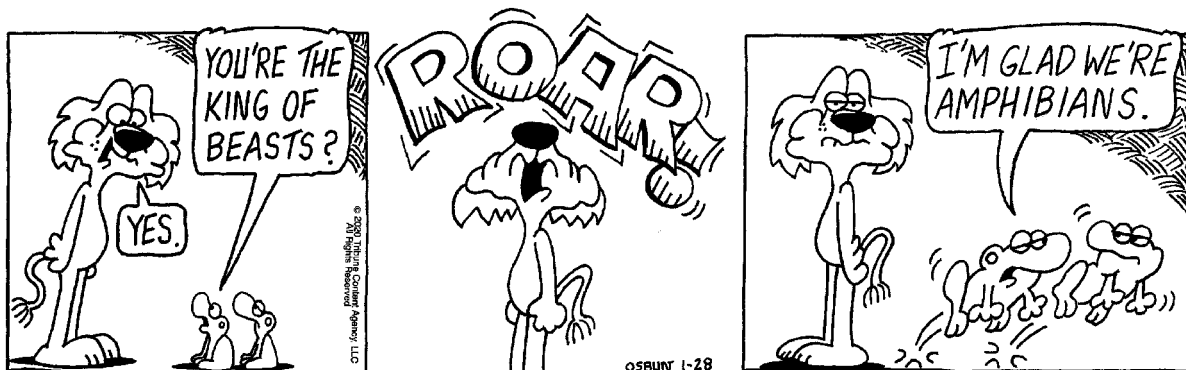
The Afghanistan War still has us wandering the back hallways of a landlocked country on the other side of the world, looking for the exit. My comrades-in-arms, who I couldn't be prouder of nor care more about, deserve better.

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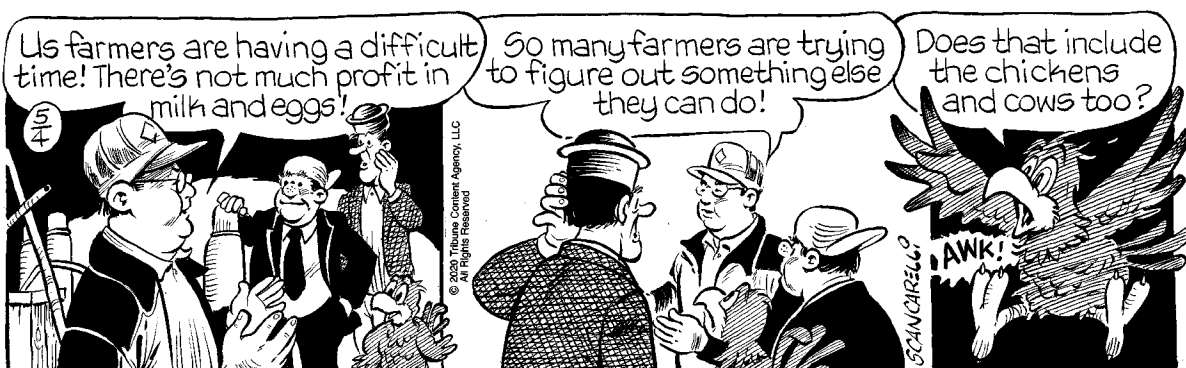


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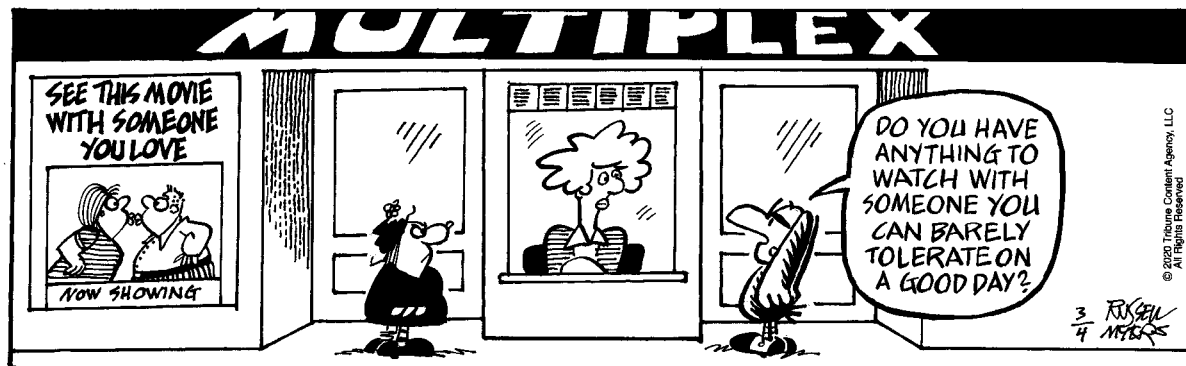
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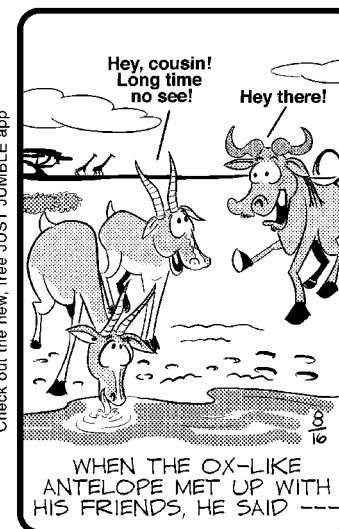
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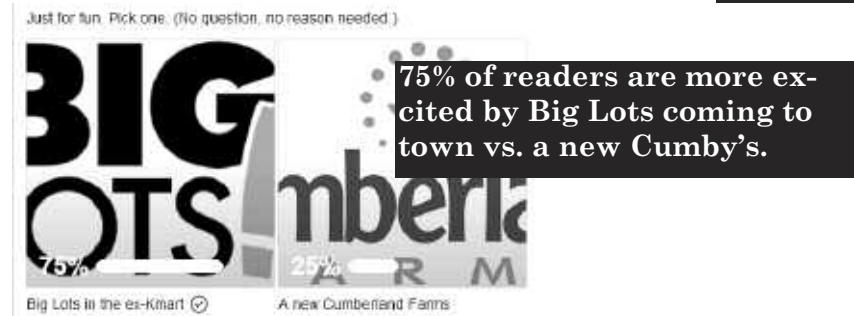
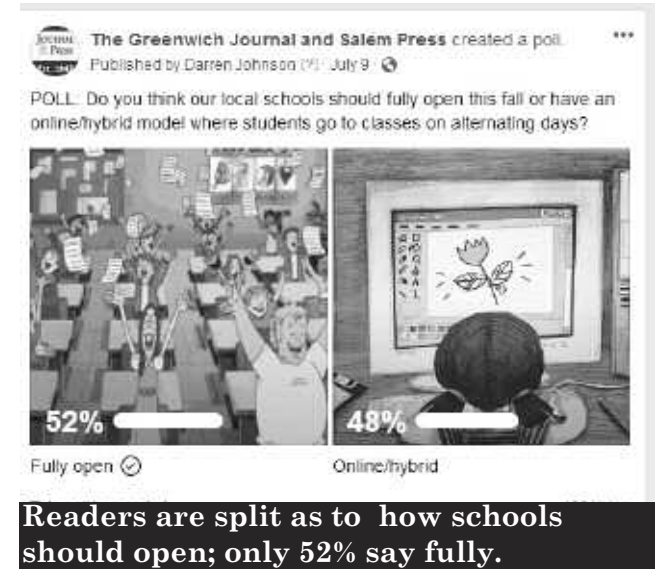
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



Puzzle
Answers
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Let's take a look at some of our polls

These aren't scientific polls, and some are just for fun, but we do have a rather large Facebook presence at [FB.com/journalpress](https://www.facebook.com/journalpress), so did get plenty of responses! We share the results here because we know not everyone is online, or visits our site. Here are the screenshots of the final results:



Is the hill that leads from Schuylerville to Greenwich on Route 29 called "Schuylerville Hill?" Sixty-nine percent of residents say yes.

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Deny the gravel mine

To the Editor:

On Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Greenwich Town Hall, there will be a public hearing about a proposed gravel mining and dry screening operation to be constructed and operated at the corner of Christie Road and Route 29 in the town of Greenwich. The Greenwich Materials LLC was formed in 2019 by the owners of the “Polo Field” who now reside in another state. Big deal, many of you are saying. Well, it a very big deal to those homeowners on Christie Road, Tracy Drive, Mahaffy Road, Langley Hill Road, Route 29 east and west and Route 49 to Cossayuna. It may be a concern to those who live in Battenville and even those in the village of Greenwich. WHY? Well, the proposed gravel mine will be operating for the next 15 YEARS and will be extracting an estimated 350,000 cubic yards of gravel and stone from a 14-acre, 25-foot deep pit and hauling it over state and town roads for 11 hours per weekday and 6 hours every Saturday.

Not a big deal yet? Consider this: homeowners in the area of the mine are going to lose property value because they have the unfortunate luck to live near the gravel pit. Homeowners will have a harder time selling their homes because of the gravel mine. The mine owners waited until they moved to another state to begin this project. All day, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., the dump trucks, gravel haulers, back hoes, excavation machinery, dry screening machinery and conveyors will be digging and dumping rocks. The dust created will blow, a water truck, to help keep the dust down, will presumably be filled from the well on the property, possibly jeopardizing wells of nearby neighbors, air will be polluted with exhaust fumes, dirt, grit and dust, (which nearby neighbors will see, hear, smell and taste), all while they watch their home values decrease along with the water in their own wells. Sound like a big deal yet?

The Greenwich Planning Board must decide whether or not to approve the mine by way of a Special Use Permit. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, (DEC), has approved the mine in technical and administrative terms. Yes, DEC bureaucrats admit, the mine WILL cause increased dust, and industrial noise, with greatly increased truck traffic for many all throughout the area but this is at a state-accepted level. And yes, they admit, the mine is very close to a trout stream (Whittaker Brook) and wet lands which flow into the Battenkill River.

We, the unfortunates who are faced with all of the above issues are asking the Greenwich Planning Board to deny the Special Use Permit. But wait! We have been told that a property owner has the RIGHT to do whatever he/she wants to do with their own land. To some extent this is true. People can paint whatever colors they choose, have a tidy or messy yard, install fences, raise animals, etc. But, people do not have

‘One non-resident should not be given permission to create so much misery for so many.’



The so-called Polo Field –dj photo

the right to decrease other’s property values, create dramatically higher CONSTANT noise and create dust that spreads to other’s properties. Why should the 65 households in a half mile radius of the proposed mine have to endure this because ONE owner, who no longer even lives in Greenwich, wants to mine gravel? If the Special Use Permit is granted, then none of your properties are safe from the plans of YOUR neighbors either.

Finally, we have been told by the Planning Board that if the DEC issues a permit, the Town Planning Board MUST grant a Special Use Permit. In fact, the Planning Board online minutes state that if the Planning Board rejects the mine, the DEC can “overrule” the town. This is nonsense and is utterly false. The DEC has confirmed that the decision to ALLOW the mine to go forward rests completely with our Town government. Several court cases throughout the state have confirmed this. Once a Special Use Permit is issued, and hours of operation set, the town will have no control over this mine whatsoever. Only the DEC can regulate the operations and monitor the noise and pollution it creates.

Please write to the Greenwich Town Planning Board and urge them to deny the Special Use Permit for the mine. (Contact Chair Bill Tomkins at joanna.messina@greenwichny.org, or call 518-692-7611, ex 102). Please, also attend the Public Hearing on the mine at the Greenwich Town Hall on Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. One non-resident should not be given town permission to create so much misery for so many.

Evelyn Rybaltowski
Greenwich, NY

John Lyttle, 89

John Lyttle, 89, died peacefully at home on July 28, 2020, in Coronado, California. He was born in Greenwich, NY, and was the only son of the late Jennie and John Lyttle.

After attending Greenwich Central High School, John graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a degree in mechanical engineering and worked for 60

years in the aviation industry. His career started on Long Island with Fairchild Republic and continued at Rohr UTC in San Diego, Calif.

Survivors include son, John (Janet) Lyttle, Jr. and daughter Stephanie (Stephen) Colodny. He had four grandchildren Samantha Lyttle, Mackenzie Werry, Lauren Davis and Aaron Colodny.



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The Salem Rescue Squad would like to thank the Mary McClellan Foundation for its generous grant in support of the Squad's emergency medical services operation. The grant funding assisted in purchasing a LUCAS chest compression system that extends the reach of care by maintaining adequate chest compressions at all times. It can improve provider safety, avoiding fatigue over long durations. It also increases the efficiency of the EMS caregiving teams, calming the scene and providing an extra pair of hands so the EMT can focus on the patient and underlying conditions.

Salem Rescue Squad President Edward A. Donoghue said: "We are so grateful for the generous support of the Mary McClellan Foundation. These funds have allowed us to keep pace with equipment requirements important for the quality patient care we provide."

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Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 Divers' destinations
6 Japanese cartoon art
11 "Shoot!"
14 Send to cloud nine
15 Sir Arthur ___ Doyle
16 Traffic court letters
17 Spread some gossip
19 Chow fixer?
20 Emphatic affirmation
21 Paperless tax return option
23 Original "Veronica Mars" ailer
24 Hybrid toaster oven snacks
27 Surrealism pioneer Max
29 That being the case
30 "... Mr. Tambourine Man, ___ song for me"
32 ___ standstill
33 Birch or beech

- 37 Buns and flips
38 He has a nest at 1231/2 Sesame Street
42 Actress Gardner
43 Racing legend A.J.
45 "Later!"
46 Absolute
48 Sharif of "Doctor Zhivago"
50 Prophets
52 Stayed on
56 Dutch banking giant
58 Homeric epic
59 Philips electric toothbrush brand
62 "Teen Wolf" network
63 Young player on the rebound ... or, in another way, what each set of circles in this puzzle represents
66 Iron source
67 Go off-script
68 Mix
69 Baby goat sound
70 Like mosquitoes
71 In disarray

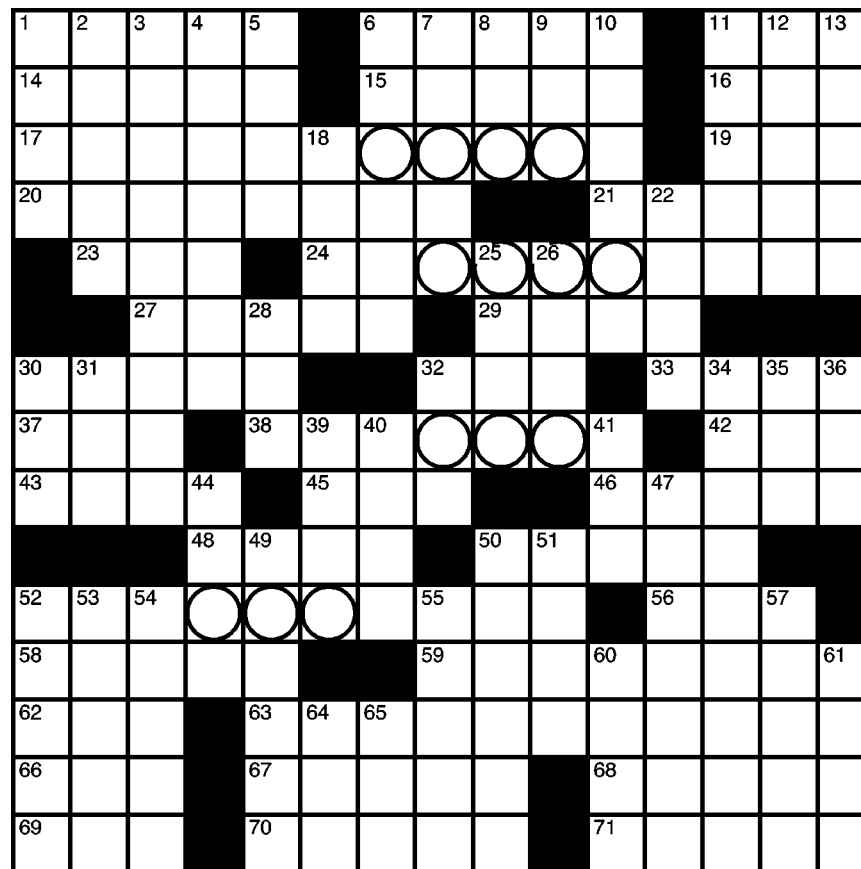
Down

- 1 Second try
2 Philanthropist Yale
3 "No sweat"
4 1862 Tenn. battle site
5 Match makers?
6 Nailed the test
7 Brand for serious last-minute preparation
8 Italian food ending
9 Tarnish
10 Comes in
11 Pain reliever sold in Liqui-Gels
12 "Peachy"
13 Windy weather fliers
18 Arms-akimbo joints
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26 Miles away
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32 Prez on a fiver
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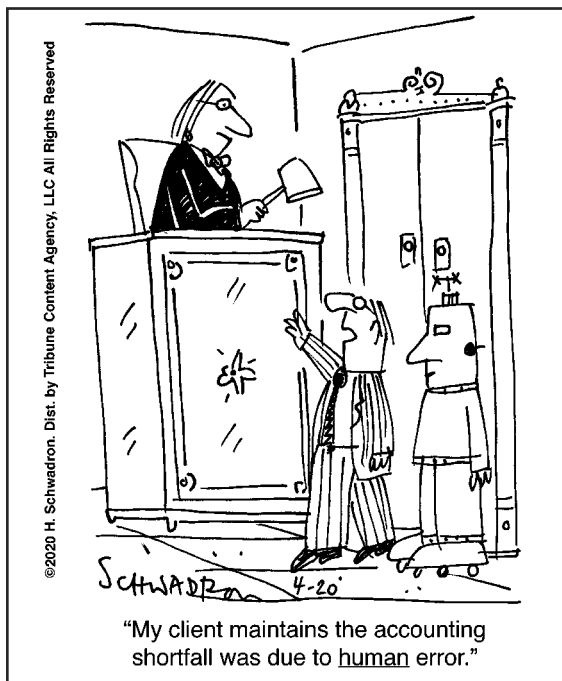
reptiles

- 35 Day before a big day
36 Shucker's unit
39 Letter-shaped beam
40 Pita sandwich
41 Deserving
44 Frat party wear
47 Barely flow
49 Wild
50 Hoity-toity
51 Flamboyant Dame
52 Handmade bleachers sign
53 Hyper
54 Skin "Creme" in blue tins
55 Workout buff's motto opener
57 Impish looks
60 SALT weapon
61 Whirlpool
64 Metered praise
65 Portland Timbers' org.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 24.



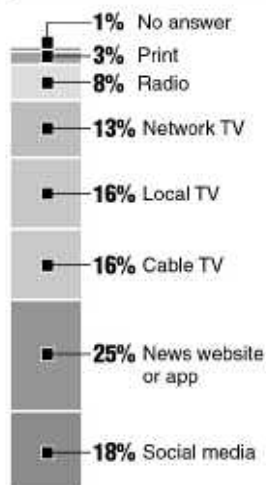
9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



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Political news sources

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Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with some colleges in New York State!

Adelphi
Five Towns
LIU
Molloy
Old Westbury

Paul Smith's
Rockland
St. Francis
St. Joseph's
St. Peter's

STAC
Ulster
Vaughn

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

Salem Sudoku

(solution page 30)

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

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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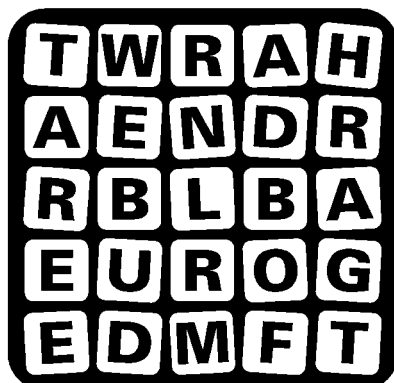
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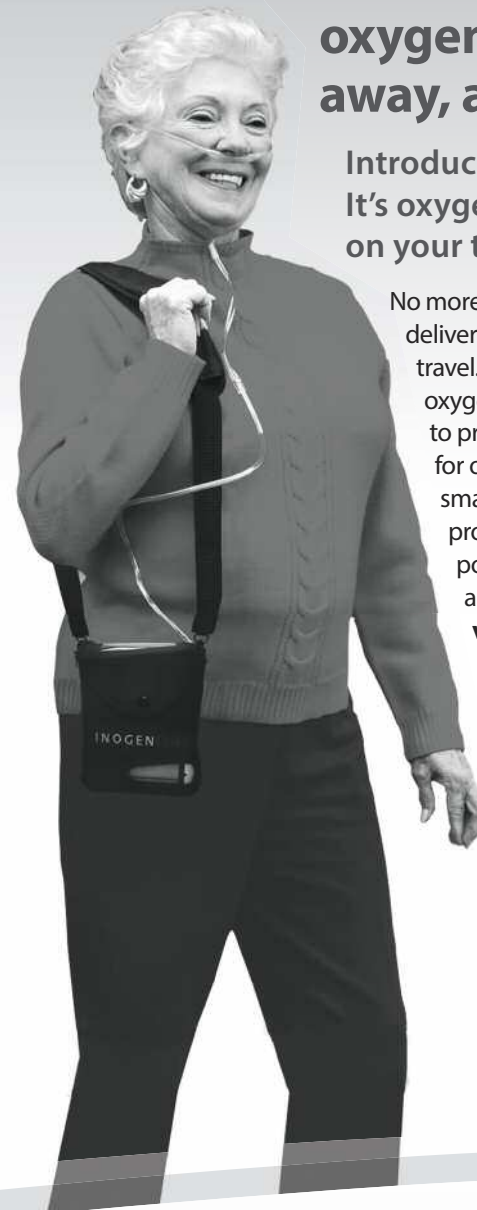
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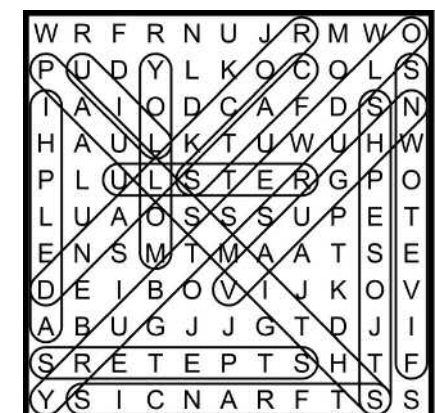
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Before you throw this away...

Paula Krieg
Journal & Press

Want a way to make snack trays for popcorn or chips? Here's a way to create individual trays by repurposing the pages of this newspaper. An extra bonus is that, by undoing the last step, the tray collapses flat, making these containers easy to transport.

In general, boxes are essentially a symmetrical arrangement of surfaces, which is a good thing to keep in mind when making this, as once you learn a step, you can be sure that you will be doing it again in a mirrored way.

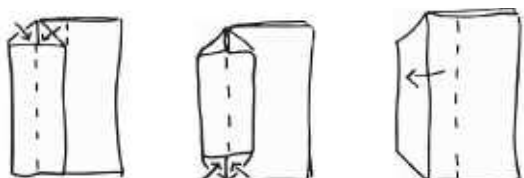
These directions are made specifically to match the page size of this *Journal & Press* newspaper. Don't do any cutting. Fold the newspaper evenly in half: this newspaper is folded, but the middle fold is off-center, so be sure to do the refold. Since this newspaper is twice as wide as it is long, folding it in half creates a perfect square. The tray will be made out of this double thickness of paper (When using a thicker paper, there is no need to double up).

Fold the paper precisely into three columns: there is no easy way to do this, just keep adjusting until there are three equal sections (If you want to measure, the *Journal & Press* is just shy of being a 12-inch square, so use a ruler to make each column to be just shy of 4 inches wide). When you are satisfied that the paper is folded into thirds, press the crease down firmly, and then unfold the thirds.

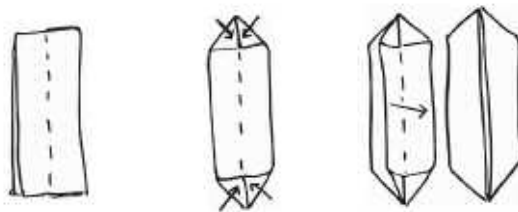


Next, refold the first of the three columns over the middle column.

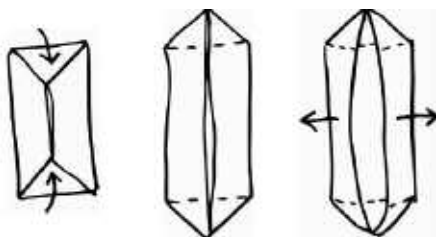
Third step is to fold, then unfold this overlapping column in half so that you see a crease in the middle of this column.



Fold the top corners of the left column to the center line, so that the top of the column looks like a roof. Fold the bottom corners of the column to the center fold in the same way as the top. Now refold that middle fold of the column and you are done with the left side.



The symmetrical folding now begins. Just like the steps made starting with the first column, fold the last column over the middle column. Fold and unfold this column so there is a crease in the middle of this column. This should be looking familiar. Now all folds look like what was done on the other side, right up through refolding the first column in half.



When you have completed the previous step you will notice a triangle shape on the top and bottom of what is now a narrow construction. First fold down, then firmly crease each of these triangles towards the center, then undo this fold (it's hard to see, but in fact this step will define the corner edges of your tray). Now, pull apart the edges that are meeting in the middle. The sides of the box will, almost magically, stand up. Pinch the folds a bit to encourage the sides to form the box. All done! My suggestion is to line the tray with a napkin before filling it with snacks. Then, when the snack is gone the napkin can be used to wipe up, and everything can be disposed of responsibly.

After writing out the directions for this tray I sent them off to my math professor friend John Golden to see what kind of math thinking he might apply to this construction. Although I hadn't

mentioned symmetry in my initial directions, it was the symmetry that he noticed the most. In fact, his observation made me think about how being aware of the symmetry is helpful when constructing this box.



You might wonder what symmetry has to do with math, especially if you think of math exclusively as facts and calculations. It took me quite a long time to realize that number-centric exercises are tools that can be used to help decipher and communicate the relationships between things, but it's the relationships, not the numbers, that are what is most interesting to mathematicians.

Although there are many kinds of symmetry, the kind that comes up with this box is most famil-



iar, in that it is like the reflection of a mirror on either side of the central column. I've noticed, through the designs they create and the constructions they build, that children have a solid intuitive understanding of symmetry. Anything that helps with noticing and developing symmetrical thinking is worthwhile doing. It not only helps with all sorts of building and design projects, but research clearly shows that the spatial thinking that is characteristic of symmetry thinking helps develop the mathematical part of the brain.

Which, of course means, that after making this tray, you deserve a snack.

Artist Paula Beardell Krieg of Salem pioneered methods of making books and other folded wonders with children starting in late 1980s. She has been continuously active teaching in classroom workshops in NYC and Upstate.



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