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Saturday's weather High: 64 Low: 43 The weather turns milder, and the sun starts to shine more often

Opinion

Write On
Michael Fitzgerald is knee deep into reading Jack London's 50 novels, and what he's absorbed so far has been enlightening.
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Weather

Weekend Ahead
Finally, some good news: Drew Montreuil says the sun and warmth make their grand return this weekend.
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Friday

Music
Brass Transit takes the stage at del Lago.
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College lacrosse
No. 3 William Smith puts its 16-0 record on the line when Union comes to town for a Liberty League semifinal.

WEEKLY POLL

Now that President Biden has announced his reelection bid, how do you rate the chances next year will be a rematch of Biden vs. former President Trump?
www.ftimes.com/polls

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TWITTER UPROAR

While LGBTQ+ group says Pealer Jr.'s tweets are 'hateful,' city councilor denies he's biased against them

By STEVE BUCHIERE
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GENEVA — Ward 2 Councilor Bill Pealer Jr. has made no bones on social media about his distaste for Marxism and communism, and he offers conservative stances on a host of
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This weekend
There was anger and support for Bill Pealer Jr. during a recent forum at Finger Lakes Community College, where the Ward 2 Geneva City Councilor is employed. See a story on that forum, along with more news on Wednesday's City Council meeting, in the weekend edition of the Times.

Happy 103rd birthday, Hellen!



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Hellen Barth turned 103 recently. Born April 20, 1920, Hellen was a housekeeper and cleaning aide in her time. She was born in Watertown, hails from Adams, N.Y., and now lives at Ontario Center in Canandaigua. A celebration the afternoon of her birthday included family, friends, fellow residents, and staffers. Recreation Director Tammy Voeltz and her team put together the event. At one point, Hellen was reading the number 103 backward since she was sitting behind the ballooned numbers. Humorously, she said, "301? Am I that old?" The staff at first didn't know where that came from but then realized what had happened.

Barnard moving to RJ

Geneva native leaving Dundee to become Manchester-Shortsville CSD superintendent

Finger Lakes Times
SHORTSVILLE — The Manchester-Shortsville Central School District Board of Education has appointed Christopher Barnard as its next superintendent of schools.
Barnard currently works in the same position in the Dundee Central School District. He begins his new duties July 1.
Longtime Superintendent Charlene Dehn is retiring at the end of June.
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Friday Conversation With ...



Olivia Brandow

Olivia Brandow
Age: 26
Resides: Town of Waterloo
Family: Furbabest! Golden Retriever, Grace, and two kitties, Herbie and Myla
Occupation: Marketing and Graphic Design Manager for Martin Family Wineries & Distilleries (Montezuma Winery & Idol Ridge Winery)
TV series you're watching: "The Sinner" on Netflix
Book you're reading: I just finished "Maid" by Stephanie Land and loved it; I'm hoping to start another book soon
No. 1 thing on your bucket list: Take a cross-country road trip — no itinerary, just drive and discover

Sunday Editor Louise Hoffman Broach interviewed Olivia Brandow, who is Montezuma Winery's go-to person for marketing and design. Unlike many people her age who grew up here and went to college elsewhere, she returned to her roots to make her career. The interview was conducted via email. Here's what she had to say about why she chose to return:

LHB: Where did you grow up and what kinds of things interested you? Where did you attend high school and what were some of the activities in which you participated?
OB: I grew up right here in the Finger Lakes in Romulus, where I attended Romulus Central School. I was very active and pretty much involved in everything, which I kind of had to be with a graduating class of 27 people! I loved every part of it, though. I was big into sports and played soccer, basketball, softball, and ran track, but also enjoyed participating in the school's musicals and plays. I am proud to say that I was part of the undefeated state-champion basketball team in 2018, hands down one of the best moments of my life so far. Outside of school, I loved being outside whether it was in my backyard or at the lake. We Finger Lakes natives



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