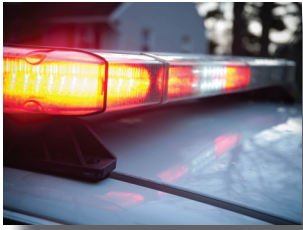




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Endorsements announced

Political season begins with each party announcing endorsements

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TOP STORY

Downsize Me?

County legislators at odds regarding proper size of legislature

By ALI HIBBS

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ALBANY COUNTY — Members of the Albany County Legislature’s Majority-Minority District (MMD) Caucus announced on Thursday, July 7, that they are opposed to lowering the number of legislative districts and creating redistricting commissions until after the 2020 Census is completed.

Suggesting that downsizing would dilute minority representation across the county, Albany County Democrats Deputy Majority Leader Lucille McKnight (D-1), Merton Simpson (D-2), Wanda Willingham (D-3), Norma Chapman (D-4), Samuel Fein (D-6) and William Clay (D-12) said that they “will use all legal means to stop public hearings and related efforts to enact local laws that downsize the number of

▲ Legislators are still figuring out how many seats are needed to best serve Albany County.

Spotlight file photo

legislative districts.”

Two different pieces of legislation that would reduce the size of the 39-member body—across different time frames and to different ultimate sizes—are being put before the legislature for approval to be introduced to the public on July 26 for a public hearing during which residents can voice concerns and ask questions. The six legislators claimed that minority voices would be diminished and stated their concern that the county might, for the fourth consecutive decade, face legal challenges and hefty fines for violating the federal Voting Rights Act. Most recently, US Judge Lawrence Kahn ordered the county to pay \$1.7 million in legal costs and maintain at least five majority minority districts.

“Downsizing the number of legislators will reduce the voice of the minority community,” said Fein. “Residents of my district want more representation – not less. They like smaller districts because they value having a representative who has the time to attend their community meetings and personally address their concerns.”

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Our staff shares a few of their favorite summer jaunts for a weekend escape

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Going pro

Major League Baseball teams had their eyes on the Capital District on Draft Day

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■ COPS, COURTS, AND EMERGENCY CALLS



Indian Ladder rescue

Emergency personnel had to use a stokes basket to rescue a man and a woman after they fell off the popular trail at Thacher Park on Saturday afternoon. Both were treated for unknown injuries at the scene before being transported to Albany Medical Center.

Thomas Heffernan, Sr. photo

Two arrested after domestic dispute

Bethlehem police arrested Gene Martin, 44, of 278 Van Wies Point Road in Glenmont, and Adrienne Jackson, 33, of 5 Riverside Avenue in Rensselaer, at 8:42 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, after responding to a domestic dispute call involving a reported stabbing at Martin's residence.

According to police reports, Jackson and Martin began arguing about Martin's ex-wife and the altercation became physical after Martin claimed he asked Jackson to leave. During the struggle, Martin allegedly grabbed a bread knife and both parties reportedly sustained stab wounds before Jackson's daughter walked in and the police were called. Both were arrested.

Martin was charged with second-degree menacing, a class A misdemeanor; second-degree assault, a class D felony; and criminal possession of a weapon with a previous conviction, another class D felony. He was also served with a full stay-away order of protection.

Jackson was charged with endangering the welfare of a minor, due to the presence of an 11-year-old during the altercation.

Child protective services was contacted and firearms were reportedly taken out of the home.

Woman faces various violations

Bethlehem police arrested Katelynn Hyserman, 24, of 25 Stowe Street in Troy, on Saturday, July 2 after she reportedly crashed her car into a ditch while traveling northbound on Route 9W.

Police report that Hyserman said another car had forced her off the road, but that there was no evidence of another vehicle at the scene. She allegedly was having difficulty staying awake while officers interviewed her and she reportedly told them that she had taken a Xanax earlier in the day.

Hyserman was transported to Albany Medical Center, where she allegedly admitted to police that she had taken eight Dilaudid pain pills several hours before driving.

She was charged with DWI Drugs, aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle, and failure to use the designated lane—all vehicle and traffic violations.

ID thief turns herself in

Bethlehem police arrested Shante Murrell, 40, of 467 Clinton Avenue in Albany on Tuesday, June 14, when she turned herself in on felony forgery and identity theft charges stemming from an attempt to cash a stolen check in September of last year.

The victim reported that the check had been stolen from her vehicle in Colonie in December of 2014 and that Murrell attempted to cash it nine months later on September 17; the victim also claimed that an account was opened at Bank of America, but was closed due to suspected fraud.

Earlier this year, Murrell was reportedly located at her residence and implicated herself while being interviewed by detectives. She was remanded to Albany County Jail on a \$4,000 cash bond.

Man pleads guilty to felony charge

Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares announced that Douglas Brundige, 38, of Troy, pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree attempted criminal possession of a weapon, a class D felony, before Judge Thomas Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court on Friday, July 1.

On February 28, 2016, around 10:45 a.m., Brundige was driving near Indian Fields Road in the town of New Scotland when he was pulled over by Albany County Sheriff's deputies for license plate violations.

Officers smelled marijuana as they approached the vehicle and a subsequent search uncovered a loaded .22 caliber firearm; metal knuckles; lead-filled gloves; a wooden baton; a slapjack; and a ski mask with gloves.

Brundige faces 4 ½ years in state prison, followed by three years of post-release supervision, when he is sentenced on September 14.



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TOWN GOVERNMENT

Parties endorse Town Board candidates

Bethlehem Democrats to back Giles Wagoner, while Republicans support Kate Pope

By ALI HIBBS
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BETHLEHEM — Bethlehem's two major political parties have announced their endorsements for the town board seat that will be up for election this coming November.

The Bethlehem Democratic Committee, which currently controls the majority vote, has endorsed candidate Giles Wagoner. The lifelong Bethlehem resident, 46-year member of the Selkirk volunteer fire department, and veteran of both the U.S. Army and the New York State National Guard, is running on a platform to prioritize town land conservation efforts. The Bethlehem Republican Committee, which hopes to expand its power this fall, has endorsed its vice-chairman, Kate Pope. The politically active mother of two young children who chose to make Bethlehem her home two years ago, has said she would prioritize opening the current political system to more public feedback.

The board is currently composed of five Democrats, including Chairman John Clarkson, and a sixth seat that is currently occupied by the one independent member, Doris Davis, who replaced Democrat William Reinhardt when he took his place on the Albany County Legislature—and whose seat is up for election this fall. Calling the the board's current make-up "detrimental to the residents of Bethlehem," Pope said in a press release in early July that, "We need bipartisan representation so the town can reach its full potential."

"A one-party system tends to lack accountability," she explained during a subsequent phone interview with Spotlight. "By bringing a bipartisan representation to the board, I can hold them accountable, they can hold me accountable and we can all be accountable to the residents—which should be the primary concern."

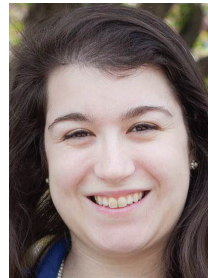


Giles Wagoner

Graduate of Syracuse University • Commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Lt. Colonel in the NY Air National Guard • Retired Delta pilot (25 years) Bethlehem Democratic Committee member Bethlehem Agricultural Environment Protection Plan (2009) Bethlehem Conservation Easement Review Board (Current) Selkirk Volunteer Fire Company (1970-current)

Kate Pope

Graduate of University of Delaware (Science) Intern for Congressman Mike Castle Bethlehem Republican Committee Vice-Chair • Junior League of Albany American Legion Auxiliary • Elsmere Fire Department (social member) Albany County Republican Women's Club President Albany County Young Republican Club Secretary



"I'd like to maintain the character of our town," Wagoner stated in his candidate bio, "keep it affordable to live and raise a family here, and continue to address the concerns of large landowners and all residents around issues of conservation and open space."

Telling Spotlight that he feels development in Bethlehem is happening at a rapid pace, Wagoner still commended the work that's been done by the town's planning board. "If you compare to the other areas around us," he said, "Bethlehem isn't built out yet, so we still have a

chance to really monitor how things happen, and I have a big interest in conservation issues and open space issues and that kind of thing."

"There is a lot of development happening right now," said Pope. "I think we need to look at the [town's] 'comprehensive

plan"] again and see if that's truly the direction that the town should be going in, if that's what's best for Bethlehem. I think bringing in businesses and giving existing businesses the opportunity to succeed should be a priority. I understand that sometimes development can be a part of that, I just want to make sure that we're responsibly handling it."

Declining to characterize her position as "more conservative," she said, "Obviously, I'm a registered Republican, I have Republican ideals, however I think that a town board member should be representative of the entire town, which is made up all different enrolled parties. So, one of my priorities would be to make sure that the residents are heard. I've heard too often that their concerns were not addressed, that calls and emails were not returned or they felt that they weren't

listened to at a town board meeting. I want to ensure that people have the chance to be heard when they have concerns."

Wagoner said that he believes the town's comprehensive plan, which can be found on the town's website, is a good reflection of the direction he would like to see Bethlehem go in. "The volunteers that put that plan together," he said, "covered a lot and I think they did a good job." While Pope said that some aspects of the comprehensive plan have been well-conceived and executed, others require some thought: "I think we should really look more at how our businesses are able to operate in the town," she said. "I often hear business owners express frustration with some of the policies that are in place. I think we should take a look at that, we want them to feel welcome."

Both candidates are familiar with sitting

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Projects such as the paving and striping of the new parking lot at Lawson's Lake Park are similar to the types of activities youth offenders in the Project Growth program will participate in to pay back restitution while learning a trade.

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Growing Project Growth

Albany County, trade unions partner to give youth offenders a chance to repay their debts, learn employable skills

By **ALI HIBBS**
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ALBANY COUNTY — Earlier this month, Albany County Executive Dan McCoy announced the development of the youth program, Project Growth, a juvenile justice program that provides internship opportunities to youth who are required to pay restitution for their crimes.

Launched in 2013 as the first program of its kind in New York state, Project Growth originally partnered with institutions such as Siena College and the Capital City Rescue Mission to provide teens with jobs in order to give them the ability to pay back court-ordered restitution. In its new iteration, the program has partnered with various trade unions with whom the teens, typically between the ages of 13 and 17, will have the chance to work and learn different trade skills—skills that they can then use to transition into the workforce. The program also involves a classroom component, which teaches youth transferrable life skills such as financial literacy, self-care and career and education planning.

“The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades is happy to partner with Albany County and County Executive McCoy in his effort to help kids get an introduction to painting, bricklaying and carpentry,” said Jeffrey Stark, Business Representative, District Council No. 9. “These kids are at a turning point in their lives and giving them an opportunity like Project Growth shows them they can learn a skill that may change their lives, change their outlook and make a difference.

Calling it “the perfect blend between restorative justice and offender rehabilitation,” William Connors, the

Acting Director of the Albany County Department of Probation said, “This program incorporates teaching vocational life skills with paying restitution to crime victims.”

“This evolution of the program involves kids not getting a job but getting an introduction to various trades, earning money and having the ability to pay their restitution,” said McCoy. “This program can really help our kids get back on track and deter them from re-offense. It will help them learn from their mistakes and guide them in the right direction.

The new internship program started this week at Lawson Lake and there are currently six participants enrolled, according to county officials. “Lawson Lake is a county park,” said Brad Maione, Albany County’s public information specialist, “and there are some facilities there where we’re doing some improvements, so they’ll be working hand-in-hand with the trade union guys—doing some painting and maintenance work and fixing up some of the structures.” Participants in the past have successfully completed the program and repaid their restitution, he said. “This year, we’re kind of starting out fresh and learning from the previous experience.

There are hundreds of eligible participants, he said, but that there are a number of things to consider before they’re accepted into the program. “They have to have a financial obligation and be supervised by the department and so we look at each case individually and don’t want to make it too big for its own good. Starting out with six is a good start and then we can judge the efficiency and the effectiveness—and then we’ll see what we think can work for the next class we put together.”



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Celebrating the season and much more

Indian Ladder Farms' Summer Festival set to take place Sunday

By **ALLISON FRY**
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ALTAMONT — Indian Ladder Farms is a trademark location for summers spent in the Capital District. Its annual Summer Festival, made possible this year by the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, will combine a variety of anniversaries that are worthy of the joyous celebration scheduled for Sunday, July 17.

This year's Summer Festival not only commemorates the Farm's 100th anniversary, but also marks the grand opening of its new cidery and brewery. It also serves as a precursor to the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy's (MHLC's) 25th anniversary in 2017.

MHLC is a nonprofit conservation organization that has worked throughout upstate New York to preserve some of its most beautiful natural landscapes, while providing locals with activities to help everyone appreciate and enjoy these

locations as much as possible. The relationship between the MHLC and Indian Ladder Farms was established back in 2003, when the organization helped the farm with the formation of an agricultural conservation easement, one which protects it from real estate development and preserves its century-old history.

MHLC Executive Director Mark King is especially excited for this year's conjunction of events.

"This has become a very popular annual tradition for the Conservancy, and we are thrilled to be able to expand the event this year in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Indian Ladder Farms and the grand opening of the Indian Ladder Farmstead Cidery & Brewery."

As part of the Summer Festival, the MHLC is also holding its second Hike-A-Thon, beginning at 1 p.m. on celebration day, which will traverse six nature trails in the area.



These three girls soak up some sunshine during last year's Summer Festival.

Photo provided by Indian Ladder Farms

There will be no shortage of fun, family-friendly events during Sunday's celebration, many of which feature or are supported by local groups and businesses including the Albany Drum Circle, Bethlehem

Traditional Irish Dance Company, Phillips Hardware, Adirondack Mountain Club, Friends of Five Rivers, Landis Arboretum, Open Space Institute, and the Pine Hollow Arboretum. The festival will

also feature numerous local food vendors.

The celebration is also slated to host some local musicians, one of whom we are especially excited to see. Rob Jonas, The Spotlight's sports editor, is not only looking forward to taking the stage during Sunday's event, but also excited about enjoying the celebration and its new location.

"I think what's going to be interesting about this celebration, as opposed to the previous summer solstice celebrations that have been held at the Rail Trail, is having a centralized location for everything. Having it at Indian Ladder Farms will allow people to see everything that this festival has to offer."

You can learn more about the MHLC and everything it has to offer by visiting its website at MohawkHudson.org, or attending the 2016 Summer Festival at Indian Ladder Farms in Altamont. Festivities begin at noon.



Old-fashioned game day

The town of Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park was the site of a vintage baseball game on Wednesday, July 6. Spectators were able to go back in time to see how summer's favorite pastime was once played. Bethlehem's team won, 16-7.

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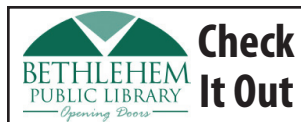
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Coffee and Cinema

You shouldn't have to choose between going to the movies and paying the cable bill. There's room in the budget for both with our free Coffee & Cinema summer film series for adults. First up this Friday at 10 a.m. is the critically acclaimed "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," a charming tale about a group of British retirees who travel to a hotel in India and find it doesn't quite match the description in the advertisements.

Subsequent films in the series include "Bottle Shock" on July 22, "Encounters at the End of the World" on July 29, "The Hundred-Foot Journey" on Aug. 12, "The Lunchbox" on Aug. 19, and "No Place on Earth" on Aug. 26. Showtimes are at 10 a.m. and coffee, tea and light refreshments will be available. Travel the world through film in the comfort of the library's Community Room and be back home by lunchtime! Flyers are available



at the Information Desk, or check out the calendar at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org for more information.

All about bikes

It's bicycle season, and the library can help you get ready to ride. On Thursday, an expert from Steiner's Sports will be here at 7 p.m. to talk about bicycle safety and maintenance in a program for all ages.

Speaking of bicycle maintenance, you can give your bike a tune-up right here using the library's public-use bicycle service station near the entrance closest to the parking lot.

The Dero Fixit device features hanger arms that bring the bike off the ground and allow the pedals and wheels to move freely. It also includes all of the tools needed to perform basic bike repairs and maintenance on the

spot. Change a flat, adjust the brakes and derailleurs, or fix a wobbly seat.

Attached to the Fixit station by cables are Philips and flat-head screwdrivers, six sizes of Allen wrenches, six sizes of box wrenches, and two tire levers. Adjacent to the station is a heavy-duty air pump with a universal pump head that accommodates all valve stem types.

The best part is no appointment is necessary. The library's bicycle service station is free for anyone to use, 24 hours a day.

Go fish!

Don't forget, you can check out ready-to-use fishing poles of every size at the library. The poles, given to the library by local bass fishing pro Dennis LeGrange, are outfitted with reels donated by Bass Pro Shops. Included with each fishing pole are two hooks and a bobber that you get to keep, along with information about local fishing spots and suggested

titles to read up on before you head out. Please note that anyone 16 and older needs a license to fish in the state of New York.

Summer hours reminder

During the summer, the library is closed on Sundays, with regular Sunday hours resuming in September. You can access the library catalog and other library services online anytime at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Upcoming events

All events are free and take place at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For more information, call 439-9314 or visit bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Friday, July 15

Story Walk at the Park

Meet at Elm Avenue Park to hear some stories and take a walk to exercise

your mind and body. Gather under the trees at the head of the Fit Trail and wear appropriate footwear, 10 a.m. For kids and families.

Summer Cinema: Minions

Bring a blanket or pillow; the library will provide the popcorn, 2:30 p.m. For children and families.

Monday, July 18

Spudtastic

Celebrate spuds with potato sack races, crafts, chip tasting and more, 10 a.m. For kids and families.

Five Rivers Presents: Survival of the Fittest

Learn about amazing animal adaptations with our friends from Five Rivers while getting a little exercise your self! Wear close-toed shoes, 2 p.m. For kids and families.

Tuesday, July 19

Stories Out and About

At the following Play Factory locations and times: 9:30-10 a.m. at

Glenmont Elementary School, 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Hamagrael Elementary School.

Lego Club

We supply the Legos; you supply the imagination, 10 a.m. For kids and families.

Family Yoga

Join yoga instructor Janine Murphy for fun yoga poses, breathing exercises and relaxation techniques. Bring a mat or a towel, 2 p.m. For kids and families.

Wednesday, July 20

Parachute Challenge

Work in teams to design and test different parachute designs, 2:30 p.m. For kids in grade 4 and up. Sign up online or call.

Evenings on the Green

Loosely Wound String Band will play old-time Appalachian music, 7 p.m.

— Kristen Roberts



Fore!

The Bethlehem Public Library was transformed into an indoor mini golf course Sunday, July 10, to help promote its summer reading program. Nearly 1,000 patrons visited the library, with many of them tackling the 18-hole course that wound its way through the book shelves. Children's book characters Frog and Toad were also on hand to greet people as they entered the library.

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Board welcomes new Trustee

The Guilderland Public Library Board welcomes Jason D. Wright as its newest Trustee.

Wright and incumbent Bryan Best, who were both recently elected to five-year terms on the Board, will be sworn in at the Board's Annual Reorganization Meeting on Thursday, July 14, at 6:40 p.m. Immediately thereafter, the Board will hold its regular monthly business meeting.

The public is always encouraged to attend these meetings.

Teen Read-In

Teens! Join us after-hours for a read-in, featuring snacks and comfy chairs, on Friday, July 15, at 5 p.m. Bring your friends and any book you want. We also encourage you to bring this year's Read It Forward book — swap and pass it on to a friend! Please register by calling 456-2400, ext. 4.

An evening with filmmaker Alex Guilderland

Join local filmmaker, author and illustrator Alex Guilderland at GPL on Monday, July 18, at 7 p.m., as he shows his new short film, "This is Andromeda," and talks about his upcoming book, "Impossible Tales by an Insensitive Foreigner."

Alex moved to America in from Tashkent, Uzbekistan, in 2000, and loves his adopted home so much that he's taken "Guilderland" as his surname.

Intro to CrossFit for Adults

If you're looking for a proven core-strength and conditioning program suitable for adults of all ages and physical condition, then come to GPL on Wednesday, July 20, at 6 p.m. for a 90-minute demonstration of CrossFit.

Whether you're fit or sedentary, this program is for you. Emphasizing strength, balance, agility and flexibility, CrossFit is based on a team/workout model.

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The demo is presented by Guilderland's CrossFit Aevitas, which will introduce basic CrossFit movements, discuss the unique concept behind CrossFit and lead you in a scalable and functional workout tailored to your own level. Best of all, you'll have fun!

Please register by calling 456-2400, ext. 2. And when you come to the class, be sure to wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

Flight in the Locker Room

Join WMHT for a high-flying time. On Wednesday, July 20, at 6:30 p.m., you'll learn how and why things can fly, experiment with paper airplanes and whirligigs, and create your own rocket launcher to take home. You are going to love this. For ages 7 through 12. Please

register by calling 456-2400, ext. 4.

Quidditch in the park for teens

Mount your broomsticks. In collaboration with Albany Public Library and the Altamont Free Library, on Thursday, July 21, at 2 p.m., GPL brings you Quidditch in Abele Park.

Learn to play, and then face off against friends. Bring your own broom if you're able. For grades 6 through 12.

Please register by calling 456-2400, ext. 4. You'll meet GPL's Kristina Ronald, Altamont's Joe Burke and Albany's Stephanie Preston at Fred Abele Park in McKownville. To get to the park, from Route 20 (Western Avenue), turn onto Schoolhouse Road and left onto Strawberry Lane. The park is situated at the

end of the street. Have a great time.

K-6 Obstacle Course Olympics

Come be competitively creative in our K-6 Obstacle Course Olympics.

On Thursday, July 21, at 3:30 p.m., kids in grades Kindergarten through grade 6 will be able to race through an obstacle course and even design their own. Please register by calling 456-2400, ext. 4.

Take a tour

You know that GPL lets you borrow tables, fishing rods, bakeware, museum passes and all sorts of other cool stuff — as well as books, DVDs and CDs. But, there is just so much more.

To help you learn about our every product and service, take a tour of the library with your own personal guide. Meet in the lobby on Monday, July 18, at 11 a.m., and enjoy.

— Mark Curiale

Summer hours and reading

The library will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays in the months of July and August. Regular hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) resume in September.

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Hannah Morris, of Slingerlands, graduated with a master's degree in art from the University of Iowa.

Courtney Sullivan, of Selkirk, graduated with a master's degree in communication disorders from SUNY New Paltz.

Michelle Lee, of Feura Bush, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in architectural studies from Norwich University.

David Wilsey, of Delmar, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Emmanuel College.

Dejana Harris, of Altamont, graduated with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Lafayette College.

Lauren Thomas, of Albany, graduated with a bachelor's degrees in psychology and French from Lafayette College.

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The following students graduated with bachelor's degrees from SUNY New Paltz:

Anthony Albanese of Albany
Charles Cultrara of Delmar
Jared Flagler of Delmar
Alexander Lanchantin of
Glenmont

Kelsey Ryan of Albany
Daniel Schutten of

Schenectady
Toby Wykes of Albany

...

The following students graduated from Ithaca College:

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Connor Drislane of
Schenectady

Anthony Stanish of
Slingerlands

Noah Poskanzer of
Slingerlands

...

Michelle Lee, of Feura Bush, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester at Norwich University.

Elizabeth Childs, of Voorheesville, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester at Wilkes University.

Molly Sloan, of Schenectady, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester at Emmanuel College.

David Wilsey, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester at Emmanuel College.

Hannah Brackett, of Albany, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester at Mount Ida College.

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The following students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester at SUNY

Canton:

Kaitlyn Laurenty of Albany
Kristen Heinmiller of Selkirk
Nicholas Mellet of
Slingerlands

Joshua Clark of Voorheesville

...

The following students were named to the president's list for the spring 2016 semester at SUNY Geneseo:

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Zachariah Barfield of Delmar
Sarah Becker of Delmar
McKinley Gray of Delmar
Kallie Swyer of Schenectady

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The following students were named to the president's list for the spring 2016 semester at Western New England University:

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Nicholas Crocetta of Delmar
Vanessa Vaccarino of
Glenmont

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The following students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester at Western New England University:

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Tiffany Behuniak of
Schenectady

Taylor Dubose of Altamont

Megan Empie of Delmar

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MaryFaith Liguori of Albany
Mary Palmerino of Glenmont
Kevin Rudolph of Delmar
Samuel Vincent of
Slingerlands

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The following students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester at Saint Michael's College:

Rachel Reichel of Delmar
Daniel Ushkow of Delmar
Erin Gannon of Voorheesville

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The following students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester at the University of Delaware:

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Maya Kassoff of Delmar

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Maeve Montesi of
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Taylor Tewksbury of
Schenectady

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Emily Burns of Slingerlands
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James Crowley of Slingerlands
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Katie Espinola of Schenectady

Alec Lee of Albany
James Mohr of Albany
Magdalene Mulderry of
Selkirk

Jenna Robinson of
Slingerlands

Erin Seery of Altamont

...

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AWOLNATION

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Road trippin'

Our staff shares a few of their favorite summer jaunts for a weekend escape

By **THE STAFF**
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Summer is here and you're already kicking yourself for not putting in for a week or two off with your boss. Now, the calendar is full and you're looking at September before you can take a week off.

Late September.

Now is the time when you have to take your boss' advice and manage your time wisely. You want to travel. Nah, you need to escape. And, in order to do that, you have to take look at where you can go to get away from your everyday anxieties. If only for a day, or weekend.

Our staff has put together their favorite places to go that don't involve a plane ticket or drawn out itinerary. One of the benefits of living here in the Capital District is that you're a stone's throw away from everything.

ESCAPE

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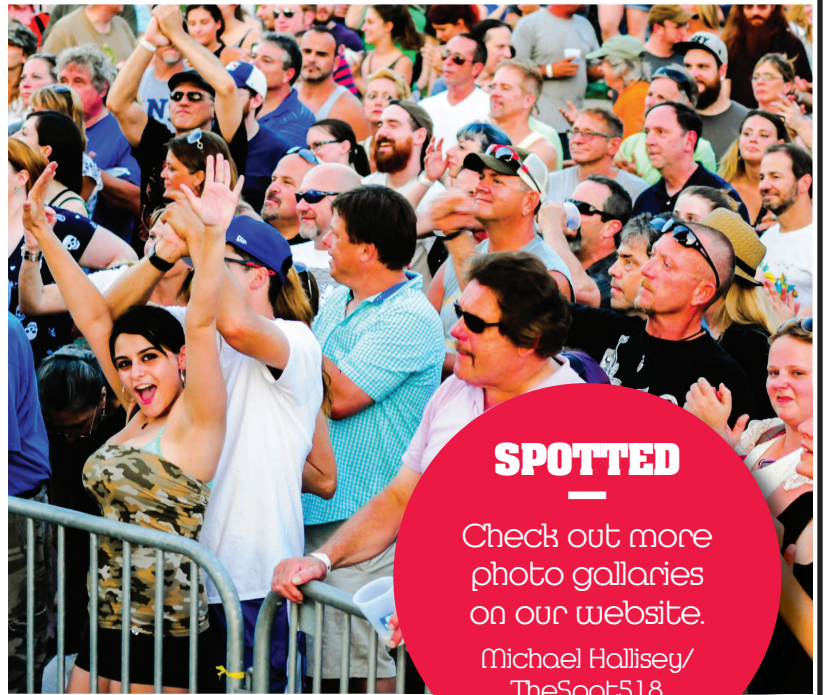
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The Gather Rounders The Empire State Plaza — Wednesday, July 13

ALBANY — The Capital City will get a taste of bluegrass county music as part of this week's "Made in the Shade of the Egg" series performance.

The Gather Rounders, from Portland, ME, is a five-piece acoustic bluegrass band that blends traditional and progressive folk music into a mix of sweet harmonies.

The band is expected to release its latest EP, "The Gather Rounders: Live in the Studio," soon.

"Made in the Shade of the Egg" is an outdoor performance series presented in cooperation with the New York State Office of General Services held in conjunction with the Empire State Plaza Farmer's Market.

Next week, Albany welcomes The Dylan Perillo Orchestra, a ten-piece band that highlights the origins of jazz, performing arrangements from the 1920s to the 1940s.

Events are free and open to the public underneath The Egg at the Empire State Plaza. Festivities start at noon. For more information, call 473-1845 or visit theegg.org.

...SCHENECTADY



Submitted photo

Gary Nuñez and Plena Libre Central Park — Sunday, July 24

SCHENECTADY — Gary Nuñez and Plena Libre, with special guest Jose Conde Unplugged, headline the Summer 2016 Music Haven Concert in Central Park, Sunday, July 24 at 7 p.m.

Plena, the musical form, began its history in turn of the century Puerto Rico, as a sort of singing newspaper driven by distinctive hand drums and the scrape of the guiro. Singers would relate the doings of the day, urging listeners to sing, clap and dance along.

Plena Libre, the band, has been captivating and moving audiences over the course of a 22-year, 14-album career. Led by the legendary Gary Nuñez on bass, this fine-tuned, original Latin band of virtuoso musicians has only gotten better with age, as evidenced by their four recent Grammy nominations and world-wide touring schedule.

The Music Haven Concert is free.

...MENANDS

The Oldies Show Ganser-Smith Memorial Park — Tuesday, July 19

MENANDS — The annual summer concert series continues Tuesday, July 19 at 6 p.m. with The Oldies Show.

This year's series promises five weekly concerts at Ganser-Smith Memorial Park, with food and beverages available for purchase through the Menands Fire Company.

The Oldies Show performance is to be followed by Hair of the Dog (July 26), Skeeter Creek (Aug. 2) and Joey Pucci and the American Longboard (Aug 9).

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RETRO REVIEW

Pre-gaming for SummerNight

Our young intern takes a ride back to 1995 to visit "Empire Records"

By **ALLISON FRY**
frya@spotlightnews

I, a millennial, decided to embark on a quest — with some gentile prodding from our managing editor Michael Hallisey — that would involve reviewing one of the quintessential films of the generation before me.

Predating my birth by only a few months, "Empire Records" came out in 1995 and has maintained cult status ever since for its highly replayable soundtrack, fun and unique characters and just all around carefree attitude. A classic feel-good '90s film — sure, there are some abruptly serious moments, because life as a teenager isn't always easygoing, but any negative emotion seems to last less than 30 seconds — it follows a group of employees and their cool-guy boss over the course of 24 hours inside an eclectic record shop. Throughout the film, each character experiences the struggle of maintaining relationships while fighting inner battles, but the numerous energetic sing-a-longs and joking moments don't let this film feel as serious as it could be.

"Empire" touts all the classic tropes of the decade: teens clad in crop tops and plaid, rocking music, a hip, older guy who hangs out with said teens and a square businessman who unsuccessfully tries to break up everyone's fun. The characters in this film just exude non-mainstream coolness, even through their less than perfect moments. I can understand any

'90s kid seeing this film and immediately wanting to skateboard down to their nearest record shop to see what rag-tag group might be there dancing along to The Meices and having a grand time (I kind of want to do that too now).

The film is certainly not without its cheesy moments, such as the scrappy kid who causes trouble just because he wants to be included, or the misunderstood, handsome boy who makes mistakes but is too confident for anyone to try to enforce the consequences. The plot is one big cliché, but it at least has one. From what I had heard prior, I assumed it was one of those films that played up on its quirky characters, witty banter and killer soundtrack, all to distract from the lack of storyline - not to say that's a bad thing, some of the greatest films follow that same style (here's looking at you, Mean Streets).

Maybe "Empire" seems predictable because it was the origin of a trend seen in other features, or perhaps it follows a pattern we've been seeing since the '80s from films like "The Breakfast Club." Either way, it's a classic story that maintains a certain uniqueness that never bores. And, that soundtrack is just so damn fun.

If you want to relive those memories break out your ripped jeans and miniskirts and attend Schenectady's SummerNight 2016 on July 15, to fulfill your '90s dream and see the Gin Blossoms perform live on the GE Main Stage.

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■ LIVE MUSIC

Bluegrass for days at Grey Fox

OAK HILL — The annual Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival takes place Thursday, July 14, through Sunday, July 17, at the Walsh Farm off County Route 22 in Greene County.

This year's lineup a multitude of national acts including Chris Thile and Bela Fleck, the Steep Canyon Rangers, Jerry Douglas, Sara Watkins, Del McCoury, the Gibson Brothers and the SteelDrivers.

In addition, people can bring their musical instruments to jam with other musicians and learn techniques from professionals.

The full concert schedule is:

Thursday, July 14

High Meadow Stage

- 1 p.m. — host band Dry Branch Fire Squad
- 2 p.m. — Compton & Newberry
- 3 p.m. — Mollie O'Brien & Rich Moore
- 4:15 p.m. — Front Country
- 5:30 p.m. — Band of Ruhks
- 6:30 p.m. — Dustbowl Revival
- 7:45 p.m. — The Horse Flies
- 9 p.m. — Steep Canyon Rangers
- 10:15 p.m. — The Wood Brothers

Creekside Stage

- 1 p.m. — Emerging Artists: Jakob's Ferry Stragglers
- 2 p.m. — Acoustic Music Seminar Showcase presented by Savannah Music Festival
- 3 p.m. — Band of Ruhks
- 4 p.m. — Mile Twelve
- 5 p.m. — Dry Branch Fire Squad
- 6 p.m. — Mollie O'Brien & Rich Moore
- 7 p.m. — Lonely Heartstring Band

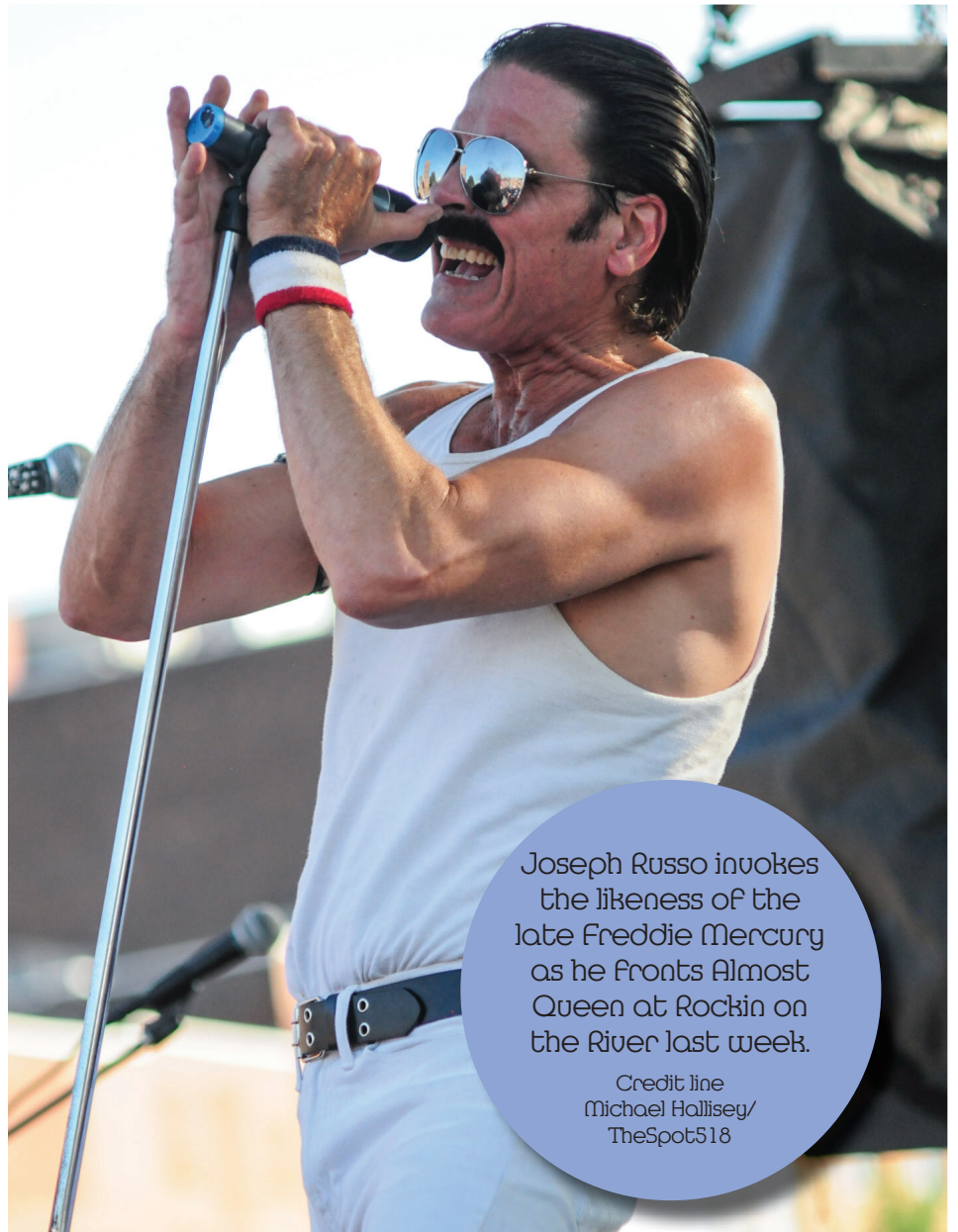
Catskill Stage

- 1:30 p.m. — Welcome dance with John Kirk, Trish Miller and QuickStep
- 3 p.m. — The Horse Flies
- 4:30 p.m. — Steep Canyon Rangers
- 6:15 p.m. — The Wood Brothers
- 7:45 p.m. — Front Country
- 9:15 p.m. — Dustbowl Revival
- 11 p.m. — Scythian

Friday, July 15

High Meadow Stage

- 11 a.m. — Lonely Heartstring Band
- Noon — The Stray Birds
- 1 p.m. — The Mike



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Night & Day

Night: Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival

OAK HILL — There will be a lot of picking and singing at this year's Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival July 14-17 at the Walsh Farm, just off County Route 22.

Dozens of national and regional bluegrass bands are scheduled to perform on three stages, including a pairing of banjo master Bela Fleck and mandolin maestro Chris Thile, dobro giant Jerry Douglas and his band, The Earls of Leicester, and two-time IBMA Entertainers of the Year the Gibson Brothers. There will also be a tribute to Dr. Ralph Stanley at the close of the evening Saturday, July 16.

For more information, visit www.greyfoxbluegrass.com.



The Earls of Leicester
Dobro master Jerry Douglas and his bluegrass band are part of this year's Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival.
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Troy Pig Out
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Day: Troy Pig Out

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The annual day-long food and music festival takes place Saturday, July 16, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Troy's Riverfront Park. At the heart of this event is the annual barbecue contest, where the public can sample dozens of flame-grilled delights and vote for their favorites.

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 Every Thur: **Open Mic** (@ Creative sparks, 42 Phila St.) | 7:30 p.m.
 Fri: **Harpeth Rising** | 7 p.m.
 Sat: **Del Ray** | 7 p.m.

Carney's Tavern
 17 Main Street, Ballston Lake. 280-7959
 Every Thur: **Matty Finn** | 6 p.m.
 Fri: **E.J. Hopeck** | 8 p.m.
 Sat: **Stretch** | 7:30 p.m.

City Beer Hall
 42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2337
 Every Sat: **90s Dance Party** | 11 p.m.

Club Helsinki
 405 Columbia St., Hudson. 828-4800
 or helsinki@hudson.com

ARTS CALENDAR



String trio visits Saratoga Springs
 Harpeth Rising will perform Friday, July 15, at Caffé Lena's temporary location at The Grove, 233 Lake Ave. in Saratoga Springs. For more information, visit www.caffelena.org. Submitted photo

Wed: **NRBQ** | 8 p.m.

Dolce Vita
 1727 State St., Schenectady. 357-3324
 Fri & Sat: **Music & dancing with Randy Loren**

Emack & Bolio's
 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. 512-5100
 Fri: **Alyssa Yeager** | 7 p.m.
 Sat: **Alan Goldberg** | 7 p.m.

Sun: **Werthner & Frederick** | 7 p.m.
 Every Tue: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

Fuze Box
 12 Central Ave., Albany. 703-8937
 Fri: **Cretin Hop** | 9 p.m.

Gaffney's
 16 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs. 587-7359
 Thur: **Rick Celements Band** | 9 p.m.

Fri: **Rick Bolton & Jeff Walton** | 5 p.m.
Skippy & the Pistons | 9 p.m.
 Sat: **Acoustic Circus** | 9 p.m.
 Sun: **Kid's Open Mic** | 1 - 4 p.m.
 Mon: **Karaoke** | 8 p.m.
 Tue: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m.

Garden Bistro 24
 5 Vista Blvd, Slingerlands. 439-3832
 Thur: **A3** | 6:30 p.m.

Ginger Man
 234 Western Ave., Albany. 427-5963
 Fri: **Jazz Caravan** | 8 p.m.

Grappa '72
 818 Central Ave., Albany. 482-7200
 Wed & Thur: **Hamilton Street Jazz Company** | 6:30 p.m.
 Fri: **Groove Nouveau** | 6:30 p.m.

The Half Moon
 48 S. Front St., Hudson. thehalfmoon@hudson.com
 Sat: **Marissa Nadler, Wrekmeister Harmonies, Muscle and Marrow** | 8 p.m.

Hamlet & Ghost
 24 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs. 450-7287
 Wed: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 8 p.m.

The Happy Cappuccino
 1 Crossgates Road, Albany. 313-7423
 Fri: **Jeff Nania & Lecco Morris** | noon

Hudson River Music Hall
 10 Maple St., Hudson Falls. 832-3484
 Wed: **Open Mic** | 7:30 p.m.
 Fri: **Hasty Page** | 8 p.m.
 Sat: **Arianna Stewart** | 7 p.m.
 Sun: **Fade to Blues** | 6 p.m.

J.J. Rafferty's
 847 New Loudon Rd., Latham. 783-6800
 Every Fri & Sat: **DJ Billy** | 9 p.m.

LaSerre Restaurant
 14 Green St, Albany. 463-6056
 Thur: **Sonny & Perley (Bastille Day celebration)** | 6 p.m.

The Low Beat
 335 Central Ave., Albany. 432-6572
 Every Wed: **The Deadbeats** | 10 p.m. | \$5
 Thur: **Something Lost, Micah Scott, Yankee Holler** | 8 p.m.

Fri: **Vicious Rotten Hell Bastards (CD release), Evolution, Reborn Through Hate** | 8 p.m.

Sat: **2nd Annual Smorgasbord of local bands covering whatever the hell they want (undercover show)** | 6 p.m.
 Mon: **Jouska, Throat Culture, Hemingway, Bye** | 8 p.m.

Lucas Confectionary and Wine Bar
 12 2nd St., Troy. 326-3450
 Mon: **Le Trio Vino** | 7 & 8:45 p.m.

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ACROSS

1. Alone
5. ___ moss
9. ___ Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
12. Chocolate substitute
14. Adage
16. Aloof
17. Gradually faster in music
19. Barely beat
20. Baby's socklike shoe
21. Movement of wet earth
23. Dwell
25. Golden Triangle country
26. Household linens
30. Black billiard ball
32. Australian runner
33. "Fiddler on the Roof" role
35. "Unforgettable" singers
37. ___ of Maine (toothpaste brand)
39. Video maker, for short
40. Opening time, maybe
41. Poison plant
43. Bend
46. "___ any drop to drink": Coleridge
47. To energize (2 words)
49. Camper's supply
51. Gray wolf
52. Pink, as a steak
53. "I'm game"
57. ___ fly
61. "Fantasy Island" prop
62. Position of a trustee
64. Dusk, to Donne
65. Kind of battery
66. Agent investigating narcotics (slang)
67. .000001 joule
68. "___ Poppins"
69. Chinese cooking bowls

DOWN

1. Fink
2. ___ Bell
3. "Giovanna d'___" (Verdi opera)
4. Johann Wolfgang von ___
5. Average
6. Final, e.g.
7. Hokkaido native
8. Slow, relaxed walk
9. Race ending
10. Battery contents
11. Sort
13. Very tired
15. Decoration of colored glass
18. Like "The X-Files"
22. Prepare to surf, perhaps
24. Can be plural for Penny
26. Brings home
27. French romance
28. Repeatedly hitting
29. Flower holder
31. Join securely
34. Color of honey
36. Arid
38. Enjoy
42. Ancient units of lengths
44. Be bombastic
45. Decline
48. Similar to a genocide
50. Go up and down
53. On the safe side, at sea
54. Bad look
55. Maui dance
56. Boris Godunov, for one
58. "Comin' ___ the Rye"
59. Down with something
60. Epic poetry
63. "Don't give up!"

Answers on Pg. B21

ARTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH

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Fri: **Nite Train** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **DJ Lady Luck**

Moon & River Café
115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady. 377-5100
Thur: **Dave Kitchen** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **Hoot Owl Moon** | 7 p.m.
Every Sun: **Open Mic** | 7:30 p.m.
Tue: **Doug Chilton** | 7 p.m.

Mouzon House
1 York St., Saratoga Springs. 226-0014
Thur: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Joe Gitto & Dan Wancyk** | 6:30 p.m.

Oh Bar
304 Lark St., Albany. 463-9004
Thur: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

One Caroline Street
1 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs. 587-2026
Wed: **The Masters of Nostalgia** | 8:30 p.m.
Fri: **Crispin Catricala** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **Pat Daley** | 6 p.m.

Panza's
510 NY Rte. 9P (on Saratoga Lake), Saratoga Springs. 584-6882
Fri: **Charles Cornell** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Misty Jazz Trio** | 7 p.m.

Parish Public House
388 Broadway, Albany. 365-0444
Thur: **Pack the Parish (St. Jude's Benefit): Royal Flush, Andrew James Miracle** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Big Sam's Funky Nation** | 8 p.m.

The Parting Glass
40 Lake Ave, Saratoga Springs. 583-1916
Wed & Thur: **Irish Celtic Session** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Fenimore Blues** | 8 p.m.
Mon & Tue: **Luck of the Draw** | 7 p.m.

Pauly's Hotel
337 Central Ave., Albany. paulyshotel.com
Thur: **Vinyl Night** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Tambourelli and Her Supertrips, Machete** | 8 p.m.
Mon: **Blue Monday Blues Jam** | 8 p.m.
Tue: **Acoustic Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

Platinum Pub
795 3rd Ave., Watervliet. 270-9907
Every Tue: **Open Mic**

Prime at Saratoga National
458 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs. 583-4653
Sun: **Joe Sorrentino Trio (jazz brunch)** | 10:30 a.m.

Putnam Den
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs. 584-8066
Thur: **Michelle Shocked** | 9 p.m.
Fri: **Band of Ghosts, Almost Accounted For, Apastron, Flood the Asylum** | 9 p.m.

Roux
10-01 Vista Blvd., Slingerlands. 487-4358
Fri: **Upstate Dance Band** | 6 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub
150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. 235-5858
Every Thur: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Blue Hand Luke** | 8 p.m.

Savoy Taproom
301 Lark St, Albany. 599-5140
Thur: **Concert Jazz Band** | 7 p.m.

Speakeasy 518
42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2332
Thur: **Mark Kleinhaut Duo** | 9 p.m.
Fri: **Wayne Hawkins Trio** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Kaitlyn Fay Trio** | 9 p.m.
Mon: **Joe Finn** | 9 p.m.
Tue: **Justin Henricks** | 8 p.m.

Stockade Inn
1 North Church St., Schenectady. 346-3400
Thur: **Wee-B3** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Bronte Roman Trio** | 7 p.m.

Twisted Vine
384 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. 439-3241
Thur: **Mia Jazz Trio** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Scott Bassinson Trio** | 8 p.m.

Upstate Concert Hall
1208 New York 146, Clifton Park. 371-0012 or upstateconcerthall.com
Wed: **Awolnation** | 7 p.m.

The Van Dyck
237 Union St., Schenectady. 348-7999
Fri: **Don Byron & Friends** | 7 & 9 p.m.

Waterworks Pub
76 Central Ave., Albany. 465-9079
Thur: **DJ Shawn Gillie** | 11 p.m.
Fri: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.
Sat: **DJ David Barna** | 10 p.m.
Mon: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

Wishing Well Restaurant
745 Saratoga Rd, Wilton. 584-7640
Fri & Sat: **Rob Aronstein** | 6:30 p.m.

Yono's
25 Chapel St., Albany. 436-7747
Fri and Sat: **Hamilton Street Jazz Duo** | 6:30 p.m.

MUSIC

Rockin' on the River
An evening of local roots rock with East-bound Jesus and the North and South Dakotas. July 13, 5 p.m., Riverfront Park, Troy. Free. Information: 279-7997 or www.downtowntroy.org.

Summer at the Plaza
"Classic Rock Night," featuring Blood Sweat & Tears with "American Idol" contestant Bo Bice. July 13, 5 p.m., Empire State Plaza Concourse, Albany. Free. Information: summer.empirestateplaza.org.

Malta Summer Concert Series
World fusion dance band Dread Resisters performs. July 13, 6 p.m., Malta Community Center, 1 Bayberry Drive, Malta. Free. Information: 899-4411 or www.maltaparksrec.com.

Buhrmaster Barn Concert Series
Relive the music of the 1950s and 1960s with Jade. July 13, 6:30 p.m., Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham. Admission: adults \$5, children 12 and under free. Information: 783-1435 or www.pruynhouse.org.

Screaming Orphans
Celtic pop/rock band. July 13, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. Information: www.freedomparkscotia.com.

Lake George Arts Project Summer Concert Series
Country-rock ban Professor Louie & the Crowmatix performs. July 13, 7 p.m., Shepard Park, Lake George. Free. Information: 668-2616 or www.lakegeorgearts.org.

Tedeschi Trucks Band
Susan Tedeschi and Derek Trucks bring their blues rock to town. July 13, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Tickets and information: (800) 745-3000 or www.spac.org.

Emerson String Quartet
Performing works by Brahms, Wellesz and Berg, with special guest Renée Fleming. July 13, 8 p.m., Seiji Ozawa Hall, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$19-\$66. Information: www.bso.org.

Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival
Four-day concert featuring the likes of Bela Fleck, Chris Thile, the Del McCoury Band, the Gibson Brothers and many more. July 14-17, Walsh Farm, Oak Hill. Information: www.greyfoxbluegrass.com.

Jazz on Jay
Steve Lambert Quartet performs. July 14, noon, "The Circle" at State and Jay streets (across from Proctor's), Schenectady. Free. Information: 372-5656.

Alive at Five
Canadian Celtic rock band Enter the Haggis, with opening act Hair of the Dog. July 14, 5 p.m., Tricentennial Park, Albany. Free. Information: 434-2032 or www.albanyevents.org.

Concerts in the Park
The Road Kings perform. July 14, 6 p.m., Wiswall Park, Ballston Spa. Free.

Vellano Corporation Summer Concert Series
Classic rock band Pipe Kings performs. July 14, 6:30 p.m., The Crossings, 580 Albany Shaker Road, Colonie. Free. Information: 456-2136.

Scotia-Glenville Community Band and Jazz Band
Local musicians perform. July 14, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. Information: www.freedomparkscotia.com.

Miracle Legion
1990s indie rock band reunites for a tour celebrating the 20th anniversary of its breakthrough album, "Portrait of a Damaged Family." July 14, 8 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$20. Information: 465-5233 or thelinda.org.

The Knights
Brooklyn-based chamber orchestra performs works by Haydn, Kahane, Schubert, Haggart/Bauduc and Bob Dylan. July 14, 8 p.m., Seiji Ozawa Hall, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$18-\$56. Information: www.bso.org.

Dave Matthews Band
Popular jam band takes the stage for a two-night stand. July 15 and 16, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

Rock the Block Concert Series
Switch Band performs. July 15, 6 p.m., Canal Square, 72 Remsen St., Cohoes. Free.

Upbeat on the Roof
Decoda: Skidmore Chamber Music Institute performs. July 15, 7 p.m., Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, Skidmore College, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. Information: 580-8080 or tang.skidmore.edu.

Boston Symphony Orchestra
Performing an all-Mozart program with special guest conductor and violinist Pinchas Zukerman. July 15, 8 p.m., Koussevitzky Music Shed, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$11-\$101. Information: www.bso.org.

Tanglewood Institute Young Artists Orchestra
Performing works by Wagner, Brahms and Shostakovich. July 16, 2:30 p.m., Seiji Ozawa Hall, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$12. Information: www.bso.org.

Where's Alex
Classic rock band. July 16, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. Information: www.freedomparkscotia.com.

ARTS CALENDAR

Boston Symphony Orchestra

Christoph von Dohnanyi conducts the ensemble through works by Ives, Strauss and Tchaikovsky, with guest soprano Renée Fleming. July 16, 8 p.m., Koussevitzky Music Shed, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$22-\$111. Information: www.bso.org.

Tanglewood Music Center:

Chamber Music

Works by Mendelssohn, Dean, Pritchard, Prokofiev and Beethoven. July 17, 10 a.m., Seiji Ozawa Hall, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$12. Information: www.bso.org.

Tanglewood Institute

Young Artists Wind Ensemble

Program will include works by Dahl, Dukas, Harbison, McTee, Nelseon, Salfelder and Buti. July 17, 2:30 p.m., Seiji Ozawa Hall, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Free. Information: www.bso.org.

Boston Symphony Orchestra

Gustavo Gimeno conducts the ensemble through works by Prokofiev, Ravel, Gershwin and Stravinsky, with featured guest Yuja Wang on piano. July 17, 2:30 p.m., Koussevitzky Music Shed, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$20-\$101. Information: www.bso.org.

Music from Salem

"The Unbroken Message . . . From the Silence," featuring baroque and romantic music from Italy and France performed by oboist Peggy Pearson, pianist Nina Tichman, violinist Cal Wiersma and cellist Kari Ravnan. July 17, 4 p.m., Hubbard Hall, 25 East Main St., Cambridge. Tickets: \$25 or pay what you can. Information: 232-2347 or email info@musicfromsaalem.org.

Brian Patneau Quintet

Local jazz group performs. July 17, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schenectady



Rooftop series continues

Decoda: Skidmore Chamber Music Institute takes to the roof of the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery on campus for "Upbeat on the Roof" Friday, July 15, at 7 p.m.

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Avenue, Scotia. Free. Information: www.freedomparkscotia.com.

Music Haven Concert Series

Legendary bluegrass dobro player Jerry Douglas presents The Earls of Leicester, with opening act Jim Gaudet and the Railroad Boys. July 17, 7 p.m., Central Park, Schenectady. Free. Information: www.musichavenstage.org.

Mac-Haydn Mondays

Bill McGrath and Meg Morrow present a night of "Elvis and Friends." July 18, 8 p.m., Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 NY-203, Chatham. Tickets: \$25. Information: 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org.

Tinsley Ellis

The Capital Region Blues Network presents the southern blues-rocker. July 18,

8 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$15. Information: 465-5233 or thelinda.org.

Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra

Works by Wagner, Strauss and Beethoven. July 18, 8 p.m., Seiji Ozawa Hall, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets:

\$12-\$55. Information: www.bso.org.

Howlin' at the Moon

Bluegrass band Three Quarter North and folk duo 2Late perform. July 19, 7 p.m., Dutch Barn, Mabee Farm Historic Site, 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Admission: \$5. Information: www.schenectadyhistorical.org.

Made in the Shade of The Egg

Big band jazz group The Dylan Perillo Orchestra performs. July 20, noon, Empire State Plaza Concourse, Albany. Free. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

THEATRE

A Night with Janis Joplin

Randy Johnson's tribute to one of rock music's iconic singers. Presented by Capital Repertory Theater, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Aug. 7. Shows: Tuesdays through Sundays, call for times and ticket prices. Information: 445-7469 or www.capitalrep.org.

Brighton Beach Memoirs

Neil Simon's coming-of-age comedy about a teenage boy who loves baseball and girls, but who also must deal with his family. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through July 16. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

Park Playhouse presents Chicago

All-new take on the classic Broadway musical, through July 30, Washington Park Lakehouse, Albany. Shows: Tuesdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m. Tickets: reserved seats \$16-\$24, lawn seats free. Information: www.parkplayhouse.com.

Mac-Haydn Theatre presents Chicago

Broadway's tale of murder and jazz. Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 NY-203, Chatham, through July 24. Tickets: evenings \$34, matinees \$31, children

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ARTS CALENDAR



Song and dance

Albany Pro Musica — with conductor José Daniel Flores-Caraballo — will perform with the New York City Ballet during the ballet company's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" July 20, 22 and 23 at SPAC.

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under 12 \$14. Information: 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org.

Damn Yankees

Broadway musical fable about a man who makes a deal with the devil to become the Washington Senators' top player. Presented by the Not So Common Players, Clifton Common, Vischer Ferry Road, Clifton Park, July 15-17 and 21-24. Show time: 8 p.m. Free. Information: 371-6667 or www.cliftonpark.org.

Second Coming — The Character and Ministry of Mother Ann Lee

Original play written by Bruce Cornwell about the history of the Shakers. July 15-17 and 22-24, Shaker Meeting House, Shaker Heritage Society, 25 Meeting House Road, Colonie. Shows:

Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m. Tickets: \$15. Information: 588-4954 or www.secondcomingplay.com.

COMEDY

Jim Gaffigan

Actor and comedian makes a local stop on his "Fully Dressed Tour." July 13, 8 p.m., Times Union Center, South Pearl Street, Albany. Tickets: \$36.75 and \$46.75. Information: www.timesunioncenter-albany.com.

The Funny Bone

Rich Vos headlines. July 14, 7:30 p.m., July 15, 7:30 and 10 p.m., July 16, 7 and 10 p.m. and July 17, 7 p.m. Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue, Guilderland. Information: 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com.

The Comedy Works

Sherry Davey and Guests, July 15 and 16. Shows: Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com.

DANCE

New York City Ballet

Famed ballet company returns for another summer residency. July 20-23 and 26-30, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

Ajgun Ballet

Performing "Notre Dame, a Contemporary Ballet." July 24, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$29.

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FAMILY/YOUTH

Barker Park Kids' Summer Series

Andy the Music Man performs traditional and original songs. July 14, 11 a.m., Barker Park, corner of Third and State streets, Troy. Free. Information: troymusicall.org.

The Frog Prince

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"Make Your Own Flag," in which families will look at and discuss Mel Zeigler's "Flag Exchange" in his exhibition, "A More Perfect Union," and then make flags of their own out of felt and dowels. July 16, 2 p.m., Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, Skidmore College, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. Reservations encouraged. Information: 580-8080.

FILM

Free Summer Family Movies

See the live action/animated movie "Smurfs." July 17, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Summer in the City movie series

See Disney/Pixar's classic "Finding Nemo." July 19, noon, Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Free. Information: palacealbany.com.

Food for Thought

This month's feature is "Dear President Obama," a documentary about the dangers of drilling and clean energy solutions. July 21, 7 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$8. Information: 465-5233 or thelinda.org.

The Boys of '36

A documentary about the group of University of Washington rowers who won the gold medal at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. Presented by WMHT and the Albany Rowing Center, July 21, 7:30 p.m., Palace Theater, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 880-3400 or palacealbany.com.

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Poets in the Park

Mary Crane and Victoria Reyes read from their works. July 16, 7 p.m., Robert Burns statue, Washington Park, Albany. Free. Information: www.hvvg.org.

Third Thursday Poetry Night

Poet and slam performer Amani O+ is the featured reader at this month's show and open mic. July 21, 7:30 p.m., Social Justice Center, 33 Central Ave., Albany. Suggested donation: \$3. Information: Dan Wilcox, 482-0262 or dwlcx@earthlink.net.

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Troy Pig Out

A barbecue competition where the people choose the winners, plus music by The Rattling Baddies, Sly Fox & the Hustlers, Niki Lee, the El Dorados, Jocamo and Big Sky Country. July 16, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Riverfront Park, Troy. Information: www.downtowntroy.org.

CanalFest

Featuring music, storytelling, crafts, cooking demonstrations, blacksmithing and tours of the Mabee Farm Historic Site. July 16, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Free. Information: 887-5073 or www.schenectadyhistorical.org.

Summer Sings with David Smith

A workshop focusing on Gilbert and Sullivan (July 18) and Five Centuries of Part Song (July 25). Each session starts at 7 p.m. PS21: Performance Spaces for the 21st Century, 2980 Route 66, Chatham. Cost: \$10 general public, \$8 PS21 members. Information: 392-6121 or ps21chatham.org.

Geeks Who Drink

A quiz show with eight rounds of eight questions each, including a music round, an audio round and a picture round. Free to play, with prizes for the top two teams and bonus prizes throughout the game. Sundays, 7 p.m., Lionheart Pub, 448 Madison Ave., Albany.

Color Between Wines

Adult coloring program. Library supplies the art materials, but adults must

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Family Fun Ceramics

Weekly 90-minute class taught by Catie Singer on Sundays, 2 p.m., Schenectady Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna. Cost: members \$8, guests \$12; all materials are included. Information: 377-8803 or www.schenectadyjcc.org.

EXHIBITS

Albany Center Gallery

"Compound Fragment," featuring works by Katherine Chwazik and Tara Fracalossi, through Aug. 12. 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information: 462-4775 or www.albanycentergallery.org.

Albany Institute of History and Art

"Masterworks: 225 Years of Collecting," through Sept. 4; "Spotlight: Alexander Hamilton," through Dec. 31; plus "A Gather of Glass: Selections from the Museum's Collection," "Ancient Egypt" and more. 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 463-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

Albany Public Library — Pine Hills Branch

"Too Many Words," featuring works by Emily Armstrong, Michael Conlin, Shea Lord-Farmer, Mark Oujia, Erik Savage and Larissa Tapler, through Oct. 2. 517 Western Ave., Albany. Information: www.albanypubliclibrary.org.

Arts Center of the Capital Region

"Heavenly Body," featuring the work of Artist in Residence Andrea Hersh, through Aug. 27. "Fence Select 2016" and "Ray Felix: Interiors," July 16 through Aug. 27. 265 River St., Troy. Information: 273-0552 or www.artscenonline.org.

Esther Massry Gallery

"The Art and Design Faculty Show," through July 31. Massry Center for the Arts, The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 485-3902 or email Jeanne Flanagan, gallery director, at flanagaj@strose.edu.

Heather Ridge Farm

"Farmscapes" by Saugerties artist Prue See, through Labor Day weekend. 989 Broome Center Road, Preston Hollow. Information: 239-6234 or www.heather-ridge-farm.com.

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"In Whom We Trust: At the Crossroads of Faith & Community," a photography exhibit by Michael Diana. 1100 Main St. (Route 55), Rotterdam Junction. Information: schenectadyhistorical.org/exhibits.

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"Return of the Dinosaurs," through Sept. 18. Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information: 382-7890 or www.miSci.org.

National Museum of Dance

"50 Years at SPAC," celebrating the golden anniversary of the venerable performance venue; "The Dancing Athlete," an exhibit that explores the connection between dance and sports; "Gen," a life-sized sculpture of former New York City Ballet principal dancer Gen Horiuchi; plus "A Tribute to Dancers in Film," "Making Art Dance" and "2015 Hall of Fame Inductees Mark Morris and Rudolf Nureyev." 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org.

New York State Museum

Imaging the American West: Selections from the Metropolitan Museum of Art," through July 17; "St. Paul's Chapel: A Place of Refuge," through Aug. 21. Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.

Saratoga Clay Arts Center

"Members Juried Exhibition," featuring works by Ellen Aimone, Patricia Collins, Karen Elem, Neil Fryzer, Dan Greenfield, Carol Gundersen, Cheryl Horning, Patricia Keelen, Sharon Kingsbury, Randi Kish, Phyllis Lee, Nancy Niefeld, Michelle O'Hare, Eric Rosenberg, Sandra Smith, Audrie Sturman and Regina Wickham, through July 30. 167 Hayes Road, Schuylerville. Information: saratogaclayarts.org.

Shirt Factory Gallery

"Second National Pastel Exhibition," sponsored by the Adirondack Pastel Society, through Aug. 13. Artist reception and awards: July 23, 5 p.m. 71 Lawrence St., Glens Falls. Information: 636-5939.

Tang Teaching Museum

"Borrowed Light: Selections from the Jack Shear Gift," through Aug. 14. Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: tang.skidmore.edu.

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Jarrett Porter, as The Narcissistic Ogre, is surrounded by his image in Opera Saratoga's "The Witches of Venice."

Gary David Gold

THEATRE REVIEW

'Witches' expands the mind

By RICHARD YEARA
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SARATOGA SPRINGS — Opening Night (July 2) was packed. The parking lot nearest Spa Little Theater is normally half filled for non-opera performances; for the American Premiere of "The Witches of Venice" with music by Philip Glass, all the parking lots were filled, and cars were parked on the grass. Fluorescent orange vested parking lot monitors stopped my car at each intersection brusquely demanding \$10 for parking. "But I'm here for the opera" was greeted with either a quizzical look with a subsequent wave forward accompanied by a warning into the walkie-talkie to orange-vest men further on that "one for the opera coming through," or an operatic "you're here for the op-er-RAH?! Hoo-RAH!" and a deep bow and a sotto voce report into a walkie-talkie "one for the opera coming through." "I didn't know the opera was so popular" I said finally to the orange-vested hardhat outside of the Spa Little Theater lawn: "Phish. People are here for Phish," he said with a laugh, "but the Witches are a close second today."

Indeed after weaving through throngs of informally attired people smoking hand-rolled artisanal cigarettes walking directly away from Spa Little Theatre, I found "The Witches of Venice" almost filled the theater's interior.

The Glass opera and the Phish concert made for perfect antithesis, the sort of pairing William Blake might have imagined in his more sedate moments. For those wishing that their

"op-er-RAH!" was bloated bellowing of well-known stage pictures suitable for 1 percenters to snore through until it was time to show off their formal wear during intermission, "The Witches of Venice" isn't that. This 1995 fantasia was part "Nutcracker," part "Peter and the Wolf," a little "Frozen," garnished with enough "Game of Thrones" images and dialogue to keep non-operatic people engaged. Those smoking hand-rolled artisanal cigarettes while rolling up flannel sleeves might have believed they could hear Trey Anastasio's riffs in Philip Glass's New Opera notes inside the building they floated by. In short, Phish Heads missed a hell of a show in the Spa Little Theater, and folks have one more chance to take in the sublime and subtly silly "Witches."

Initially the bare thrust stage, a two-story silver backdrop slit into slivers that kept the six-piece band visible upstage, seemed the perfect metaphor for Opera Saratoga's production: a large children's ensemble would occasional move across the thrust stage as anxious parents and neighbors in the audience leaned forward, seemingly thinking too "why do they insist on putting the least enthusiastic child smack upstage center in children's chorus numbers?"

But when the black and white clad "The Maid" (Emily Spencer) sang in Italian (in contrast to her Puritan attire), "Life can be difficult/But what can you do?/ A drop of good red wine...gets my heart to sing" ("Supertitles" in English by Lawrence Edelson, operated by Joshua Horsch), the Game of Thrones echoes

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Trey Anastasio (top) and Page McConnell (bottom) of Phish, played SPAC for a three-day set.
Skyler Gilbert

CONCERT REVIEW

Phish delivers on promise to phans

Vermont's native sons play a three-day set at SPAC

By SKYLER GILBERT
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SARATOGA SPRINGS — Page McConnell sat in his office, at stage-right of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center stage. His hands floated across his black-and-white ivory desk, delivering on his promise made to the phanatic Phish crowd just moments before: One more song.

It was only the first set of the first day of the band's three-day SPAC stint from July 1-3, but the song — "The Squirring Coil" from the 1990 album "Lawn Boy" — did not go unappreciated. After Trey Anastasio's vocals subsided, McConnell's solo was underway.

For what seemed like an hour, and, being Phish, the length was likely not much shy of it, the patrons swayed in the lawn to the pianist's oeuvre. With a skyward gaze and a substance-influenced daze, the audience watched the large video board, grinning in unison at the keys bouncing under McConnell's fingers and the absurd talent of it.

An ovation followed. One set was completed and five more were to be played in the weekend. If any gripe had been directed at the band for its absence from SPAC in 2015, it was quickly forgiven. The group's much-awaited return to the venue was an undisputed success.

The band's shtick is much-established: unpredictability. With not a song repeated over the weekend and each set-list original and unique, the style gives Phish more variance in its shows than any other musical group.

Even the individual songs differ wildly each time they are played live. On the 1992 album "A Picture of Nectar," the song "Chalk Dust Torture" has a track-length of 4:35. In the SPAC Day 1 performance, the jam lasted over 22 minutes.

Midway through the song, Anastasio set down his guitar and grabbed a pair of mallets, showing off his marimba skills. Soon after, bassist Mike Gordon

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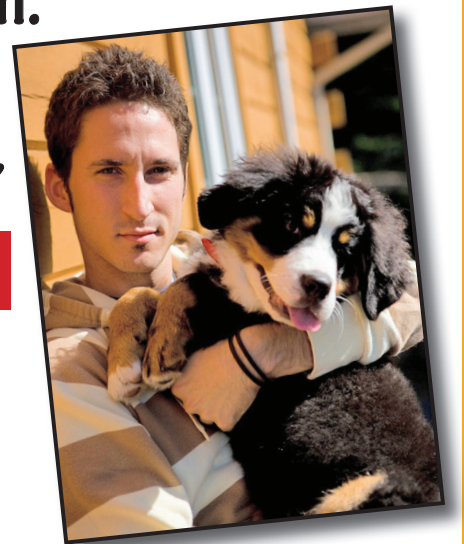
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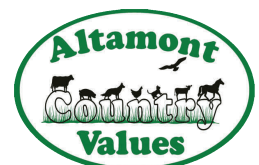
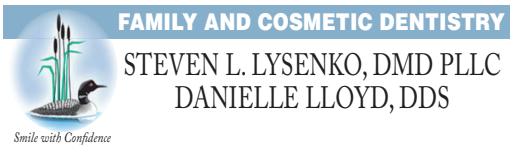


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**Michael Hallisey's pick
Cooperstown, N.Y.**

For years, Central New York was called the Leatherstocking Region. Many of the counties within the region didn't care for the moniker, and, as of a few years ago, it was dropped from tourism marketing.

But, for Cooperstown, the name suits it just fine.

Named after the family of famed American novelist James Fenimore Cooper, Cooperstown sits upon the shores of Otsego Lake as the crown jewel of the region that was once named in homage to his five-book series, "The Leatherstocking Tales," that included "The Last of the Mohicans."

But, I honestly don't think about these facts when I go to visit. The trip down I-88 makes for a wonderful summertime escape, if one's only afforded a short, one-day jaunt away from the Capital District. The drive past Cobleskill gives you a contrasting view between the Mohawk Valley and

the Catskill Plateau. Miles of farmland and a smattering of centuries old houses leave you with the impression of what New York once looked during Cooper's time. This feeling seldom changes after turning north onto Route 28.

Most who visit Cooperstown are fans of history. A favorite spot of mine is a stop at Wood Bull Antiques, just north of Milford. For me, antique stores are museums whose artifacts are up for sale. Wood

Bull Antiques is situated within an expansive, old barn. Multiple floors of momentos from generations past, going as far back to the Victorian Age or further. Upstairs, in a small corner room, reside a bunch of old leather baseball gloves, wool uniforms, masks and various other sports equipment. Certainly fitting for what many associate the town with, the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The end of July annually marks the Hall's Induction Day weekend,

where players from the past are once again celebrated by their fans as they are enshrined upon its hallowed grounds. A walk down Main Street will allow you to spy glimpses of the game's immortals.

It's a good weekend to revisit

memories, and establish new ones, too.

Downtown is entrenched in baseball, with memorabilia shops and similarly themed restaurants, but Cooperstown is not all about the game. It can be for the romantic, and lover of the arts.

Step north with your back to the Hall of Fame, and you'll find yourself standing upon the shores of Otsego Lake. Lush green grass under your feet, sail boats upon the blue water, and if you stopped at one of the sandwich places on Main Street, you have

yourself the best place for a mid-day picnic.

Continue west on Lake Street and you'll encounter The Otesaga Hotel, a luxurious resort with a grand facade that speaks to another time, complete with rocking chairs on a deck looking out on the lake. You will need to call ahead to make a reservation. If you do, you will have to make time to stop at the Fenimore Art Museum. There are several exhibitions this season including the early work of photographer Ansel Adams and lithographs from 19th century painter James Whistler. You'd also be remiss if you fail to take in a show at Glimmerglass.

Perched upon the northern shores of Otsego Lake, Glimmerglass is where one can take in a classic production of a Puccini, an opera or a ballet. If that scene is too highbrow, a jaunt back down Route 33 to Ommegang lends the best setting to enjoy a beer while enjoying some of today's contemporaries — last week was The String Cheese Incident, while next week, it will be Norah Jones.

A scenic, 90-minute drive leaves just enough distance for a sufficient escape from everyday anxiety.

**Kassie Parisi's pick
Cape Cod, Mass.**

Cape Cod is well known and highly regarded as a favorite summer destination for many people, both nationally and internationally. As with any family-friendly tourist hot spot, there are restaurants, beach, and entertainment favorites that can hold up against hordes of visitors year after year and still be wonderful.

As a life-long visitor however, I've found recently through rediscovery that the peninsula's truest charm comes from the small, sleepy towns that each have a vibe decidedly different from one another, and the little places within those towns.

For example, Dennisport, where I've been staying for 22 years, has a tiny bakery called Woolfies

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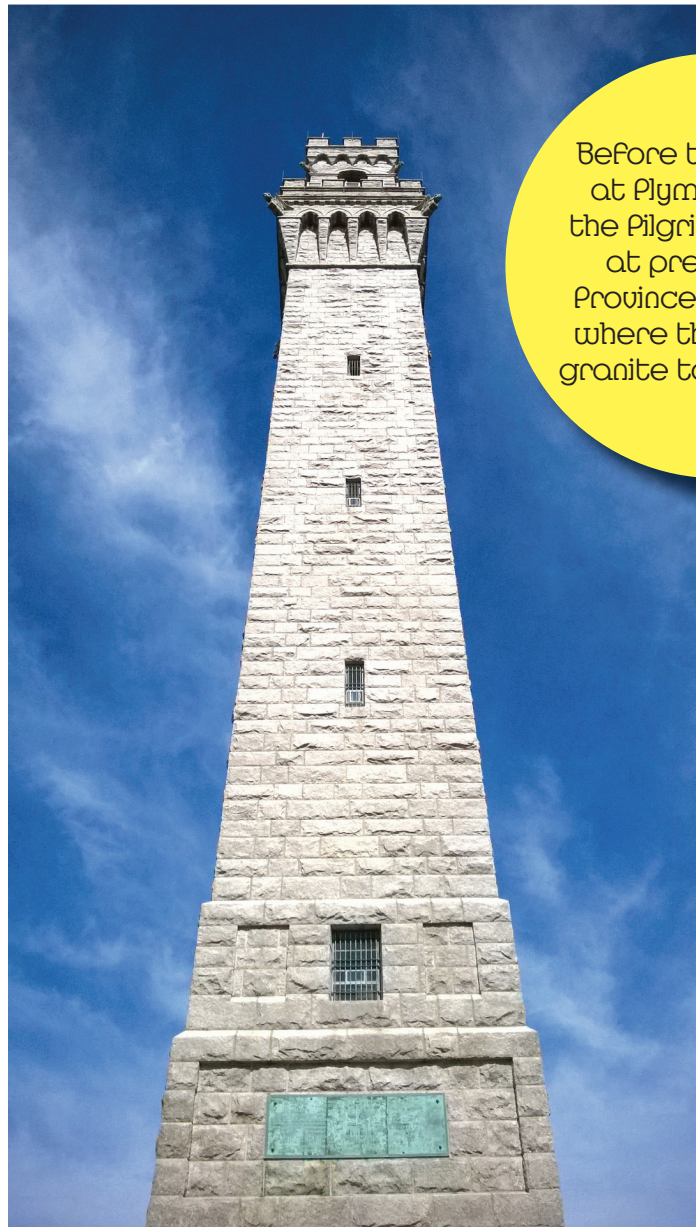
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Before they landed at Plymouth Rock, the Pilgrims stopped at present-day Provincetown, Mass. where this 252-foot granite tower stands.

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My family found this place accidentally.

Dennisport locals know about it, so there's always a line out the door, but getting up at 9 a.m. to walk there from your house if you're around that area is worth it.

Even Provincetown, arguably Cape Cod's most iconic tourist destination and probably its most metropolitan town, has hidden gems. Right at the beginning of the pier on Ryder Street is a small shack called Mojo's. Mojo's is similar to a roadside shack...food is ordered through a window, handed back through a window, and patrons can sit in a small space with picnic tables behind the shack if they want. Everything is made to order, the food is as good as any of the upscale, expensive restaurants 10 feet away, and most people walk right by it without noticing.

I will never say that the famous places in Cape Cod aren't worth visiting. Some of the most highly populated beaches have the most beautiful water and views, and if you go to a well-established restaurant

like Captain Parkers and order lobster or a beach drink at what used to be Clancy's, the chances of disappointment are slim. Those places are favorites for a reason. But part of the charm of Cape Cod its soft, quiet vibe. Admittedly, I've stayed there every summer since the year I was born, so it's only natural that it feels like home to me, but the small places, if people go out of their way to find them, have the potential to make vacationers feel not like tourists, or visitors, but like family.

Rob Jonas' pick
Southern Maine

If I had my way, I'd spend every hot, humid summer day in my cooler-than-cool basement, where the temperature is chilly enough to keep perishables fresh minus the refrigerator.

But since this article is about getting away from it all (and basements don't count), I'm here to extoll the virtues of visiting southern Maine — a trip my wife and I take every year.

Southern Maine — the area between York Beach and Portland — is much like Cape Cod. You have your little shoreline villages chock full of shops, restaurants and beaches, strung together along a main

north-south road (Route 1).

Be forewarned, though: finding parking in the heart of these villages can be tough, especially in the summertime. For instance, if you want to walk the famed Marginal Way in Ogunquit (a paved footpath along the shoreline), be prepared to spend upwards of \$25 for a spot in a downtown parking lot — that is, if you can find a spot (they get taken quickly and early).

There are plenty of dining options in that part of Maine. A few humble suggestions from yours truly: Allison's in downtown Kennebunkport (try the peach BBQ hamburger), Jackie's Too on Perkins Cove in Ogunquit (the only place where I'll deliberately order a lobster roll) and for a morning meal fix, All Day Breakfast and a Little Lunch on Route 9 just south of downtown Kennebunkport (their pancakes are Billy Fuccillo huge).

Need something to watch, other than whales and the ocean's waves? Trek up to Portland's Hadlock Field for a Portland Sea Dogs baseball game. The stadium is compact, quirky and altogether a fun place to take in a Double A-level minor league game. View the "Maine Monster" in left field (Portland's homage to Boston's Fenway Park), see the lighthouse pop out of the center field fence every time the Sea Dogs homer

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So if you need a summer getaway, southern Maine is a great place to go.

**Allison Fry's pick
Saugerties, N.Y.**

The Saugerties Lighthouse is probably one of my favorite places to bring a book and enjoy the breeze in the summer.

The lighthouse, which can only be reached by a 10-15 minute walk along a marshy trail, is now a bed and breakfast, but there's a patio in the back that is open to everyone.

Shaped like the head of a ship, the wooden benches and tables are perfect for a sunny afternoon, and there's always a gentle wind that helps cut that summer humidity. Complete with stairs down to the rocks for the more adventurous and a dock on the side for when you feel like dipping your toes in the water, nothing is more relaxing than listening to the waves crash below and watching boats sail up and down the Hudson.

If you're looking to have an afternoon alone, it's the perfect quiet spot, but it's also a great place to unwind with friends and maybe have an afternoon picnic. If you're looking for more to do after, downtown Saugerties is just a moment away, where you can browse through book stores and small shops, and enjoy the lesser known arts scene.

**Ali Hibbs' pick
Shelving Rock
Falls, N.Y.**

In Texas, where I spent many of my formative years, there is only one natural lake. I have no idea where it is or what it's called, I only know that I never swam in it. Lake Travis, the lake where I went cliff-diving when I lived in Austin, is nice enough but the water is never clear and the landscape is always a bit brown.

Which is why I'm in love with Lake George. The first time I ever visited Shelving Rock Falls (not the actual falls, but the mountains and lake) at Lake George and could see all the way to the bottom through perfectly clear blue waters and I watched the sun set over the green, mountainous landscape, I spent the rest of that whole summer planning day trips and camping trips and taking every opportunity to bribe my then-boyfriend to go jump off

of rocks with me. (It wasn't hard.)

We liked to take our air mattress and tether it to the rocks from which we were jumping so that we had a little island to swim out to; eventually we discovered a little actual island at the farthest end of the windy gravel road. It's a relatively hazardous road, if you're not a cautious driver, and long—it takes the better part of an hour to get there once you've entered that area of the Adirondack Forest Preserve, which is within the Lake George Wild Forest. The patience it took to make it to that island was always worth it, however; we would pretend it was all ours and behave like island royalty. Over the two summers that we spent driving that road, cooler full of frosty beverages and car full of toys and camping gear, we found all kinds of magical places to play and swim and enjoy the incredible scenery. Our initials are forever carved into a tree near one of our favorite spots.

We always talked about going to the falls themselves and yet I've still not been. We're not together anymore and that's okay, I still love that place and will always want to spend some of my summer days there. I'm planning a trip as I write this; maybe this will be the year I make it to the waterfall.

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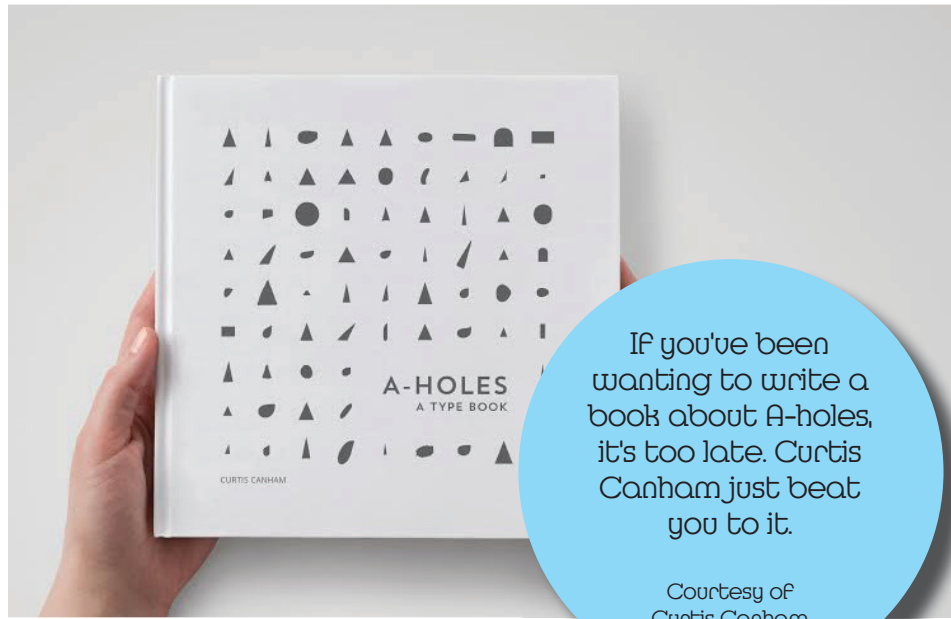
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BOOKS

A humorous eye on typography

Former professor pens book, "A-Holes: A Type Book"

By **ALLISON FRY**
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Local designer Curtis Canham has managed to combine two very different worlds: comedy and typography. Through his tongue-in-cheek coffee table book entitled "A-Holes: A Type Book," the former professor has brought life back into the world of type.

Canham's book covers the history, notoriety and anatomy of A-holes - you

know, that little circular or triangular part in the center of the letter A, and is a joyous read for both typophiles and those who have never given the topic much thought.

The idea came about when he was teaching at Saint Rose in Albany, "It was graphic Design 2. One of the projects we were doing was to create your own typeface," said Canham. He decided it would only be fair if he also took part in the project, "I figured if I had time to do

it then they would have enough time to do it." It was during this project that Canham was attempting to explain the space in the center of an R — upon calling it an R-hole, they all realized there were other letters with similar features, such as the A-hole, and the natural humor of the term had everyone laughing.

From there, he decided to run with the idea. "Once I started, it just kind of spun," said Canham, who finished the entire book in less than 3 months. He

described the book as a "fun passion project," and kept it local by using a bookmaker in Troy to help create the first batch of copies. Following the success of his Kickstarter campaign, which saw donors from not only here in the Capital District, but across the globe, Canham has since hired a literary agent and is looking to get the book published.

On his local success, Canham claims that he isn't exactly a household name just yet in Ravena, where his family is currently residing. "I've kept it on the down low in Ravena." Canham jokes that while it isn't an inappropriate book, "I say to my daughter 'Don't say your dad wrote a book about A-holes.'"

In the meantime, Canham is using his comedic and typographic skills to make the study of type interesting again. Through the American Institute of Graphic Arts, Canham gives talks to kids who are graduating and going into the design field. "I try to make it humorous because I find that the kids welcome it," says Canham, who jokes about how dismal it can get talking about famous typographers, most of which are no longer living.

While we anxiously await a more widespread release of Canham's work, you can learn more about type and get a good chuckle by following his Instagram @YayforAHoles, where he is building a following with his collection of charts, quotes, and A-holes in the wild.

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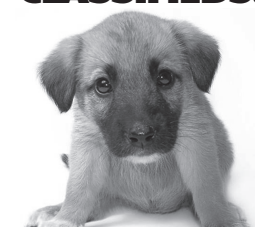
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'Witches'

tittered through the opera, and somewhere Tyrion Lannister nodded his head, drank his wine, and sang along. "The Wind" with Targaryen hair (Kira Petersen) floated across the stage saving "Bambino-Plant Boy" (Oliver Nathanielsz), heir to the throne, then did a pas de deux the epitome of grace with "A Magical Pigeon" (Yusaku Komori), which to me seemed an homage to the 3-Eyed Raven, and the Children of the Forest (here a large ensemble of sweet-singing children in floral and tree costumes who aid the Plant Boy blossom) accepted "The Plant Boy" (definitely Bran).

More Witches with Targaryen hair sweep onto the stage, bringing Skeletons (a not as large ensemble of boys dressed like The Night's Watch)

out from the audience to conjure for "The Ogre" (Jarrett Porter), a cross of The Mountain and King Joffrey with a dash of White Walker. The electric keyboards sound like electric guitars as the pounding rhythms of Glass's score bring "The Ogre" and "The Plant Boy" together, the former wanting to eat the latter seemingly with a nice chianti. There's even a little twerking thrown into the choreography before gondolas ferry all across the Riverlands to King's Landing, where "The Wind" with Targaryen hair danced another pas de deux of singular sinuosity with "The Magic Pigeon."

For 75 minutes, "The Witches of Venice" entrances, and exiting the Spa Little Theater, I thought of how art expands your mind,

finding connections impossible without art, and that, if I read the opera's ending right, Jon Snow will marry Alysane Mormont and Summer is definitely here. Come on into the opera: "The Witches of Venice" is just the right introduction.

"The Witches of Venice," music by Philip Glass, libretto by Beni Montessoro, directed and choreographed by Karole Armitage, conducted by Biswa Subbaraman; Opera Saratoga, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga, NY; through July 17.

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Phish

abandoned his native instrument to join McConnell at the piano, creating a three-man key-striking huddle at one side of the stage, improvising on top of each other as the paying visitors lost their minds at the sight and sound.

The band's headman is much-established too: Anastasio. With his greasy, wind-swept orange hair and his Steve Jobs glasses, he has more the look of a

ski instructor than a rock star, but his guitar told a different story. With an upbeat rendition of "Juliet" off the band's 1994 album "Hoist" near the end of Day 2's second set, he demonstrated his six-string prowess. From country-influenced riffs to sounds that bordered on reggae, and all the progressive rock in-between, Anastasio led the way and the crowd followed. With a single strum, returning to the

chorus from an ever-lasting jam session, Anastasio could light the wick of all the glowstick fireworks in the lawn.

But the star of the weekend was McConnell. Aside from his memorable "Squirmy Coil" solo, the keyboardist channelled his inner Paul McCartney with a cover of The Beatles' "A Day in the Life" — one of 10 covers in the weekend — to close the second set of Day 2, ending the tune on its iconic final chord, joined by his bandmates to continue the convoluted harmony for nearly half a minute.



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■ VALLEYCATS PLAYER OF THE WEEK



RYNE BIRK

Second baseman Ryne Birk is The Spotlight Tri-City ValleyCats Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, July 10. Over the course of five games, Birk had nine hits, five RBI and six runs scored. His best effort was a four-hit, 3-RBI night in a July 6 home game against State College.

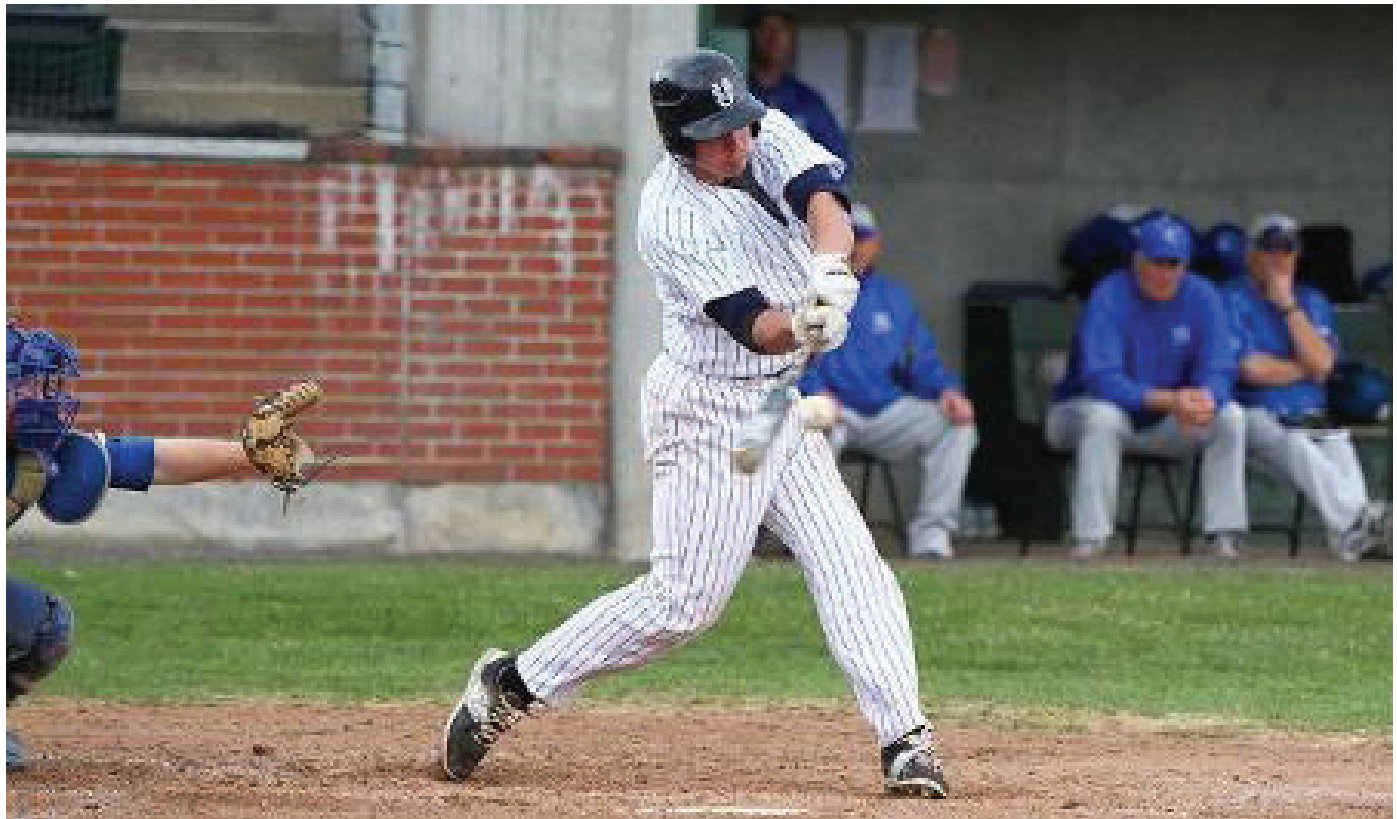
■ IN BRIEF



All-state player

Bethlehem Central High School senior pitcher Trevor Kniffen received a ninth team selection to the New York State Sportswriters Association Class AA all-state baseball team last week.

■ BASEBALL



Sam Dexter, whose family roots trace back to Delmar, was selected by the Chicago White Sox in the 23rd round of the Major League Baseball Draft last month. Dexter was a star shortstop at Southern Maine, where he was the 2015 NCAA Division III Player of the Year.

Photos courtesy of southernmainehuskies.com

A family tradition

Bethlehem grad Tom Dexter sees one son drafted by MLB team

By **ROB JONAS**

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The Capital District connection to this year's Chicago White Sox draft class runs deeper than Latham native and LaSalle Institute graduate Zach Remillard.

In the 23rd round, the White Sox selected Southern Maine shortstop Sam Dexter. The Oakland, Maine, native had just completed a four-year career with the Huskies



Tom Dexter

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where he became only the second NCAA Division III player to collect more than 300 hits and was the Division III Player of the Year in 2015.

Dexter is the oldest son of Tom Dexter — a three-sport star at Bethlehem Central High School in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

“I’d say it’s very exciting, and it’s a dream come true for (Sam),” said Tom, who has lived and coached

collegiately in Maine since 1989.

Like Tom, who excelled in football, basketball and baseball at Bethlehem from 1978-82, Sam was a three-sport star in high school. He was a first team all-state selection in football, hockey and baseball in his senior year and won a state title with the Messalonskee High School baseball team in 2012.

Sam chose to play

baseball collegiately, and his career took off in a big way. He was named the Little East Conference, ECAC Division III and D3baseball.com New England Region Rookie of the Year in 2013 after batting .335 with 23 doubles, four home runs and 36 RBI. Following a strong sophomore season in 2014, Sam batted .441 with 21 doubles, eight home runs and 44 RBI in his junior season, which was when he was named the national Division III Player of the Year.

By the start of his senior season, Tom Dexter said Sam had attracted

the attention of a scout in the Chicago White Sox organization.

“The scout was excited about his athletic ability. He could hit, he could field and he could throw,” said Tom. “I think a lot of people are kind of impressed about his play.”

Sam didn’t disappoint in his senior season at Southern Maine. He batted .404 with 23 doubles (tying his school record), five home runs, 44 RBI and 53 runs scored to earn first team All-American honors for the second year in a row.

Sam had some family company at Southern Maine

in his senior season. His younger brother, Jake, joined the team and started 40 games for the Huskies at second base, creating an all-Dexter double play combo.

“It’s been a treat to watch them,” said Tom, who coaches football and baseball at nearby Colby College. “Since they were young, they were with me for baseball and football.”

It’s harder for Tom to watch Sam play these days. The White Sox placed Sam with their short-season rookie team in Great Falls, Montana, where he’s on the same roster as Zach

Remillard.

Tom said it’s a great opportunity for Sam. “I’m very fortunate that he was able to play a lot of different levels of baseball (growing up),” he said.

Tom’s other children are also excelling at sports. Besides Jake, who just completed his first year of college baseball, his daughter, Lydia, is a field hockey and lacrosse standout at Messalonskee High School.

“We don’t recruit off campus (at Colby), so I get to stay home and watch the kids play,” said Tom. “Maine is a great spot to raise kids.”

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— Wilma DeLuco

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LEGAL NOTICE

Bar Harbor Construction LLC. Filed 3/22/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122396

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Law a. The name of the Limited Liability Company is BLC Strategic Advisors, LLC. b. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on June 29, 2016. c. The office of the Limited Liability Company will be located in Albany County. d. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: BLC Strategic Advisors, LLC c/o Barbara L. Cohn 14 Wicklow Terrace Delmar, New York 12054 e. The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#123948

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Blue Slate, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 6/2/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to P. O. Box 38259, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#120753

LEGAL NOTICE

Bronco Real Estate, LLC. Filed 5/20/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122363

LEGAL NOTICE

BROOKLYN HOT WHEELS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/01/16. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1735 Norman Street, Apt. 1R, Queens, NY, 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#124013

LEGAL NOTICE

Chatham Office Suites, LLC. Filed 4/11/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122402

LEGAL NOTICE

Continuing Vision LLC. Filed 4/14/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122401

LEGAL NOTICE

Crown Royal Realty LLC. Filed 6/21/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#124149

LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice of the formation of D&D PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, a limited liability company authorized to engage in any lawful purpose. D&D PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, is located in Albany County and maintains a postal address of 90 State Street, Albany, New York 12207. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on June 3, 2016. The Secretary of State is designated as agent for service of process upon D&D PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC. Ad#122056

LEGAL NOTICE

Dining With Daniel LLC. Filed 4/20/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122378

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EAGLEVIEW CONTRACTING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/07/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 22 Gadsden Court, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#123029

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation: East End Acquisitions, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Sec'y of State, New York, on My 6, 2016. Office located in Albany County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC. at 5758 246 Crescent, Douglaston, NY 11362. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Ad#121126

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Exotic Staffing, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 27, 2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to The LLC, 7014 13th Ave., Suite 202, Brooklyn, New York 11228. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. Ad#119975

LEGAL NOTICE

On June 24, 2016, Family Life Ministries, Inc., licensee of WOLF-FM, Baldwinsville, NY operating on FM frequency 92.1, filed an application to assign the station's FCC license to Foxfur Communications, LLC. The Family Life board of directors and officers are Tim Beach, Norb Fuest, Phyllis Gaerte, David Buckler, Bill Duell, John Farrell, Tim Landers, Gary Passero, Mike Stuart, Brad Kellelt, and Richard Snavelly, Jr. The members and officers of Foxfur Communications, LLC are Craig Fox and Samuel J. Furco, Jr. A copy of the filed application is available for public inspection at PO Box 506, Bath, NY, 14810. Ad#123428

LEGAL NOTICE

FAMILY PEST SOLUTION LLC OF Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) on 5/7/16. Office in Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, To Family Pest Solutions LLC, 1039 Gates Dr, Schenectady, NY 12306, Purpose: Any lawful activity Ad#123941

LEGAL NOTICE

Geraldson Properties LLC, a domestic LLC, Articles of Organization

filed with the SSNY on 6/8/2016. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 325 Manning Boulevard, Apt. #1, Albany, NY, 12206. General Purposes. Ad#122808

LEGAL NOTICE

Good Apple Achievement (Astoria) LLC. Filed 5/2/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#124156

LEGAL NOTICE

GRAMERCY PARK, LLC. Filed 2/19/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#123430

LEGAL NOTICE

Gramo Contracting LLC. Filed 5/4/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122383

LEGAL NOTICE

Hathaway Holdings LLC. Filed 5/19/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122372

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Healthcare Compliance Connections, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 5/03/16. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Healthcare Compliance Connections, LLC, 5 Egmont Ct., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date: No specific date. Ad#120559

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is IDA STREET ASSOCIATES LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on June 13, 2016. THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon

whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 159 Delaware Avenue #115 Delmar, New York 12054

FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is The Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. Ad#123045

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Insight physical therapy PLLC. Filed with Secretary of State of New York (ssny) on 6/7/16. Office location: Albany county. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon which process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 244 bender lane Glenmont NY 12077. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#122055

LEGAL NOTICE

Integrity Dental PLLC. Filed 3/31/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 19 W 34th St #1018, NY, NY 10001 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: Dentistry Ad#122392

LEGAL NOTICE

Iuris Argumentum Consultants LLC. Filed 4/7/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122406

LEGAL NOTICE

Jimena Companies LLC. Filed 5/13/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122390

LEGAL NOTICE

JR's Red House LLC. Filed 4/27/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122380

LEGAL NOTICE

Katjes Fassin USA LLC. Filed 4/28/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122391

LEGAL NOTICE

KF 98 Flatotel Retail LLC. Filed 3/14/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Al-

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bany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122388

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Limited Liability Company (LLC)

1. The name of the LLC is: LAVIANO PROPERTIES, LLC
2. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of the State of New York (SSNY) is: 12/31/11
3. The office within New York State of the LLC is located in Albany County.
4. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 528 Town Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12203
5. The purpose of the business of the company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law. Ad#121353

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

Name: LDFT III LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 2, 2016. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. Ad#122022

LEGAL NOTICE

LeRose Dance Company, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/02/16. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 528 Montauk Highway, East Quogue, NY 11942. Purpose: General. Ad#122280

LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice of the formation of LIFE ISN'T VALUED ENOUGH J.U.I.C.E. LLC, a limited liability company authorized to engage in any lawful purpose. LIFE ISN'T VALUED ENOUGH J.U.I.C.E. LLC, is located in Albany County and maintains a postal address of 221 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on August 27, 2015. The Secretary of State is designated as agent for service of process upon LIFE ISN'T VALUED ENOUGH J.U.I.C.E. LLC. Ad#122057

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LEGAL NOTICE Name of LLC: Loudmouth Racing, LLC Date of filing: June 2, 2016 Office of the LLC: Albany County The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 1 Turner Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211 Ad#123422

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: MARJAM ASSOCIATES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 13, 2016. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 123 Spy Glass Court, Albany, NY 12203. Ad#122801

LEGAL NOTICE

Mountainview Drive LLC. Filed 5/25/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122364

LEGAL NOTICE

NASE New York International Consultancy & Trading LLC. Filed 6/23/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#124150

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 6:00pm, at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to solicit comment on the Gateway Commerce Center Development Master Plan application. The project is located along River Road (NYS Route 144) between Interstate 87 Exit 22 and Maple Avenue (NYS Route 396). The Town Board as Lead Agency has classified the project as a Type 1 action and issued a Determination of Significance Negative Declaration Resolution on June 22, 2016. All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Nanci Moquin TOWN CLERK Date: 06/22/2016 Ad#124121

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LEGAL NOTICE NSA Lighting, LLC. Filed 5/24/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122362

LEGAL NOTICE

OAC 135 West 52nd Street LLC. Filed 11/25/15 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122386

LEGAL NOTICE

Opus2 Ventures LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/03/16. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 39 River Heights Dr., Smithtown, NY 11787. Purpose: General. Ad#120545

LEGAL NOTICE

Per Annum Wine Co. LLC. Filed 5/6/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122381

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Limited Liability Company ("LLC") Name: Perfect Threading and Hair Design, Limited Liability Company, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 05/04/2016. Office Location: Albany County. The "SSNY" is designated as agent of the "LLC" upon whom process against it may be served. "SSNY" shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: Perfect Threading and Hair Design, Limited Liability Company, 3 Eastwood Dr. Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. Ad#123432

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Pinnacle Newton Holding Company, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 7/6/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 1111 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#124125

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: POWER TO

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CHANGE PERSONAL TRAINING, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/27/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC c/o Michelle H. Wildgrube, Esq., Cioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, NY 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#123426

LEGAL NOTICE

Prime Plumbing, LLC. Filed 6/21/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#124154

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Pza Caribbean, Hispanic and American Grocery, LLC was filed with Secretary of State of New York on 1/13/2016. Office: Albany County. Sharon Harris designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 3 Federal Street, Albany, N.Y. 12209. The purpose of the business is to sell Caribbean, Hispanic and American grocery. Ad#120551

LEGAL NOTICE

Queued Consulting LLC. Filed 6/13/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#124160

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of RAGULE ENTERPRISES, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on May 13, 2016. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, at 82 Rockhill Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful purposes. Ad#121339

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of RAT PACK ENTERPRISES, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on June 24, 2016, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 1 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203, which shall be the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. Ad#123433

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is Real Treasures, LLC (hereinafter to as the "Company") SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on June 3, 2016 THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is Joanne Bongalo, 8E Denise Drive, Latham, NY 12110. FIFTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is for any lawful purpose. Ad#122027

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of qualification of RecoverLINK, LLC. Application of authority filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/9/16. Date of formation in DE: 01/08/15. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 602 Madison Ave, Fl 2, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Ad#123112

LEGAL NOTICE

Red Flags Consulting LLC. Filed 4/7/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. DE address: 3500 S Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901 Cert. of Form. filed w/DE: 401 Federal St. #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122405

LEGAL NOTICE

SHF Foods LLC. Filed 6/21/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#124151

LEGAL NOTICE

SAN JOSE QUEENS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/9/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 8064 59th St., Glendale, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#121675

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LEGAL NOTICE Sawaddee LLC. Filed 5/20/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122371

LEGAL NOTICE

Scarlett LLC. Filed 4/11/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122403

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE, TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NY. Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing as part of its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, 07/19/2016 at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY regarding a Special Use Permit/Site Plan Application, submitted by The Swift Group, Inc, for a proposed accessory apartment to be located at 78 Schoonmaker Road, as shown on drawing entitled "Site Plan, Special Use Permit, Accessory Apartment, 78 and 78A Schoonmaker Road, Town of Bethlehem", owner: The Swift Group, Inc., Tax Map # 97.14-4-37, dated 06/01/2016, prepared by Paul E. Hite, Surveyor, 230 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY". Documentation related to the application can be viewed in the Planning Dept. at Town Hall, M-F, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Notice of Public Hearing will be mailed to property owners within 200' of the subject property. Said notice will also be published in the 07/13/2016 issue of the Spotlight Newspaper. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Ad#124124

LEGAL NOTICE

Smart Food Vending LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/30/16. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 276 53rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#123901

LEGAL NOTICE

Sound Shore Operations LLC Filed 1/12/16 Office: Albany Co SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. DE address: 3500 S Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901 Cert. of Form. filed w/DE: 401 Federal St. #4, Dover, DE 19901 Purpose: all lawful Ad#124162

LEGAL NOTICE

SPECXS TRANSPORT, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 6/14/16. LLC office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to LLC, c/o Tiant Ware, 183 Livingston Ave, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#123436

LEGAL NOTICE

Sweet 3 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/03/16. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, PO Box 2231, Albany, NY 12220. Purpose: General. Ad#122272

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dress within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process accepted on behalf of the limited liability company served upon him or her is: c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. FOURTH: The name and street address in this state of the registered agent upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company may be served is: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Any lawful purpose. Ad#121684

LEGAL NOTICE

SM Production Group LLC. Filed 5/25/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122367

LEGAL NOTICE

SMART FOOD VENDING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/30/16. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 276 53rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#123901

LEGAL NOTICE

Sound Shore Operations LLC Filed 1/12/16 Office: Albany Co SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. DE address: 3500 S Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901 Cert. of Form. filed w/DE: 401 Federal St. #4, Dover, DE 19901 Purpose: all lawful Ad#124162

LEGAL NOTICE

THE MUI GROUP, LLC. Filed 4/4/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122407

LEGAL NOTICE

The NBB Group LLC. Filed 5/17/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122368

LEGAL NOTICE

Toll House, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/17/16. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 120 East End Avenue, Apt. 14A, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: General. Ad#120546

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LEGAL NOTICE TB Footwear LLC. Filed 6/16/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#124155

LEGAL NOTICE

Tengger Cavalry LLC. Filed 6/14/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#124158

LEGAL NOTICE

THE ACHIEVEMENT CHANNEL LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/6/16. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1001 Grand Concourse, Ste. 5-G, Bronx, NY 10452. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#124117

LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice of the formation of THE CHAMPAGNE ROOM, LLC, a limited liability company authorized to engage in any lawful purpose. THE CHAMPAGNE ROOM, LLC, is located in Albany County and maintains a postal address of 67 Catherine Street, Albany, New York 12202. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on June 3, 2016. The Secretary of State is designated as agent for service of process upon THE CHAMPAGNE ROOM, LLC. Ad#122059

LEGAL NOTICE

The Mui Group, LLC. Filed 4/4/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122407

LEGAL NOTICE

The NBB Group LLC. Filed 5/17/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#122368

LEGAL NOTICE

Unleash Athletics, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/19/16. Off.

To place your Legal Notice: Call 439-4949

From page 1 ... Downsize me?

Simpson said downsizing the legislature would be destructive to the collective good. "Downsizing advocates argue that a 29- or 25-member legislature would save money and create more efficiency, but studies show that isn't true because many smaller legislatures spend more on staff to reach constituents," Simpson said. "If there are less legislators, there will be less voices representing majority minority districts at a time when there will be more needs."

Calling the proposed legislation a "premature action by a few members of my body," McKnight said, "You see, the county government has a mission; we have a duty to perform. Most of the duties that are performed, due to state mandates and municipal laws, are important in majority-minority districts. We're talking about homelessness and early childhood issues and premature deaths—those all come under social services and issues like that in county government. In suburban areas like Bethlehem and Guilderland, you don't have those issues."

"I was shocked when I found out how many staffers there are. It's too much bureaucracy, too much cost," said Legislator Mark Grimm of Guilderland (R-29). "Our legislature is too big and it needs to be downsized. Everything else is fluff." Grimm supports legislation put forth by Legislator Chris Higgins (D-5) that would downsize the legislature to 25 seats after the next census in 2020. "Nobody can decide on the right number," he said, adding that he thought

13 wouldn't even be an unreasonable number. "The reason that we settled on that one is that 25 is the number that the citizen's commission came up with. They actually did their job and weren't political, which doesn't happen very often, and that's the number that they came up with and so I'm okay with that."

A citizen's charter review commission was tasked several years ago with recommending ways to improve county government and, among other things, suggested that the legislature should be downsized. Currently, it is the largest in the state; the commission's report pointed out that counties with larger populations than Albany all have significantly smaller legislatures—such as Suffolk (18), Nassau (19), Westchester (17), Erie (11), and Monroe (29) counties. "This feature of Albany County government has long been a subject of public interest and debate," said the report.

The Albany County Charter Review Commission's January

2014 report stated that they "carefully deliberated over whether the residents of Albany County would be better served by reducing the size of their County Legislature. The Commission has been mindful that for nearly a century the county has been governed by a legislative body of 39 members.

"Nevertheless," the report continues, "the Commission believes that a 14-member reduction in the size of the County Legislature, from 39 to 25 members, is appropriate and necessary. The Commission has no doubt that the County Legislature could function at least as effectively as it now does if it was composed of 25 members. Such a reduction would produce several benefits, too, including an overall savings in the cost of governance. Additionally, a reduction would be in keeping with the current trend in New York State to reduce the size of county legislative bodies, as a means of achieving improved efficiency, performance and accountability."

An effort to pass charter reform legislation last November failed after the

legislature failed to take the recommendations of the commission and chose to retain control of redistricting, rather than appoint an independent commission for the task, as well as whether or not to reduce the size of the body.

"They don't think government is too expensive," said McKnight of her constituents and others who have come to public hearings on the issue. "They think they have a cheap government; we get a good bang for our buck with the size of our body.

"In my heart," she said. "I really want to vote no on even entertaining a public hearing, I really don't see the need to have all these people come out for a public hearing when there's really no need until 2019." McKnight said that Judge Kahn specifically said that the idea of downsizing should not be addressed until after the next census. She also said that things within county government "are not always as they seem."

"Are you trying to make a name for yourself, Mr Crouse?" she asked rhetorically of the sponsor

of legislation that would downsize the legislature to 29 seats over the course of two decades. "Mr. Crouse wasn't even wanted by his GOP colleagues to be their new leader. . . . So now he's leading a charge to try to lead and set up a whole legislative district for the next ten years. So he must have some personal interest in this, that's how I look at it. What are they looking for? Everybody wants something in this game and it's not what the judge, Judge Kahn, wants. No, it's what they want. What do you want out of this, Mr. Crouse, or you Mr. Tunny (R-22), Mr. Hogan (R-21) or Ms. Lockart (R-26) - what do you guys want?... What does Mr. Higgins want? Mr Higgins' district is close to being considered a majority-minority district. The governor's mansion should be in a majority-minority district." She added that Higgins, as a lawyer, should know that no downsizing can occur until after the 2020 census.

"You have to do the census before cutting the districts," said Grimm, "so we need the data before we can do that, but our plan is to do it right in

2020. Crouse came out with something that was 18 years; you've got to be kidding me." Grimm laughed. "Eighteen years to do it? That's fake reform. And, our legislature is too bureaucratic and too costly and we need to downsize it as soon as possible."

"Many of the legislators believe that the public should be able to consider a variety of options when it comes to downsizing," said Higgins. Legislators decide on Monday, July 11, whether or not to schedule the public hearings, which would then take place on the evening of Tuesday, July 26. One legislator said that he believed the majority caucus intended to set a public hearing for the Crouse legislation and send the Higgins law to committee for review; Higgins said it would remain to be seen at the July 11 meeting.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Read beyond the hashtags

Current events have been reduced to a matter of a few quips preceded by a hashtag to pound the statement into profoundness. But, communication does not end there.

Our newsroom was silenced by national headlines this past week. Questions surrounding the actions of police officers against black men. Shaking our heads over the murder of police officers in Dallas. Where's it all come from, and where is it all leading us. We sat in a circle, more because that's how the newsroom is situated, but it could very well have been a proverbial circling of the wagons.

A lot of dust has been kicked up. The killing of five Dallas police officers happened 1,650 miles away from Albany County, but the circumstances surrounding the event speaks to a universal issue. The protest in which those officers were safeguarding was in response to the shootings of Philando Castile and Alton Sterling — two black men killed by white police officers, but not Dallas Police officers. Castile was 947 miles away from Dallas, in Falcon Heights, Minn. Sterling was 430 miles away in Baton Rouge, La. No apparent ties, except for one. There's a problem when a lot of dust hangs in the air of confounded place. It becomes explosive.

Then, a black man was found hanging from a tree in Atlanta.

Eight years ago this country voted in the first black President of the United States. The jubilation from that November night through the months leading to Barack Obama's inauguration that following January. It wasn't just one man's victory, nor was it a simple win for the Democratic Party. A threshold had been breached. People cried tears of joy. Others spoke of hope. That hope, as spoken by Maya Angelou as Obama was sworn into office, was shared by all. Including John Coleman, the drum leader out of Cleveland who winked at the newly sworn

in President as he marked his band down the street.

The 2008 presidential election signified the maturation of this country. Generations of prejudice towards each other, by skin color, heritage and sexual preference, was disappearing. Martin Luther King's dream was coming to light. This was the dawning of a new morning.

Now here we are:

"I join those mourning the death of five officers in Dallas during last night's peaceful protest. This tragedy tears at the heart of every American of every race. Now, more than ever, we must put aside differences and come together as a nation. This was a despicable act of violence perpetrated against those who protect citizens. As Americans we all share in the grief for those killed, their loved ones and their fellow officers. I remain hopeful that we will work together to breach the divide and restore calm and civility in our communities. This is a difficult task, but I believe that by working together we can bring peace and harmony to our nation."

— Dan McCoy
Albany County Executive

"We are one nation. We are one state. We celebrate the differences, and we celebrate the diversity. We've come as far as we've come because we've focused on the commonalities and the similarities, not on the differences. We find ways to build bridges and not build

#BlackLivesMatter

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walls among each other. Join me, please. Let's take a moment of silence for the lives that have been lost over the past few days, and for those who are inclined, say a prayer that the worst is behind us."

— Andrew Cuomo
New York State Governor

We are quick to judge. Social media gives us all a platform upon which to stand, to voice out opinions on which we are often ill equipped. We watch videos like Monday morning quarterbacks. We share meme's from people we don't know, on information we don't research, with pictures from origins we don't know. And, corporate-owned, late-breaking, 24-7 broadcast journalism sometimes doesn't help either.

When communication is most important, careless words are damaging. They tear people apart and build up barriers. "Black Lives Matter" is pit against "All Lives Matter." People expressing support for law enforcement are branded racists. All before talking with, and listening to, each other.

Have atrocities occurred? Yes.

Is there racism in the world? Unfortunately, yes.

Is that person with different colored skin than you really your enemy?

"Hate begets hate; violence begets violence; toughness begets a greater toughness. We must meet the forces of

hate with the power of love," King said in 1958. In the ten years that would follow before his assassination, King was met with hate and adversity, yet he persevered and his voice grew louder, his congregation grew stronger. What you put into the world, comes back to you. Generations of children have been born and learned about King and his words. We are so close.

No. That person is not your enemy. We are all a few branches off the same family tree. Black, white, Muslim, Christian, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish — we are family.

Families fight. Sometimes the words we choose come from either pain or the lack of an expansive vocabulary. One can say they "accept" the other without understanding the authority implied. But, the person on the other end of the conversation that hears "accept" needs to listen, too.

We are not as divided as it all seems. We have people reaching over to pull us together. Black lives, all lives, cops lives — all matter. You are all pushing for the same cause. If you let go of the hate and the fear, and listen to the words from each side with love in your heart, you will finally hear what is being said.

Until then, we're only reading hashtags.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Proposed rules on town parks is bullying

I have been watching the town field usage issue closely as I was in a similar situation as a coach of a travel girls' softball team for many years.

In 2000, we left the Tomboys program at a time when many of the other higher level players from the organization — as well as other community programs in the Capital District — joined or formed teams with the goal of providing our kids with better opportunities. Facility and field usage was always an issue, even back then, and we did our best to keep it affordable, which was difficult. With a team made up of girls from several different towns, we probably had the most players from our own community at four or five of the 13 players. At that time, we didn't even pay for field use, as for the most part, it was on a first-come basis.

The proposed requirement that 90 percent of players be from within the town is absurd. Are you also telling me you are going to start checking all of the users that are enjoying the parks, etc., to make sure their group is 90 percent? I think not, and it saddens me that these fine groups are being singled out. Even Tomboys, who now recruit from outside our community to maintain membership, is in jeopardy of this rule.

As I listen to the reasons for why this situation has become such a debate, and witness the specific targeting of Mr. Steve Peterson and his baseball group, I am disgusted at how the Town of Bethlehem is "rewarding them" for their hard work and dedication to our children. For years now this program has taken it upon themselves to construct, repair, and care for their home field when the town could not afford it themselves or just didn't care. Now all this effort and financial investment is being stolen like some modern day Robin Hood where they not only can't get preference to reserve this field, but are being charged exorbitant rates to use it when they do. Are you telling me that the cost to maintain this field by the town outweighs the benefit of what these folks donate(d) to its care in addition to thousands they already pay?

I don't buy it for a second and see this as just another money grab and chance for John Clarkson to flex his muscles of control to bully our residents into paying more to utilize something already built and paid for. Lest you forget that having our kids occupied with sports helps to keep them off the streets, substance abuse free and out of mischief. Just another selfish act by the town administration.

It seems like every day I wake up to find that those who have not been a part of building this fine town are doing something new to tear it down and make it what they want. I continue to encourage everyone to stand up, get involved and speak their mind to protect what we have built. It not too late!

— David Harrington
Glenmont

Editor's Note: Mr. David Harrington is a longtime resident of Bethlehem. In 2015, Harrington ran as a Republican candidate for the Bethlehem Town Board.



Local star shines bright

Oliver Nathanizelsz, in the blue overalls, plays The Plant Boy in Opera Saratoga's production of "The Witches of Venice." Here, he shares the stage with Jarrett Porter, who plays The Narcissistic Ogre. You can read our review of the opera in this week's edition of TheSpot518.

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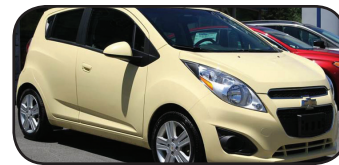
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"My intentions are to keep serving the town," said Wagoner, who has a cattle farm in Selkirk. "I've been doing it for a number of years, and I could retire and move to Florida, which a lot of people do, but I'm attached to my land and I'm attached to this town."

"Making sure that it continues to be what we fell in love with when we chose to move here," said Pope, when asked why she chose to run, "and making sure that, for my kids and everyone else's kids, the town has access to great services, a safe place to grow up, great schools—it has those things now, and I want to see it keep improving."

WILDLIFE

Bear in Delmar

DELMAR — Multiple residents have reported sightings of a wayward brown bear throughout town, one of which captured a video and posted it onto social media.

Bethlehem Police confirmed a bear has been sighted in multiple locations, ranging from Delmar, Elsmere and Glenmont. The case has been turned over to the State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Bethlehem Police said the bear

appears to be young, weighing approximately 120 to 150 pounds. He has likely wandered into the more developed section of town in search for food.

Though officials did not go as far as to label the bear as a threat, they advise residents to bring all bird feeders inside, and to store garbage retainers in garages, where possible.

—Michael Hallisey

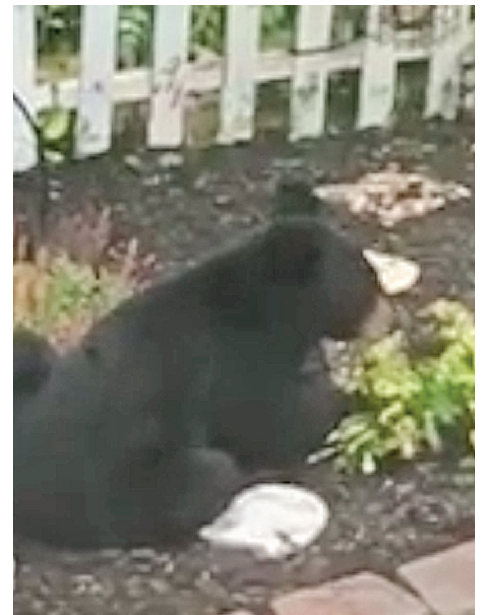


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By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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WESTERLO — In a market where home energy demands are ever-present, there is one business factor that sustains commercial success.

Customer service.

“It basically comes down to, if we don’t provide excellent customer service, then we don’t have customers,” said AmeriGas District Manager Richard Smith. “And, if we don’t have customers, then we don’t have our business.”

Mar-Gas was obtained by AmeriGas nearly three years ago. It was a logistics decision that influenced the latter to keep the former’s name. But, local customers

winter months approach. AmeriGas is currently running an incentive program that offers a \$20 credit towards a fixed pricing contract when customers set-up their online paperless account.

“We’re just making it more convenient for the customer,” said Smith. “More and more customers have busy, busy schedules. And, more and more people are doing more and more on the Internet. And, what we’re doing is trying to make it easy on them. . . . They can place an order online at 11 o’clock at night without picking up the phone.”

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— Richard Smith,
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With approximately 8,500 staffed employees under its umbrella, AmeriGas provides a level of customer service that extends beyond its competition. Customers can expect to hear trained employees answering AmeriGas’ phoneline, 24-hours a day and seven-days a week. The propane company’s robust website (www.AmeriGas.com) allows customers access to online accounts, where they can pay bills and place future orders.

Fixed pricing options are also available for customers to take advantage of as the

customer service, but safety. And, so goes the company’s motto as you call its service line, “Customer service and safety is our top priority.”

“Safety is our top priority,” said Smith. “The safety of our employees, the safety of our customers.” Locally, AmeriGas has seven different locations servicing the Capital District for its propane needs. “We have some of the most intense safety training programs within the industry.”

AmeriGas is a publicly owned company. Shares of its stock exchange freely within the walls of the New York Stock Exchange. Its service impacts the needs of millions throughout the United States. Nonetheless, Smith said it continues to be your local, hometown propane provider.

“AmeriGas is a large, nationwide company,” said Smith. “But, it’s staffed and operated by people within your community.”

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Spotlight on Business 2016

Custom Foot Orthotics vs Prefabricated Shoe Inserts

Are all created equal?

Prefabricated shoe inserts (also known as arch supports or insoles) are everywhere lately: retail stores, pharmacies, the mall... TV ads and websites advertise “custom-made” insoles and foot supports, which are often pre-packaged and sold according to shoe size. Unless the device has been prescribed by a doctor and crafted for your specific foot, it’s a prefabricated shoe insert, not a custom orthotic device—despite what the television and newspaper ads might say. Prefabricated shoe inserts aren’t covered by insurance, but they’ll cost you \$50 or less.

What are Custom Foot Orthotics?

Much like eyeglasses or dentures, custom foot orthotics are crafted for you and no one else. They match the contours of your feet precisely and are designed for the way you move. They give you optimal support, provide shock absorption, and help eliminate pain.

How are Custom Foot Orthotics Made?

At Albany Podiatry, we create a digital impression of the foot using a true, three-dimensional podiatric scanner. Your foot is held in “neutral position” while a

laser measures the contours of the foot in ultra-precise, one millimeter increments. To display your natural arch, the scan must be done without bearing weight on the foot. The resulting image displays the complete contours of your foot. After discussing your conditions and lifestyle, one of our podiatrists designs an individual prescription, specifically for you. The data is then sent to a lab where a 3-D model of your foot is created. The materials are heat molded and vacuum pressed to the model of your foot. You then return a few weeks later to be evaluated by your podiatrist and fitted for your orthotics. This is custom. If you received an insert from a store that didn’t take the time to build a model of your foot, thus requiring you to return for fitting at a later date, then you did not receive a custom orthotic. You received a prefabricated arch support.

Who Would Benefit from Custom Foot Orthotics?

Custom foot orthotics are used to

treat many foot problems such as plantar fasciitis, ankle pain, arthritis, bunions, swelling, limb length discrepancy, and heel pain. This non-invasive treatment can frequently alleviate knee, hip, and back pain. Custom foot orthotics are also frequently used to help prevent diabetic patients from developing calluses or sores.

Unlike prefabricated shoe inserts, custom foot orthotics prescribed by your podiatrist treat medical conditions—meaning that some insurance companies

cover the cost, and patients can apply Health Savings Account funds.

Before making a purchase, see your podiatrist for a thorough evaluation. We’ll help determine which type of support is best to keep you active, moving, and on your feet!

Albany Podiatry is located at 6 Executive Park Drive, just behind Stuyvesant Plaza. Drs. Friedman, Mason and Hardy specialize in comprehensive podiatric care, including diabetic foot care, foot surgery, sports medicine and custom orthotics. For more information visit www.albanypodiatry.com or call Albany Podiatry at 482-4321.



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The Chamber never sleeps

Summer is here, but the Chamber's work continues on

Summer is here! While that means school break, family vacations, and summer hours to some, for the Chamber it means continuing to promote the Think Buy Local program by spreading the word about the "Shop BETHLEHEM" Gift Card, taking monthly trips to the Tuesday and Saturday Farmers Markets, and starting to plan the 31st Annual Golf Outing.

The "Shop BETHLEHEM" Gift Card is the most recent addition to the Think and Buy Local program. With Graduation Season upon us, the card makes a great gift for grads – available in any denomination from \$5-\$500, cards can be used just like cash at a variety of local businesses, including restaurants, retail stores, salons, service providers and more. The card highlights our local businesses and keeps revenue here in the Bethlehem community. Cards can be purchased online or in the Chamber office; visit bethlehemchamber.com for a full list of participating businesses.

Bethlehem is fortunate to have two successful Farmers Markets in town, and the Chamber represents its member businesses by staffing a table

once a month at each market. Member businesses are encouraged to provide materials to the Chamber to be used at the markets, from brochures to flyers to promotional items. And if interested, member businesses can contact the Chamber at 439-0512 to schedule a date to join the Chamber table and represent their business in person.

Although September seems like a long way off, the 31st Annual Golf Outing is only two months away. Normanside Country Club will host the golf outing again this year, which will be held Monday, Sept. 19. Open to all, members and non-members are encouraged to register with a friend, relative, or co-worker. The day includes lunch in the banquet room, 18 holes of golf (with cart), use of practice facilities and locker rooms, bag drop service and dinner. There will be fun contests and a raffle to benefit two local non-profit organizations. Save the date for an afternoon of golf and an evening of networking!

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A cottage lifestyle for senior living

The Spinney at Van Dyke offers empty nesters unique living spaces

BETHLEHEM — The Spinney at Van Dyke continues to grow and prosper.

New arrivals and continued upgrades have marked this past year a welcomed success for the residential facility.

The Spinney at Van Dyke offers empty nesters the chance to downsize their lifestyles without having to be grouped together inside a large building. Each of the rental units at The Spinney are cottage-style homes ranging in size from 760 to 1,675 square feet and include private driveways, a front porch and rear patio, cathedral ceilings, modern kitchens, a washer and dryer, and in many cases garages.

The homes are designed to look unique from the outside, said Samantha Raynor, director of marketing, leasing and tenant relations at The Spinney Group.

“Even driving down the streets of our community, it doesn’t look like an apartment complex,” said Raynor. “Most of them offer single-floor living ... and every cottage is unique.”

The complex located off Van Dyke Road in Bethlehem officially opened in October 2014. Two phases of construction introduced more than 100 new residential units.

A newly erected gazebo adds to the community atmosphere. Raynor said The Spinney was just recently granted approval for a new clubhouse, which should include a pool, great room and a fitness center. The great room will include a kitchen for special events and a media room where residents can congregate for get-togethers.

Just outside the clubhouse will be a new community garden, allowing avid gardeners to plant what they wish.

Raynor said there is already a growing sense of community among the first group of residents who moved into The Spinney.

“They all go to activities together. They all genuinely care about each other and are looking out for each other,” said Raynor. “What makes it is the community, not just the cottages.”

The cottages offer residents the type of privacy other adult living centers cannot provide, said Raynor.

“Even though they are built grouped together, you’ll never have someone living above or below you because they are single-floor living spaces,” said Raynor.

And for residents who want them, The Spinney allows pets.

“I think that’s a huge draw,” said Raynor. “Someone might have recently become a widow, and they’re looking for some companionship from a pet.”

One trend that has been recognized since The Spinney opened in 2014 is that many of the residents come from Delmar, said Raynor, which speaks towards another convenience, familiarity. Residents have established roots here in town, from doctors to markets, and many still have children and friends here.

There are rental prices for virtually every budget. The most popular units are the 760 square foot-sized cottages renting for \$999 a month, but there is a waiting list. Larger units rent for between \$1,625 and \$2,140 a month.

For more information, call The Spinney at Van Dyke at 689-0162 or visit thespinneyatvandyke.com.

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— Samantha Raynor,
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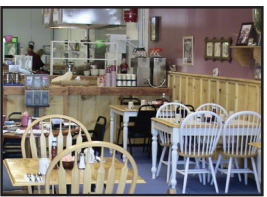
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Spotlight on Business 2016

Investing in real estate

Recognizing trends and what to consider before taking that first step

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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CAPITAL DISTRICT — Jessica Richer began her real estate career in 2001 at The United Group of Companies, Inc. She recalls being hired by Walter Uccellini, a private real estate developer in Troy, to find sites for him, get them under contract and through the municipal approval process so he could develop senior housing.

Today, Richer is a licensed real estate associate broker in RealtyUSA's Commercial Investment Division.

Her experience now includes all aspects of land development, representation of landlords and tenants for leasing of retail, office and warehouse space and selling of real estate property such as mixed-use buildings, multifamily apartment buildings and all types of commercial real estate.

Richer took time out of her busy schedule to field questions about the local real estate environment; recent trends and what should would-be investors consider before going into the market?

Spotlight Newspapers: You have a particular expertise with commercial realty, and within that market has been an on-going trend to convert commercial property to residential property, what is driving this trend?

Jessica Richer: In downtowns like Albany, Schenectady and Saratoga Springs, they have allowed projects that create a live-work environment where people can get it all in one place. The desire is for people to live and work in the same area versus working and commuting to the suburbs. There have been some very creative commercial and residential mixed used buildings and projects where residential apartments, town homes or condominiums are interspersed with commercial restaurants and retail shopping. These live-work developments have provided the incentive for people to rent or buy real estate in the city.

Spotlight: There certainly seems to be a green movement behind re-purposing old buildings, instead of tearing down, creating waste, and taxing resources to build anew. There's an added element that speaks to the aesthetic, as well. What other benefits have you observed from your clients who have re-purposed property for either residential or office space purposes?

Richer: If possible, the elements of the building that can be saved and reused are salvaged. This allows the architect to incorporate the beautiful existing elements of the building into the new aspects of the building design. Some municipalities offer grants to assist developers to upgrade or "save" the façade of the building. Creative re-purposing of the interior of the buildings includes utilizing wood or doors or parts of the building in a different capacity. For example, I had a client who purchased an old school and was able to keep the original wood work and chalk boards as a part of the apartment's interior renovations.

Spotlight: Before would-be investors purchase property, what kind of homework do you recommend they do before committing money into real estate?

Richer: Whenever an investor is looking at purchasing a property, it is critical to engage a Commercial Realtor to help in the analysis of the investment. When I meet with investors, we spend a lot of time identifying exactly the type of investment they wish to make. In some cases it may be a business owner who has been renting space and has grown and is now ready to purchase a building. Or perhaps a business owner owns the building where they are located, and they need to sell to get additional money to invest back into the business. In this situation, they will do a sale lease back where they sell the real estate and then stay and lease back the space to the new owner.

Whenever I meet with prospective investors, I always ask their time line – how quickly do they need to make a decision? In the situation where the buyer is involved in a 1031 exchange, there are very strict guidelines as to when a property can be sold and when the investment into another property occurs.

There are also triple net investment properties that many people look at. These are situations where a property is fully leased and the tenant pays all of the expenses. As a Commercial Realtor, it is my job to explore all options with a potential buyer.

Spotlight: Anything else you'd like to add?

Richer: In the Capital District we are very fortunate to have the Commercial and Industrial Real Estate Brokers, Inc. (CIREB). In January 2015, I was installed as the President of CIREB. The Commercial and Industrial Real Estate Brokers, Inc. (CIREB) is a professional trade association established in 1967 by a small group of forward thinking commercial REALTORS. CIREB maintains the country's oldest and most advanced commercial multiple listing service, (MLS). Members of CIREB service New York State's Capital Region and its extended Tech Valley and include real estate brokers and salesperson (all of whom hold membership in a local REALTOR® association), property managers, real estate appraisers, attorneys, developers, economic development agencies and financial institutions.

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He works closely with a group of physicians that specialize in both pain management as well as neurosurgery and refers frequently to these providers either when the patient's symptoms do not or no longer respond to chiropractic care or they are not an appropriate chiropractic candidate to begin with.

Dr. Riker also provides

a number of diagnostic modalities in his office, including EMG and nerve conduction velocity examinations in order to thoroughly evaluate his patients and determine whether or not they are appropriate chiropractic candidates. Other diagnostic modalities are routinely ordered including MRI, CT scan and appropriate lab work when necessary.

Dr. Riker's practice philosophy is to thoroughly examine and evaluate his patients in an attempt to ensure that he is the most appropriate provider for them to see, and if he is not the appropriate provider for a particular patient or condition, he will refer you to the appropriate provider.



Glenmont Chiropractic Office is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 449-3071 or visit www.glenmontchiro.com.

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Lending seniors a helping hand

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— Organize Senior Moves

It's not business, it's personal

By **KASSIE PARISI**
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LATHAM — Christina Watson Meier, Esq., owner of Meier Law Firm, PLLC, has been in practice for 11 years. Her firm focuses primarily on elder law, estate planning and real estate. By limiting her practice to these areas, Christina and her team have gained the knowledge and experience to ably assist clients in planning for incapacity, long term care, and estate distribution as well as meeting client's real estate needs.

As Christina stated, “we definitely don't subscribe to the one-size-fits-all solution to estate planning.” Christina and her team work closely with her clients to understand their particular situation, needs and goals, she counsels them on the options available, and tailors a plan or advises on a course of action which will achieve the desired result. “We also consider what impact the planned course of action will have on the client and

their family in the future. What seems like a great idea now may have very bad consequences in years to come,” said Christina.

At a minimum, a good estate plan includes a Last Will and Testament, a Power of Attorney and a Health Care Proxy. Also, your wishes concerning life-sustaining measures should be made known.

Too often Christina has seen the devastating effects a poor estate plan, or no estate plan, can have on an individual and his or her family. “It's such a shame to see because so often it could have been avoided with proper planning.” That's why Christina and her team make it their number one priority to provide their clients with an individualized plan.

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New technology, same local service

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GLENMONT — With a history that traces back to the mid 19th century, the National Bank of Coxsackie has established a local community presence.

Established in 1852, The National Bank of Coxsackie opened a local branch in Glenmont nearly two years ago. Located at 331 Route 9W, the bank is easy to find, thanks to its large sign on the major roadway where community events are always posted.

"While other banks are being bought and sold, we are here to stay," Glenmont Branch Manager Kelly Bailey said. "It's really special that a bank has been under the same name as long as National Bank of Coxsackie has."

The key to that business longevity, said Bailey, is the excellent customer service provided at the company's branches, while at the same time, maintaining that hometown feel. This is a task the Glenmont branch succeeds in, while also staying abreast of recent technology upgrades in the banking industry.

"We're here in any way that's convenient for you," said Bailey. "We're here for you to come in and speak to, but we also have convenient technology for those that don't have time to come in or would rather do their banking remotely."

Specifically, the bank offers mobile remote depositing, which makes depositing a check just a click away.

"We recently began opening young adult checking and savings accounts that also have access to mobile remote deposit," said Bailey. "These accounts are specially designed for teenagers between the ages of 15 and 17. They just need a parent or guardian joint on the account with them; however, they are the primary owner. They get their own debit card, and access to our free online and mobile banking."

National Bank of Coxsackie in Glenmont offers services for both personal and business accounts, including residential and commercial lending. For more information, visit www.nbcoxsackie.com or email Kelly Bailey at kbailey@nbcoxsackie.com.

Keep cool with Viscusi's

By **ALI HIBBS**
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Local ingredients make great fro-yo

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Finding a frozen yogurt place is easy. Finding one that makes its own frozen yogurt fresh every day is not.

Ayelada is one of the few that makes its own frozen yogurt, using regionally sourced dairy and flavors.

“We like to work with local people,” said Jim Cervone, who runs the store with his wife, Lisa. “If we can use local flavors from local sources, then we do that.”

Since they make their own frozen yogurt from scratch, the Cervones only offer four flavors every day — less than what the national chains offer. But, they change them every

week to give customers something new to look forward to.

“We always offer the original flavor, which is just dairy milk, yogurt and sugar,” said Lisa. “We also have one machine that has nuts and one that is nut free, for people who have a nut allergy. We’re always mindful of that.”

Ayelada offers some special flavors for the summer months.

“We always do a watermelon ... and we have a new one from Saratoga Tea and Honey called Peach Honey, where they infuse their local honey with peaches,” said Lisa.

Unlike the national chains, there are no self-serve stations at Ayelada.

Customers purchase their frozen yogurt in four sizes — mini, small, medium and large — and employees assist with toppings. And for those who wish to bring home a supply of frozen yogurt, they can purchase by the hand-packed pint.

Jim Cervone said that by charging by the size, customers save money over what they might spend at a national chain.

“We provide a better product at a lower price point,” said Jim.

Ayelada is located at 1210 Troy Schenectady Road in Latham, next to Starbucks and Innovo Kitchen. Store hours are noon to 9:30 p.m. daily. For more information, call 608-0072 or visit www.ayelada.com.

Plenty of smiles at Chauvin Dental

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Through their two locations in Clifton Park and one in Saratoga, the staff at Chauvin Dental has dedicated years towards making the act of going to the dentist as painless as possible for each and every patient that walks through their door.

Noting that most people fear the dentist, and often become anxious at even the idea of a visit, they pride themselves in having an amazing staff that works tirelessly to create a relaxing, welcoming environment, along with their ability to cater to as many individuals as possible by

accepting almost every major insurance company.

Among the many services they offer are teeth whitening, dentures, crowns and bridges, porcelain veneers, tooth colored fillings, oral surgery, dental implants, and a variety of preventative care services.

With the latest technology in dental care, exemplified by their recent switch to digital x-rays, and action taken in order to significantly decrease the amount of radiation each patient is exposed to, Chauvin Dental is constantly expanding their selection of benefits they can offer their patients. This change to digital x-rays

is especially. They’ve also gained notoriety for providing free oral cancer screenings with every exam, something not many other dental offices can claim. The decision to offer free screenings is one that James Chauvin himself is very proud of, as the correlation between one’s dental health and overall health is often understated.

For more information about Chauvin Dental and the services they have to offer, you can visit chauvindental.com or call the Saratoga Springs Lake Avenue office at 584-6302, the Clifton Park Route 146 office at 371-0224, or the Clifton Park Vischer Ferry Road office at 371-2500.

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Screen printing with a smile

Sawyer's Screen Printing & Embroidery does all of the work in house

By SPOTLIGHT STAFF
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DELMAR — Rob Sawyer started his screen-printing business nine years ago in a rented basement apartment in Albany with a home-built press and light box and several other pieces of equipment that he put together himself.

Over the years, Sawyer's Screen Printing & Embroidery has grown, upgrading equipment along the way, but it remains, at its roots, a family-run shop that prides itself on fair pricing and quality work.

"We're friendly, and we get things done on time," Sawyer said. "I don't want to gouge anyone."

In 2014, Sawyer, who owns the business with his wife, Erin, set up shop in Delmar, using the extra space to add an embroidery machine to the growing endeavor. He said the recent move from Watervliet to Bethlehem was a good fit — his family had already lived in Bethlehem for four years and were active in the community and schools.

Before opening his screen-printing business, Sawyer tended bar for 18 years but found the hours

were not very conducive to family life. As he thought about other ways to make a living, he turned to something that has always inspired him.

"Growing up, I was always interested in art," said Sawyer, who eventually learned the tricks of the trade from his father-in-law, who owns a screen-printing business in Texas.

Sawyer's Screen Printing does custom printing and embroidery on apparel of all types. They've done jobs big and small (the minimum order is 12 shirts) for businesses, schools and

sporting events, as well as family reunions and bridal

events. They have printed "spirit" apparel for local schools and athletic wear for races like the Delmar Dash and the Delmar Duathlon, but shirts aren't their only specialty. They can also print or embroider hats, aprons and banners, and most jobs take 10 days or less.

"We have quick turnarounds and will meet the date you need your order in hand," said Sawyer.

Sawyer said another great thing about his screen-printing business is that the jobs are done on site,

"We're friendly, and we get things done on time."

— Rob Sawyer

with he or his wife taking the orders and doing the work.

"We do everything in house," Sawyer said, adding that they even have an in-house graphic artist who can assist customers in coming up with a unique design for their apparel.

He said they also don't charge setup or screen fees, which means "you're saving money in the long run."

Sawyer, a member of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, said the local business community has been very supportive of his move to Delmar. The location, just off Delaware Avenue near the Four Corners, is accessible to his customer base, and Sawyer said he has seen an uptick in foot traffic since he's been there.

"We've had more local people just stopping in," he said.

Sawyer's Screen Printing is located at 10 Hallwood Road, Delmar. For information on products and services, visit www.sawyershirt.com, email rob@sawyershirt.com or call 272-0586.

A 'win-win' at Merriman and Pfister

Merriman and Pfister has learned that its gift store at the Delmar Four Corners is a win-win for those accessing unique gifts for resale. In acquiring inventory Merriman and Pfister focuses on finding smaller production vendors, those who may be looking at the ordinary in a different light. Sometimes it's the artist's story that is the draw. Other times, a suggestion from someone will spur interest in a product. Ultimately, it's the artistic piece itself and its unusual character that drives the pursuit of the acquisition. However an item arrives through the door, it takes its place amongst its peers. Some are from local artists who haven't yet sold to the general public. When those items sell, excitement flows, especially when an urgent call is made to the artist to restock. Other items elicit an expression of joy or of surprise from a customer at first sight. Good for a soul to experience whimsy and delight, good feedback for staff. It may be the particular sentiment of the gift, for that purchaser, that creates a positive vibration. Some of the store's vendors are the cause for a feeling of community that might be felt. Merriman and Pfister's beauty and body care products are developed and sold by people who advocate for safe cosmetics and practices. One of the many benefits to seeking out hand crafted items is to support traditions of skilled work, keeping close to the resources and activity of creating and maintaining a tighter community.

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CDTA's Navigator smart card is expected to make paying fare quick and easy. It's one of the many new features CDTA has planned to roll out over the next several months.

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CDTA rides the wave of growing popularity

New Navigator smart card to make easy, quick payments

The Capital District Transportation Authority is riding a wave of popularity thanks to improving technology, a growing partnership base and the return of the Capital District's core cities. CDTA has seen ridership grow from 14 million to 17 million over the past five years, using that as a springboard to growing its customer base and offer a wider set of travel choices.

Many of CDTA's riders are getting information on the go, whether through a mobile application featuring real time information or through a new responsive website. There is always the option to call for reroutes, schedules and more, but technology has been a game-changer for public transit.

Following that game plan, CDTA is pilot testing its Navigator smart card and mobile ticketing system throughout the region. Navigator offers durable, secure smart cards that use EZ-Pass like technology to make ordering, riding and refilling straightforward. A second option in early testing as an enhanced mobile application that offers ticketing options.

There are no more days standing at the bus stop during inclement weather. Just log in, check the real time schedules and then board without so much as opening your wallet. The addition of Navigator loyalty programs with special offers, discounts, contests and promotions round out the improvements the Capital District will be seeing over the coming weeks and months.

Improved technology means more efficient travel for the Capital District. Riders will always be charged the 'best fare' and Navigator's new AutoLoad feature means you won't have to run out of value or make a special trip to get a new pass.

Riders have two options with CDTA's Navigator: You can ride on your own schedule with our Pay As You Go plan that applies a dollar amount to your registered account. There is also a new Frequent Rider option that provides a discounted monthly option for consistent riders.

The key question everyone wants to know is whether prices will be the same, right? Well, fares will remain the same, while some registered Navigator customers will see a slight reduction in daily prices.

This is the beginning of something big for the Capital District. Imagine a day in the not too distant future where CDTA's Navigator card/app allow you access to the bus, to rent a bike, share a car or even take a taxi ride. Now that's an innovation we can all get behind.

CDTA is still accepting Navigator pilots through their website or through its Customer Service Center at 482-8822. Be one of the first to try the new, easy to use system and make travelling across the region easier and greener than ever.

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What's the word?

How consumers learned about local businesses



By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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Whether you like it or not, word travels fast. When you own a local business, however, trying to gain a handle as to how to utilize the best means of spreading that word — the good word — about your store or services, can be a challenge.

Based on a 2011 Pew Research Center study, consumers get information on local businesses much like how you would expect.

People who seek out information on local business turn to the Internet first (about 47 percent) and newspapers a close second (30 percent), above television and radio broadcasts.

And, that ever so important “word of mouth” approach ranks third among adults at 22 percent.

The study involved more than 1,000 adults, in a survey conducted over two weeks in January 2011. The margin of error for the full sample was reported to be approximately three percentage points.

Pew Research Center identified those who seek out information about local businesses as a “diverse and somewhat upscale group.”

“As distinct populations, they are more likely to live in relatively well-off households — those earning \$75,000 or more — and have college educations,” stated the report.

Another distinct characteristic revealed through the survey results should have local newspapers optimistic. Roughly 77 percent of the information sharing process is covered by means of both Internet and newsprint, both services provided by weekly newspaper chains like *SpotlightNews*.

A pioneer in dental sciences

Dr. Thomas Abele provides top-of-the-line dental services for families

“Building an oral health home for families where comprehensive, top-of-the-line dental services were easily accessible was my goal,” said Dr. Thomas Abele, who, since 1969, has been a pioneer and leader in the dental sciences in the Capital District. “With the support of a talented and dedicated staff, I hope I have achieved that.”

By offering a total spectrum of care for all ages, Abele eliminates the need for patients to move from doctor to doctor to achieve optimal oral health, comfort and beauty. Early on, he spent the additional hours of training to become qualified in dental implant technology and root canal therapy. His consistent reinvestment in his practice ensures that patients are offered the latest in minimally invasive approaches, digital imaging, laser power and sedation dentistry.

“Dental medicine, most pointedly when encompassing cosmetic dentistry, is definitely an art,” said Abele. “Every aesthetic aspect of a patient’s face must be taken into consideration when addressing reconstructive

procedures, whether in the application of veneers and crowns or restorations with implants.”

Because Abele works closely with the technicians of his on-site dental lab, issues such as tooth color and shape are seamlessly addressed. His deep

experience in placing dental implants, including the latest in genetically coated bone grafting, when required, and beautifully-designed tooth restorations is renowned.

Citing the importance of patient education, Abele said, “Although I personally

feel responsible for my patients’ oral health, they have to ‘buy in.’ That requires helping them understand why compliance with good oral health habits, including attention to their gums, can make them healthier and happier. I enjoy taking the time needed to answer questions and provide ongoing support.

“As much as I have always enjoyed the research and ongoing education that dental medicine requires in order to stay at the top of the game,” said Abele, “I most enjoy the results I see in my much valued patients. They are the ones who make me look good.”

— Dr. Thomas Abele



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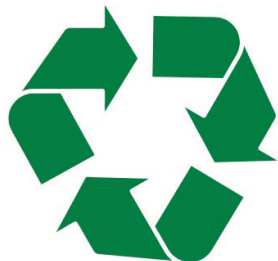
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Insider's perspective on DWI arrests

DELMAR — After working in United State District Court for the Northern District of New York, I joined a very well regarded law firm in Albany in 1991. My areas of practice focused on plaintiff's personal injury and criminal defense. I became a partner in 1996 and practiced law there for 17 years.

In 2014, I, along with Lee Greenstein, Esq., purchased the building previously occupied by *Spotlight News* on Adams Street in Delmar. There are now six independent attorneys occupying the building and handling various areas of practice. Please call and stop in for a consultation.

Assume that an adult driver over the age of 21 is pulled over by the police; there are specific

statutory provisions in the Vehicle and Traffic Law regarding drivers under the age of 21, which will not be addressed herein. The driver is charged with DWI.

Initially, absent an accident, there needs to be some basis for the officer to stop the vehicle, unless there is a road block orchestrated by law enforcement for the purpose of checking drivers for the influence of alcohol. Generally, the basis for the stop arises from the officer witnessing the driver committing a moving violation of the Vehicle and Traffic Law. A defendant's arguments against the basis for the stop are always preserved, and can sometimes be successful. Without witnesses or passengers, this generally boils down

to the officer's word against that of the driver's.

The officer approaches the car, asks for license and registration, and recites the reasons for the stop. The officer claims to smell alcohol and asks if the driver has been drinking. Surprisingly, many people answer affirmatively. All statements by the driver are reduced to writing in an Oral Statement Report, and can constitute statements used against the driver if the case proceeds to trial.

The officer will ask the driver to breathe into what is generally referred to as an Alco Sensor. This is not a scientifically reliable device, but it is used to determine the presence of alcohol in the driver's system. The preliminary breath test results are recorded by the officer.

If alcohol is detected, the officer will ask the driver to undergo a series of field sobriety tests. The officer will also note on a form such physical characteristics as bloodshot or watery eyes, or droopy eyelids.

If an officer determines the driver is under the influence, the driver will be arrested and transported to the police station. Once there, the driver will be asked to breathe into a breathalyzer which, if calibrated properly, is a scientifically reliable test, the results of which can be used against the driver at trial.

If a driver refuses to breathe into the breathalyzer, the officer reads standardized refusal warnings to the driver. It is only a violation of law, not a crime, for the driver to

refuse to breathe into the breathalyzer.

From the attorney perspective, client intake involves, in part, the following dialogue: what were the breathalyzer results; was there an accident; does driver have any criminal history and, particularly, any alcohol-related driving convictions; what happened during the 12 hours or so before being pulled over; are there witnesses; what was the reason for the stop? Attorney's fees for DWI charges vary greatly amongst practitioners. As a refusal triggers a separate DMV process, attorney's fees are higher when the DWI charge includes a refusal charge.

After intake, the attorney should then refer client to a psychotherapist, psychologist or certified

alcohol treatment specialist for an evaluation. The evaluation is designed to determine whether the client needs inpatient or outpatient treatment above and beyond the treatment that the driver will be required to complete upon conviction, namely, the New York State Drinker Driving Program and the Victim Impact Panel.

The evaluation is a prerequisite to plea bargaining in Albany County and can be useful in other jurisdictions as well, particularly if the incident is an isolated event and out of character for defendant

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