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Dear Readers,

This year has proved itself to be one we will all remember, and one that we must not forget.

Thanks to the detailed reporting of journalists around the world, we learned that our society, more technologically advanced than ever before in history, is susceptible to viruses that see no borders.

Reporters and photographers traveled throughout the north country sharing the news as we quickly learned we were not isolated from the pandemic. On these pages, we told both stories of how the state and businesses reacted, and those of individuals who suffered from the virus. We learned how to adapt as essential workers to keep information flowing; all while reporting on all other news important to our communities in Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Lewis and Oswego counties.

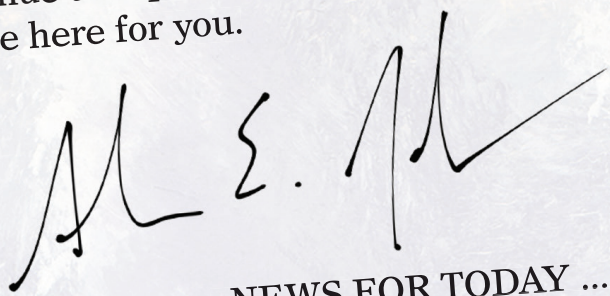
When schools closed, our editors created Times for Kids, a page for students to share their dispatches from the pandemic alongside educational content. We created a new print edition on Mondays called the Times Extra that's available at retailers for those who prefer print daily, and at NNY360.com, we added a COVID-19 section to keep all informed.

This was all possible because of the support of readers like you. I am happy to report that as we enter 2021, the circulation of our print edition is up slightly over this period a year ago. That is a significant milestone, and one for which we owe thanks to each household that subscribes, and our dedicated readers who buy from their favorite retailer. Thank you for your support. For those who do not subscribe, please consider adding us to your routine in 2021.

We owe thanks to our advertisers, specifically local businesses. We are supporting each other. Thank you to every business that has allowed us to share your specials, and messages with our readers. We will be here for you.

Thank you to our reporters, photographers, editors, press operators, mailroom staff and carriers who braved the weather to deliver in all conditions. Every individual along the line is an important part of the preservation of the First Amendment and our mission to share news and record history as it happens.

As we enter 2021 with hope that a vaccine will help return some semblance of normality, we will continue to report daily on news that matters to all of you. Thank you for being here for us. We will be here for you.



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Happy New Year 2021!