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Albany County Executive Dan McCoy, right, announces the appointment of Terence Kindlon, left, as the county's new acting public defender during a press conference on Thursday, Aug. 4.

Kassie Parisi/Spotlight News

TOP STORY

Defending the public defenders

Former Porco attorney to overhaul the county public defender's office

By ALI HIBBS
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ALBANY COUNTY — “A day in my life without someone talking about the Porco trial is like a day without sunshine,” laughed Terence L. Kindlon, the new acting public defender for Albany County. He was, somewhat sarcastically, referring to the sensational 2006 conviction of axe murderer Christopher Porco, who was accused of violently attacking his parents in their Delmar home two years earlier—killing his father, and leaving his mother for dead.

“Everybody was transfixed by it for a couple of years,” Kindlon said, noting that he and his wife, Laurie Shanks, were recognized as far away as San Diego as the defense lawyers on that trial after it appeared on the television show, “48 Hours.”

Kindlon has tried more than 30 murder cases in an impressive career spanning more than 42 years in Albany County. “We had a great run,” he said. “My wife has been with me for the last 28 years, and we’ve tried a

number of cases together. We’ve had some wonderful experiences. We argued a same-sex marriage case in the Court of Appeals—hardly anyone knows that.”

On Thursday, Aug. 4, Albany County Executive Dan McCoy announced the appointment of Kindlon as the new acting Albany County public defender. The attorney joined the public defenders’ office in June as senior counsel and director of training, just two months after he officially retired from his long-held private practice.

“I had been concerned about the public defender’s office for some time, but I had absolutely no idea,” he said, when asked if he knew he would be offered the position after retirement. “My retirement was sincerely laughed at by all of my relatives and friends who said I didn’t know how to retire, but the reality is that this opportunity basically just popped out of the sky and it was something to which I could not say no.”

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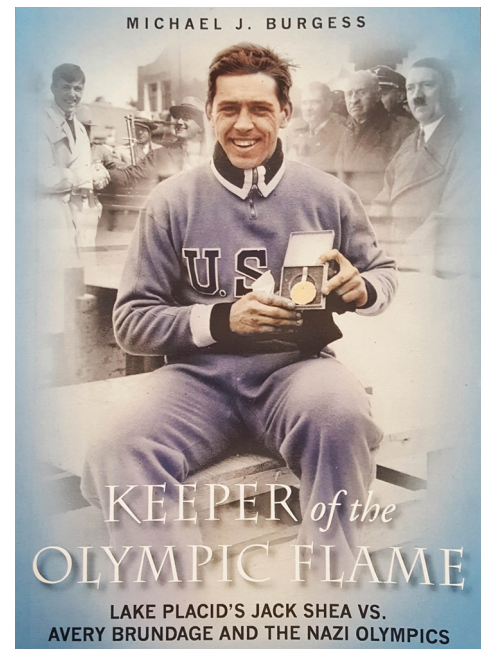


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BETHLEHEM

Bethlehem Police honor their own

Two new officers also sworn in at awards ceremony

BETHLEHEM — On the afternoon of Monday, Aug. 1, Bethlehem Police Chief Louis G. Corsi presided over a swearing in ceremony for two new Bethlehem police officers and an awards ceremony recognizing the extraordinary efforts and achievements of many police department members.

Police officers Roy Swann Jr. and Caitlyn Krage, with their families in attendance, were administered the oath of office by Town Supervisor John Clarkson.

“We are very happy to welcome Roy Swann and Caitlyn Krage to the Department,” said Clarkson in the town newsletter, “and along with Officer Kate Dickerson hired this January, BPD now has three new officers. We are proud the service provided by our police department, all its sworn officers and others who

serve there, and are glad to be appointing these three new recruits!”

Following the swearing in of the new officers, nineteen awards were handed out to department members for various accomplishments and acts of distinguished service.

Awards were as follows:

Career Recognition Award

Animal Control Officer Richard Watt

For his years of distinguished service as an ACO, educator and resource to many.

Career Recognition Award

Officer Peter Resnick

For his years of distinguished service

and experience as a field training officer, educator at the police academy and in our agency and as a role model for younger officer.

Life Saving Award

Detective Michael Whiteley and Officer Bryan Mahan

For their efforts in the reversal of a cardiac arrest through the use of CPR and an AED.

Gallantry Award

Sgt. Stephen Kraz

For his efforts in a barricaded gunman call that resulted in an 11 hour standoff after the subject pointed a loaded rifle at the sergeant.

Gallantry Award

Commander Adam Hornick

For his work in the apprehension of a bank



Roy Swann Jr., left, was one of two new officers sworn in at the Bethlehem Police Department’s annual awards program Monday, Aug. 1.

Submitted photo

robbery suspect who was wanted on federal warrants for additional bank robberies.

Gallantry Award

Detective James Cross and Officer Adam Cobb

For their work in the foot pursuit and apprehension of a fleeing a larceny suspect who was wanted by NYS Parole and US Marshals.

Meritorious Service

Officer Adam Cobb

Awarded for his efforts with an emotionally disturbed person on the third floor roof of a residence that resulted in the man being brought to safety.

Meritorious Service

TC Briana Tice and TC Katherine Gould

Awarded for their efforts in coordinating a multi-disciplinary response to a tragic airplane crash into the Selkirk railyards.

Meritorious Service

TC Jared Willard

Awarded for his dedicated efforts in locating and coordinating an emergency response to an active boat fire on the Hudson River that resulted in an entire family being rescued without injury.

Chief’s Achievement

Detective Michael Whiteley

For his dedication and diligent work as a School Resource Officer, which culminated in the school declaring SRO day in his honor.

Chief’s Achievement

Detective James Cross and Officer Rico Fiore

For their work in breaking a large construction theft ring, that resulted in located over \$370,000 in equipment stolen from 3 different counties.

Chief’s Achievement

Detective Gerald Young

Awarded for his excellence in the field of trace evidence. In a short time frame Det. Young

developed evidence that resulted in 4 fingerprint hits and 2 two hits and closed multiple burglary cases.

Chief’s Achievement

Detective Chad Rice

For his dedicated work in a child pornography investigation that was the catalyst that resulted in a registered sex offender receiving 70 years in federal prison.

Chief’s Achievement

Commander Adam Hornick and Detective James Cross

Awarded for their teamwork and efforts in leading a large scale identity theft investigation. This investigation resulted in a multi-agency raid and search warrant and involved over 35 law enforcement agencies from 12 different states, and led to countless arrests and other search warrants.



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TOWN GOVERNMENT

Paving the way

The town's paving program provides roadmap for keeping streets smooth

By **ALI HIBBS**
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BETHLEHEM — This week, the town's highway department will be working to complete paving projects on McKinley Drive, Woodbine Road, Chestnut Road, Willow Drive, Spruce Court, Leaf Road and Oak Road. It also has plans to mill and pave Rowland Avenue, Nathaniel Boulevard, Stratton Place and McMillan Place, as well as paving Gardner Terrace and Dyer Terrace.

Once that work is done, residents of Salisbury Road, Capitol Avenue, Yorkshire Lane, Wembly Court, and Wedgewood Drive can expect to see highway trucks heading into their neighborhood and, after that, across the street to the roads on the other side of Delaware Avenue between McDonald's and Jim's Tastee Freez. In all, 56 town roads, or 99,575 feet of roadway, will be resurfaced in 2016, for a total cost of \$837,970.

Bethlehem maintains more than 175 miles of local town roads and its resurfacing program is designed to pave 12 to 13 miles of roadway each year; allowing the town to resurface each town road every 12 to 13 years. A paving program is developed every few years, subsequent to a town-wide reassessment, the most recent of which took place in April and May of this year. According to town officials, there are



Town of Bethlehem Highway Department employees take a short break during a recent road resurfacing project.

Town of Bethlehem website

many variables involved in making the decision on which streets need immediate attention and which streets can wait. The age of the blacktop, traffic conditions such as vehicle volume and weight, the structural stability of the sub-base, the severity of Northeast winters, the conditions when the existing pavement was put in place and how good the blacktop mix was prepared all have a bearing on how long a road surface will sustain itself.

According to the town website, blacktop pavement deteriorates on a scale similar to a bell curve—it remains in very good shape for a number of years but, once it starts to show wear, it fails at a

rapid rate. If this failure is not caught and corrected within a short time frame, it could mean much more extensive repairs above and beyond a thin overlay of new blacktop. Failure of the roadway pavement causes a poor riding/walking surface and allows ponds of storm water to accumulate, which cause potholes and extensive cracking that require costly routine maintenance and generates safety concerns for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Every two to three years, the town does a system-wide road assessment on pavement conditions, such as the one done in April and May of this year, where it rates the 175 miles of town

highways, conducted by two experienced paving crew leaders. A sidewalk condition assessment is expected to be added to the program in the near future. This assessment provides the basis for where the town focuses its efforts to preserve pavement integrity.

The paving plan is developed in coordination with other town concerns: water and sewer projects and problems; capital projects; new development and project growth; gas and electric lines; and biking and pedestrian priorities.

The 2016 Paving Program was approved by the Town Board on May 25, 2016.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Thacher Park and Nature Center to offer pair of programs

VOORHEESVILLE — Thacher State Park and the Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center are hosting two programs this weekend.

On Saturday, Aug. 13, there is a geology walk at 9 a.m. at Thacher Park and a monarch butterfly program at 10 a.m. at the Nature Center.

Thom Engel leads the geology walk, which leaves from the Hop Field picnic area.

Learn about the life cycle and the migratory habits of the monarch butterfly at the Nature Center. There is a short indoor presentation, followed by a walk through the butterfly's habitat.

To register for these programs, call 872-0800.

Dates set for Bethlehem Grange's annual rummage sale

BETHLEHEM — The annual Fall Giant Rummage Sale will be held at the Bethlehem Grange No. 137, located at 24 Bridge St. in Selkirk, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 9 and 10, and again the following weekend, Sept. 16 and 17.

Both indoors and outdoors, the sale boasts a large selection where you're likely to find just about anything you need.

Donations will be accepted after Aug. 25, and the Grange will take items including furniture, crafts, tools, books, music, decorative items, glassware, linens, toys and more — with the exception of TVs and tires.

Proceeds from this year's event will go towards replacing the Grange building's roof.

To arrange for delivery or pickup, call Caroline Wirth at 424-4953 or Carol Carpenter at 421-1384.

Tea and Talk on shade gardening

ALBANY — Join Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Ann Greenwald to learn more about shade gardening Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 1 p.m. at the Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Place.

Learn about choosing the right plants for your shady situation, and how to plan for continuous bloom and foliage interest.

The Ten Broeck Garden has a large area where the trees are maturing to create a shady situation that has inspired gardeners to bring out the pleasures of a shade garden. Using the garden as a classroom, you will see how to combine and use plants to minimize maintenance and maximize interest. There will be tea with refreshments following the class.

The cost is \$15 for ACHA members and \$20 for the general public. For more information, visit www.tenbroeckmansion.org.

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT

To downsize or not to downsize?

Albany County residents weigh in on the size of the legislature

By ALI HIBBS

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ALBANY— Just five Albany County residents spoke in front of the county legislature during a public hearing late last month regarding three proposed local laws that would change the county charter, including one that would potentially reduce the size of the Albany County Legislature itself and another that would create an “independent” redistricting committee. Four of the five speakers expressed their opposition to a recommendation that was made by an independent charter review commission last year to reduce the size of the legislature—from 39 members to, ultimately, 25. Lawmakers indicated that they expected all three laws to be brought to the floor for a vote at the legislature’s monthly meeting on Monday, Aug. 8.

The proposed laws are essentially a revised version of reforms originally suggested by the charter review commission – with a few exceptions.

Under Local Law No. “F,” the legislature would be reduced to 29 members and over the course of two decades, decreasing the number of seats from 39 to 33 after the 2020 census and 29 following the 2030 census.

A second law, Local Law No. “G,” would remove the redistricting process from the direct purview of legislators, instead drawing a seven member general commission to be chosen from a pool of interested community members solicited through a public campaign, four of whom are chosen by the leaders of both parties and three of whom are chosen by the initial four. It would also provide for a minority-majority subcommittee—ostensibly



Albany County legislators heard from the public about three proposed laws, including one that would potentially reduce the size of the Legislature, on Tuesday, July 26.

Ali Hibbs/Spotlight

to ensure representation of minority residents—chosen by the representatives of such districts, with the chairman given the deciding vote in the event of a tie resulting from an even number of minority-majority districts (those

with a majority of eligible minority voters). Detractors believe that the selection process does not ensure enough independence and have argued in favor of other options, one of which would select members from a pool of retired judges.

The third and final piece of legislation would make a series of changes to the language of the charter, clarifying requirements and revising outdated language, as well as incorporate the county probation department and board of elections. Most of the changes seem largely uncontroversial, with the exception of the coroner clause. The four county coroners are currently appointed and do not need to be certified, requiring medical professionals to sign death certificates. While the commission recommended a medical

examiner, the most recent amendment would merely require coroners to become certified within two years of taking office.

Two major arguments were made by those who oppose the downsizing, and most contested, measure: 1) that it would dilute minority voting power and; 2) that the current size of the legislature does not pose a significant enough issue, nor that it saves enough money, to warrant reduction at this time.

“What is the problem that we are trying to fix,” asked Judd Krasher, a member of the City of Albany’s Common Council (D-Ward 11) who represents a diverse array of residents across a number of county districts. “I’m not seeing a public policy crisis here; I’m not seeing a public policy problem to address.”

More important, he said, is for the county to work toward re-establishing trust with its minority communities, especially after the last three consecutive redistricting efforts by the county have resulted in lost suits and exorbitant legal fees after federal judges upheld claims that the new districts were unrepresentative of those communities. “When I speak to my constituents in the minority areas of my district, there’s a real trust issue,” he said to the approximately three-

quarters of the legislature who showed up to the hearing on that evening of Tuesday, July 26. “Make no mistake, I respect everyone in this room and know myself, as a legislator, that it’s no easy task. But, over the course of history, there has been a trust gap that has developed between the process of redistricting that has taken place here at the county level and with our minority residents, and here we are tinkering, essentially, with the size of the county legislature. I think that before we can move forward in a way that is inclusive of all our residents here in Albany County, particularly our minority residents in the City of Albany, we need to rebuild that trust.

“Let’s really focus on making this a truly independent redistricting commission,” he concluded. “I think that will go a long way to show our minority residents that the Albany County Legislature is dead set on never repeating their mistakes again when it comes to drawing better lines. I think that should be the real focus here, I think that is the public policy crisis.”

Citing the work done by the charter review commission, Patricia Sabilia of the League of Women Voters spoke in favor of downsizing the

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■ COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Drunk driver in possession of a stun gun and drugs

COEYMANS — On July 30, at approximately 4:25 a.m., New York state troopers reportedly stopped a vehicle on I-87 for multiple traffic violations. They found the driver, Phyllice A. Wright, 22, of Roosevelt, N.Y., to be impaired by drugs and in possession of a stun gun. The vehicle's passenger, Dominique A. Hudson, 26, also of Roosevelt, N.Y., was reportedly found to be in possession of marijuana, seven forged credit cards and a credit card skimming device. The pair was taken into custody, transported and processed at the Albany state police station.

Wright was charged with criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth

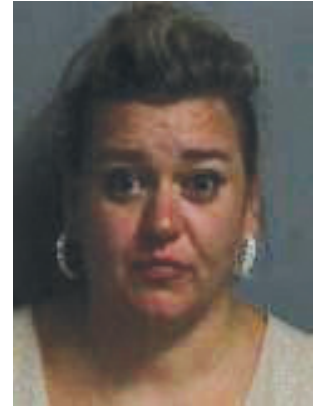
degree, a class A misdemeanor, driving while ability impaired by drugs, a misdemeanor, and multiple vehicle and traffic violations. She was arraigned before the Town of Coeymans Court and remanded to the Albany County Jail in lieu of \$1,500 cash bail or \$7,500 bond.

Hudson was charged with possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, a class D felony, possession of a skimmer device in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. He was arraigned before the Town of Coeymans Court and remanded to the Albany County Jail in lieu of \$15,000 cash bail or bond.

Woman gives fake name, charged with felony DWI

GUILDERLAND — Troopers reportedly stopped Amy Minnitti early in the morning of Sunday, July 31, for speeding on Crossgates Mall Road in the Town of Guilderland. During an interview, Minnitti allegedly displayed signs of intoxication and identified herself using a false name. Subsequent to standardized field sobriety tests, troopers arrested her for DWI and took her to their Latham station for arrest processing. There, she was reportedly determined to have a 0.15 percent blood alcohol concentration. Troopers also learned that she had a revoked license for a prior DWI conviction, making this DWI arrest a felony. Minnitti was charged with felony DWI, aggravated unlicensed operation in the first degree, another

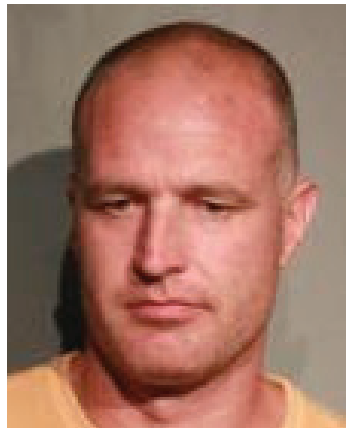
felony, and criminal impersonation in the second degree, a misdemeanor. She was released on bail and scheduled to appear in the Guilderland Town Court on Aug. 11, 2016.



Amy Minnitti

East Durham man arrested with 0.15 percent BAC

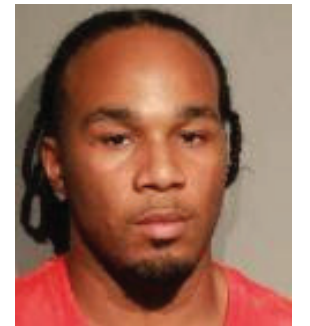
NEW SCOTLAND — New York state troopers reportedly stopped Glenn Usko, 37, of East Durham, late on the night of Friday, July 29 for a traffic infraction on State Route 32 in the Town of New Scotland. During the interview, officers report that Usko displayed signs of intoxication and that, subsequent to standardized field sobriety tests, he was arrested for DWI and taken to New Scotland state police station for arrest processing. There, he was reportedly determined to have a 0.15 percent blood alcohol concentration. Usko was charged with a misdemeanor DWI and is due to appear in the Town of New Scotland Court on Aug. 25, 2016.



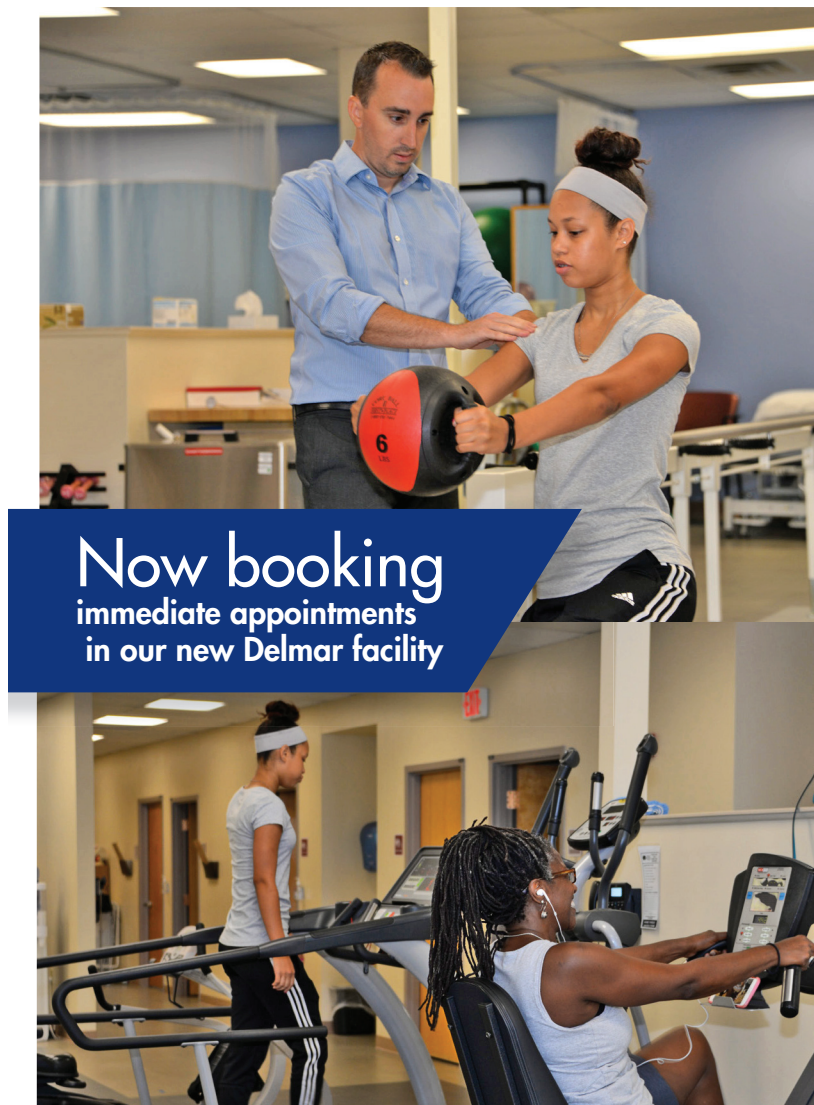
Glenn Usko

Man arrested for driving drunk on Western Avenue

GUILDERLAND — New York state police reportedly stopped Torrel Brown, 28, of Brooklyn, late in the night of Friday, July 29, for a traffic infraction on Western Avenue in the Town of Guilderland. Troopers report that Brown displayed signs of intoxication and that he was arrested for DWI following standardized field sobriety tests. He was taken to the Latham state police station for arrest processing, where he was determined to have a 0.15 percent blood alcohol concentration. Brown was charged with a misdemeanor DWI and is due to appear in the Town of Guilderland Court on Aug. 11, 2016.



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But we need your help. Our goal is \$1,000, and as of early August, we are far short of this goal. So, if you believe that helping someone less fortunate is worthwhile, please consider making a \$1 or \$5 donation at GPL to this cause. You can follow the success of this effort by checking the MDA Thermometer on the library's entrance doors. Donor cards are available at the circulation desk.

MDA Summer Camp provides thousands of kids with muscular dystrophy and related muscle-



debilitating diseases "the best week of the year." At MDA Summer Camp, kids are living beyond limits in a place where anything is possible. It's a week where they're free to enjoy adventures like horseback riding, swimming and fishing, develop lifelong friendships, and build self-confidence and independence. So, please help.

Blueberries for Sal

WMHT's Barbara Lukas will be at GPL on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 10:30 a.m., for a "berry" special family literacy morning with "Summer

Blueberries for Sal."

Kids in pre-K through grade 2 are invited to join us, read books, watch a DVD and do crafts based on this classic children's book.

Please register by calling 456-2400, ext. 4. And, note that children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Family math night

Join us for a fun night of math games at GPL on Monday, Aug. 15, at 6:30 p.m. This activity for children in grades 3 through 6, and their parents/caregivers, gets kids actively engaged

in fun and creative math activities. When families communicate about math in a hands-on environment, it gives students — and adults — a deeper understanding of important concepts and contributes to powerful learning experiences.

Please register by calling 456-2400, ext. 4.

Making unique collages

What does a library do with old magazines? We save the best of them so that teens in grades 7 through 12 can join us in making unique collages. It all happens on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 5:30 p.m.

You'll create unique collages using magazine pages. Clip, snip and paste. Not only are you creating, you're also recycling,

reducing and reusing. This means less paper waste. And, you get a really cool thing to take home.

Come on. You know you want to join us for this fun, hands-on activity. Please call 456-2400, ext. 4 to let us know you're going to collage.

Little Lego

Our Lego Club for children in Kindergarten through grade 2 will meet in the Story Hour Room on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 3:30 p.m. Use your imaginations for some creative play with friends. Bring your own bricks or create with ours. As usual, creations that you bring to show off will be kept separate from the library supplies.

Please call 456-2400, ext. 4 to let us know you're

Little Lego-ing.

Summer Reading prize pick-up day

Can you believe it? The Super Summer Reading Olympics are coming to a close, and it's time for all our young readers to come to the library on Friday, Aug. 19, to come pick up prizes. The prize station will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

It's been a very successful Summer Reading program. In fact, in July alone, we had more than 1,900 patrons attend children's and teen's programs. (If you were here during the Jim Snack is Magic program, you know what we're talking about.) We thank you for being a part of it.

— Mark Curiale

■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BCSD schedules bus driver open house and test drive

BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Central School District is taking a new approach to attracting bus driver applicants.

It will let prospective employees test drive a bus at an open house Tuesday, Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the district's transportation department at 82 Van Dyke Road.

District transportation supervisor Cindy Jurewicz said prospective drivers must be 21 years old with a clean driving record. While driving a school bus requires a commercial driver's license, applicants do not need the commercial driver's license to test drive a bus or apply for a position.

Drivers in Bethlehem work flexible, part-time schedules, and successful applicants receive paid training.

For more information about the open house and an application, contact Kevin Williams at 439-3830 or email kwilliams@bcds.neric.org.

Facci joins leadership organization

BETHLEHEM — Daniel Facci, of Glenmont, has been recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, a national leadership and honors organization, at George Washington University. Sigma Alpha Lambda is an organization dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement, and providing members with opportunities for community service, personal development and lifelong professional fulfillment.



Guilderland YMCA hosts forum

The Guilderland YMCA hosted a cultural awareness forum on July 20. Cross-cultural awareness expert Sujata Chaudry (back row, third from left) facilitated the event. Guilderland YMCA director Dorry Foster (back row, fourth from left) and Albany County Legislator Mark Grimm (first row, third from right) also participated in the forum. To become more involved in these forums, contact Dorry Foster at 456-3634.

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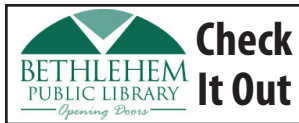
Mark your calendars because we have a busy week coming up, filled with some exciting summer reading programs for kids and families.

On Monday, Aug. 15, our friends from Five Rivers will be at the library for a program about migration. Do you have what it takes to go the distance? Find out when you put yourself in an animal's "shoes" to learn the many migration hurdles they face on their epic journeys. "Five Rivers Presents: Going the Distance" starts at 2 p.m. and takes place in the library Community Room.

We'll be keeping you on your toes with a program the following day to harness your inner ninja. Hone your skills in espionage, throwing, meteorology, geology and more at Ninja U on Tuesday, Aug. 16. Be sure to bring a long-sleeved T-shirt to create a ninja disguise. This program is for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Later on in the week, we'll marvel some more at the animal kingdom as we learn about the ways animals use camouflage to hide from their enemies. We'll also spend some time making our own "camo" patterns. "Animal Camouflage" takes place Thursday, Aug. 18, from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. in the Community Room.

Summer reading is



going strong through the end of the month with programming, prizes and more! Don't forget to report your reading progress.

Take us with you

How do you improve on a vacation? Bring the library along for the ride! We've got a lot of cool special collection items that can add excitement to your summer adventure. Borrow one of our Orion StarBlast telescopes and get a whole new perspective on the night sky. Or check out one of the metal detectors (we have them for adults and kids) and turn your next beach outing into a treasure hunt. We've also got GoPro cameras and accessories so you can capture your summer YouTube moment, and fishing poles for all ages if you are looking for a more contemplative way to pass the time.

You'll find these items and more on our Special Collections shelf behind the Information Desk.

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, Aug. 12

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.

Coffee & Cinema:

The Hundred-Foot Journey

Travel the world through film in the comfort of the library's Community Room. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be available, 10 a.m.

Summer Cinema:

Inside Out

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

Monday, Aug. 15

Lego Club

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

Friends of

the Library meeting

New members always welcome, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 17

Kids Cooking Club

Jodie Fitz, founder of the Price Chopper Kids Cooking Club, will guide kids through a hands-on cooking experience, 2 to 2:45 p.m. For kids and families. Sign up online or call.

— Kristen Roberts

Rethink school lunches

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 6 p.m., you are invited to join us for some great ideas to make over that boring bagged lunch. Rachel, a dietician from our local ShopRite, will be talking about healthy meals and snacks for school and work.

Save the dates

Please join us as we kick off the fall season with the annual Friends of the Library (FOL) Fall Book Sale Sept. 16-18.



Friday, Sept. 16, beginning at 2 p.m., is sneak preview night for FOL members only. Then on Saturday, Sept. 17, the doors open to the public at 9 a.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 18, the \$2/bag sale begins at 9 a.m. (FOL will provide the bags.) Registration for the Village Animal Clinic Canine 5K Classic will begin at 9 a.m., with the run/walk starting at 10 a.m.

There will be plenty of other things (music, magic, bake sale, etc.) going on each day as well, so check back here for more information as the date draws nearer.

The FOL are still accepting donations, so please drop your lightly used books, DVDs and audiobooks in the blue return box next to the Encore shed. As always, volunteers are always welcome.

— Lynn Kohler

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and Current JV and Varsity Players

(full pads and valid US Lacrosse registration required)



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■ OBITUARIES

Allgaier, Joseph

Joseph "Joe" Adelbert Allgaier, formerly of Delmar, died peacefully in Deephaven, Minn., on July 30 at the age of 87.

Born Oct. 18, 1928 in Brooklyn, NY, to the late Maria and Joseph Allgaier, he is survived by his brothers, John Allgaier, of Houston, Texas, and Frank Allgaier, of White Plains; his children, Joseph G. Allgaier, of Melbourne, Fla., Barbara (Michael) McGonigle of Excelsior, Minn. and Karen (Patrick) Plesh of Waterford, Wisc.; grandchildren Margaret, Michael, Katelyn, Matthew, Lauren and Mason; many nieces and nephews. Joe cherished 57 years of marriage to his wife, Jacqueline Joy Allgaier, who preceded him in death July



Joseph "Joe" Allgaier

2015.

A graduate of Pratt Institute and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Joe flourished in a long career with NY Telephone/NYNEX in engineering and management positions until his retirement in April of 1988. Joe enjoyed life to the fullest with his passions for downhill skiing,

playing golf as a long-time member of Normanside Country Club and a private pilot as a member of the Scotia Flyers Club. In his retirement, Joe served the town he loved so much as Bethlehem's Town Historian from 1991 to 2005, and co-authored the memoirs "Bethlehem Diary" and "Bethlehem Revisited."

Mass of Christian Burial, Friday, August 12, at 10 a.m., St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar. Visitation one hour prior to service at the church. Interment to follow at Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Bethlehem Historical Association, P.O. Box 263, 1003 River Road, Selkirk 12158.

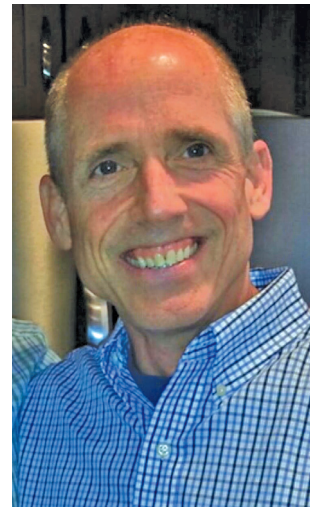
Evans, Ken

DELMAR — Ken Evans, 55, died suddenly on Monday, August 1, doing what he loved — riding his bike through the hills of Delmar.

Born in Schenectady, he is the beloved son of the late John and Helen Evans, formerly of Scotia and St. Augustine, Fla. Ken attended Scotia-Glenville High School, and went on to earn his bachelor's (1985) in engineering from the University of Central Florida and MBA ('90) from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn. He received his NYS teacher certification through Shenendehowa and Bethlehem school districts (2001). He also completed 200 RYT yoga certification ('15).

Ken was firmly grounded in his faith and participated in the United Ordained Church of Troy, Bethlehem Community Church, and Light of the World Christian Church of Latham. His primary focus in life was as a parent, husband and Sunday school teacher to promote the power and love through our Healer, Redeemer and Comforter, Jesus.

Ken began his professional career as an electrical engineer with Allied Signal Corporation — Bendix in Jacksonville, Fla. (1985-87). He then accepted a position as a field service engineer with United Technologies Corporation (1987-90) in Windsor Locks, Conn., and Minneapolis, Minn. Ken was a business development manager for American Property Management Corporation (1990-99) before working as a technology instructor for Bethlehem



Ken Evans

& Shenendehowa central school districts (1999-2001). As primary care provider of his four children (2002-16), he also held positions as a teacher with Vanderheyden Hall, an instructor with Nyack College, as a business development consultant and as a property manager.

Ken felt blessed by his relationships with his parents, siblings, children, wife, nieces, nephews and friends, and often felt angels were seemingly placed for his support and encouragement. His father served as his best man at his wedding, and to both parents he owed his positive faithful outlook on life. He found joy conducting chair yoga for the elderly residents at Atria Delmar Place, coordinating summer training for the Bethlehem Triathlon Club and snowboarding in the northeast. He provided much joy with his annual camping trips to Lake George, his bountiful squash soup and his daily acts of love.

He is survived by his four children: Mark of Brooklyn, Daniel (Alysa Shaw) of Delmar, Jack of Delmar, and Julia (Dean Fuino) of

Delmar. Ken stated, "My children have been so much more kind and giving than they needed to be. Mark offered me such support when business and marriage was most rigorous; Danny, laughter when I was at my wits end; Jack, kindness when we all needed it most; Julia, joy."

He is the brother of Mary (John) Cox of Millersville, Mary, John (Donna) of Raleigh, N.C., Dave (Jaime) of Albany and Kay (Ken) Champagne of Latham. Ken also leaves eight nieces and nephews.

Ken leaves behind his devoted partner in life and love, Sarah Vogel, and her children Caitlyn and Patrick. Sarah shared his love of life and athletics, competing in Ironman and bike riding the roads of Thatcher Park. He also leaves behind his friend and ex-wife of 28 years, Sandy Evans, whom together raised four beautiful children.

From Ken, "My friends, you are the reason that I kept care of myself and lived as carefully as I did. To have just one more day to know that I mean something to you is a gift that I cannot begin to describe. Your names are all in my head right now as much as my daily thoughts of you. I know that I did not deserve you, thus you have all been heaven sent. Please don't ask if you are one of those friends. You know you are. See you soon."

Please join us for a memorial service on Sunday, August 14, at 3 p.m., at the Appel Inn, Altamont, followed by a celebration of life.

Contributions may be made to United Ordained Church, 292 3rd Street, Troy, NY 12180.

■ IN BRIEF

BHA museum open Sundays through August

BETHLEHEM — The Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, home of the Bethlehem Historical Association, is open on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. through Aug. 28.

Currently, the museum is featuring "Parade of Fashion 1860s to 1960s," a display of clothing and accessories for men, women and children.


The museum is located at 1003 River Road (corner of Route 144 and Clapper Road) in Selkirk. Admission is free.

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■ VALLEYCATS PLAYER OF THE WEEK



CHUCKIE ROBINSON

Catcher Chuckie Robinson is The Spotlight Tri-City Valley-Cats Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, Aug. 7. Robinson hit safely in all seven games last week to raise his batting average to .278 for the season. He also drove in six runs and scored two runs in that stretch.

■ INSIDE

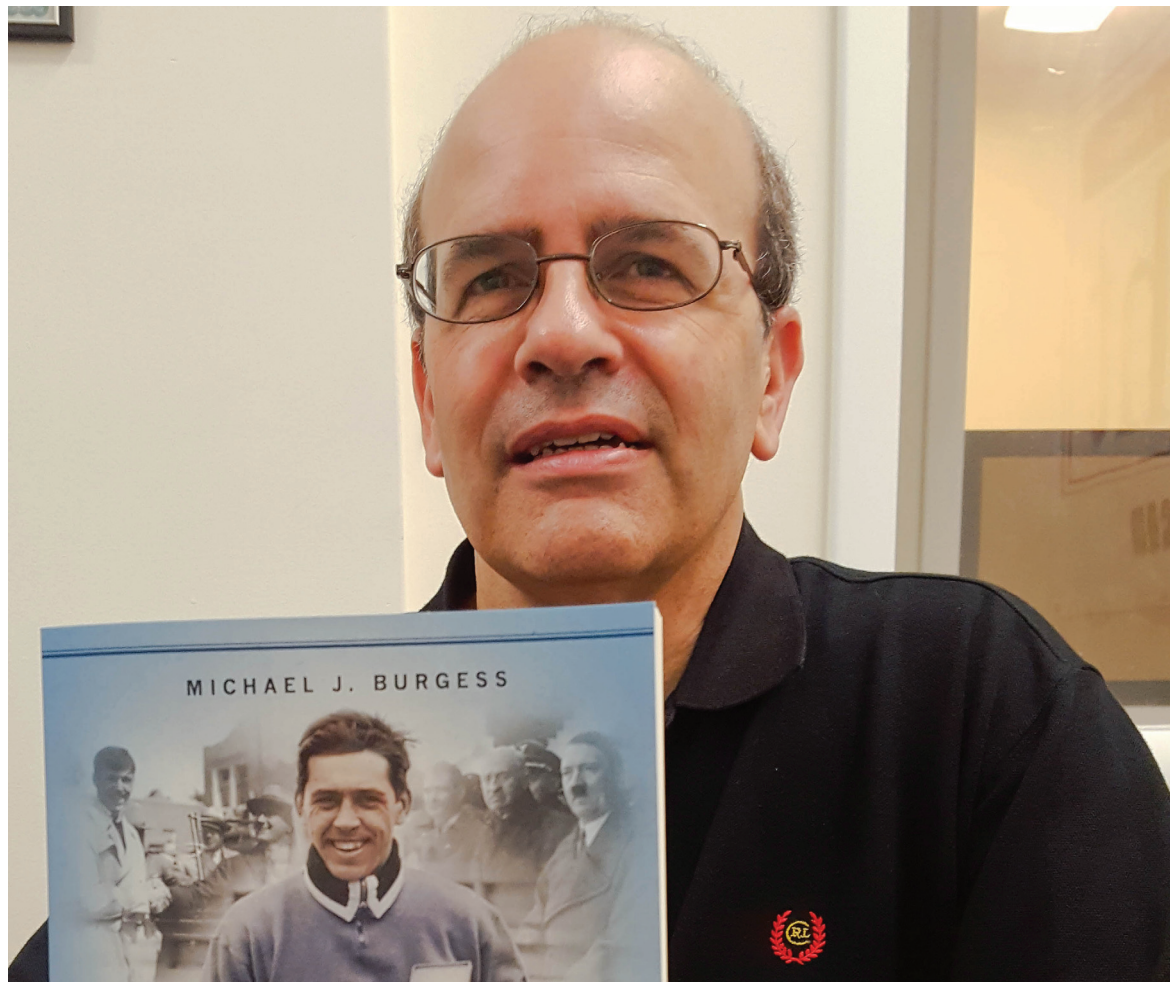


World champs

Chris Salamida, left, and Cameron Overbaugh led the Albany Athletics to the AABC Stan Musial World Series title Sunday, Aug. 7, in Waterbury, Conn.

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■ OLYMPICS



Delmar-based author Michael Burgess poses with his new book.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

One man vs. the USOC

Delmar-based author details Jack Shea's personal boycott of the 1936 Winter Olympics in new book

By **ROB JONAS**
jonasr@spotlightnews.com

BETHLEHEM — After tackling the 1980 Winter Olympics in his first book, Delmar-based author Michael Burgess turns his attention to Jack Shea in his new book, "Keeper of the Olympic Flame: Lake Placid's Jack Shea vs. Avery Brundage and the Nazi Olympics."

Burgess examines Shea's decision to personally boycott the 1936 Winter Olympics in Germany and the letter he sent to Brundage and the other leaders of the United States Olympic Committee detailing his reasons why.

"I talked last summer to his son, Jim (Shea), who himself was an Olympian in 1964," said Burgess. "He showed me a five-page letter that his father, Jack, wrote to Avery Brundage, who was the head of the American Olympic Committee, in 1935, when Jack was a student here at

Albany Law School. And the letter was a very strong statement ... 'How can you possibly send our team to Germany when you have Jewish athletes on our team. You claim the athletes are all in favor of this. How can you ignore (the) 24 of us who opposed it.' On and on and on about the communist influence and all of that.



"So ... he was not only opposed to going, but he was an activist who put his name on a pamphlet that was in the New York Times (and) that he spoke to other athletes about not going. So, it was a courageous act because Avery Brundage stood with him there as he won his gold medal (in speed skating) in 1932, and he sent this very caustic letter to him saying 'I don't agree with you.'"

Shea's stand meant more than missing an opportunity to defend the gold medal he won in his hometown of Lake Placid in 1932. Burgess said it made

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BASEBALL

Athletics win second World Series title

Albany Twilight League champs rally past Watertown Blaze to finish season on top of national heap

By **ROB JONAS**

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ALBANY — For the second time in four years, the Albany Athletics can call themselves World Series champions.

The Albany Twilight League powerhouse swept the Watertown (Conn.) Blaze 6-2 and 6-5 Sunday, Aug. 7, to win the American Amateur Baseball Congress Stan Musial World Series in Waterbury, Conn. The Athletics previously won the title in 2012.

Watervliet native Chris Salamida figured heavily in the second game of the day. Salamida doubled twice, singled and scored two runs, and he pitched the final two innings to preserve the one-run victory.

Watertown built a 3-0 lead before Albany rallied in the bottom of the third inning. Salamida led off

with a double, and then Cameron Overbaugh laid down a sacrifice bunt that Watertown's pitcher threw into right field for an error. Salamida and Overbaugh scored on the play to pull the Athletics within one run.

Watertown scored a run in the top of the fifth inning to pull ahead 4-2, but Albany made its move in the bottom half of the frame. Dylan Sprague drove in a pair of runs with a one-out single to tie the score, Craig Mastroianni lofted a sacrifice fly to drive in the go-ahead run and RJ Pingatore added an RBI single to make it 6-4.

Watertown scored one run off Salamida in the top of the sixth inning, but Salamida shut the door after that to secure Albany's second World Series title.

The Athletics needed a win over Watertown at the beginning of the

day to force a winner-take-all second game, and they did just that as they racked up 13 hits in a 6-2 victory over the previously unbeaten Blaze. Overbaugh had an RBI double, two singles and scored two runs to lead Albany. Ryan Harper pitched a complete game for the Athletics, allowing two runs on six hits in seven innings.

Overbaugh and Salamida were named the World Series' co-most valuable players. Overbaugh had 12 hits, eight runs, five stolen bases and three RBI, while Salamida batted .500 (7-for-14) and earned a complete-game victory on the pitcher's mound, to go along with two saves, 13 strikeouts and one earned run allowed.

The Athletics concluded their season with a 40-9 record, the Albany Twilight League title, the Upper New York State Stan



The Albany Athletics celebrate after beating the Watertown (Conn.) Blaze 6-5 in the AABC Stan Musial World Series final Sunday, Aug. 7, in Waterbury, Conn. Submitted photo

Musial title and now the Stan Musial World Series title. They won 30 of their final 34 games.

"This has been a remarkable season for our program, and (it) was

an incredibly exciting weekend for the team," said manager Joe Altieri. "We had so many different players contribute to the success of winning the World Series the last several days. It took us

some time early on in the season to come together, but the team put it all together and played its best baseball the last several weeks including, these four days in Waterbury at the World Series."

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One man vs. the USOC

Shea an unpopular figure around town because it was a winter sports capital, and people were "gung ho" about the Olympics.

In interviewing Jim Shea for the book, Burgess said Jim recalled that his father rarely talked about his decision to boycott the 1936 Olympics, even to his family.

"Later in life, Jack talked a little about it, but there's not much on the record except at the time that he wrote it, he made a statement that was on the front page of the Lake Placid weekly that 'I am going professional, I am not going to skate and I discussed it with the Olympics,'" said Burgess.

Burgess said Shea's stand is part of what the modern Olympics has become over the last 120 years.

"The founders of the modern Olympics in 1896,

(they said) "This is going to unify the world. We're going to have camaraderie between the nations - pure athletics and sport." But I said (in the book) right from the beginning, there was an intersection with politics and history. Even in the first Olympics, the French who started it were still upset about the Prussian War in 1870," said Burgess.

And, Burgess expressed his concern about the direction today's Olympics are heading, in terms of countries balking at the expense of hosting the Summer or Winter Games.

"They had so few bidders for the 2022 Winter Games, they had to give it to Beijing (China)," said Burgess. "All the bidders from Europe pulled out, and the United States pulled out. They were left with Kazakhstan and Beijing.

"These Olympics in Rio cost about \$12 billion, and the people are complaining, 'We could have spent that money on poverty. We have serious problems here.' So, the Olympics are in trouble, I think."

That brings Burgess back to another point he makes in his latest book - Jack Shea's belief that the Olympics should be about the athletes.

"That's how Lake Placid won the Games in 1980. They said, 'Look, there's a lot of money that's being spent. We will create an Olympics in Perspective.' That's what they called the '80 Olympics. 'We're going to have a low-cost Games focused on the athletes.' I think there's going to be more of that in the future," said Burgess.

Copies of "Keeper of the Olympic Flame" can be purchased at the Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza in Guilderland, Northshire Bookstore in Saratoga Springs and on Amazon.com.

■ COMMUNITY

See the ValleyCats

Take me out to the ballgame. See the Tri-City ValleyCats play the Hudson Valley Renegades on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 5:45 p.m. Your \$20 fee includes your ticket and an all-you-can-eat picnic bbq. Bring a jar of peanut butter and one of jelly to support "Fighting Hunger Night," and receive a voucher for future Valley Cats game. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation.

It's time for summer picnics. The German American Club of Albany will serve wursts, sauerkraut, potato salad, chicken, fruit kuchen, fried dough, German beers, ice cream sandwiches and popsicles on Sunday, Aug. 21, at 1:30 p.m. A live German band will play. There is \$3 entry fee, plus the cost of lunch. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to arrange transportation.

The farmers' markets are open. Transportation

is available on Tuesdays to the market at the United Methodist Church in Delmar. Call 439-5770. A limited number of \$20 coupons may be available for those who are income eligible. Call 439-4955, ext. 1170, to add your name to the interest list.

Enjoy Coffee and Cinema at the Bethlehem Public Library at 10 a.m. On Aug. 19, you will see the film "The Lunchbox." Call 439, 4955, ext. 1176, to arrange transportation.

Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. is sponsoring a Boscov's fundraiser. Purchase a \$5 shopping pass and receive a 25 percent discount on most purchases at Boscov's on Tuesday, Oct. 18. Passes may be purchased in advance at the Senior Services Office in Town Hall.

Books to People is a free library program that delivers books to those who are unable to visit the library. Request books,

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The Food Pantry is in need of soap, deodorant, toilet paper, mustard and canned fruit. Bring your items to the pantry at Town Hall. If you would like to access the food pantry, call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make an appointment

Federal funding (HEAP) is available for income eligible people who need assistance with home heating costs. Outreach workers are available to assist with counseling on HEAP, as well as health insurance, housing issues, food stamps and health and income related programs. Make an appointment by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service provides rides to medical, dental, therapy and clinic appointments; grocery stores; and a variety of

social and recreational programs. Come to the Senior Office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter, or visit the Senior Services website at www.townofbethlehem.org.

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a lunch and play pinochle, bingo or mahjong. Or just come for a chat with friends. Call Yvonne Mendleson at 472-0202 for more information.

Donations can be made to Bethlehem Senior Projects online at bethlehemsenioproject.org, or via check payable to Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

— Wilma DeLucco

Summer reading celebration

Owls, hawks, eagles and falcons at the library? We will celebrate the end of a summer of fun with a program by Trish Marki, wildlife rehabilitator and educator from the Wildlife Institute of Eastern New York. Families are invited to get a close up look at these beautiful creatures while learning about the raptor's behavior. Stick around for a Stewart's ice cream party after the program on Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 4:30 p.m.

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future. This interactive workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 6 p.m. features video clips of people with Alzheimer's disease. Registration required. Call the library at 756-2053.

Friday Flicks: 'Hologram for the King'

A beautiful doctor and a wise-cracking taxi driver help an American businessman, played by Tom Hanks, who's trying to close the deal of a lifetime in Saudi Arabia. See it in the library's Community Room on our big screen on Friday, Aug. 19, at 2 p.m. As usual, the library will be serving up fresh popcorn.

— Carol Melewski

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2017 Budget Preparation Schedule Workshop - Program Discussion: Tuesday, August 23 @ 4pm, Conference Room 101

Capital Plan Presentation: Wednesday, September 14 Town Board Meeting @ 6pm

Tentative Budget Presentation w/ Multiyear Plan: Wednesday, September 28 Town Board Meeting @ 6pm

Workshop - Continuing Budget Discussion: Thursday, October 13 Town Board Meeting @ 6pm

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Berben and Wolffs, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 03.04.16. 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, 111 N Pine Ave., Albany NY, 12306. General purpose. Ad#125272

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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

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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

Boomly LLC Filed 7/12/16 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 Purpose: all lawful Ad#125275

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BROADWAY 414 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 6, 2016. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to Thomas Kennedy, 60 North Helderberg Parkway, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Ad#125335

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

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BuddyLyn LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, May 31, 2016. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to Stephen Malinowski, 171 Adams Street, Delmar, NY 12054. Ad#125329

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Ciao-Connect LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/22/16. Office location: Albany County. Neel Nayak has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Neel Nayak shall mail a copy of process to the LLC,

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200 Longhouse Lane. Slingerlands, NY 12159 Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#124846

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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

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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

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Fortay Consulting LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 6/22/2016. Office located in Albany County. SSNY designated as Agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at P.O. Box 8904 Albany, New York 12208. Purpose is any lawful activity Ad#125458

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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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF HADA AMSTERDAM, LLC On 6/27/2015, Articles of Organization of Hada Amsterdam, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The SSSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is JW Furs, LLC, 1475 Western Avenue, #23, Albany, NY 12203. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#124640

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

The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#124646

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IAR Group LLC Filed 7/5/16 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#125278

LEGAL NOTICE

IntraMotive, LLC Filed 7/5/16 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#125280

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Notice of formation of Ipek Auto Sales, LLC Art of Org filed with the SSNY on 06/09/16. 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, c/o Havzi Ipek, 62 Fuller Rd. Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Ad#126019

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NOTICE OF FORMATION Content: JUNCTION 63K, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/28/16. Office: Albany County. Registered Agents, Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Registered Agents, Inc. shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Junction 63K, 90 State St, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#124781

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JW FURS, LLC On 6/21/2015, Articles of Organization of JW Furs, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The SSSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is JW Furs, LLC, 1475 Western Avenue, #23, Albany, NY 12203. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#124640

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: LOUGHLIN I LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 27, 2016. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to Tri City Rentals LLC, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. Ad#124789

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Loughlin RNR LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 14, 2016. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. Ad#125347

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of MacFee Home Services, LLC Article of Organization filed with the SSNY on 07/06/2016. 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, 22 Bedell Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Ad#126038

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Notice of Formation of MissFleck Consulting, LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 1, 2016. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, PO BOX 38033, Albany, NY 12203. For any lawful purpose. Ad#123563

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: Morris Gilbert LLC Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State's Office on June 3, 2016. Office location: Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it

may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of the process to the Limited Liability Company at 18 Ten Broeck Place #2, Albany, New York 12210. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Ad#125182

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: MRP RUSTIC VILLAGE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 27, 2016. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to Tri City Rentals LLC, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. Ad#124792

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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

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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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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PROCLAMATION I, MARRERO EL, whose address is 201 Park Avenue Suite 6, Albany, NY 12202, proclaim my free national name as MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE of AMERICA according to the rules and usages of such MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE of AMERICA. The MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE of America deriving its power and authority from the Great Koran of MOHAMMED to propagate the Faith and extend the learning and truth of the Great Prophet of All in America. To anoint, appoint, and consecrated Missionaries of the prophet and to establish the Faith of Mohammed in America. Ad#125909

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QUEENS WORLD WIDE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/28/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o MS 1040 LLC, 309 West 57th St., Ste. 301, NY, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#126046

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

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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 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

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ALBANY COUNTY

New tours explore black history

Dutch, Native American heritage also explored in collaborative effort

By **KASSIE PARISI**

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ALBANY — Visitors and residents of New York will be able to delve a bit deeper into the state's African heritage with a new tour program that encompasses Albany County, along with multiple other areas state-wide.

The tours — which will highlight the significance of Dutch settlers, Native Americans and African Americans to the state — are the result of a collaboration between the New York State Division of Tourism, Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Dutchess County Tourism and Black Heritage Tours.

The Black Heritage Tours company was founded in 2013 by current CEO Jennifer Tosch in the Netherlands to highlight the history of slavery there. Tosch can trace her ancestry to Suriname, a small South American country and former Dutch colony. Tosch's parents immigrated to New York from Suriname in 1960, while America was in the midst of its Civil Rights Movement and while she said her parents very overwhelmed by the social climate

of their adopted country at the time, they wanted her to have the highly sought after American dream lifestyle. Tosch had no intentions of starting a tour company until she went to Amsterdam in 2012 as part of a study abroad program to learn about her Dutch ancestry. While there at a Dutch university, she realized that the history of African Americans in the country was not being told in full and began to do her own research, which culminated with the creation of Black Heritage Tours in Amsterdam. Now, after three years, she has succeeded in establishing the sister company in New York. Tosch hopes that the tours will develop and expand on a narrative about the marginalized groups and to show other sides to heritage stories.

"We're here to bring these stories together, to intertwine and weave together a narrative that shows that it wasn't just one group that came, it was immigrants all over the world, either as captive or enslaved or indigenous or Native Americans and First Nation Peoples that were here," Tosch said at a press conference on Friday.

U.S. Congressman Paul Tonko, who attended the press conference,



Jennifer Tosch, CEO of Black Heritage Tours, speaks at a press conference kicking off the tours on Friday, Aug. 5.

Kassie Parisi/Spotlight News

heaped praise on the new tours, highlighting in his remarks the importance of establishing a sense of place in the efforts to understand and connect different heritages.

"As we pay attention to the growing mosaic of the Capital

Region, we understand more fully that through our individual definition of heritage, we've woven those individual strands into a masterpiece that becomes the tapestry of the Capital Region. Without any one of those strands,

we're a weaker statement," Tonko said. "This is what it's about. A sense of place, incorporating all of our stories, and showing respect to each other."

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companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law.

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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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ROGERS & YOUNG INSURANCE SERVICES, LLC

Foreign LLC Notice of NY Publication Pursuant to Section 802 of the Limited Liability Company Law Rogers & Young Insurance Services, LLC App. For Auth. filed NY Dept of State on 08/02/16. Juris and date of org: CA 12/21/99. County of loc: Albany Cty. Sec. of State designated as agent of foreign LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Sec. of State shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 1738, Windsor, CA 95492. Addr. of For-

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eign LLC in CA is 800 Edgewood Place, Windsor, CA 95492. Auth. Officer in CA where Cert of Form. filed: Alex Padilla, Sec. of State of the State of CA, Business Programs Division, 1500 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Rogers & Young Insurance Services, LLC, PO Box 1738, Windsor, CA 95492

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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

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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.

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Sound Shore Operations LLC Filed 1/12/16 Office: Albany Co SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54

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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

SPECX'S 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is SPINNING YARN TALES, LLC
2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on July 14, 2016 with the New York Secretary of State.
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.

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4. Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.

5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 190 Main Street, PO Box 427, Altamont, NY 12009.

6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.

7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is State Street Spa LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 8, 2016. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Ad#124605

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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

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Teckea Reshanda LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 6/29/16. 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 P.O. Box 7314, Albany, NY 12224. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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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

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LEGAL NOTICE

Tesschristine LLC Filed 7/6/16 Office: Albany Co SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207

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Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address Purpose: all lawful

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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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Turbo Dream Production, LLC Filed 7/11/16 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

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Velan Ventures I, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on July 15, 2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C.,

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677 Broadway, Suite 500, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Vent Fitness LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 6/28/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 2080 Western Avenue, Suite 115 Guilderland, NY 12084. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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Wahi Solar LLC Filed 7/11/16 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

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Whiteman Health & Human Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of

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NY(SOS) on 5/4/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to One Commerce Plaza, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WIGGAND VACATION PROPERTIES, LLC On 6/20/2015, Articles of Organization of Wiggand Vacation Properties, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The SSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is Wiggand Vacation Properties, LLC, 252 Glenmont Road, Glenmont, NY 12077. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

High and Dry

Few events help define summer as distinctly as next week's Altamont Fair.

The Altamont Fair is THE fair for the greater Capital District. As one of the largest fairs in the state, it's big enough to have residents of Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties stake claim to it.

The fair returns for its 123rd year which doesn't only speak of its longevity, it also shows how it caters to so many different interests for the thousands of people who are expected to walk through the turnstiles this year. In today's e-saturated world, that should say something. Nothing beats the games of chance that run along the fair's midway.

No. Truly. No one beats them.

Yesterday's children are now bringing their children to the fairgrounds. Kids go to experience the neon lights, the screams from the rides and the sight of racing pigs. The fair continues to feature a wide variety of farm animals; a poultry exhibit

complete with roosters, and a livestock show that features sheep, goats, and the many rows of colorful, fluffy rabbits. Patrons can also visit the dairy and beef cattle, or the petting zoo to see crowd favorite Twiggs the Giraffe. We hear that even The Budweiser Clydesdales are expected to pay a visit.

The parents, on the other hand, are going back to relive memories of the past. There are the games of chance, where kids lined up to toss a ring around a coveted knife. And, perhaps more tried to toss a ping pong ball into a fish bowl. — Word of advice, stay away from trying to toss a softball into a vegetable basket.

Another such memory has to be the Soak the Bloke. Every year, this unnamed character, dressed as a clown, would volley insult after blistering-insult to the crowd as he perched himself above a dunking tank full of water. And, no one was spared. His ability to needle someone from within the crowd, taunting that person to grab a handful of baseballs in an attempt to hit

the target and dunk him into the water, was keen.

Of course, his monologue was not at all G-rated.

The crowd would gather, and laughter would ring out. For some, the blood pressure would rise to the point of boiling, leading to a tossed-baseball crashing against the clown's cage.

If one such ball hurler was skilled enough to hit his mark, the clown would fall and the crowd would cheer. Perhaps the best part of it all would be when the clown patiently set his seat back up, climbed himself out of the water, looked back at the person who sent him into the tank and defiantly said, "High and Dry!"

The Altamont Fair is nothing but fun. If you find yourself going to the fairgrounds this year, make sure to make your way to that bloke and dunk him in. But, also remember to have a good time.

Yesterday's children are now bringing their children to the fairgrounds. Kids go to experience the neon lights, the screams from the rides and the sight of racing pigs. The fair continues to feature a wide variety of farm animals; a poultry exhibit complete with roosters, and a livestock show that features sheep, goats, and the many rows of colorful, fluffy rabbits. Patrons can also visit the dairy and beef cattle, or the petting zoo to see crowd favorite Twiggs the Giraffe. The parents, on the other hand, are going back to relive memories of the past. There are the games of chance, where kids lined up to toss a ring around a coveted knife. And, perhaps more tried to toss a ping pong ball into a fish bowl.

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1976

40 years ago: DOT has Town Super seeing red

DELMAR — A drive along Delaware Avenue today still lends credence for this story from Aug. 5, 1976.

The New York state Department of Transportation denied the town of Bethlehem's request to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Delaware Avenue and Adams Street.

Then Town Supervisor Harry Sheaffer had submitted the request after observing several accidents at the corner, of which is used regularly by emergency vehicles from the neighboring Delmar Fire Department.

The state returned responded back by

stating its own studies of the intersection showed it only met half the requirements to require a signal.

Sheaffer announced to the town board that he planned to ask the state to reconsider his request.

Now, 40 years later, the busy intersection continues to see traffic without the aid of a traffic signal. Adams Street intersects with Delaware and Kenwood avenues several hundreds of feet beyond Delmar's Four Corners.

There are no reported plans of installing a traffic signal at either

intersection.

In other news of the day...

In Tri-Village Little League, the Kiwanis team went nearly perfect in Major League play, finishing the year in first place with a 15-1 record in the American division.

Roberts Realty topped the National division with a 12-4 record, two and a half games ahead of second place Mullens. (*The Spotlight* sponsored a team that year, and we're proud of the team's 1-14-1 record in 1976.)

The Bennetts (13-1-2) team took first place in the National division in Intermediate play, followed by McCarrolls (13-3) in the American division.

In Wheeler Homes (younger competition), the Giants topped the National division with a 15-1-1 record. And, in the American division, the Orioles finished in second place despite losing only one game. That's because the team finished the year with six ties, ending the year with a 11-1-6 record behind the Braves' 13-2-3. Who said there's no tied games in baseball?

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To downsize or not to downsize?

legislative body, but against Local Law F. Instead, she said, the League favors the commission's recommendation to cut the body to 25 members at the next redistricting. "They not only conducted a comprehensive review of our charter, but also compared it with the county charters of 20 other counties in New York state," she said. "They asked for and received extensive input from every area of our county government. We highly value the work of this commission and feel every legislator should as well."

The League of Women Voters, she said, supports three premises put forth by the commission: 1) that downsizing is a "profoundly important and complicated exercise, necessitating a complicated redistricting process," and that; 2) that "any proposal that imperils the voting rights of minorities, inappropriately favors some municipalities and communities over others, or threatens the viability of a robust two-party system in County government would be a bad proposal and would call into question the validity of a reduction in size of the county legislature;"

3) and that for the next round of redistricting, there be a "non-partisan, independent, and inclusive reapportionment commission."

Sibilia also spoke against Local Law "G." "We whole-heartedly applaud the movement toward a stronger, more inclusive redistricting process, particularly in light of the legislature's need to pay \$1.7 million in legal costs last year," she said. "However we cannot support proposed Local Law "G" as it is currently written." The League, she said, believed it could made be a more truly independent redistricting commission by: explicitly excluding anyone holding a political position or having familial or employment affiliation with such a person; making sure that the process for selection of a majority-minority district commission (meant to serve as a check on the general commission) involves the same inclusive measures outlined for the general commission; language to ensure transparency and public participation throughout the process, including full and adequate disclosure of the data; and "the creation of an

effective mechanism for legislative approval of the redistricting commission's plan, including allowing a limited set of changes the legislature can submit back to the commission if they cannot gain approval upon the current commission's proposal."

Richard Harris, president of 100 Black Men of America in Albany and the county executive's citizen of the month for August, was the last to speak. "Albany County has good government because we have a legislature the size that it is with 39 legislators," he said. "In this day and age, what we're looking for is greater communication with our constituents and our legislators. If you expand the area that the legislators have to represent, then you reduce the constituent's voice. You need greater access; constituents need greater access to their legislator so that they can have a better voice and be better served. To reduce the legislature is focusing on the wrong issue, the real issue is good government for all the people. It's not a matter of minorities or majorities."

For the results of Monday night's vote (which we expect to take place just after this issue has gone to print), please visit our website at spotlightnews.com.

From page 13 ...

New tours explore black history

Gail Geohagen-Pratt, who spoke at the press conference on behalf of Albany County Executive Dan McCoy, noted the positive impact the tours might have on the state's economy. Tourism in the state supports over 15,000 jobs, according to Geohagen-Pratt, and produces approximately \$518 million worth of income for the county. Geohagen-Pratt said that without state tourism, the average household in New York would have to pay an additional \$1,006 dollars in taxes to maintain the current level of government revenue.

Aside from the economic benefits, Geohagen-Pratt said that the tours will give the public the chance to examine lesser known histories.

"Albany County is proud

of its strong heritage. We often hear about the Dutch presence in the founding and the colonization of Albany. The history of Albany is beyond that. It's beyond black and white. It includes that but it extends beyond that. And we've only predominantly heard about one side of that history. So with these tours, we're doing more to recognize a diversity in our founding, and place the same emphasis, if you will, on the importance of all histories inclusive of everyone's experiences," she said.

The tour buses will drive throughout Albany County and at least five other counties on the path to New York City, which has around 10 historically significant sites relate to the tour, according to Tosch. Since

the state itself has around 60 different sites overall and it would be impossible to reach each one on one tour, said Tosch, each tour will visit different sites. The tours focus on the transnational history between the Netherlands and New York from the 17th century on. Tosch pointed out that the evidence of Dutch heritage and influence in New York is still omnipresent, particularly in the names of cities and streets, festivals, and art.

Included in the tour sites in Albany County are the Stephen and Harriet Myers residence on Livingston Avenue in Albany, which is an official Underground Railroad site, and the Ten Broeck Mansion. The Crailo State Historic site, located in Rennselaer, is also included on the tour. The tours run \$555 per person and are three days long. Visit www.blackheritagetours.com for booking information.

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Defending the public defenders

The lawyer began his career in the early 1970s in public defense before he shifted to private practice. Throughout his legal career, Kindlon has received a number of awards, including the New York State Defenders Association Service of Justice Award and the NYS Bar Association's David S. Michaels Memorial Award for Courageous Efforts in Promoting Integrity in the Criminal Justice System. He has also received the Martindale Hubble AV rating (highest ratings for legal ability and general ethical standards) and has been selected for inclusion in "New York Super Lawyers" for the past several years.

"Terry is one of the area's most highly respected attorneys," said McCoy, when he announced the appointment. "When I asked him to join our staff to assist with guiding and training two months ago, it was because of his tremendous knowledge, skill and experience. I am thrilled Terry has accepted the position of acting public defender and will provide the leadership needed in this important role."

"It means a lot to me," Kindlon said, "and to everyone who's a public defender these days." He accepted the role primarily because the county executive has promised him that he will put the public defender's office on "a level playing field" with the county's district attorney. "Indigent criminal defense has emerged as one of the most important civil rights issues of the 21st century," he said. "Equal protection of the law has meaning only when the least powerful among us are as zealously and effectively defended as the most powerful. We are beginning a process designed to upgrade and modernize the Albany County public defender's office to make it a powerful, respected force in the criminal justice system."

What that means to Kindlon is "a high level of training for the assistant public defenders, something that has simply not been the case in the last decade or so." He envisions extended training courses, practice trials and greater cooperation among local counties to pool resources

and offer additional learning opportunities.

The other "big problem" that he hopes to address is the "incredible disparity" between the salaries that are paid to public defenders and the salaries that are paid to assistant district attorneys in Albany County. "It's nuts," he exclaimed. "If you look around a little bit, at Saratoga County, for example, the salaries for assistant public defenders are exactly the same as the salaries for assistant prosecutors."

Comparing the system here to the one in which his wife began her law career in Arizona, he said that she worked for several years as an assistant prosecutor before she distinguished herself in her career and was invited to interview to join the public defender's office. When she ultimately got the job, he said, her pay remained the same. "And that's the way it should be! We're both in the same trial. We both deal with the same issues." (The 2016 approved Albany County budget appropriated approx. \$2.4 million for the district attorney's office and a little more than \$1.2 million for the office of the public defender.)

One of his goals, Kindlon said, is to make the position of public defender a career goal, rather than a stepping stone, as it is currently often viewed in Albany County. "If you look at the federal public defenders office, which is right in downtown Albany, that's the way the county should be. They have full-time assistant public defenders, they're paid exactly the same way as the assistant U.S. attorneys are paid, they've got professional, highly-qualified investigators, they've got systematic training programs, they've got a great secretarial staff and paralegals to help, they've got a brief bank, they've got the most modern computers—really, everything you should have in order to provide a zealous and appropriate defense to your clients."

The June passage of legislation in the state Assembly and Senate, sponsored by Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy (D-109) and Senator John DiFrancisco (R-50), would go a long way toward helping Kindlon accomplish his goals—assuming the bill is signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo once it's sent to his office. Currently, according to Kindlon, the county public defender's office is funded through county taxes, grant money "and a lot of free labor from assistant

public defenders." The new legislation would transfer the responsibility for funding the federally mandated office from local municipalities to the state by requiring it to reimburse all the costs of providing "indigent legal services."

The New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NYSACDL) commended Assembly's passage of bill in June, saying, "Under the existing funding framework, individual counties are responsible for funding public defense offices and many offices are severely understaffed, under-supported and overworked—at the expense of indigent clients, and of fairness. Passage of the Public Defense Mandate Relief Act is an important step to ensure effective and quality representation for all New Yorkers."

Kindlon specifically commended Fahy—as well as Sen. George Amedore (R-46) and Judge Larry Rosen, the county's Assigned Counsel Administrator—for the work they did to secure passage of the legislation. He also remarked on the bipartisan nature of the bill, which was passed unanimously by both houses. It has yet to be sent to the governor's desk.

"I'm optimistic, hopeful and happy," said Kindlon, who gives the lion's share of credit to McCoy. "He's the driving force behind this; he's the one who originated this idea and I think that he—together with Rosen, Fahy and Amedore—are people to whom these public defenders owe a debt of gratitude. They've done a wonderful thing here. Our office is going to evolve, it's going to be modernized and it's going to be updated."

Eventually, the county will find someone to take on the public defender role permanently. "I was brought in to be director of training, not to be the public defender," said Kindlon. "I'm confident that they're going to find somebody, but it's not me. I'm almost 70 and just spent more than 40 years running my own office—I would like to focus on the training and let somebody else, who's perhaps more interested in administration and office management, run the office."

Calling his current team of assistant public defenders "kick-ass attorneys," Kindlon said, "For me, this is like a dream come true. I can't believe they're actually paying me to do this."

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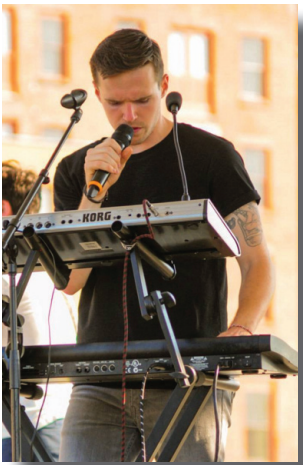
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Stellar Young

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INTERVIEW



Lovin' Life

LoCash's Preston Brust shares how the country duo battled through loss to come out on top

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ALBANY — It's simple to see why Preston Brust and Chris Lucas sing of loving life today — two Top 20 hits off their latest album "The Fighters," along being added to Spotify's 2016 watch list for country artists — but, that wasn't the case five years ago.

TheSpot518 caught up with Brust, after buzzing through town to play Alive at Five on the band's tour to promote its chart-topping LP. In the following interview, Brust shares how grateful he and Lucas are for the band's recent accolades, and some of the challenges the duo experienced during the thin years that nearly had the two considering throwing in the towel.

We also get Brust to explain his definition of what it means to be "Hillbilly Proud."

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Released in June, "The Fighters" already has two, Top 20 tracks on the charts, giving Preston Brust and Chris Lucas, of LoCash, reason to "love this life."
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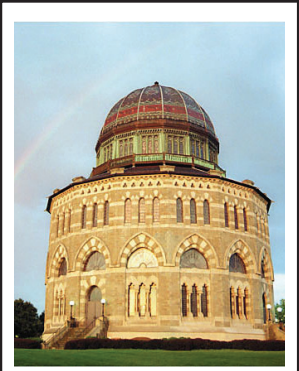
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We captured Patrick Strain of Tumbleweed Highway. See Page 23 for more.

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"I feel like the underdog story is one we all love and can appreciate, because it's not always easy to get the courage to walk up to somebody and try to get their name and phone number, or strike up a conversation. And, that's what "I Know Somebody" is all about. It's got that little twist where it says, "Hey, if you need someone to show you around, I know somebody." I mean, it's kind of the cool way of getting up courage. Maybe if she shoots you down, it's okay, because that "somebody" could have been somebody else."




— Preston Burst of LoCash



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LIVE MUSIC

Mike Tramp to visit the Capital District

WATERFORD — Mike Tramp, the former lead voice of White Lion, will be appearing at Chrome Food & Spirits in Waterford on Friday, Aug. 19.

Tramp, who is currently touring the country, will be joined at his show by Moriah Formica, a local rock musician. Formica most recently sang the National Anthem at the Saratoga Race Course.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for the 8 p.m. show. Tickets are \$15 in advance, and \$20 the day of the show. Tickets may be purchased online a www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2540585. Chrome Food & Spirits is located at 405 Hudson Road, in Waterford.

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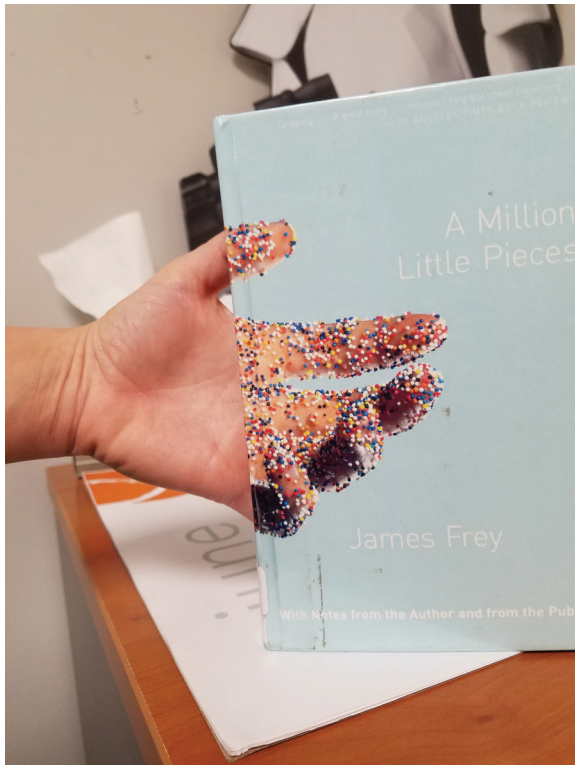
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■ POP CULTURE

Library gets social (media)

Albany Public Library uses social media, and creativity, to advertise inventory

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ALBANY — Have you paid attention to what your local library is doing on social media?

Over the years, the Internet has provided opportunities for individuals and businesses alike to network and create new avenues for commerce. In many cases, those opportunities have posed unwanted challenges; see also, brick and mortar stores, newspapers, the entire music industry.

Nevertheless, all businesses have had to rethink how to reach out to potential customers. That includes your local library.

So, how does a library advertise? When looking at just the bare basics of what a library provides, there's little mystery left to reveal to the unsuspecting patron.

The Albany Public Library has taken to social media, and done so in a creative way by means of mixed art on Instagram.

Ironically, unlike Facebook and Twitter, where

users rely predominately to the written form of communication, Instagram focuses most on image. For an institution known universally for books, it's a slap to the face, sort of speak.

"#bookface' is a hashtag trend that was started a couple of years ago by a librarian and which we at APL began doing back in February," said Dana Lee Willbanks, public information specialist for Albany Public Library.

These days, BookFaceFriday runs nearly as common as #ThrowbackThursday. What you're likely to see is the front cover of a book in the foreground, and someone standing behind it, with the complete composition involving an amalgamation of the two. For example, the book cover may feature a human torso, but the person behind it may position themselves to include his or her neck and head to complete the image.

Better yet, go to AlbanyNyLibrary on Instagram and see for yourself what creative works of art both library staff and patrons have created to help entertain followers online.

"I can't take credit for it, but our staff and patrons have certainly jumped on board with it," said Willbanks.

■ COMING UP IN SCHENECTADY

Dervish

Schenectady's Central Park — Sunday, Aug. 14

SCHENECTADY — Dervish concert performances are a myriad of tones and moods ranging from high energy tunes, played with fluidity and intuitiveness, to beautifully measured songs; from charming lyrics of life and love, to inspiring melodies that lift audiences from their seats. All the elements are drawn together by Roscommon-born Cathy Jordan's masterful voice and stage presence. Her stories to the songs and her interaction with the audience draws people into the music in a way very few performers can achieve.

The group's still influential debut album, "Harmony Hill," was called a "landmark" in Irish traditional music. Dervish, as its name might suggest, has always ridden a widening arc, keeping in close touch with the roots of the form, while always bumping at the edges of the circle with albums like 1995's At The End of The Day, 1996's Playing with Fire and the 2004 classic Spirit. And in 2013, the seven-piece band released its most recent studio effort, The Thrush in the Storm.

Sunday, Aug. 14 will also mark the popular Annual Music Haven Concert Series Summer Social, honoring Betsy Sandberg as 2016's Music Haven Maven. The event, beginning at 5 p.m., includes hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and catered stations reflecting locales of the season's artists (Senegal, Nashville, Jamaica, Ukraine and Puerto Rico) under the Park's Pavilion; reserved seating for the 7 p.m. concert; and a decadent post-performance dessert afterglow backstage. Tickets, \$75-\$500, are available at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2564408>.

■ ... ALBANY

Maura O'Connell and Karan Casey

The Egg, Center for the Performing Arts — Friday, Aug. 12



Photo by John Soffe

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ENTERTAINMENT

Altamont Fair offers things old, new

By KASSIE PARISI
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ALTAMONT — The Altamont Fair will return to the Capital District for the 123rd year next week, bringing with it many tried-and-true favorites along with a slew of new exhibits.

This year the fairgrounds will host some friendly, four-legged celebrities. The Budweiser Clydesdales will make an appearance at the fair on Saturday, Aug. 20. They will be on display at the fairgrounds from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. At 4 p.m., the horses will lead the Parade of Champions at the fairgrounds.

Saratoga Eagle, the beer distributors for the fair, reached out to Amy Anderson, the fair manager, and told her that they would have the horses in town for a separate event close to when the fair was being held. Anderson jumped at the opportunity to have the horses visit the grounds.

"I couldn't say no," Anderson told *TheSpot518*. "People are so excited about it."

This year also features an expanded Farm to Market



The midway lights up the Altamont Fair at night

Photo provided by The Altamont Fair

brew tasting on Thursday and Friday and a wine tasting on Saturday and Sunday. Participating breweries include Albany Distilling Company, the producer of Death Wish Vodka, and Helderberg Mountain Brewing Company. Participating wineries include Brookview Station Winery, Adirondack Winery, and Thousand Islands Winery.

Board member Pat Canaday said that there was a considerable effort to make the fair a place where people will be able to spend the day and be comfortable. She said there was "a conscious effort to make it a more intimate setting."

"We're trying to create an environment where people can stay for awhile," Canaday told Spotlight News.

This year will also feature more small entertainment acts, including a magician, and other activities to engage both children and their parents, including new children's rides and a baby animal exhibit to go with the existing animal exhibits.

Everyone's favorite furry and feathered friends will be in attendance as well.

The fair will feature a poultry exhibit complete with roosters, and a livestock show that features sheep, goats, and the many rows of colorful, fluffy rabbits. Patrons can also visit the dairy and beef cattle, or the petting zoo to see crowd favorite Twiggs the giraffe along with many other animals. The saloon will be open on Saturday and serving root beer floats for both adults and

children, and a barber will be providing haircuts. At the fair will be two new breastfeeding stations as well, and sunscreen will be sold for those who forget it.

Andersen had to walk a fine line while working on the fair this year, noting that she wanted things to change, while also wanting them to stay the same.

"How can we keep the historical value of this museum quality exhibit but bring new life into it?" she said. "I'm really optimistic that it's really going to be well received."

The fair will be open Tuesday Aug. 16 to Sunday Aug. 21. Admission is \$15 online and at the gate on Tuesday and Wednesday, and \$17 at the gate Thursday through Sunday. Wednesday is Senior and Military Day – seniors 65 years and up and members of the Armed Forces receive free admission until 4 p.m.

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Night & Day

Night: The Australian Pink Floyd Show at The Palace Theatre



The Australian Pink Floyd Show
 Palace Theatre
 Clinton Ave., Albany
 Sat., Aug. 13 . 8 p.m.
 \$29.50 to \$69.50

Photo courtesy the Palace Theatre

ALBANY — The critically-acclaimed Pink Floyd tribute band The Australian Pink Floyd Show will bring its “The Best of The Best” tour to the Palace Theatre on Saturday, Aug. 13 at 8 p.m.

Climb “The Wall” and take a trip to “The Dark Side of the Moon” as the band performs a host of Pink Floyd’s biggest hits with note-for-note perfection. Striving to reproduce the original

Pink Floyd experience and bring the band’s music to new audiences, the show continues to include a stunning light and laser show, video animations, state-of-the-art, high-resolution LED screen technology along with special effects and large inflatables.

Members of The Australian Pink Floyd Show have worked with musicians including Guy Pratt, Durga McBroom and her sister, Lorelei, who toured with the original band, in addition to sound engineer Colin Norfield, who worked with Pink Floyd during its “Division Bell” tour and with David Gilmour on his solo tours.

Since its first concert in Adelaide, Australia in 1988, the band has sold 4 million tickets worldwide and has

performed in 35 countries worldwide, including sold-out audiences in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Israel and Russia.

Tickets, which range from \$29.50 to \$69.50, are available for purchase at www.ticketmaster.com, Ticketmaster Charge by Phone at 1-800-745-3000 or in person or by phone (518) 465-4663 at The Palace Theater Box Office, Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with limited hours on Friday and Saturday during the summer months.

For additional details about the venue, visit www.palacealbany.com. For more information, about The Australian Pink Floyd Show, visit www.aussiefloyd.com.

The Palace Theatre is located at the intersection of Clinton Avenue and Broadway in downtown Albany.

Day: Look In a Book at the New York State Museum

ALBANY — Beat the summer heat with a cool story and fun activities!

Head over to the New York State Museum for its “Look In a Book” program from 11 a.m. to noon on Friday, August 12. The theme for this session is “Flower Power.”

Have you stopped to smell the roses lately? If not, visit the museum for this special story time program for a chance to hear “The Tiny Seed” by Eric Carle. After listening to the story, children will participate in a craft project and learn about the different kinds of flowers that grow in New York state. The program will take place in the museum’s Kids Cove

area, located on the first floor within Discovery Place.

For more information, call the Main Lobby Desk at 474-5877 or visit www.nysm.nysed.gov.

Admission to the museum is free, however a \$10 donation per family is suggested.

The New York State Museum is located at 222 Madison Avenue in the Empire State Plaza in downtown Albany.

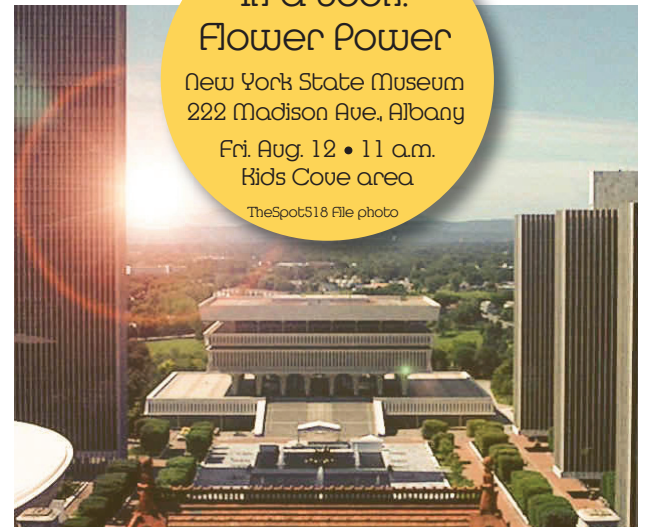
Parking is available in the two lots adjacent to the museum, both of which may be accessed from Madison Avenue. The fee is \$10 before 10 a.m., and \$5 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Paid parking is also available in the visitor’s garage underneath the Empire State Plaza Concourse.

Look In a Book: Flower Power

New York State Museum
 222 Madison Ave., Albany
 Fri. Aug. 12 • 11 a.m.
 Kids Cove area

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Sat: **Scott Bassinson Quartet** | 9 p.m.

Arthur's Market
35 N. Ferry St., Schenectady. 382-1938
Every Thur: **Edith's Amazing Jam** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Flint Blade; Morning Bear; John, Mike, Jere & Mark** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **Happenstance** | 7 p.m.
Sun: **Arthur Berry** | 2 p.m.
Mon: **Marianne & the Sikkohz** | 8 p.m.
Tue: **Real Book Jazz Jam** | 7 p.m.

Athos
1814 Western Ave., Albany. 608-6400
Fri: **Patricia Dalton Trio** | 7 p.m.

Cafe NOLA
617 Union St., Schenectady. 357-8628
Thur: **Laurie Czaban Schraiver & Friends** | 6:30 p.m.
Sat: **2Late** | 6:30 p.m.

Caffe Lena
47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. 225-0882
Every Thur: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m. (at 42 Phila St.)
Fri: **Jamcrackers** (at the Grove, 233 Lake Ave.) | 7 p.m.
Sat: **5th Annual Banjo Revelry** (at the Grove) | 7 p.m.

Carney's Tavern
17 Main Street, Ballston Lake. 280-7959
Every Thur: **Matty Finn** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Winchester & Young** | 7:30 p.m.
Sat: **Take 2** | 7:30 p.m.

Castle Street Café
10 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. 413-528-5244
Fri: **Peter Primamore Band** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Mark Lewis Trio** | 8 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 helsinkiHUDSON.com

ARTS CALENDAR



Free Shakespeare in Lincoln Park
Steamer No. 10 Theatre heads outdoors to present William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" at Albany's Lincoln Park. Shows take place Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m.

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Wed: **The DuPont Brothers** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Ginkgoa** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Rich Robinson, Bonnie Bishop** | 9 p.m.

Crown Grill
390 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. 583-1105

Wed: **Azzaam Hameed & Roosevelt** | 7 p.m.

Dolce Vita
1727 State St., Schenectady. 357-3324
Fri & Sat: **Music and Dancing with Randy Loren** | 5 p.m.

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

Sun: **Family Show with Deb Cavanaugh** | 3 p.m.
Alyssa Yeager | 7 p.m.
Every Tue: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

The Fountain Restaurant
283 New Scotland Ave., Albany. 482-9898
Fri & Sat: **Skip Parsons' Riverboat Jazz Band** | 9:30 p.m.

Fuze Box
12 Central Ave., Albany. 703-8937
Fri: **Eastern Electric, Tvil, Pity Clinic** | 8 p.m.
Sat: 80s Night | 9 p.m.

Gaffney's
16 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs. 587-7359
Wed: **Toga Boys** | 8 p.m.

Thur: **The North and South Dakotas** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Skippy and the Pistons** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Foldin' Money** | 9 p.m.
Sun: **Sirsy** | 9 p.m.
Mon: **Karaoke with Mitch Frasier** | 8 p.m.
Every Tue: **Open Mic with Rick Bolton** | 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: **Wayne Hawkins** | 8 p.m.

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

The Half Moon
48 S. Front St., Hudson. thehalfmoonHUDSON.com
Fri: **Mamadou Kelly, Last Good Tooth** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Jackie Lynn** | 8 p.m.

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

The Happy Cappuccino
1 Crossgates Mall Rd., Albany. 313-7423
Fri: **Jeff Nania and Lecco Morris** | 12 p.m.

The Hollow Bar + Kitchen
79 N. Pearl St., Albany. 426-8550
Sat: **Stellar Young** | 9 p.m.

The Low Beat
335 Central Ave., Albany. 432-6572
Every Wed: **The Deadbeats** | 10 p.m.
Thur: **The Rechorduroys, The Psychiatric Metaphors, The Off White, Nobody For President** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Rum Ham, Intheshit, Start The Reactor, Inhumatus** | 8 p.m.

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 5. African capital
 10. Boris Godunov, for one
 14. Booty
 15. "Darn!"
 16. Big Indian
 17. Diplomatic official
 19. Mosque V.I.P.
 20. ____ jacket
 21. Latke ingredient
 22. All ____
 23. Horse handler
 25. Engine sound
 27. A break in a set
 33. Money in the bank, say
 36. Who "ever loved you more than I," in song
 37. "For shame!"
 38. Stooge
 39. Backgammon piece
 40. Idle
 41. Victorian, for one
 42. Treasury
 43. Like composition paper
 44. Impolite
 47. Camping gear
 48. All together
 52. Big loser's nickname?
 54. Equipping weapons
 58. Not just "a"
 59. Toll road
 60. Spray to use unwanted plants
 62. Brio
 63. To anoint
 64. Swerves at sea
 65. Dermatologist's concern
 66. Linked or joined two draft animals
 67. "____ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)

- DOWN**
1. "Remember the ____!"
 2. States of prolonged unconsciousness
 3. Automaton
 4. In-flight info, for short
 5. Catalog
 6. Chew the fat
 7. Conclusion
 8. Carrot, e.g.
 9. Poisonous alkaloid obtained from nightshade
 10. Testers
 11. Good one
 12. "When it's ____" (old riddle answer)
 13. Butts
 18. All in
 24. Bank claim
 26. "It's no ____!"
 28. "Come in!"
 29. Fowl place
 30. Betting game
 31. Exude
 32. Call for
 33. Acted like
 34. Delhi dress
 35. Symbol used by the Nazis
 39. Person with no access to outside world
 40. "Schindler's ____"
 42. Voting "nay"
 43. Cloth used as a turban
 45. Like concrete
 46. Pig squealed
 49. Book of maps
 50. Flavored soft candy
 51. Brusque
 52. Particular, for short
 53. Easter flower
 55. Ashcroft's predecessor
 56. Docile
 57. Doing nothing
 61. Alkaline liquid

Answers on Pg. B25

ARTS CALENDAR

Sat: **Hasty Page, Machete, A Nautical Mile** | 8 p.m.

Lucas Confectionary and Wine Bar

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

McGeary's

4 Clinton Square, Albany. 463-1455
Every Wed: **Best Damn Open Mic Ever with Mother Judge** | 7:30 p.m.
Every Sun: **Blues Jam** | 7:30 p.m.

Moon & River Café

115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady. 377-5100
Wed: **Doug Chilton** | 7 p.m.
Thur: **Dave Kitchen** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Lisa Lambert & Ryan Legere** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Flint Blade, Deb Fish** | 7 p.m.
Every Sun: **Open Mic** | 7:30 p.m.
Mon: **Ron Sorenson** | 7 p.m.
Tue: **Dave Kitchen Trio** | 7 p.m.

Mouzon House

1 York St., Saratoga Springs. 226-0014
Wed: **Jeanne O'Connor Trio** | 7 p.m.
Thur: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 7 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: **Chuck D'Aloia** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **Pat Daley** | 6 p.m.

Parish Public House

388 Broadway, Albany. 365-0444
Fri: **The Deadbeats** | 8 p.m.

The Parting Glass

40 Lake Ave, Saratoga Springs. 583-1916

Wed: **Irish Celtic Session** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Big Medicine** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **The Ruffians** | 9 p.m.
Sun: **Kevin Kinney** | 8 p.m.
Mon & Tue: **Luck Of The Draw** | 7 p.m.

Panza's

510 NY Rte. 9P (on Saratoga Lake), Saratoga Springs. 584-6882
Wed: **Artie Mozeik** | 6 p.m.
Thur: **Chris Dollard** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Azzaam Hameed** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Colleen Pratt & Peg Delaney** | 7:30 p.m.

Pauly's Hotel

337 Central Ave., Albany. paulyshotel.com
Wed: **Underdog, Scum Couch, Hill Haints** | 8:30 p.m.
Fri: **Evolution, Virtue Falls** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Nobody for President, Desafinado** | 8 p.m.
Mon: **Blue Monday Blues Jam** | 8 p.m.

Platinum Pub

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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: **Knot Dead** | 9:30 p.m.
Fri: **Hair Band Riot** | 9:30 p.m.
Sat: **Bella's Bartok, Lucky Jukebox Brigade, Candy Ambulance** | 9 p.m.

Roux

10-01 Vista Blvd., Slingerlands. 487-4358
Wed & Fri: **Stephanie Robinson Duo** | 6 p.m.



Appearing at The Sembrich

Honorary Bel Canto Institute award winner Karen Frankenstein is one of the performers appearing at The Sembrich Opera Museum Thursday, Aug. 11, at 7:30 p.m., for an evening of Italian songs and arias. Performance Award winners Theodora Caggiano and Justin Burgess are also performing.

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

Speakeasy 518
42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2332
Wed: **Tyler Giroux** | 8 p.m.
Thur: **Alex Slomka Duo** | 9 p.m.
Fri: **Tony Berman Trio** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **George Muscatello 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: **Don Egly & Lou Pappas** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Completely Different** | 7 p.m.

Twisted Vine
384 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. 439-3241
Thur: **Mia Jazz Trio** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Brian, Becca & Brian** | 8 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 Road, Wilton. 584-7640
Wed-Sun: **Rob Aronstein** | 6:30 p.m.
Mon: **Larry Finke** | 6:30 p.m.
Tue: **Roger Held** | 6:30 p.m.
Yono's
25 Chapel St., Albany. 436-7747
Fri and Sat: **Hamilton Street Jazz Duo** | 6:30 p.m.

MUSIC

Buhrmaster Barn Concert Series
Todd Meredith and The Rave-Ons (Buddy Holly tribute band). Aug. 10, 6:30 p.m., Prunyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham. Admission: adults \$5, children 12 and under free. Information: 783-1435 or www.prunynhouse.org.
Funk Evolution
Party R&B band. Aug. 10, 7 p.m., Free-

dom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. Information: www.freedomparkscotia.com.

Lake George Arts Project Summer Concert Series
Galactic Cowboy Orchestra performs. Aug. 10, 7 p.m., Shepard Park, Lake George. Free. Information: 668-2616 or www.lakegeorgearts.org.

Philadelphia Orchestra
Guest conductor Keith Lockhart (Boston Pops) leads the orchestra through works by Copland, Wagner, Grofé and more, with special guests Justin Hopkins (bass-baritone) and narrator Tom Durkin. Aug. 10, 8 p.m., Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

Boston Symphony Chamber Players
Special guest Jeremy Flower performs one of his works with the chamber group. Aug. 10, 8 p.m., Seiji Ozawa Hall,

Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$18-\$56. Information: www.bso.org.

Jazz on Jay
The Dave Fisk Quartet performs. Aug. 11, noon, "The Circle" at State and Jay streets (across from Proctor's), Schenectady. Free. Information: 372-5656.

Concerts in the Park
Aged in the Hills performs. Aug. 11, 6 p.m., Wiswall Park, Ballston Spa. Free.

Vellano Corporation Summer Concert Series
Keith Pray's Mohawk Brass Band performs. Aug. 11, 6:30 p.m., The Crossings, 580 Albany Shaker Road, Colonie. Free. Information: 456-2136.

Up All Night
Cover band specializing in today's hit songs performs on Fireworks Night. Aug. 11, 6:30 p.m., Halfmoon Town Park. Free. Information: www.halfmooncelebrations.org.

Nanne & Ankie
Folk duo. Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m., Old Songs

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ARTS CALENDAR

Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: \$15. Information: 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

New York Players

Party band closes out the concert season. Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m., Guilderland Performing Arts Center, Tawasentha Park, Route 146, Guilderland. Free. Information: 456-3150.

Bel Canto Institute Singers

Scholarship winners from the Bel Canto Institute's Summer Session in Florence, Italy, perform a selection of songs and arias. Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m., The Sembrich Opera Museum, 4800 Lakeshore Dr., Bolton Landing. Tickets: \$30. Information: 644-2431 or www.thesebrich.org.

Philadelphia Orchestra

World renowned orchestra teams up with Janni Younge Productions Puppets (Broadway's "War Horse") for two performances of Stravinsky's "The Firebird." Aug. 11, 3 p.m., and Aug. 12, 8 p.m., Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

Vocal recital

Mezzo-soprano Stephanie Blythe performs with the Tanglewood Music Center Vocal Fellows. Aug. 11, 8 p.m., Seiji Ozawa Hall, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$12. Information: www.bso.org.

Rock the Block Concert Series

Harmony Rocks performs. Aug. 12, 6 p.m., Canal Square, 72 Remsen St., Cohoes. Free.

Upbeat on the Roof

Gypsy jazz group Hot Club of Saratoga performs. Aug. 12, 7 p.m., Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, Skidmore College, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. Information: 580-8080 or tang.skidmore.edu.

Maura O'Connell & Karan Casey

Two of Ireland's most beloved singers perform together. Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m., Swyer Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$34. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Kenny Wayne Shepherd

Modern blues guitarist and singer. Aug. 12, 8 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$39.75-\$59.75. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Boston Symphony Orchestra

Charles Dutoit conducts the orchestra through works by Nicolai, Mozart, Debussy and Ravel, featuring pianist Emmanuel Ax. Aug. 12, 8 p.m., Koussevitzky Music Shed, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$22-\$111. Information:



From the cosmos to the lake

Galactic Cowboy Orchestra comes to Lake George's Shepard Park for a performance Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m., as part of the Lake George Art Project Summer Concert Series.

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Boston University Tanglewood Institute Young Artists Orchestra

Students from the Boston University Tanglewood Institute performing works by Enescu, Gershwin and Brahms. Aug. 13, 2:30 p.m., Seiji Ozawa Hall, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$12. Information: www.bso.org.

Powers Park Concert Series

Dance Party night with The Refrigerators. Aug. 13, 6 p.m., Powers Park, 420 Second Ave., Troy. Free. Information: 279-7162.

Betsy and the ByeGons

Music from the 1960s. Aug. 13, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. Information: www.FreedomParkScotia.com.

The Australian Pink Floyd Show

Pink Floyd tribute band performs the British psychedelic rock band's greatest hits, complete with a replica stage show. Aug. 13, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$29.50-\$69.50. Information: palacealbany.com.

Philadelphia Orchestra

A night of "Sophisticated Ladies," a celebration of the groundbreaking icons of American popular song from Ella

Fitzgerald to Billie Holiday, featuring Montego Glover, Capathia Jenkins and N'Kenge. Aug. 13, 8 p.m., Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

Boston Pops Orchestra

A night of John Williams' memorable movie compositions. Aug. 13, 8 p.m., Koussevitzky Music Shed, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$22-\$124. Information: www.bso.org.

Seth Glier

Folk singer-songwriter performs songs from his Grammy-nominated album, "The Next Right Thing." Aug. 13, 8 p.m., The Guthrie Center, 4 Van Deusenville Road, Great Barrington, Mass. Tickets: members \$20, non members \$25. Information: (413) 528-1955 or guthriecenter.org/troubadour-series.

Tanglewood Music Center Chamber Music

Works by Ravel, Grafe, Anderson, Shostakovich, Waley-Cohen and Mendelssohn. Aug. 14, 10 a.m., Seiji Ozawa Hall, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$12. Information: www.bso.org.

Boston Symphony Orchestra

David Afkham conducts the orchestra through works by Beethoven and Schumann, featuring pianist Igor Levit.

Aug. 14, 2:30 p.m., Koussevitzky Music Shed, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$20-\$101. Information: www.bso.org.

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

Performing works by Schubert, Harbison, Previn, Bolcom, O'Connor and Gershwin. Aug. 14, 3 p.m., Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

Music from Salem

Performing "The Great Arch of Unimagined Bridges," featuring works by Prokofiev, Dvorak, Schubert and Glazunov, featuring violinist Solomiya Ivakhiv. Aug. 14, 4 p.m., Hubbard Hall, 25 East Main St., Cambridge. Suggested ticket price: \$25. Information: 232-2347.

Toby Keith

Country singer-songwriter, with special guest Eric Paslay. Aug. 14, 7 p.m., Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

Big Sky Country

High energy modern country band. Aug. 14, 7 p.m., Clifton Common, Vischer Ferry Road, Clifton Park. Free. Information: 371-6667 or www.cliftonpark.org.

Music Haven Concert Series

Traditional Irish band Dervish concludes

this year's concert series, with opening act Matt & Shannon Heaton. Aug. 14, 7 p.m., Central Park, Schenectady. Free. Information: www.musichavenstage.org.

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Dana Park Concert Series

Indie rock band The Ameros headlines, with opening act Darling Valley. Aug. 15, 5 p.m., Dana Park, Lark Street, Albany. Free.

Counting Crows & Rob Thomas

Two popular acts from the 1990s touring together. Aug. 15, 6:45 p.m., Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

Dougie MacLean

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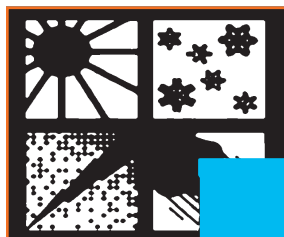
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ARTS CALENDAR

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

Linda Russell

Celebrate "America's Best Idea" with a musical tour through national parks. Aug. 16, noon, Saratoga National Historical Park visitor center, 648 Route 32, Stillwater. Free. Information: 670-2985 or www.nps.gov/sara.

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

Performing works by Beethoven and Schubert. Aug. 16, 8 p.m., Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

Made in the Shade of The Egg concert series

Jazz/world music band Heard performs.

Aug. 17, noon, Empire State Plaza Concourse, Albany. Free. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

THEATRE

Almost, Maine

A romantic comedy about love set under the magic of the Northern Lights. Presented by The Lake Theatre, Holiday Inn Resort, Lake George, through Sept. 3. Information: 668-5762, ext. 411 or laketheatreproductions.com.

Disney's The Little Mermaid

Stage adaptation of Disney's animated classic. Presented by Park Playhouse, Washington Park Lakehouse, Albany, through Aug. 27. Shows: Tuesdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m. Tickets:

reserved seats \$16-\$24, lawn seats free. Information: www.parkplayhouse.com.

Sister Act

Musical adaptation of hit movie. Presented by Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 NY-203, Chatham, Aug. 11-21. Tickets: evenings \$34, matinees \$31, children under 12 \$14. Information: 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org.

Love, Loss and What I Wore

Nora and Delia Ephron's play featuring 28 hilarious and poignant vignettes about life's journeys for different women. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Aug. 20. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m. and Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or

www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

The Taming of the Shrew

William Shakespeare's famous comedy. Presented by Steamer No. 10 Theatre at Lincoln Park, 116 Delaware Ave., Albany, Aug. 12-21. Shows: 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. Free; donations welcome. Information: 438-5503 or www.steamer10theatre.org/category/shakespeare.

The Real (Desperate) Housewives of Columbia County

A hilarious musical about the lives of four women. Presented by Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 NY-203, Chatham, Aug. 15. Tickets: \$25. Information: 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org.

www.ps21chatham.org.

Ajkun Ballet Theatre

Performing the romantic ballet "Giselle." Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: adults \$29, children \$19. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

FAMILY/YOUTH

Catskill Puppet Theater

Performing "The Lion's Whiskers." Aug. 10, 7 p.m., Clifton Common, Vischer Ferry Road, Clifton Park. Free. Information: 371-6667 or www.cliftonpark.org.

Barker Park Kids' Summer Series

Heard performs world music for children. Aug. 11, 11 a.m., Barker Park, corner of Third and State streets, Troy. Free. Information: troymusicall.org.

Saratoga Children's Theatre

Two performances of the George and Ira Gershwin musical, "Crazy For You." Aug. 12, 1 and 6 p.m., St. Clement's Elementary School, Saratoga Springs. Tickets: adults \$10, children ages 11-18 \$5, children 10 and under free. Information: 430-7423 or www.saratogachildrenstheatre.org.

Seussical Jr.

The characters of Dr. Seuss come to life on stage. Presented by Mac-Haydn Children's Theatre, through Aug. 20. Shows: Friday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Tickets: \$10. Information: 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org.

FILM

Deja View movie series

See Disney/Pixar's "Up." Aug. 11, 7:45 p.m., Tricentennial Park, Broadway and Columbia Street, Albany. Free.

Free Summer Family Movies

See "Hotel Transylvania." Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Free. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Summer in the City movie series

See "Inside Out." Aug. 16, 1 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Free. Information: palacealbany.com.

Food for Thought — Indian Point

See the documentary about the nuclear power plant located 35 miles north of Times Square and what the future holds in store for nuclear energy. Aug. 18, 7 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Information: 465-5233 or thelinda.org.

LITERARY

Brien Boueya

Communications director of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame talks about his new book, "Bare Knuckles & Saratoga Racing: The Remarkable Life of John Morrissey." Aug. 16, 6 p.m., Northshire Bookstore, 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 682-4200 or www.northshire.com.

Third Thursday Poetry Night

Schenectady poet Martin Manley reads from his work, followed by an open mic. Aug. 18, 7:30 p.m., Social Justice Center, 33 Central Ave., Albany. Suggested donation: \$3. Information: Dan Wilcox, 482-0262 or dnlw@earthlink.net.

MISCELLANEOUS

New York State Food Festival

A day to showcase the food found in New York, plus a performance by The Commodores. Aug. 10, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Empire State Plaza Concourse, Albany. Free. Information: www.empirestateplaza.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 bring their own beverages. Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Brunswick Community Library, 4118 State Highway 2, Troy. Information: 279-4023.

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.

Weekly ceramics

Two-hour Thursday class taught by Chris Singer, 1 to 3 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.

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The Comedy Works

Kevin Downey Jr. headlines through Aug. 13. Shows: Wednesday 8:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 and 10 p.m. 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com.

Pretty Much the Best Comedy Show

Rising star Nore Davis headlines this month's show. Aug. 20, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: advance \$15, day of \$20. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

DANCE

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Modern dance company performing "On Distant Shores," "Views of the Fleet- ing World" and "Bolero." Aug. 12 and 13, 8 p.m., Performance Spaces for the 21st Century, 2980 Route 66, Chatham. Tickets: general admission \$35, PS21 members \$30, students \$18. Information: 392-6121 or

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■ ARTS CALENDAR



Back in the habit

The Mac-Haydn Theatre in Chatham presents "Sister Act," the Broadway version of the hit movie, Aug. 11-21. Shows take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, with Sunday matinees. Call 392-9292 for more information.

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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. Info: 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 Oulija, 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," through Aug. 27. 265 River St., Troy. Information: 273-0552 or www.artscenonline.org.

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.

The Hyde Collection

"Camp Iris," a site-specific, interactive work by Victoria Palermo, through Labor Day; "Dürer & Rembrandt: Master Prints from the Collection of Dr. Dorrance Kelly" and "The Hydes & Rembrandt," through Oct. 2. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information: 792-1761 or www.hydecollection.org.

The Laffer Gallery

"Symphony in Color," featuring works by

Peris Carbonell and John Van Orsouw, through Aug. 28. 96 Broad St., Schuylerville. Information: www.thelaffergallery.com.

Mabee Farm Historic Site

"In Whom We Trust: At the Crossroads of Faith & Community," a photography exhibit by Michael Diana. 1100 Main St. (Route 5S), Rotterdam Junction. Information: schenectadyhistorical.org/exhibits.

miSci

"Return of the Dinosaurs," through Sept. 18. Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Info: 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

"St. Paul's Chapel: A Place of Refuge," through Aug. 21. Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Info: 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.

Saratoga Arts

"The 10x10 Exhibition," through Aug. 26. Saratoga Arts Center, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: Saratoga-arts.org.

Second Floor Gallery

NorthCountryARTS exhibition featuring works by Nancy Powhida and Tom O'Brien, through Sept. 2. Glens Falls City Hall, 42 Ridge St., Glens Falls. Information: 798-0992.

Shirt Factory Gallery

"Second National Pastel Exhibition," sponsored by the Adirondack Pastel Society, through Aug. 13. 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.

Thomas Cole National Historic Site

"Open House: Contemporary Art in Conversation with Cole," a new series of art projects starting with Jason Middlebrook. Aug. 14 through Oct. 30. Members' opening and reception: Aug. 13, 5 to 7 p.m. Plus, "Thomas Cole: The Artist as Architect," through Oct. 30. 218 Spring St., Catskill. Information: 943-7465 or thomascole.org.

Union College

"Slippery Slope by Georgie Friedman," Peter Irving Wold Center, College Atrium, second floor, through Nov. 30. Information: 388-6318 or www.union.edu/gallery.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Thomas Cole National Historic Site

Seeking artists to contribute postcard-sized artwork for its "Postcards from the Trail" exhibition, taking place Sept. 18. Art must feature one of the 22 sites along the Hudson River School Art Trail. Submission deadline: Sept. 3. Information: www.thomascole.org/call-to-artists.

Rising Stars

Seeking singers, dancers, musicians and novelty acts for competition at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds on Wednesday, Aug. 31. Divisions for mini talent (ages 12 and under) and talent ages 13 and older. Information: Jim Staats, talent coordinator, 767-2744 or Schaghticoke2016@aol.com. Entry deadline is Aug. 24.

Saratoga Arts

Seeking artists to submit works for its Art in the Park 2016 day Sept. 17 in Congress Park. Artists can submit up to five images of their original works for review. Information: 584-4132 or saratoga-arts.org.

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HEALTH AND FITNESS

Pick a sport to lose weight

Taking on a sport can break up the monotony of exercise

By **CRAIG W. ARMSTRONG**
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Most people think losing weight is exhausting physically, but for those who battle their weight, they know it can be just as taxing mentally. For someone who is truly unhappy with how they look and feel, the idea of shedding pounds can be on their mind constantly. They diet and go to the gym and some cases see very little results. The gym becomes a chore and full of monotony. But maybe they have the wrong approach. Considering a sport to shed those pounds might be the answer.

A sport can fend off the monotony, allow interaction with others and give you a sense of achievement. But which sport to choose?

Let's consider that you are not in the best shape and are not ready to run a marathon. That doesn't mean you can't get involved in a sport and do it at your own pace. Some sports are done alone; some are done in group or with a team. Which do you prefer?

If you prefer to be alone, think about cycling. Most of us learned how to ride a bike as a kid and like they say, you never forget. You can ride a touring bike, like a 10-speed or a mountain bike. Either can provide you with beautiful scenery. The miles and the calories can just melt away as you enjoy your ride.

Another sport done alone is swimming. Again, you probably learned how to do this as a kid and maybe it's time to jump back in the water. Swim laps or just swim

around. Swimming is also very low impact and easy on your joints.

How about tennis? This is a very fast paced and physical sport, with lots of running and quick movements. You'll need a partner and a racket. Again, the key here is distraction. You will be burning calories while you have fun.

If you want to get really physical, how about trying boxing or martial arts? Boxing is a very grueling sport that requires constant and explosive movement. Definitely a sport to work your way up to, but with the right training, you can start slow and enjoy the benefits of great workout. The same goes for martial arts. Many of the places that have martial arts classes are family oriented. Consider joining with the kids or your spouse. They usually offer beginner programs that are great for your needs.

If you want to relive your glory days, how about playing some b-ball? Basketball is another great way to burn calories and tone muscles. Many places have pickup games or leagues. Look locally and see if these exist in your community.

Running is another great way to lose weight. It is not easy on the body, so if you want to become a runner...START SLOWLY. Running is a great sport for goal setting. Maybe you can only run around the block right now, but set a goal to run a 5k in several months. Running has become a popular sport and most communities have several runs a year, some have them every weekend.

You don't have to choose just one sport, add even more variety by doing a couple. Plus you can add in a couple of trips to gym and now it will be way less tedious. Whichever sport you choose, see your doctor before starting any exercise program.

Don't let the thought of weight loss consume you. Make it fun, stay active and don't quit.

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■ CULINARY ARTS

Going yard to table

More and more people are getting their vegetables from their own gardens

By **CRAIG W. ARMSTRONG**
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For most people creating something comes with great satisfaction. Growing your own food takes that satisfaction to the next level. Many people choose to buy their food, but if you ever thought of growing your own, here are few tips to get you started.

Because your success in growing vegetables is not a matter of life or death, if you fail just run to the store, your goal should be to have fun. Go into your first vegetable garden by looking at it as a learning experience. Your job is to enjoy the journey.

The first thing to consider when planning your garden is sunlight. We all need it, especially our plants. A good rule of thumb is 6 hours. Most vegetables grow to their full potential with minimum of 6 hours of direct sunlight a day. While this is a good rule to keep-in-mind, not all veggies require the same amount of sun exposure. For example, leafy crops like our friend spinach does fairly well in shaded areas. Root crops such as carrots and radishes need more sun than their leafy counterparts, but can still thrive with less than 6 hours of sunlight. However, fruiting plants like tomatoes and peppers love the sun and require lots of it.

Next consider drainage. We all know that plants need water, but they also need air. Water drainage depends on your soil. Sandy soils drain better than soils heavy in clay. Therefore, when planning the area for your garden, consider the soil, it's critical to your success. A way to ensure you get the soil with the best drainage is to use raised garden beds. Essentially you are creating a box full of soil and planting inside of it. Many vegetable gardens are grown this way and it's great for beginners.

Size matters, especially for your first vegetable garden. The size of your garden should be based on how much time you are willing to spend "tending" it, how much space you have and how much money you want to invest.

Have a plan. Grab some paper and do a layout of your

garden. A few things to keep in mind are leaving enough room for your plants to grow, leaving room for you to work within the garden and access for transporting things to the garden.

You will need to choose between planting by seed or transplant. Many people like to plant from seed because of the challenge. It's up to you, remember this is learning process.

This is very brief lesson in growing your own. You will want to do your homework, talk to people who have gardening experience and the folks at the local greenhouse or retailer.

Growing your own food can give you great satisfaction and a feeling of accomplishment. It doesn't have to be hard or stressful. Enjoy the process and grow vegetables that you enjoy, but always remember if you fail, there's always pizza delivery.



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FILM REVIEW

Jason Bourne

Bourne is at it again, and so are Nicole and Matt

By **NICOLE & MATT ROBINSON**
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Nicole: Yay! Another Jason Bourne movie, starring Matt Damon, the one and only. And holy crap, that man just keeps getting hotter by the minute.

Matt: It's like looking in a mirror.

N: Definitely.

M: I was a little nervous about this one because I love the first three so much. I was afraid they'd ruin it.

N: Wasn't this one almost an attempt to correct the fact that only Matt Damon can make Bourne movies – no one else? They already nearly ruined it. This was like a

beautiful, sexy apology.

M: Whoa. Damon plays the role so well. It's a serious action role that I think only Matt Damon can pull off.

N: His supporting cast for this movie was excellent as well. Tommy Lee Jones, Alicia Vikander, and Vincent Cassel were all incredible and their characters brought a freshness that a fourth film in any series might need.

M: I felt all the acting was pretty good for a summer blockbuster.

N: Just pretty good?

M: I mean, there's no Oscar-winning performances here. And the Bourne movies have always been pretty well acted. What worried me was that they'd be

rehashing all the old Bourne tropes. But they didn't, not really.

N: Except for this insane distrust in Jason Bourne and his motives, as an interloping agent to Bourne's history, has the chance to change. That has always been so interesting to me about these movies. It has always been more about the guilt these agents feel for their actions than any real revenge Jason Bourne wishes to take. His motives don't ever seem to align with what the CIA thinks they are.

M: I think, unfortunately, this is where these movies start to feel stale. Four movies is enough. There's only so many times we can see them try to take out Jason

IF YOU GO

- **Rating:** PG-13
- **Genre:** Action/Thriller
- **Length:** 2 hours, 3 minutes
- **Starring:** Matt Damon

Bourne because they are afraid of him.

N: I would watch one million Bourne movies.

M: I would just watch these four, because this movie showed that they're changing their direction. A change in direction loses the soul of the movies. Overall, the action is always good. The suspense is always good. But the first three movies were about Jason Bourne and how he changed. This movie wasn't. It was about the freedom of privacy, so it didn't really feel like a Jason Bourne movie in a weird way.

N: I disagree completely. A Bourne movie with a change of direction would be the only way to keep this series alive. Especially, if as you stated, you're afraid

they're getting stale. And yes, this movie was about the freedom of privacy, but that plot is woven into the past mistakes they made with Jason Bourne. This highlighted the difference between Tommy Lee Jones', or Albert Finney's characters, and Alicia Vikander's. Those who are entrenched in their own history are doomed to make the same mistakes.

M: I like Jason Bourne movies because I like watching his story. I feel like if you took this chapter of his life out, nothing would be different. I appreciate that they tried to take a stance on a real social issue. For an action movie that's an admirable quality. But Jason Bourne's character is ultimately not impacted by this movie, so I don't really see the point. Especially since it's titled, Jason Bourne.

N: Agree to disagree, then.

M: When in Rome.

N: That's not even... nevermind.

M: Good summer blockbuster, weakest Bourne film. B-

N: My only complaint about the movie was that it needed more Vincent

Cassel. He was in the movie quite a bit, as the foil to Jason, but was hardly given any dialogue and any scene that he was featured in was dark and shadowy. That's seriously my only complaint. I thought the story was solid. I thought it drove the narrative forward in a direction that wasn't a complete 180, but that allows for larger changes in subsequent movies should they decide to make them. I give it an A.

M: I love you, but you're crazy.

An ode to Raymond Carver

ALBANY — Thus far, for Albany Public Library's Reading Music series, songwriter Michael Eck has penned a clutch of murder ballads based on actual local cases and a brace of tunes based on John Steinbeck's "East of Eden." Now, he turns his eye towards minimalist fiction with "Signals: Songs from Raymond Carver."

Eck will perform "Signals" Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Local History Room at the Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave. in Albany. Admission is free.

Reading Music, which challenges area musicians to respond to classic literature with original music, has inspired others including M.R. Pouloupoulos, Zan Strumfeld, Matt Durfee, Tom McWatters and Gail Sparlin, authors have included Steinbeck, William Kennedy, Philip K. Dick, Kurt Vonnegut and Roald Dahl.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Where you may catch us in Troy

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It was late Saturday morning, on a day where the temps reached 90 well before 10 a.m., when we headed over to Troy for its Farmers Market. It was the 10-year old and myself, with a list and a mission. Once we arrived, we wandered the Market for a least an hour, and then the stores for about another hour. By the time 12/12:30 approached I was hearing the "Mommy I am starving", and having had spent the early part of the morning at the gym, my stomach was agreeing with hers. Since we were in downtown Troy, we decided to head over to Slidin' Dirty.

Slidin' Dirty is known for, well, its sliders, but they also have some other really funky things on their menu. We were seated right away at a high top table, which the 10-year-old always thinks is extra fun. It took a bit of time for our server to come over, but the restaurant was packed and it appeared that there were only two people working the floor (and that included the bar). When the server finally did come over, she was rushed, but nice. I ordered a Bloody Mary, the 10-year-old ordered a soda, and we ordered Avocado Fries. Oh, yes, Avocado Fries. The table next to us was eating them, and they looked amazing.

Once we placed the drink and appetizer order, we dove into the menu and we both had a really hard time deciding. Everything

looked so good! The 10-year-old, after much debate, ultimately decided on Reuben Mac and Cheese. I went with sliders. They offer them in orders of two or three, and you can choose from "The Dirty Dozen" as to what kind you want. I went with the Ol' Faithful and the Bacon Blue. They offer, a side of pickled vegetables for an extra dollar, and I am a fan of anything pickled, so I opted for those as well.

The Bloody Mary and soda arrived, and as far as Bloody Mary's go (they are a staple for me), this one ranked very high. Not overly spicy, but not bland either. A nice little kick, plenty of horseradish, and enough vodka that I knew it was there, but not that it was overpowering.

In the meantime – the Avocado Fries arrived and just the sight of them, made us both want to dive head first into the bowl. They were lightly breaded with a panko crust, and served with a slightly spicy chipotle cream sauce for dipping. They were in one word "outrageous". The breading had that light crisp, that added just a little crunch, while the inside (the avocado) was soft and warm, but not mushy or overdone. The next thing I knew, the 10-year-old was eating them two at a time! I had to actually tell her to slow down, I was afraid she would get a stomachache.

Our lunches arrived

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quicker than I would have thought, with there being such a big crowd. When she saw the Reuben Mac and Cheese, her eyes became massive with excitement. It was everything she loves all in one bowl. And it did not disappoint. With a creamy mac and cheese, layered with pastrami and sauerkraut and some sort of secret sauce, it was as she said "amazing". That compliment, coming from a 10-year-old is the highest praise there is. I had a taste, and while it wasn't for me, I could see that for what she was looking for, it was spot on.

My burgers were good, I am not going to say great, because I realized they had not asked me how I wanted them cooked, and they were fairly well done. I really like some red in my burgers, but when they didn't ask, I guess I should have spoken up. But, as far as the construction of the burgers, it was perfect. The toppings were more than plentiful, fresh, and exactly as described. Oddly enough, my absolute favorite part of the whole lunch was their pickled vegetables. They were just so good. Big slices of carrots, cucumbers, cabbage and a few other things, all pickled to absolute



MORE THAN SLIDERS
From food truck to store front, Troy's Slidin' Dirty offers up some funky delicious meals.
Elizabeth Schaefer/
TheSpot518

perfection. I wish, they offered them for purchase to bring home!

When you are next in downtown Troy for the Farmers Market, or some other event, definitely stop in, you won't be disappointed. Plus, at least during the day, it is absolutely kid friendly.

Elizabeth Schaefer spends the majority of her time at the gym, as both an instructor and a "gym rat," but strategically plans on at least one "cheat" meal a week. Please submit suggestions at elizabethfoodreviews@gmail.

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■ CONCERT REVIEW

From NYC to The Hollow

Aurora follows TV appearance with gig at The Hollow

By **WES THOMAS**
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ALBANY — On Tuesday, July 26 Norwegian singer/songwriter Aurora, performed her latest single “I Went Too Far” on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert.

On Thursday, July 28 Aurora performed her latest single “I Went Too Far,” as well as 12 others, at The Hollow Bar + Kitchen in Albany.

These are the kind of shows that have earned Albany its No. 6 in a recently announced study. Seeing this kind of talent in such a great space with amazing sound is a luxury. Even Aurora herself called out appreciation for the room, although her bad English translation delivered it as she liked the “dirty” room which got the best laugh of the night.

Right from the start “Black Water Lilies” showcased Aurora’s incredible range and her pure vocal lines. The part that’s difficult to describe here in print is her stage presence with the dramatic use of her hands, arms and those crazy eyes. Flailing arms, crazy eyes and the jazziest hands ever, all backing this angelic voice and synth-pop soundscapes?

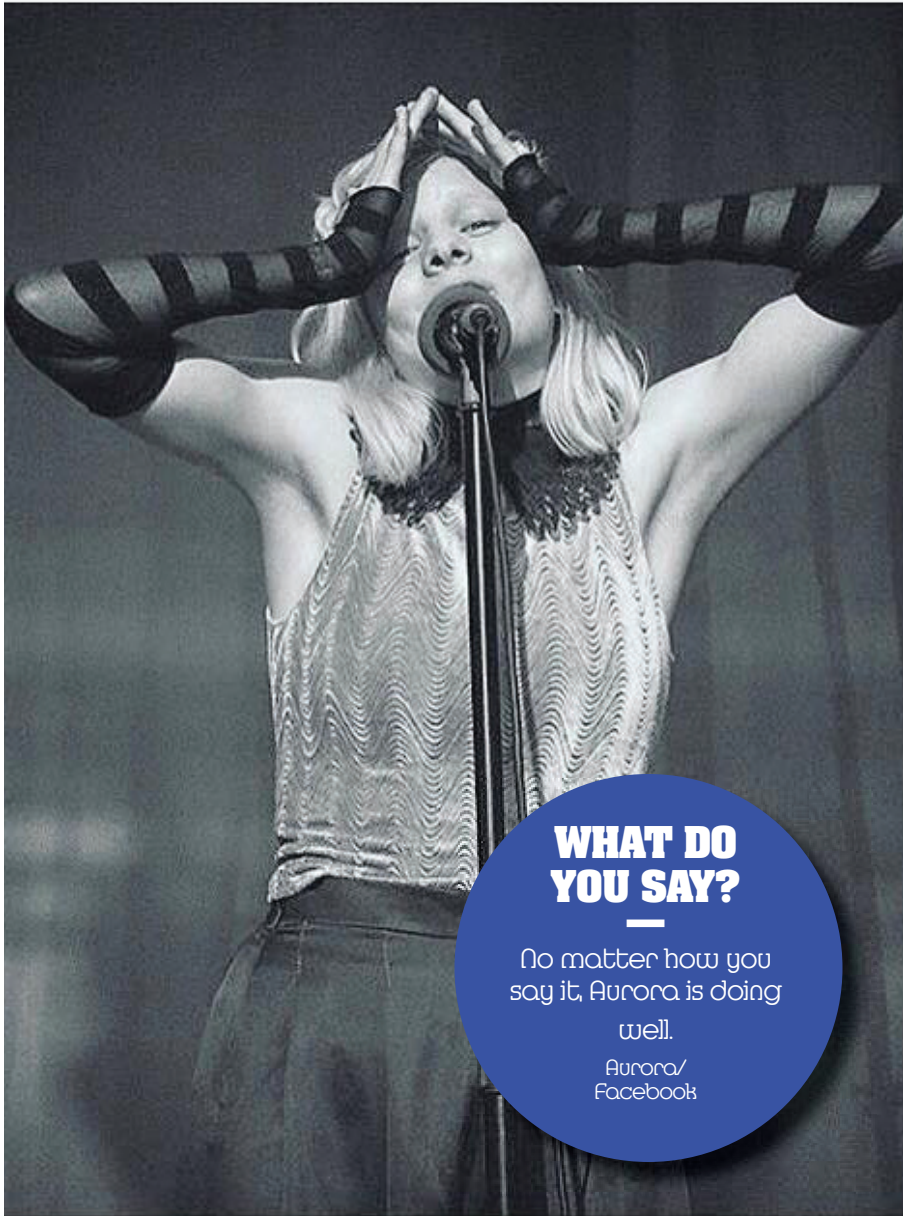
Aurora Aksnes is a 20-year-old singer

from Norway whose career got a boost when she covered the Oasis song “Half the World Away” for a British department store commercial. The commercial has over 24 million views on YouTube and certainly is a beautiful version of the song.

I find it hard to not make some comparisons to the likes of Bjork and her quirkiness or maybe Lorde for her intensity and sometime Sia or maybe she just looks like Sia’s young dancer Maddie Ziegler. Any way you look at it, there’s a ton of talent, sincerity and integrity in the music that she’s making and performing.

The set at The Hollow on this night seemed to get stronger with each song. “Warrior,” which was spot on, as was “Murder Song,” were my personal favorites. But, the crowd seemed to like the final three, “I Went Too Far,” “Running with the Wolves” and Aurora’s biggest single to date, “Conqueror” — which just tore it up. A great shift of gears to finish the night with the audience dancing and screaming for more, but that was it for this night. There was nothing that could have appropriately followed that closer any way.

The Titanics opened the night with a great 35 minute set, showcasing some great new material as well as a great cover of Steve Miller’s “Fly Like an Eagle” that suited them perfectly. Always a solid performance from these guys!



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LOCAL IMPACT

Annual jazz fest names line-up

By PETE MASON
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ALBANY — The City of Albany has announced the lineup for the 15th Annual Jazz Festival, to be held on Saturday, Sept. 10. The day-long free event will be held at the Washington Park Parade Grounds, due to construction at Jennings Landing.

The Ellis Marsalis Quintet headlines Jazz Fest, a legend of modern premier jazz piano. The father of Wynton, Branford, Delfeayo and Jason, all legends in their own right, the patriarch of one of the world's most famous musical families will perform with a quintet of musicians for a memorable headlining performance.

Lucky Chops, a brass band who made their

name in the NYC subway system, calling on their roots at LaGuardia Arts High School. Having toured Demark and France, as well as clubs all over New York, they were featured on MTV's "Girl Code Live" and carry a wide fanbase that grows with each performance.

KJ Denhart blends urban folk & jazz that can move you to laugh, dance and cry. She steps out of the box for her latest recording, Album No. 9, exploring genres that have influenced her throughout her career. Praised for her pathos, originality and impeccable musicianship, KJ is a one-of-a-kind songwriter, guitarist and performer, not to be missed.

Jazz Caravan, based out of Albany, is a trio blending west-coast modern and Latin jazz

stylings. Roger Noyes (guitar), Tony Berman (bass) and Jim Ketterer (drums) make up this unique trio, drawing on mid-century swing to pop and post-bop, as well as Ellison-inspired music, mashups of Monk and Brubeck-based figures; an odd-meter remake of a traditional hymn, a swingin' rendition of folk melodies inspired by Leo Tolstoy, a hard-backbeat take on baroque and klezmer music, and even a Latin-groove reconstruction of Led Zeppelin.

Cliff Brucker & Full Circle is led by multi-instrumentalist and composer/producer Brucker, well known in the Capital Region for his 40 years of performance in the region. Full Circle includes Leo Russo, a local

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NATIONAL IMPACT

All-woman supergroup in the works

Skillet's Jen Ledger drops hint at Lucky Strike Social

By CHAD VERGINE
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ALBANY — Skillet stopped by the recently opened Lucky Strike Social, inside the Crossgates Mall in Albany.

The Q103 sponsored event, held a contest over the last week, giving fans the chance to win a spot on the guest list for the exclusive, three-song Q&A event. The event took place inside the venue's Jupiter Hall, a 900-person concert style club with tables and couches in a elegant setting.

For years, rumors have persisted about an all-female supergroup consisting of Jen Ledger and Corey Cooper from Skillet, Lizzy Hale of Halestorm and Emma Anzai of Sick Puppies.

During the Q&A session, Q103's Candace informed members of Skillet that the radio station recently had Anzai and Sick Puppies over for a Garage Session.

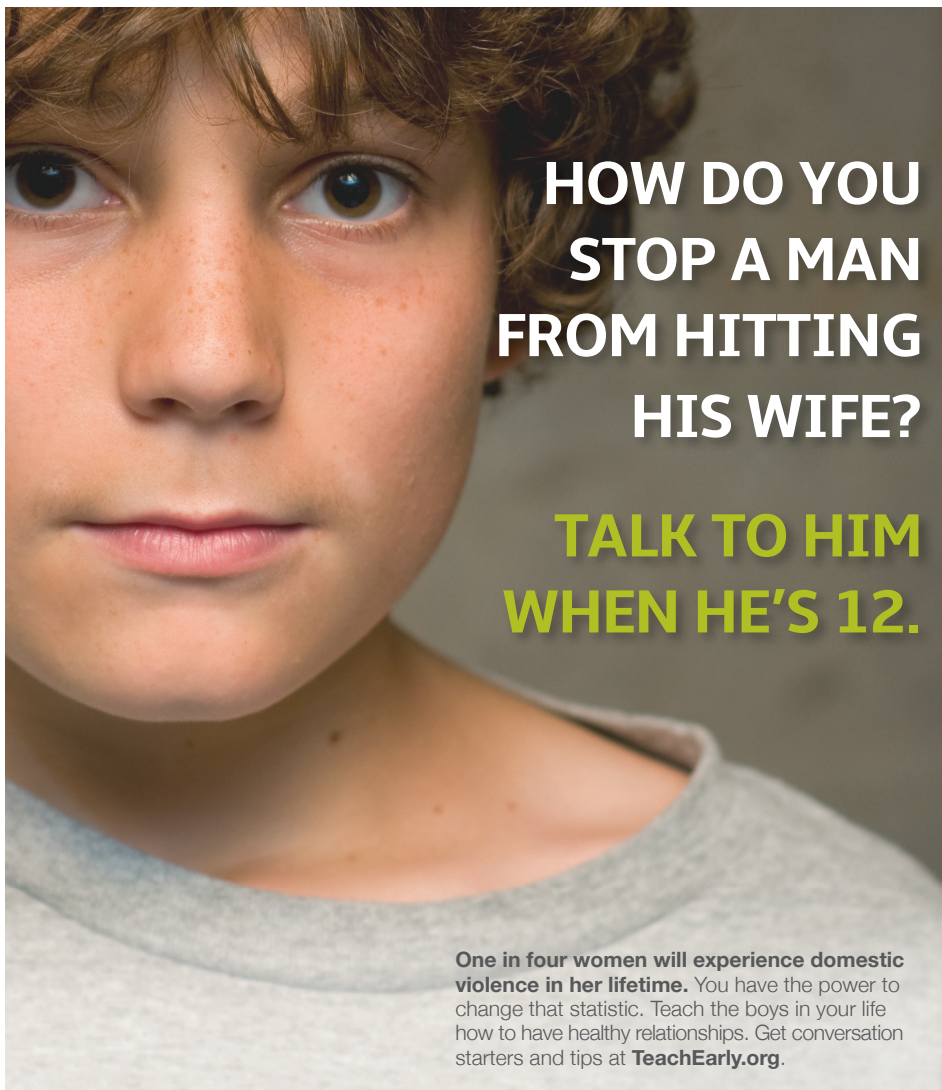
Candace also noted Sick Puppies will join Skillet for a fall tour at the end of the year. She went on to ask Ledger and Cooper that she was curious about the

rumors of them teaming up with Anzai and Hale, and if there was a possibility something could happen.

"We literally just spoke to Emma about this," said Ledger. "We played a show with her recently, and she came on the bus with us, and hung out with us and I was like, 'I feel were are getting a lot of demands on Twitter and Instagram, saying about them being a supergroup.' The word is already out there, and we will see if we can make something happen. I think something needs to happen."

Vocalist and bassist John Cooper quickly said they should do acoustic cover tunes, and he would help pick the songs for them.

Skillet released its tenth studio album "Unleashed" Friday, Aug. 5. The band closed with an acoustic version of its lead single from the upcoming album "Feel Invincible," which has been heating up rock radio airwaves everywhere.



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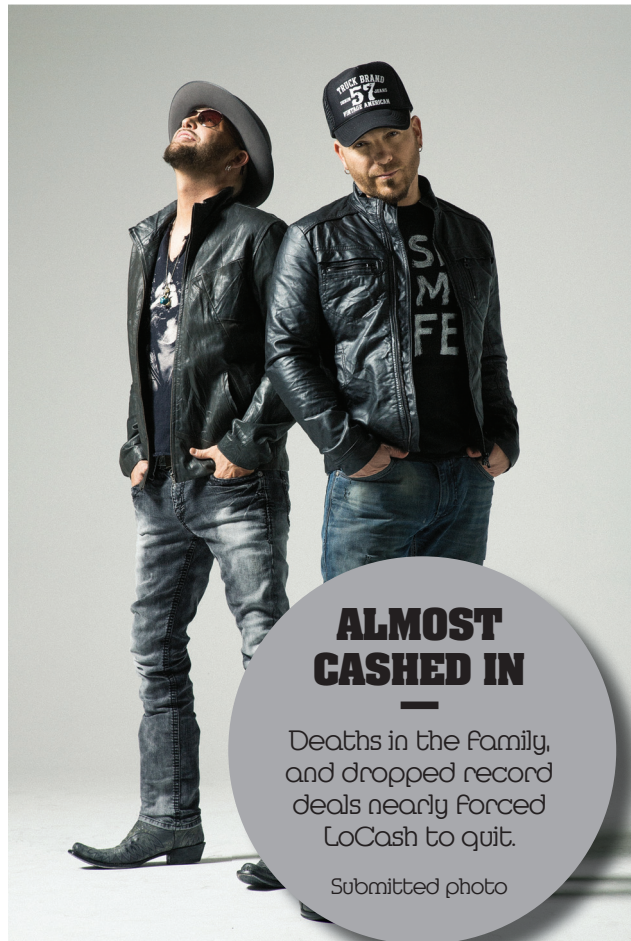
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ALMOST CASHED IN

Deaths in the family, and dropped record deals nearly forced LoCash to quit.

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From page B1 ... LoCash Interview

Michael Hallisey: You've been out touring, and was just recently in our neck of the woods here in Albany. I'm going to get you in trouble here with my first question: Is there a difference between crowds in the North and crowds from the South?

Preston Burst: You know, I think country fans are just fun from any place. I think you're right, there's a little bit of difference with the lifestyle of the North compared to the South, and the East to the West. But, when it all boils down to the party, everybody just likes to get out and have a good time. And, that's what I find about the country fans. Everybody's got a beer in their hands, their hands up high and they're singing every word. They work hard during the week, so when they come out to these festivals, it's time to cut loose. And, that's what I love about the country fans. Whether you're in Florida or all the way up in Minnesota, everybody's got this goal in mind to go out and have a good time at these festivals.

MH: Yeah, I pick that up in your songs. "The Fighters" just came out in June, and on there you have "I Love This Life," which you released last year and has done very well for you guys, and "I Know Somebody" is up there on the charts as well. That's got to be amazing. I don't know that feeling, so I have to ask, how does it feel to be out there touring and to have both these songs up there on the charts?

PB: It's pretty crazy, because we worked so hard for this. The reality of it now just confirms what your heart's been telling you all along, to not quit and to keep driving, and that passion really means something. I think that that "never say die" attitude finally paid off for us. I think anytime that happens there's this sense of pride that you get in your heart. We never gave up, and now country radio, everybody has just been so good to us, man. "I Love This Life" is still getting a lot of air time. "I Know Somebody" is climbing the charts, it's sitting at No. 17 on the charts. Radio is calling us and they're proud for us, too. Because, they've seen the hard work, and the fans are coming to the shows, and singing the words. It just makes it all worth it. To keep on striving on and not throw the towel in.

MH: That's the common thread with the people I talk with. Fans, they'll look at you and say, "Wow. I want that life. It's awesome what they're doing right now." But, they don't necessarily see the hard work and the sacrifice.

PB: Yeah, there's been years. Twelve years of songs failing on the charts and losing record deals. You know, it was never really our songs fault. It was because our record labels closed down. And, it was never the music's fault that anything ever happened. So, we just would hang in there, fighting, and that's why this album is called, "The Fighters." Because, it's a symbol of who we are and how we feel. We've never been handed anything. It wasn't an overnight success. No one ever handed us a record deal. We had to fight for everything we got in this business. Whether it be writing songs and trying to get there, or cutting a record deal and trying to get a song up the chart. We just hung in there, and tried to get there, and here we are. We're proud that we fought through it.

MH: Now, I'm aware you wrote songs for Keith Urban and Tim McGraw, who do well enough on their own. How is it for an artist who is performing his own songs, to have one of your songs do well with another artist? Is there a sense of, I don't want to say jealousy, but is there something a little different in there or do you still have a sense of pride in that?

PB: Well, I think it's all pride, because early on... 2011 was the toughest in our career. We lost Christian [Lucas]'s dad, who passed away suddenly. We lost his aunt two weeks later. We lost our fiddle player that year. We lost our record deal. We lost our song on the charts. It felt like we were losing everything. It felt like we were just really spinning our wheels down to the lowest level. Loss just kind of hits you like that. It hits you in a way that you start asking yourself, "What am I even doing anymore?" You know? We're trying to write great songs, and trying to stay positive. But, the hits just keep coming, and not the good kind of hits. And, so suddenly, at the end of the year, at the end of 2011, we're sitting there looking at each other and realizing, "Here's the towel in our hands. Do we throw it in? What do we do?" Then, we get this phone call in from Keith Urban, and he says, "Guys. That song you wrote, 'You're Gonna Fly,' is gonna be my next single." And, man. Boom. There's a light at the end of the tunnel. It kind of revived us. And, by late February, early March of 2012, the song went No. 1 for Keith Urban. It was a two-week No. 1. It completely changed our lives. So, I don't think there was ever a time — to answer your question — I don't think there was ever a time where we thought, "Man, I wish that song was ours. I wish that was us on the radio." We were working to be artists. It was such a huge blessing to have him even record the song, then make it a single, then take it to No. 1. It's kind of one of those things, divine intervention in our lives right there. We needed that.

MH: Thank God for that, because the stuff you put out now, the songs you have on the radio are just fun to listen to.

PB: Thank you.

MH: One thing, I'm going to have to ask you this. I'm listening to Tim McGraw, and I hear the words "Hillbilly Proud," and I hear it all the time. Not just your songs or through him. So, I'm going to ask you this, what is Hillbilly Proud to you?

PB: I think, to me, Hillbilly Proud is a kind of lifestyle you embrace. It's the sound of music that you love. Man, it's where you come from. We've always said, the meaning of LoCash has nothing to do with financial status, whether you have a lot of money or you don't have a lot of money. LoCash is remembering where you come from and being proud of it. And, I think that's what it means to be Hillbilly Proud. I was born in Arkansas, and my mom and dad are from right there in the Southwest Ozark part of Missouri. You know, growing up, the color yellow on our house was pronounced "yella." That's my dad. So, I grew up thinking it was red, blue and yella. [Laughs.] So, I had to be corrected in school. But, that's Hillbilly Proud, man. That's your roots. That's where you grew up. And, I think when you hear those kind of things coming from people, they just want to wave their flags and say, "this is who I am, here's where I'm from and I'm proud."

MH: Absolutely. Boots. Dirt. Mud. Beer in your hand, kind of thing.

PB: Right! Right.

MH: Now, reading up on what other people have written about LoCash, it speaks of one thing. Country

is huge right now. I'm old enough to appreciate a similar time when The Outlaws were popular. Willie Nelson. Urban Cowboy. In the wider spectrum of the world, country's popularity ebbs and flows. My perception, as a fan, is that country now is huge. I'm curious to hear from your perspective as to whether or not you see that as well?

PB: Yes. It's very broad. There are so many people who love country music right now, and I think that's great for the genre. Because, I don't know that everyone that comes to listen to country music is going to love every single song that they hear. And, that's the same for someone that goes and listens to every single rock song. They might like some rock, and they might not like some rock. People are different. We just have different tastes. I think it's encouraging that the music genre is so big right now, because they're getting something, somewhere. It's bringing them in and they're saying, "Hey. Maybe I didn't always love country, but I sure do like this. Or, I sure do love that Rascal Flatts sound. Or, I sure do love Chris Stapleton. I sure do love that Thomas Rhett, LoCash." That's what it's all about. Each one of us artists is not the same. And, if we were the same, it would be real boring, you know. That's what makes every genre unique, I think.

MH: Yeah. I mean, you guys have been associated with different acts. We were talking about Keith Urban and Tim McGraw, earlier, also Colt Ford, just a few years ago. So, you almost bridge the gap in so many different sub-genres in country. Colt being a part of the newer country, introducing rap into the genre. Do you feel any pressure at all to settle into a particular sub-genre when you perform and write, or do you just focus in on what it is you're trying to do?

PB: You know, I don't feel any pressure at all. That's a beautiful thing. I think that every time that we sit down to write a song, we just try to write the most honest song that we can. It's not rocket science. Sometimes we just want to write a song about drinking. Sometimes we just want to write a song about having fun. Sometimes we just want to write a song about feeling good. I mean, look at "I Love This Life." We weren't trying to write the deepest song ever. But, somehow we stumbled upon a "really feel good" anthem that pulls on people's heartstrings. Where people say, "You know what. I want to forget about all the negativity on the news and I just want to concentrate on feeling good for three minutes today." And, that's what it's all about. Sometimes, you can stumble on to something that people can relate to. That's what we're trying to do everyday. We're not trying to write, every time that we sit down, we're not trying to change the world. It sure would be cool if we could someday, change the world in a song. I think that's the beauty of song writing. You never know when you just might.

MH: I think people need that nowadays. To escape into a song is very special. — "I Know Somebody," I'm watching the video. I love that video.

PB: Thank you.

MH: Tell me. Was there ever a time when you were younger or what not — you're a singer, a musician, so I don't see this happening to you growing up — but, were you ever that meek guy who had a hard time approaching a girl?

PB: Yeah, man. Definitely. I think everybody can relate to the underdog. I feel like the underdog story is one we all love and can appreciate, because it's not always easy to get the courage to walk up to somebody and try to get their name and phone number, or strike up a conversation. And, that's what "I Know Somebody" is all about. It's got that little twist where it says, "Hey, if you need someone to show you around, I know somebody." I mean, it's kind of the cool way of getting up courage. Maybe if she shoots you down, it's okay, because that "somebody" could have been somebody else. [Laughs] When we heard the song, we were just a fan of the song off the bat. Man. I had my shy days. If anybody says they've never had a shy day in their life, or they never had to work up the courage a bit, they may be lying to themselves. It's just real, man. That's what we loved about that lyric in the song. We were like, "You know what. We've been that guy, and we get it."

MH: Love the song. Love the video. When we're done here, I'm going to watch it again.

PB: Thank you. [Laughs] Awesome. Thank you, man.

MH: Yeah, that message, outside of the romantic end there, speaks towards your career, too. Not giving up. Feeling unsure about yourself, but you keep trying.

PB: Yeah, definitely. I think that there's always tomorrow, where that phone can ring and it can change your life. I think never giving up on that possibility is so important in people's lives. I've always said, you've always got to be looking forward to something or you lose sight on life. I think, whether it's a big break in your career you look forward to, or a big vacation sometimes. You've always got your sights set ahead of you, and you're always moving in that forward motion. I think that's important to us.

MH: So, what do you have planned for now? "I Know Somebody" was released back in February. Are we looking at a third release in a couple of weeks or months?

PB: Well, "I Know Somebody" just jumped from No. 22 to No. 17 on the charts, so that job right now is for our record label to try to get "I Know Somebody" off to the top of the charts. So, we're going to fight all the way and see if we can get there. And, once "I Know Somebody" peaks on the charts, we'll release a new single. I'm not sure what single that's going to be just yet. And, I'm kinda glad that we don't because that just shows our whole team is focused on "I Know Somebody" right now.

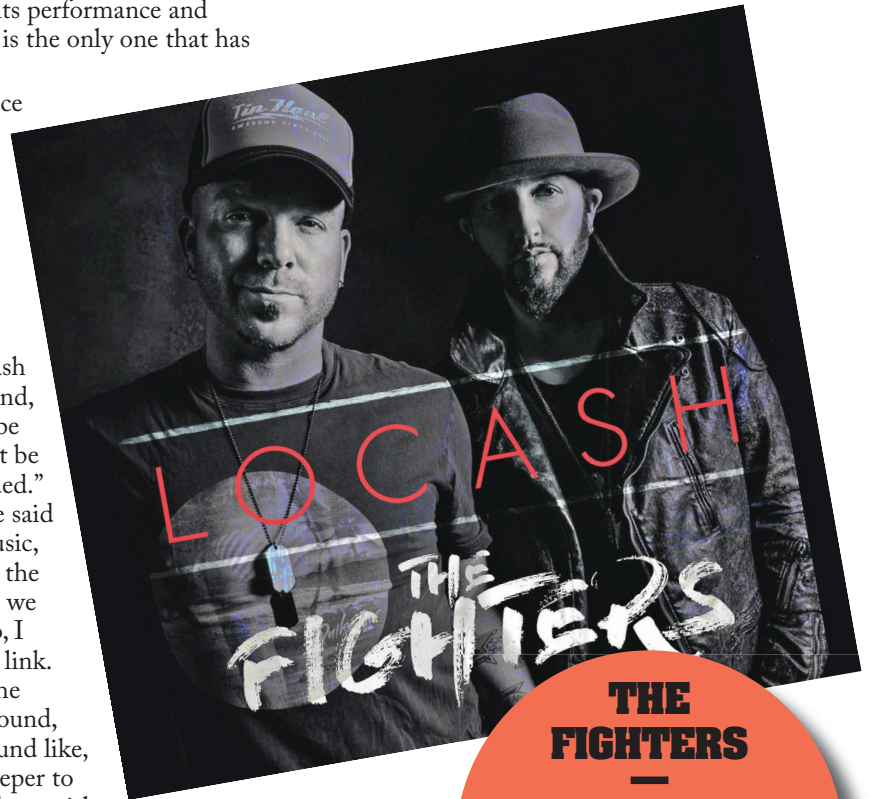
MH: And, it's nice to see that with this album you already have two hits. Two singles that have charted, so it whets the appetite for everybody to find out what that next song is going to be.

PB: Yeah, yeah. And, it's great that the debut went all the way up to the top of the charts, and this song is Top 20 now. It brings a lot of attention to the album. Hey, there must be some material on this album that needs to be listened to.

MH: Is there anything different on this album from

your previous albums? Obviously, its performance and how it has been received is, as this is the only one that has had two hits charted.

PB: I think the biggest difference is Lindsay Rimes, our producer. Lindsay Rimes is from Australia. He moved to Nashville to be a songwriter. And, when I wrote a song with him one day, I just heard the potential of him being our producer. He was working on a track, and I said, "Man, this guy just interprets sonically who LoCash always wanted to be as an artist. And, if he would produce us, we might be onto something. Because, he might be the missing link we've always needed." So, we approached Lindsay, and he said yes. We started recording some music, and we knew right off the bat that the album sounded like the recordings we always envisioned for ourselves. So, I think we were always missing that link. And, then, once you start to find the producer who really defines your sound, and what you always wanted to sound like, then you can start to dig a little deeper to find the songs you really want to share with the rest of the world. That's the one thing I can say about this album, "The Fighters," it's a genuine collection of songs that I feel really is something we're proud of for the first time. We've always been proud of everything that we've done, and we've grown as artists and musicians, but right now in our lives and the way we feel in our hearts, this collection of eleven songs is genuine to who we are right now. And, that feels amazing.



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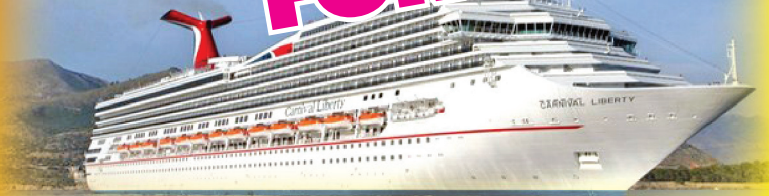
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■ CAPITAL DISTRICT BUSINESS

Graffiti Busters on the move

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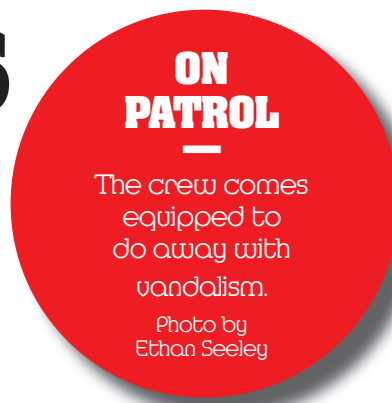
"If it's not removed quickly, graffiti vandalism invites more bad behavior in our neighborhoods," said Lynn Kopka, president of Troy's Washington Park Association. "Some of these spray paint 'tags' and scribbles have been a blight on our buildings for years and it's time to get rid of them right away, the right way."

Funded with a \$500 Neighborhood Improvement Grant from the Troy City Council, Graffiti

Busters is an effort by several neighborhood associations to assist property owners who have been victimized by graffiti vandalism.

So far, community leaders from the Osgood, Little Italy, Riverside and Washington Park neighborhood associations have volunteered to serve the program and organizers say they're reaching out to representatives from all neighborhoods in the city.

If a property owner is victimized by graffiti vandalism, he or she can request a free evaluation by the Graffiti Busters, who will arrive with a graffiti removal demonstration kit that contains many different products that work on many different surfaces. Once the proper



remover and tools are identified, the Graffiti Busters will provide a voucher and direct the property owner to a local store carrying the product. Or the Graffiti Busters will supply the products.

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On Thursday, Aug. 18 and Friday, Aug. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m., the gallery will feature over 60 works in a variety of mediums from the private collections of Gloria Desole, Rosemarie (Ro) Rosen, Bill Harris and Holly Katz, Stuart Horn and Kathleen Sole, Karen Ciancetta and David Brickman, and Ellen Jabbur.

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The Park Playhouse's production of Disney's "The Little Mermaid" will swim on to the Lakehouse Amphitheater's stage for performances every Tuesday through Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. through August 27.

Most of the roles will be played by members of Park Playhouse II, the organization's arts in education program for teenagers, rounded out with a few professional actors and Park Playhouse Kids participants.

According to Owen Smith, Park Playhouse's producing artistic director, the musical adaptation of Disney's animated film is a "classic love story rooted in the idea of being who you are and not feeling like you need to change yourself" for someone else. He feels that the show

revolves around two core themes: First, "in love and in life, be who you are," and second, "be happy with what you have" since the grass isn't always greener on the other side.

Tickets for adult reserved seats range from \$16 to \$24, and, thanks to GE's Kids in Free program, for each adult ticket purchased by phone, patrons will receive a free ticket for a child age 12 or younger. Reserved tickets may be purchased online at parkplayhouse.com/the-little-mermaid or by calling the SmartTix Playhouse Box Office Line at 434-0776.

Free lawn seating is also available for each performance on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If inclement weather is forecast for the night of a show, check the Park Playhouse's website at www.parkplayhouse.com for updates about the performance.

— Lianne Webster-Kim

CapREP features Young Playwrights

ALBANY — The six winning plays in Capital Repertory Theatre's second annual Young Playwright Contest cover a wide range of topics, from silly school tournaments to the struggles teens face on the road to self-discovery and acceptance.

Inspired by the real life, and death, of male-to-female transgender teen Leelah Alcorn, "The Hottest Rain," written by Rensselaer Jr./Sr. High School senior Alexavier A. J. Kelley, tells the story of 17-year-old Rue—how will she deal with the intolerance thrust upon her?

Bethlehem High School senior, Brendan Kane, playwright of "Zugzwang," brings us inside a fictitious contest, where many a student attempts to carry out a tournament-themed prank. What happens when one is blamed for a caper he didn't commit?

"The Pen and the

Sword," by Albany High School sophomore Cynthia Fowler, takes us into the life of Lenny, a senior fed up with the way students are crammed into overcrowded classrooms; tested to within an inch of their lives; and then sent home with mountains of homework, leaving no time to be a 'kid.' Lenny decides to protest in the only way she can, even if her actions result in serious consequences.

Sabrina Salam's "Flawed Perfection" addresses an important conversation we should all be having: What hope is there in a world fraught with terrorism; where society is constantly fed lies; and many are led to believe the worst is always right around the corner? Perhaps if society acknowledges humanity's inherent flaws and works with these imperfections, the future can still look bright. Salam is in eighth grade at Shaker Junior High.

"Kübler-Ross," written by Shenendehowa High School senior Savannah McClendon, is set in the

aftermath of a suicide, where each character represents one of the five stages illustrated in the Kübler-Ross Grief Cycle. How will denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance interact?

Rounding out this year's winning selections is "Ten Ways to Save a Support Group" by Jaimie Gaskell, who returns after having "YAP's Homeless Youth Hostel" produced in the REP's inaugural Young Playwright Contest. In "Ten Ways," Maggie attempts to keep her lackluster support group for people with inconvenient curses running smoothly, finding it a next to impossible task.

Free performances of all six brief titles will be offered on four dates: 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11; 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12; 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13; and 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14 at Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl Street in Albany.

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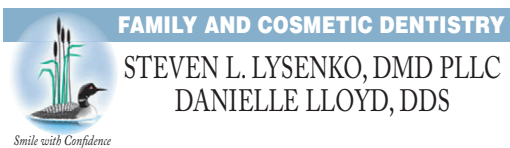
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Turn out the lights

TROY — The Collar City was treated to Caroline Rose spinning a yarn, as the band closed out this year's Rockin' on the River, Wednesday, Aug. 3. Rabbit in the Rye opened to warm-up what turned out to be another large crowd for Riverfront Park. Visit our "Spotted" photo galleries online at TheSpot518.com for more photos from last week and previous weeks throughout the year.

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From page B17 ...

Jazz fest names line-up

jazz legend, as well as pianist Larry Ham, trumpeter Dylan Canterbury, guitarist Mike Novakowski and bassist Otto Gardner, all masterful players who have performed with some of the most important names in jazz.

City of Albany Jazz Festival:

Cliff Brucker & Full Circle — 1 to 2 p.m.

Jazz Caravan — 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

KJ Denhert — 4 to 5 p.m.

Lucky Chops — 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The Ellis Marsalis Quintet — 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Since its debut in 2002, the City of Albany Jazz Festival has featured an eclectic array of all-time musical greats, critically acclaimed up-and-coming artists and local favorites at Albany's most spectacular outdoor venues. Great food, beverages and vendors make the Jazz Festival an event for all ages – and admission is still free! No glass, animals or recording of performances. All City of Albany parks are now curb-to-curb tobacco-free.

From page B21 ...

Graffiti Busters

said Community Service Officer David Buckley, a Graffiti Busters liaison.

Buckley also said that Graffiti Busters will form mini-task forces in each neighborhood to identify properties in need of graffiti removal and then contact the owners to work with them to solve the problem.

To request a free graffiti evaluation by the Graffiti Busters or to leave a tip, contact David Buckley at (518) 281-6300 or david.buckley@troyny.gov

PPG Paints in Latham donated the graffiti removal sample kits, which include a variety of products that will remove different types of unwanted paints and marks from surfaces ranging from bare brick to concrete to more sensitive surfaces.

"This is a great community effort with help from the neighborhood leaders, city council and private businesses," Buckley said.

Members of the group, some of whom are artists themselves, stress that they are not against graffiti as an art form but they are opposed to graffiti as vandalism.

The Graffiti Busters logo was designed by Troy artist Michael Chrisner and features a white cartoon spray-paint can inside a red "NO" symbol in a nod to the classic Ghostbusters logo which is appearing again in the summer reboot that hit theaters last month.

— *Duncan Crary*



Music Hall to host 'WTF' comic

TROY — The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall adds another performance to an dynamic and eclectic

2016-2017 season. Comedian Marc Maron brings his "The Too Real Tour" to the Hall on Friday, Oct. 14, at 8 PM.

A legend in the stand-up community! He is the creator and star of IFC's

critically acclaimed show Maron and host of the insanely popular podcast WTF with Mark Maron.

For over twenty years, Maron has been writing and performing raw, honest and thought-provoking

comedy for print, stage, radio, online and television. On the small screen, Maron's critically acclaimed half-hour scripted series, Maron, launched its fourth season on IFC in May 2016.

The show was created, written, and produced by Maron, who also directed episodes in seasons 2 and 3. Seasons 1-3 of Maron can be found on Netflix to stream and the show was nominated for a WGA

Award in 2016. Marc has also performed guest starring roles in the hit series Girls and Louie and can be seen in the feature films Get A Job and Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates. Maron's first book, The Jerusalem Syndrome: My Life as a Reluctant Messiah, was based on his solo show and is available for purchase on Amazon.com. Maron also penned a collection of essays titled Attempting Normal, which was released by Spiegel and Grau in 2013, later making The New York Times' Best Seller list. His first three albums, Not Sold Out, Tickets Still Available and Final Engagement are comedy cult classics, and his release, This Has To Be Funny (Comedy Central Records), was named #1 Comedy Album of 2011 by LaughSpin.com. Marc released his stand-up special, Thinky Pain, on Netflix in 2013 and as an album in 2014. His most recent special, More Later, premiered on Epix in December 2015 and is also available on Hulu and Amazon Prime.

Single tickets are on sale to the general public via phone, 273-0038, in person, or online at troymusichall.org. More information on the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and upcoming programs is available on the website at www.troymusichall.org.

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