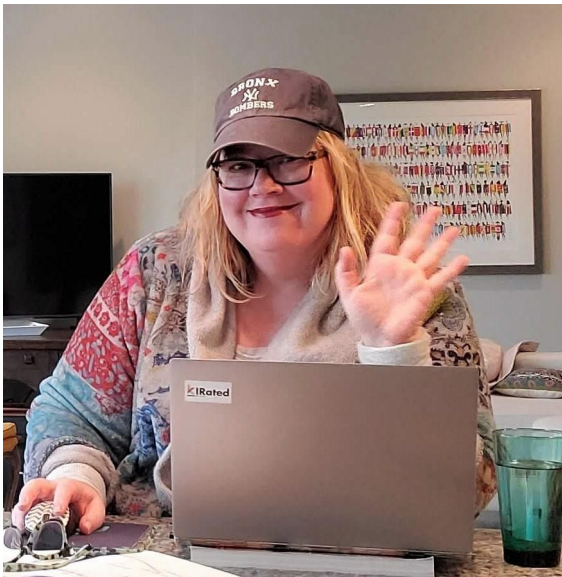




UPSTATE ALLIANCE FOR THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

We're going on to week four-ish of quarantine & we are happy to present some positive news on community resilience, introduce you to Marketing & Communications Expert/Entrepreneur, Kirstin Voegel, and to lead you on an exploration throughout Washington County's beautiful covered bridges. What's up with you? Tell us on our [Facebook discussion group page](#). We're in this together! Read on & enjoy.

Cap Region Creatives in Quarantine



Meet Entrepreneur Kirstin Voegel

Creatives in Quarantine highlights creative professionals across the Capital Region during this period of isolation due to COVID-19. We believe that inspiration and vision are as contagious as the virus, so in that spirit, read on!

Are YOU a Creative in Quarantine? Send us your quarantine photos by [sending us an email](#) to get featured on our social media & blog pages!

Read More
Here!

The Covered Bridges of Washington County



Buskirk Covered Bridge

Want a picturesque, quarantine-friendly drive to some of the most photo-friendly marvels of the Capital Region? Roll down your windows and head out to Washington County, where five covered bridges await you.

Remember to take the proper precautions and stay six feet away from anyone you meet along the way. NYS Parks has put out very **useful guidelines** for visiting parks and other recreation areas.

Read More
Here!

Unemployment and Business Relief Information

For the first time ever, unemployment relief is available to freelancers and those who are self-employed, and there has been a \$600 per week increase in most payments, which will be in effect until 7/31/20. You can check your eligibility [here](#) and find out more about how to apply [here](#).

Businesses can get help, including payroll protection, loans and more, through the SBA's Relief Programs; more information is available [here](#). If you're nervous or unsure about how this works or whether you're eligible, [please contact us](#), and we'll try to get you to someone who can help.



Local News and Helpful Resources



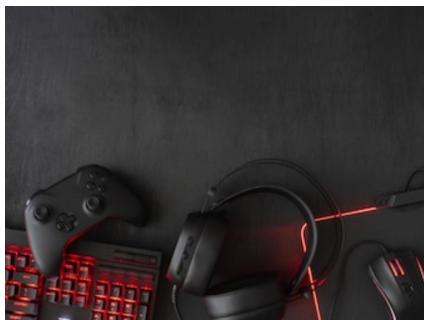
From Brookings
[Albany Named One of Five Economically Safest Places in COVID Crisis](#)



From Choose Columbia
[Columbia County Grant Fund Accepting Applications through 4/15](#)



From Albany Business Review
[Heidi Knoblauch, Owner of Plumb Oyster Bar, Sorts Through SBA Loan Options](#)



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[Capital Region Digital Gaming Studios Keeping People Connected](#)

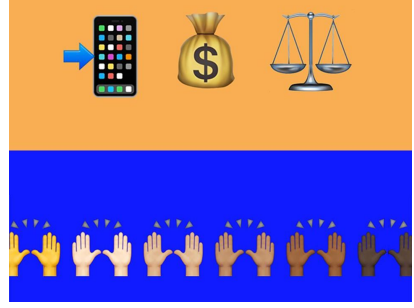


From The New Yorker
[Keeping Calm in Guilderland, NY](#)



From The Troy Record
[Local Theater & Quilters Come Together to Make Face Masks](#)

Community Resilience



From CityLab
[How Banding Together in Isolation Will Speed Our Recovery](#)

From Crosscut
[WWII-era 'Victory Gardens' Boost Morale & Community Food Supplies](#)

From Forbes
[Peer-to-Peer Platform Allows Salaried Creatives to Help Freelancers](#)

Proctors CEO Philip Morris On Impact of COVID-19



WMHT spoke with Proctors CEO Philip Morris about the impact that COVID-19 has had on The Proctors Collaborative and our local creative community. Check it out!

Job and Volunteer Leads



Center for Economic Growth (CEG) has job listings for a wide range of Capital Region companies. [Click here for more information.](#)



Fusco Personnel Inc. has leads on call center positions and other work in the Capital Region. You can reach them at 1-800-34-FUSCO or jobs@fuscopersonnel.net.



United Way of the Capital Region

United Way of the Greater Capital Region has in-person and virtual opportunities to volunteer with local agencies in need of support. [Please sign up via this link.](#)



DeCrescente has open job positions. [Please visit their site to apply.](#)



NYS Department of Labor Job Board lists over 1,300 open positions in Albany. [Click here for more.](#)



Mission Accomplished Transition Services is hiring. [Please visit their site to apply.](#)

