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## Too Much Traffic

Local neighborhood ups the ante on the battle over a proposed roadway in Delmar

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▲ Members of the Albany County Legislature vote on one of three local bills which would amend the county charter.

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# Time to make some changes

Legislators vote on proposed revisions to the county charter

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**ALBANY** — During its monthly meeting on Monday, Aug. 8, the Albany County Legislature voted on three contentious bills containing proposed changes to the county charter: the downsizing of the legislature itself; the formation of an independent redistricting committee; and a measure containing a number of smaller amendments to the charter itself.

“There probably isn’t anything that’s been talked about more in this chamber over the last few months than this issue,” said Legislator Peter Crouse (R-24), who introduced three bills, co-sponsored by three of his Republican colleagues, that would amend parts of the county charter. “We all know that the genesis came from an independent charter review commission established in 2012.” The commission submitted a report, said Crouse, which was then reviewed by a special legislative

committee. “That committee came up with recommendations,” he said. “There was a series of events, a few different votes and eventually the charter proposal went to the voters—not in its original format, but in the amended format.

“That charter vote was a negative vote from the residents of Albany County,” he continued. “Personally, I believe that was because one of the major issues that was discussed was whether or not citizens would be allowed to determine the size of this legislature—and that was eliminated when this proposal went to the voters . . . the authority to set the size remained with the legislature, and I believe that’s one of the reasons that the citizenry voted against that proposal.” In February, he said, he and his colleagues—members of a break-away minority caucus that sided with sitting leadership, opposing both reform-minded Democrats and six members of their own ten-member minority party, when the legislature elected leaders at the beginning of the year—

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■ TOWN GOVERNMENT

# Coalition calls for planning board chairman's recusal

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**BETHLEHEM** — A coalition of residents from Fieldstone Drive is warning their neighbors about the potential hazards of a proposed roadway and petitioning the town ethics board to recommend the recusal of Bethlehem Planning Board Chairman John Smolinsky

Bethlehem residents opposing a vehicular roadway that town officials would like to see connecting Fieldstone Drive (off of Murray Road) with a proposed subdivision between their neighborhood and Elm Avenue Park are continuing efforts to rally public support—and to induce planning board Chairman John Smolinsky to recuse himself from the decision-making process where Fieldstone Drive is concerned.

After residents and developers were denied a plan that included a pedestrian walkway rather than a vehicular roadway at the July 19 planning board meeting—during which Smolinsky said that the town was not interested in entertaining any plans that did not include a vehicular connection and directed the developer to return with a plan containing one—a coalition of residents has begun agitating for Smolinsky to recuse himself and placing signs to make their neighbors aware that they may soon be seeing more traffic in their neighborhoods.

Daniel “Dutch” Tuohey, a Fieldstone resident and coalition member, lit up a large electronic sign at the corner of Haawk Court and Murray Avenue early Monday morning to alert residents that live and drive along those roads to the possibility that there may soon be more traffic to contend with. “The message,” he said, “is all about the Murray Avenue residents aligning with Fieldstone Coalition regarding at least 800 to 900 more vehicles a day on these roads, which are already overloaded and very fast.”

In addition to the electronic sign, on which Tuohey has placed two alternating messages—“Murray—Too Much Traffic” and “No Fieldstone Thru Road”—the coalition is placing lawn signs in nearby neighborhoods that they believe will also be affected by increased traffic caused by a connecting road.

Art Siegel, a litigation attorney who also lives on Fieldstone Drive, has been exchanging letters with the town attorney regarding the coalition's request that Smolinsky recuse himself from the decision-making process concerning the Fieldstone Drive connection. Siegel, who appeared mystified that the town would ignore the requests of its residents and the developer, said that he has no idea why Smolinsky is so set against any other

options or compromises, but that the fact that he appears to be is enough to call for his recusal.

“We have a legitimate expectation that our public officials are going to act ethically,” said Siegel. “Which means acting impartially and fairly, and following the procedures that are set out by the town before making decisions.” In the responses that he received from Town Attorney James Potter, Siegel says that Potter repeatedly claims that there is no conflict of interest and, therefore, no reason that Smolinsky should recuse himself. “Whether it's a financial interest or some other reason,” argued Siegel, “they're not supposed to prejudge, period.”

“To me, this is just about doing what's right,” he continued. “We're not saying that Smolinsky has a financial gain here from putting this road in. We haven't asked that he be removed from the board. He might be fair in every other case, we don't know. But he's not being fair in this case.”

Looking to the Bethlehem Ethics Board for an opinion in advance of the August 24 town board meeting—which Supervisor John Clarkson recommended that the residents attend when Siegel attempted to schedule a meeting with him—Siegel filed a formal complaint on August 12, citing “Mr. Smolinsky's attempt to call for a vote to approve the Fieldstone Drive cut-through, despite: a) the Fieldstone Drive cut through issue not being listed as an action item on the agenda; b) no prior notice being given to affected residents as required; and c) no public hearing being noticed or held so all evidence could be presented before a vote was taken. As the video indicates, even after it was brought to Mr. Smolinsky's attention that he was acting unlawfully in calling for a vote, he nevertheless asked for a vote to “provide guidance” to the builder, indicating that the builder needed to come back with a proposal that included the Fieldstone cut through.

“It is obvious from listening to Mr. Smolinsky that he had clearly pre-judged the issue, completely made up his mind before hearing all sides of the story at a properly convened public hearing, and sent a clear message to the builder that the planning board would only consider a cut through. This conduct shows partiality, bias and lack of objectivity, all of which should not be condoned by this ethics board.”

Currently, concerned residents are preparing to show up, en masse, to the board meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. to bring their concerns before the town's elected officials—who they are hoping will be more responsive than the unelected planning board.



One of the Fieldstone Drive Coalition's lawn signs encourages nearby residents to contact to the contact the town.

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■ TOWN GOVERNMENT

# Primary challenge for Board seat

Democratic candidate Roland Graves to challenge committee-endorsed Giles Wagoner

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**BETHLEHEM** — “There’s a lack of communication in our town and in our government,” said Roland Graves, the town board candidate who will be challenging Giles Wagoner in the upcoming Bethlehem Democratic primary. A 23-year resident of Slingerlands, Graves said that the town’s lack of response to a number of residential issues is what ultimately prompted him to run for the seat.

Graves said that, at first, he thought that perhaps his neighborhood in North Bethlehem, being so removed from the town’s center of government in Delmar, simply didn’t register as being important to those running that government. “I think I was getting a little bit of a complex. But it’s happening all over town,” he said. “I mean, what do we elect these guys for?”

As an example, Graves pointed out that he and his neighbors have been unable to persuade the town to install a stop sign for cut-through traffic between Russell and Krumkill roads. “There’s a cut-through that goes through our development where there are quite a few kids on bikes,” he said. “I’ve gone to a number of different people to see if we can get this stop sign before a kid gets killed. We had a petition that went through our neighborhood last year

and they brought it to our current administration and they just decided to deny it. They just walked away from it. There’s no representation.”

What finally pushed Graves to commit to running, he said, was his inability to get answers regarding the construction project on Krumkill Road, at the Albany border, to repair a failing culvert earlier this year. Repair work on the road began in June, a little more than three months after the road itself was closed—forcing residents and other travelers to detour onto Blessing Road or seek other routes home. After repeatedly asking the town when the construction work would be complete, and receiving no answer, Graves said that he finally went down to the site and asked the workers themselves.

“I was getting all these calls,” he said. “People wanted to know how long they were going to be inconvenienced by the road closure. Plus, all these other cars were being detoured through our developments, you know. I asked a few people in town and no one could give me a timeline. Look, I work in carpentry and there are always contracts, and a timeline and a finish date. Whether you hit those dates is something else, but at least give me a date so I can go back to the people and tell them what they’re planning on.” So, he said, one day he went down to the site after



Roland Graves, Democratic candidate for Bethlehem Town Board.

Photo provided

work at the finish carpentry business he owns and asked the construction workers. “And they gave me a date! And so we went back to the residents of Beverwyck and had a meeting to let them know what was going on.”

“They just wanted a date,” he said. “They’re residents and they’re taxpayers and they just want a date.”

Graves has been a member of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee for 15 years and currently sits on the Albany County planning board. He said that experience, as well as 29 years of running a successful business and 23 years of town residency have given him the skills to govern effectively and “some insight into where our town was and where it’s starting to go.”

“I’m seeing a change in the way Bethlehem is

experiencing the same frustrations. “After continuing to hear all the same problems from other parts of town, how they’re not getting any representation,” he said, “and after a number of people have asked me why I wasn’t doing this, I finally figured I’m at a point in my career where maybe I can help a little bit here on the public level and give back to my community.”

Graves said that he was recently contacted by the residents of Fieldstone Creek, a neighborhood that has been petitioning the planning board to allow a pedestrian walkway—rather than a vehicular roadway—to connect Fieldstone Drive with a proposed development between Fieldstone and Elm Avenue Park. Lack of responsiveness from the board has prompted those residents to call for the recusal of the board’s chairman, John Smolinsky. “They said that they couldn’t get anyone from the town to come to their neighborhood association meeting and called me because they knew I’m on the county board. So I said, ‘Sure.’”

“I have known Roland Graves my entire life,” said Dutch Tuohey, a Fieldstone resident and member of a coalition dedicated to fighting the vehicular connection. “Upon realizing his grassroots campaign was gathering huge momentum, I decided to support his candidacy

for town board. He is a man of his word, citizen-focused, and will listen with great intensity to the residents of Bethlehem.”

“It’s pretty amazing stuff,” said Graves of his campaign. “When we first started, we had a core group of about six people. And each one said that they would help me here or help me there. I didn’t need much help over here in districts one and two, where I know everyone and we have a lot of democrats. So we went out into the other districts and, before I knew it, those six people turned into 12 and then I was getting calls and emails and text messages from all kinds of people saying they wanted to help.”

“More and more people are jumping on every day,” said Graves, who has been endorsed by the Independence party as well as the Laborers Local Union 190. (His opponent Wagoner has secured the endorsement of the town’s democratic committee.) If elected, he said, “I’m going to promote open and citizen-focused government and make sure that the voices and concerns of all town residents are heard and respected. I would like to ensure that town government works for all residents of Bethlehem, Delmar, Glenmont, North Bethlehem, Selkirk and Slingerlands. That’s my biggest thing.”

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## STATE GOVERNMENT

# Two incumbent state reps challenged

GOP/Conservative/Reform candidates Davis and Calhoun look to unseat Breslin and Fahy

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**DELMAR** — Chris Davis and Jesse Calhoun, Republican-endorsed challengers to New York State Senator Neil Breslin (D-44) and Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy (D-109), respectively, held a joint fundraiser at Swifty's in Delmar recently, where they spoke of the failings of the current political field and a need for change.

Davis, a 32-year-old epidemiologist who works for Health Research Incorporated, a close affiliate of the New York state Department of Health, is running against Breslin. He and his wife, Tiffany, reside in Cohoes with their three children.

Calhoun, a 35-year-old preschool teacher at Children's Place, is running against incumbent Fahy. He resides in Albany near

Albany Medical Center.

## Chris Davis:

"I never thought in a million years I would run for office, at any level," Breslin challenger Christopher Davis told Spotlight several days later. "But I have lived in this district my entire life, and you talk to anyone—Democrat, Republican or Independent—and its almost universally accepted the district has gotten far worse in the last 20 years. But yet we keep the same people in office and wonder why things only get worse.

"The fact is," said Davis, "that underemployment is rampant; crime is high; drug abuse is rampant; too many rely on government assistance; the middle class is being wiped out; starting and running a business is harder than ever; taxes are sky high; quality of government service has declined and countless

individuals and businesses have left the area; the roads are literally crumbling; our waterlines are rusting and falling apart; and corruption is out of control. Now legislators want a 47 percent pay hike. For what? Bankrupting us? As a father, I look at my children and realize my generation is at risk of leaving them a world that is worse off than the one we inherited. That has never happened in American history."

Davis was inspired to run, he said, by a passage from the Declaration of Independence: "But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

"What this means," he said, "is that those who have the potential ability to do something have the responsibility to do something." Davis went on to say that his campaign is about three key things: destroying corruption; passage of the child victims act; and investments in infrastructure and small business.

"I will have the most transparent seat in state senate history," he said. "I will have an open door policy to constituents, personally responding to every inquiry and doing something no other legislator in the state does: explaining every single vote

I make and why on my Facebook page. The way I see it, if you put your faith in me to represent you, then you deserve to know what I am doing so you can hold me accountable."

## Jesse Calhoun:

"My campaign is less about opposing Fahy than it is about getting my own message out there," said state Assembly hopeful Jesse Calhoun, whose band, The Ameros, played the Aug. 8 event at Swifty's. "I really think that people need to be thinking about each issue individually and start taking a more common sense approach to things."

Education reform, he said, is a key component to his platform—including the repeal of common core testing in New York schools. As an educator of young children at a local preschool, he said that he has concerns about the centralization of education planning. "There are all these government officials who are trying to dictate what's coming down to educators and I think local educators should have more power." The statewide tests, he said, have become a tool used to punish educators rather than to evaluate and improve educational standards. As a result, he said the state is facing a shortage of quality teachers, a trend he expects will likely continue.

Generally speaking, Calhoun said that he would prefer to see less regulation of New

Yorkers—with a few key exceptions. He would work to amend the SAFE Act to loosen restrictions on the purchase of firearms and decriminalize illegal drugs, making drug laws "less punitive and more rehabilitative." When it comes to environmental toxins and genetically modified foods, however, he favors more regulation. "For me, it's really about toxic chemicals and our cumulative exposure from all kinds of different sources in our environment. I think it's a major issue and there's a heavy correlation to early childhood learning disabilities and things that are going to cause the system to have a huge problem when there's an increase in all of these things." He said that he would prefer to see more stringent water testing standards and to ensure that food labeling accurately reflects the contents. "The freer, the better," said Calhoun, who clearly believes that being informed is essential to personal freedom. "Put whatever you want in your body, it's yours. But you have the right to make informed choices."

"I used to be super pro-Clinton," he said with a rueful smile. "I was all about Bill Clinton back in the day, but then I started to see the evils of big government and all these things that the government had done. I read Bastiat's 'The Law' after following Ron Paul's campaign back in 2012, and that's really

kind of a foundational book for me. He was an 1850s French statesman and philosopher who called out slavery at the time of America's founding and all these other things that violated the concept of liberty—this guy had it all down way back in the day. It's definitely shaped the way I think about things."

Claude-Frédéric Bastiat, who was vehemently against redistribution, believed that everyone has a right to protect "his person, his liberty, and his property" and that government should be only a "substitution of a common force for individual forces" to defend that right. He cautioned that, if governmental powers extend further, into welfare-like endeavors, government becomes so limitless that it can grow endlessly. The result, he believed, would be a public shaped and controlled by its lawmakers.

Calhoun, referring to Gov. Andrew Cuomo as "basically a tyrant," said that New York "has become the epitome of the nanny state, wanting to control every little bit of people's lives and dictate what they can do. I'm fighting from inside to try to just loosen it a little bit."

While he still identifies primarily as a Libertarian, Calhoun said that doesn't necessarily believe in the Libertarian ideal of full privatization of things like natural resources. "And with things like housing issues: there are all these vacant houses and all these homeless people and, to me, I'm not sure what's going on there, but it seems like there should be a way.

"We've lost the ability to have a conversation and look at each issue and decide the best thing to do," Calhoun said finally. "We need to be able to talk about things without trying to score political points."

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## SPOTLIGHT ON FINANCE

## Inheritance and the passing along of financial values

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Receiving an inheritance can be and often is an unexpected windfall, and it can change lives—for better . . . and worse. That is why it is important to share your values and intentions with your loved ones when you are considering gifting them a portion of your estate.

Unfortunately, most heirs are not prepared to manage their inheritance. A study conducted by Ohio State's Center for Human Resource Research for the U.S. Bureau

of Labor Statistics suggests that adults who receive an inheritance save only about half of it, while spending, donating, or losing the rest. In fact, according to the Williams Group, a wealth consultancy firm, 70 percent of wealthy families lose their wealth by the second generation.

One of the bigger problems with inheritance is that people don't talk about it. That's a big mistake. The sooner you talk about money and transferring wealth with your heirs, and the more open your conversation with them is, the quicker and better you can inform them of your intentions. This is good for you because it ensures your wishes are understood and your values are modeled. And it is good for your heirs because it allows them to become part of

your wealth planning process, introduces them to your financial advisors, and encourages them to develop a financial plan of their own.

### Financially prepare your children for the future

Sharing your values and intentions with your heirs is important. However, equally important is teaching your heirs to understand the responsibilities that come with receiving an inheritance. This is best accomplished by raising financially literate children. Here are some tips:



Fran O'Rourke

- Start young. Teach children

the value of money by giving them three containers for their money: one for short-term spending (candy, soda, fun stuff), another for long-term savings (for electronics, car, college) and the last one for charitable giving. This is a great way to teach basic budgeting skills. And if you want to teach the children about values, showing them how to give to charity is a great first step.

- Continue teaching. As children get older, teach them more responsibility by giving them more opportunities to earn, handle and save money. Chores and jobs are the perfect opportunity for pre-teens and teenagers alike to practice what they have learned as children, which is to balance spending with saving and giving.

- Teach budgeting. Have your kids purchase their own school clothes or plan their next birthday party. Such responsibilities help children learn the importance of budgeting and how to properly use funds for different activities. And keep this in mind: they will make mistakes—not enough money left to spend or not enough put into the “saving” container. But this is how they learn, and the idea is to help them experience money lessons at a young age, as opposed to trying to change bad money management behaviors when they are older.

- Expand boundaries. As your kids enter their college years, have them share responsibility in managing finances like tuition, room and board, books and entertainment. It will be as valuable as any course of study. Also, having them contribute to tuition payments and expenses will make their education more important and valuable to them. Part-time jobs, work-study programs and paid internships are all great opportunities to earn and learn while in college.

There is no substitute for financial education. Don't let the subject be taboo in your household. And the earlier you start the better, because your inheritance intentions won't be respected if the value of your money isn't.

### Pass along financial and family values

Over the next 30 years, America will experience the greatest transfer of wealth in its history. More than \$6 trillion will be passed from one generation to the next. Considering that 70 percent of the time, family

assets are lost from one generation to the next, this is disconcerting. However, even more alarming is that all assets are gone 90 percent of the time by the third generation.

If current statistical models hold true, this great transfer of wealth will eventually result in an equally great loss of wealth. It doesn't have to. Financial literacy has a lot to do with this, but so too does the way you communicate with and raise your children. Lead by example:

- Give with meaning or purpose. When you give a family member a check for their birthday, discuss how they plan to spend it. Take this opportunity to discuss saving and spending.

- Help build independence. Encourage children and young

adults to budget their money. Demand that they earn and save. And teach them about delayed gratification by setting up savings for the long term.

- Talk about investing. Guide and allow children to make investment decisions. Teach them the power of compounding growth by agreeing to match some of the returns, as well as the opportunity cost of robbing a nest egg.

- Include them in the financial conversation. Talk together about the household budget, family vacations, gifts and necessities.

- Share values. Discuss family stories and life lessons, using them as the cornerstone for planning.

An inheritance is a gift and blessing to your family.

With proper discussions and modeling of values you can help them extend this same gift to future generations. A financial planner can help you, especially if you have a hard time getting the conversation started.

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## Understanding and creating an ethical will

If you are worried your children or family may not see eye-to-eye with how their inheritance of your money and assets will be handled, you might want to consider drafting an ethical will. An ethical will is a document used to pass along your ethical values to the next generation. You may have already created a will or an estate plan, but this varies from an ethical will.

A will and estate plan define the distribution of your assets. They don't necessarily describe personal values or wisdom learned over one's lifetime. However, through the process of creating an ethical will, these lessons about mistakes to be avoided after decades of trial and error can be handed down to heirs so that they have a chance to do things different and in line with your wishes.

Ethical wills, which are not legally binding documents, allow you to offer more input than the typical will or estate plan. The writer has the opportunity to share things that often go unsaid about their wishes, values and even finances. Or, as is commonly said about ethical wills, they are meant to transfer values, not valuables.

There is no standard form for an ethical will. It can be a letter, recording or video, but they often can provide the following:

- Sharing of values and ideals
- Sharing of successes, failures and the lessons learned
- Traditions you would like to see carried on in your family
- A way to reunite a family during difficult times
- Clarity when there are differences of opinion
- Encouraging reflection about how we are living our lives

In an ideal world, your children would model your values and behaviors. But your children are growing up in a world that is much different than the world you grew up and found success in. An ethical will is one way to help ensure that your values and wishes are more likely to be carried out when your family receives their inheritance.



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# Jester Jim Jokes and Jams at GPL

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As Jester Jim himself puts it, “This is not your ordinary juggling show!” With a trunk full of props and a looping machine, he takes the stage and starts his show. You’ll be glued to his every sound as he performs his amazing beatbox intro, and you’ll be talking about his wild antics for weeks!

Jester Jim’s antics at

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GPL on Tuesday will be a treat for all!

## Kindergarten Boot Camp

Get your youngster set for kindergarten with GPL’s Kindergarten Boot Camp! Join us for a fun-filled, two-hour program where soon-to-be kindergarteners can hone their kindergarten-readiness skills and celebrate this important milestone!

There are two sessions

– one on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 6 p.m., and another on Thursday, Aug. 25 at 10:30 am – so you can pick a time that meets your schedule.

Starting kindergarten is a special and exciting time for children ... and their parents and caregivers. This program is for children starting kindergarten this September.

To register – for one session only, please -- call 456-2400 x 4, or go to the Events and Registration Calendar on [guilpl.org](http://guilpl.org), and



With juggling, music and comedy, Jester Jim provides a variety show unlike any other and will be at the Guilderland Public Library this week.

Photo courtesy of Jester Jim

click on the Kindergarten Boot Camp link on either Aug. 24 or Aug. 25.

## Summer Reading Prize Pick-Up Day

Can you believe it? The Super Summer Reading Olympics are quickly 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. We thank you for being a part of it.

## About GPL

The Guilderland Public Library is located

at 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland. Visit the Library’s website at [www.guilpl.org](http://www.guilpl.org) to get information on upcoming programs, and to register online via the homepage’s “Events & Registration Calendar.” Check out the “unofficial” Library updates at [facebook.com/Guilderland.Lib](https://www.facebook.com/Guilderland.Lib) and follow the Library on Twitter (@GuilderlandLib).

■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Fitness center celebrates anniversary

DELMAR — Foundry Fitness, of 243 Delaware Avenue, celebrated one year of business on Tuesday, Aug. 16.

The one year anniversary was celebrated with a ribbon cutting and an offering of refreshments. Visitors were also treated to the calculation of body fat percentages and a free class.

For more information on Foundry Fitness, call (518) 650-8111.

## Chamber’s annual golf outing coming soon

DELMAR — The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce’s 31st Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 19 at the Normanside Country Club.

The annual event starts with a lunch at noon, followed by a shotgun start on the links at 1 p.m. The festivities continue with a dinner and awards at 5:30 p.m.

The evening promises opportunities to network, fun contests and a raffle to benefit two local non-profit organizations.

To donate a gift toward the raffle, contact the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce at (518) 439-0512. To register to play, visit [www.bethlehemchamber.com](http://www.bethlehemchamber.com).



## Goodbye to honored member

Members of the Delmar Fire Department were on hand to honor LeRoy Cooke, a life member of the fire department for more than 50 years, who died Wednesday, Aug. 3 at the age of 92. The funeral procession passed under a beautiful display with the American flag suspended before The Bethlehem Cemetery entrance way by two of the company’s ladder trucks. “Cookie” joined the company in 1964 and served several positions, including department secretary, fire police lieutenant, fire police captain and the board of fire commissioners. He also served 33 years with the Bethlehem police department, and was a World War II veteran.

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# Spotlight on Sports

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## ■ VALLEYCATS PLAYER OF THE WEEK



### ENRIQUE CHAVEZ

Righthander Enrique Chavez is The Spotlight Tri-City ValleyCats Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, Aug. 14. Despite an 0-1 record in his two starts, Chavez yielded seven hits over nine and a third innings against Brooklyn and Lowell, allowing just three earned runs.

## ■ INSIDE



### MMA is here

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World Class Gymnastics' adult class warms up for a practice session ahead of its Aug. 28 exhibition to benefit STRIDE.

Photo by Rob Jonas/Spotlight

## ■ LOCAL GYMNASTICS

# The Big Show

World Class Gymnastics' adult class gets ready for its annual fundraiser

By **ROB JONAS**  
[jonasr@spotlightnews.com](mailto:jonasr@spotlightnews.com)

**LATHAM** — This year's World Class Gymnastics fundraiser for STRIDE is bigger and better than ever.

Besides a performance from Eric Weiskopf's adult class, the Aug. 28 show features members of World Class team members, the school's dance team and its special needs class, which recently performed at the Special Olympics.

Still, the stars of the show are the adult gymnasts, who train all year to perform in the exhibition.

"We have a core of veterans who have grown a great deal, and I think the exhibition is one of those reasons because they have something to work towards," said Weiskopf. "They have a goal, they know it's a charitable organization they're working for and it's an exhibition they know they have to be prepared for. So as we get closer, it really makes them push really raise their skill level a bit."

Amy Sadlon and Max Schworm have performed in the exhibition every year since



Eric Weiskopf watches his adult gymnast class during a recent practice.

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it started in 2014.

"I'm a little nervous," said Sadlon. "Every year, I get a little nervous because for the adults, this is like our time to shine. It's what we work for."

Schworm credits Weiskopf's class for making him a better athlete.

"When I started here, all I could do was a cartwheel. And (now), I can do back tucks, back handsprings, twists—a lot of stuff," said Schworm. "So, a lot of basics help build up to the bigger moves."

One of the newcomers participating in this year's show is New York state trooper Jack Anderton, who recently started taking Weiskopf's class to maintain his fitness level.

"I'm a New York state trooper, so it's pretty important to always maintain a high level

of physical fitness," said Anderton, who works out of Troop G's western barracks in the Mohawk Valley. "Especially with us driving around all day with body armor and everything hanging off our waists, it's really important to maintain your flexibility and our general strength because it can wear on your body over the years."

Weiskopf said Anderton—who once was a competitive Olympic-style weightlifter—has been a quick study.

"It's certainly much easier for people to come in in shape and learn, and so I tell people what they do outside of the gym is more important than what they do in here," said Weiskopf.

Even so, Anderton admitted he was a little intimidated the first time he attended a class. "You see some of the people

who have been doing this for years ... they're really inspiring," he said.

That's why Weiskopf makes it a point to have veterans such as Sadlon and Schworm help out the newcomers.

"They're absolute leaders. They're the people I can turn to and say get behind those people, watch them — they know exactly what they're doing," said Weiskopf.

Schworm said that the veterans are always learning in Weiskopf's adult classes, too.

"There's always growing, and the atmosphere here is everybody is learning new things," said Schworm. "They don't make you learn anything you don't want to, but obviously they're always going over the basics with you to build fundamental moves."

Those fundamentals not only help gymnasts learn how to create routines, but also help them with activities outside of the gym.

"This gives them the

basis to do things that are outside of gymnastics," said Weiskopf. "We have people coming in with theatre backgrounds and dance backgrounds, and they really just want to get more flexible or they want to start incorporating some of the skills here into their other activities. It's a nice win-win for that."

"For me, gymnastics is like my love, so everything that I do is for gymnastics—CrossFit, weights and all that other stuff," added Sadlon.

The annual World Class Gymnastics benefit for STRIDE takes place Sunday, Aug. 28, at 1 p.m. at its Latham location on Columbia Drive Extension (Route 9R). Admission is \$5, though spectators can choose to donate more. Weiskopf added that there will also be prize drawings, and local businesses are encouraged to donate prize packages. Business owners wishing to participate can contact Weiskopf through email at [esw01@yahoo.com](mailto:esw01@yahoo.com).

## IN BRIEF

### Searching for Hometown Heroes

**CAPITAL DISTRICT** — Nominations are currently being accepted for TrustCo Bank's 'Hometown Heroes' Hall of Fame. Now in its fourth year, the Hall of Fame was created to honor local individuals who "demonstrate strong community involvement and work hard to make a positive change in the community."

The public may submit nominations by going to Trustco Bank's web site at [TrustcoBank.com](http://TrustcoBank.com) or

by visiting any Trustco branch. Nominations must be submitted by Wednesday, Aug. 31.

In addition, the bank's financial services department offers a full range of investment services, retirement planning and trust and estate administration services. The common shares of TrustCo are traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol TRST.



### MMA is here

**GUILDERLAND** — After being banded in New York state for more than a decade, sanctioned Mixed Martial Arts fighting was observed at Lucky Strike Social in Crossgates Mall, Saturday, Aug. 13. Several bouts were scheduled under the Latham-based Colosseum Fighting Alliance. The night featured five title fights and several exhibition matches.

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## Join the M&P CHALK ART COMPETITION August 27th!



Artists of all ages are invited to create their very best chalk masterpiece between 7 am and 1 pm right outside our door in the heart of Delmar. The creations will be judged by popular vote between 1 – 1:45 pm. Winners will be announced at 2:00, and the announcement subsequently posted to our website at [www.merrimanpfister.com](http://www.merrimanpfister.com).

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Say what you will about our wired world, but there is no denying that Internet access opens up new possibilities in education, entertainment and commerce. By providing “Internet to Go,” the library is making sure that access is available to everyone in our community. As WiFi usage at the library and the library-sponsored signal at the town pool continues to grow, adding portable hotspots to our catalog was the logical next step.

Use the device to stream music or your favorite show or do some online research on your own time and in your own space -- there are no restrictions as long as Sprint service is available. You can even take it with you on vacation if you still crave that connection with the outside world.

The devices can be found on our Special Collections shelf near the Information Desk, and they are easily portable and can be borrowed for two weeks at a time. Bethlehem library cardholders may request the WiFi devices, but anyone in the Upper Hudson Library System can check out the ones on the shelves on a first-come basis. The hotspots must be returned to the Bethlehem library circulation desk. Check one out today, and get your free library Internet to go.

## Amazing animal disguises

Did you know that some animals are masters of disguise? Learn how they hide in plain sight at our Animal Camouflage program for kids and families Thursday, Aug. 18, from 2:30-3:15 p.m. You'll also get a chance to create your own camouflage pattern.

## Ready to race

Educators from the Tang Teaching Museum will be dropping by on Wednesday, Aug. 24, for an art activity that ties in with our Summer Reading theme of “On your mark, get set ... READ!” From 2-3 p.m. kids in grades 1-5 are invited to create a colorful felt-on-felt racing flag featuring images related to health and fitness. Sign up online or call to register.

Other 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](http://bethlehempubliclibrary.org).

## Friday, August 19

### 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.

## Friday, August 19

### Coffee & Cinema: The Lunchbox

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.

## Friday, August 19

### Summer Cinema: Zootopia

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

## Saturday, August 20

### Book Buddies

Sign up to read with a teen book buddy and improve language skills in a low-stress environment, 2:30 p.m. For grades K-5.

## Monday, August 22

### Lego Club

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

## Tuesday, August 23

### Tiny Tots

Stories, songs and fingerplays for children up to age 35 months with caregiver. 9:30 a.m.

## Tuesday, August 23

### Family Storytime

Stories, songs and activities for children up to age 6 with family, 10:30 a.m.

## Wednesday, August 24

### Family Storytime

Stories, songs and activities for children up to age 6 with family, 9:30 a.m.

## Wednesday, August 24

### On My Own

Stories, songs and fun for children age 3-6 while parents wait at café tables, 10:30 a.m.

## Thursday, August 25

### End of Summer Party!

Celebrate the Summer Reading Library Olympics with games, crafts, and fun, 6-7:30 p.m. All ages.

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■ COMMUNITY

# Enjoy a lobster bake dinner

Enjoy a Down East Lobster Bake or Steak Dinner on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the East Greenbush Masonic Temple. Dinners include a baked potato, corn, coleslaw, dessert, and beverage. The cost is \$25.00, due at sign up. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Are you caring for a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another dementia? Join others at the Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Group on Wednesday, August 24, from 10:30 to noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Take me out to the ballgame!! See the Tri-City Valley Cats vs. Hudson Valley Renegades on Saturday, August 20, at 5:45 PM. Your \$20.00 fee includes your ticket and an all-you-can-eat picnic barbecue. 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, August 21, at 1:30 pm. A live German band will play. There is \$3.00 entry fee, plus the cost of lunch. Call 439-4955 ext. 1176, to arrange transportation.

The Farmer's 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 10:00 am. On August 26, you will see the film "No Place on Earth." Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to arrange transportation.

Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. is sponsoring a Boscov's fundraiser. Purchase a \$5.00 shopping pass and receive a 25 percent discount on most purchases at Boscov's on Tuesday,

October 18, 2016. 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,

magazines, DVD's, CD's and audiobooks. Call 439-9314, and press 2.

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](http://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 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Bring a lunch and play pinochle, bingo, or mah jongg. 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](http://bethlehemsenioproject.org), or via check payable to Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054.

— Wilma DeLucco

## RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### 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 NY. 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. Wed., Aug. 17 at 4:30 p.m.

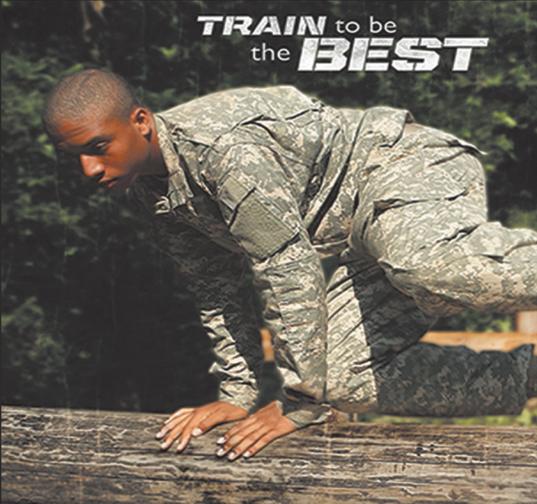
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## From page 1... Legislature votes on charter changes

decided to revisit the original charter proposals made by the independent commission.

"There are really three major issues," Crouse said. "One, the size of the legislature. Two, the redistricting commission—which, of course, reflect upon what's happened over the last three redistricting efforts by the county legislature." (Each of the last three times the county has drawn new district boundaries following the federal census every ten years, it has been censured by the federal government for disenfranchising minorities and forced to pay considerable legal fees.) "And third, general improvements and corrections to update the county charter. We decided that it would be wise to split these into three separate local laws because we understood that there was some concern and fairly strong opposition to certain parts of that charter." By splitting the proposal up, he said that they hoped that some of the generally agreed-upon aspects of the proposed charter amendments—which have to be approved in a public vote—could be enacted, even if others failed to pass public scrutiny. Allowing the public to determine the structuring of its own government, Crouse said, "is a basic point of democracy."

"How can any of us be against that?" he asked his fellow legislators.

Ultimately, three local laws to amend the county charter were put forth by Crouse and legislators Brian Hogan (R-21), Peter Tunny (R-22) and Patrice Lockart (R-26). Under Local Law No. "F," the legislature would have been reduced, but only to 29 members and over the course of two decades, decreasing the number of seats from 39 to 33 after the 2020 census and to 29 following the 2030 census. The reason for reducing the size of the legislature in two steps, said Crouse, were to address concerns raised by the minority community that fewer districts would result in reduced minority representation by making the cuts less drastic and giving the county time to evaluate their effects.

A second law, Local Law No. "G," would have removed 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 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). "We believe that this empowers the minority community to actually have a say in how their districts are drawn," said Crouse. Detractors have argued 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. "We have to have a process that is independent from the legislators," said Legislator Andrew Joyce (D-9).

The third and final piece of legislation, Local Law No. "H," makes a series of changes to the language of the charter, clarifying requirements and revising outdated language, as well as incorporating the county probation department and board of elections. Most of the changes were 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, this local law would merely require coroners to become certified within two years of taking office.

Acknowledging that his fellow legislators might not be inclined to vote in favor of all three laws, Crouse asked them to consider one question: "Where is the harm in letting the voters of Albany County decide this question?"

After Crouse spoke on the proposed legislation, Legislator Christopher Higgins (D-5) stood up to introduce an amendment to Local Law No. "F" that would replace the language with that of another proposed local law, introduced by himself and co-sponsored by 14 of his colleagues from both parties, which would reduce the size of the legislature to 25 members following the next census. "That's specifically the recommendation

that was made by the charter review commission," said Higgins. "That's the proposal that I believe Mr. Crouse should be putting before the voters."

"Many of my colleagues campaigned on this issue," he said. "They campaigned specifically on the recommendations made by this commission, downsizing in particular, and many of them were elected to seats in this house."

Legislator Merton Simpson (D-2), a representative of one of five minority-majority county districts and an opponent of any measure to downsize the legislative body, took the floor next. "I just wonder how many times we're going to keep digging up this dead horse and beating it," he said. "Prior to tonight, we've had at least six hearings on these particular issues and, with the exception of the League of Women Voters, there have been very few people who are actually in favor of downsizing at all."

"Right now, we are so gerrymandered," he said, calling the issue a geographical one. The urban districts that hold a majority of minority voters, he said, are already very close together, and to reduce the number of all districts could cause the county to risk "running afoul" of the most recent federal sanctions, as well as the American Voting Rights Act—for the fourth time.

Legislator Paul Burgdorf (R-23) then stood up and seconded Higgins' amendment. "People keep talking about all these meetings that have happened. I was never invited to a meeting, I was never asked my opinion." Neither, he

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14340 9W LLC, a domestic LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 6/29/2016. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 130 Main Street, Ravena, NY, 12143. General Purposes. Ad#125452

## LEGAL NOTICE

154-59 23rd Ave. LLC Filed 7/25/16 Office: Albany Co SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address Purpose: all lawful Ad#127424

## LEGAL NOTICE

205 President Street LLC Filed 7/29/16 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#127430

## LEGAL NOTICE

23-60 23rd St. LLC Filed 7/18/16 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#127426

## LEGAL NOTICE

5 Lower Hudson Avenue, LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY [SSNY] on 7/8/16 with office located in Albany County at 65 Albany Ave., Green Island, NY 12183. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom service may be made and SSNY shall mail a copy of service to the office location. The character of the LLC is any lawful activity. Ad#125210

## LEGAL NOTICE

58-27 & 58-29 78th Ave. LLC Filed 7/21/16 Office: Albany Co SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany,

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NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address Purpose: all lawful Ad#127422

## LEGAL NOTICE

ALTINTAS LLC Art. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 7/25/2016. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 155 Delaware Ave, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful purpose Ad#125818

## LEGAL NOTICE

ANTHONY CINQUE, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/06/16. 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, 2791 West Lydius Street, Schenectady, NY 12306. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#125797

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: ApolloCare, LLC. Application for Authority filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 7/21/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o PIERRO, Connor & Associates, 43 British American Boulevard, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#126712

## LEGAL NOTICE

AR Immobilier, LLC. Filed 6/1/16 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#124161

## LEGAL NOTICE

ATLAS TECHNICA LLC was formed in DE on 03/07/2016, filed app. for authority with the SSNY on Aug. 2, 2016. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Atlas Technica LLC at 1 IRVING PLACE APT P22B NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 10003. The address of the office to be required to be maintained in the jurisdiction of org.: 2035 SUNSET LAKE ROAD SUITE B-2, NEWARK, DE 19702. The foreign limited liability company shall provide, on request, a copy of the Cert. of Org. with all amendments file w/SOS DE at 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful business. Ad#127434

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Awen Films LLC. Filed 6/20/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#124152

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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#124149

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

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: D&T PROPERTY GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/21/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 7 Sunrise Dr., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#123026

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 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

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: D&T PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC -DBA-D&T PROPERTY ENTERPRISES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/21/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 7 Sunrise Dr., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#127352

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: D&T PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC -DBA-D&T PROPERTY ENTERPRISES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/21/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 7 Sunrise Dr., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#127352

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: D&T PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC -DBA-D&T PROPERTY ENTERPRISES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/21/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 7 Sunrise Dr., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#127352

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: D&T PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC -DBA-D&T PROPERTY ENTERPRISES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/21/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 7 Sunrise Dr., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#127352

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: D&T PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC -DBA-D&T PROPERTY ENTERPRISES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/21/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 7 Sunrise Dr., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#127352

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: D&T PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC -DBA-D&T PROPERTY ENTERPRISES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/21/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 7 Sunrise Dr., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#127352

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bany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1735 Norman Street, Apt. 1R, Queens, NY, 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#124013

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 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

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: D&T PROPERTY GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/21/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 7 Sunrise Dr., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#123026

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: D&T PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC -DBA-D&T PROPERTY ENTERPRISES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/21/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 7 Sunrise Dr., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#127352

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: D&T PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC -DBA-D&T PROPERTY ENTERPRISES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/21/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 7 Sunrise Dr., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#127352

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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

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

Fritesmeats Group 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#127429

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

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 Hada Amsterdam, LLC, 29 Windsor Court, Slingerlands, NY 12159. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#124646

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

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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

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 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

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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

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

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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LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: Mynah, LLC, Articles of Org. filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/01/2005. Office located in Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 240 E. 47th Street, Unit 34A, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#127030

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: OUR VILLAGE SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/22/2016. 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 process to the LLC: Tanya M. Henderson, 6 Lakeshore Drive, Apt 2D, Watervliet, NY 12189 Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#127170

## 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

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 au-

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### Man stopped by troopers on Western Ave for DWI

**NEW SCOTLAND** — New York state troopers stopped John Sobieski during the early morning hours of Sunday, Aug. 6, for a traffic infraction on Western Avenue in the Town of Guilderland. During the interview, officers allege that Sobieski displayed signs of intoxication. Subsequent to standardized field sobriety tests, he

was arrested for DWI and taken to the New Scotland station for arrest processing. There, he was reportedly determined to have a 0.16 percent blood alcohol concentration. Sobieski was charged with a misdemeanor DWI and is due to appear in Guilderland Town Court on a later date.



**John Sobieski**

### Man gets prison time after Western Ave car assault

**ALBANY** — Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares announced last Wednesday that James Price, 39, of Mechanicville, was sentenced to one to three years in state prison before Judge Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court, after pleading guilty on June 22 to one count of vehicular assault in the second degree, a class E felony.

On Feb. 27, at approximately 6:57 a.m., while in the area of Western Avenue in the



**James Price**

Town of Guilderland, Price drove into on-coming traffic and crashed into the vehicle of another driver. Guilderland Town Police responded to the crash scene and found Price displaying visible signs of intoxication.

He failed standard field sobriety tests and was ultimately found to have a blood alcohol content of 0.14 percent. The victim in the vehicle that Price struck required multiple surgeries as a result of crash related injuries. In addition to the prison time, Price was also sentenced to three years of an ignition interlock device on his vehicle and a minimum of six months of license revocation.

Assistant District Attorney Mary Tanner-Richter, bureau chief of the Vehicular Crimes Unit, prosecuted this case.

### Suspected drunk driver arrested on Xgates Mall Rd

**GUILDERLAND** — New York state troopers reportedly stopped Nicholas Armstrong, 28, of Porters Corners, during the early morning hours of Friday, August 5, for a traffic infraction on Crossgates Mall Road in the Town of Guilderland.

While interviewing Armstrong, police report that he displayed signs of intoxication and, after administering standardized field sobriety tests, they arrested him for DWI and transported him to the Latham station for arrest processing.

There, he was allegedly determined to have a 0.11 percent blood alcohol concentration. Armstrong was charged with a misdemeanor DWI and was due to appear in the Guilderland Town Court on Monday, Aug. 15.

### Man arrested after failing multiple sobriety tests

**LATHAM** — New York state police stopped Jeffrey Laduke, 41, of Guilderland, during the early morning hours of Friday, August 5, for a traffic infraction on I-87 in the Town of Colonie. While interviewing Laduke, troopers allege that he displayed signs of intoxication. After failing standardized field sobriety

tests, troopers report that he was arrested for DWI and taken to the Latham station for arrest processing. There, he was reportedly determined to have a 0.15 percent blood alcohol concentration. Laduke was charged with a misdemeanor DWI and was due to appear in the Colonie Town Court on Monday, Aug. 15.

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<p>thority 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 <b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>QUEENS WORLD WIDE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/28/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. 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 <b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>Queued Consulting LLC. Filed 6/13/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process &amp; shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#124160 <b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: RITMO CONSTRUCTION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, July 25, 2016. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany Coun-</p>	<p>ty. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 2990 Furbeck Road, Altamont, NY 12009. Ad#127318 <b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>ROGERS &amp; YOUNG INSURANCE SERVICES, LLC Foreign LLC Notice of NY Publication Pursuant to Section 802 of the Limited Liability Company Law Rogers &amp; 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 Foreign 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 &amp; Young Insurance Services, LLC, PO Box 1738, Windsor, CA 95492 Ad#126737 <b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: Shane Enterprise, LLC, Articles of Org. filed with Secretary of</p>	<p>State of NY (SSNY) on 11/30/2006. Office located in Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 240 E. 47th Street, Unit 34A, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#127026 <b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>SHF Foods LLC. Filed 6/21/16 Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process &amp; shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. Purpose: all lawful Ad#124151 <b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>SMART FOOD VENDING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/30/16. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 276 53rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#123901 <b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>NOTICE OF FORMATION of Social ADC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/4/16. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated against upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to principal business address: Social ADC, LLC,</p>	<p>c/o Arvind Goswami, 11 Goodrich Avenue, Colonie, New York 12110. Purpose: any lawful act. Ad#127367 <b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>Sound Shore Operations LLC Filed 1/12/16 Office: Albany Co SSNY designated as agent for process &amp; shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address. DE address: 3500 S Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901 Cert. of Form. filed w/DE: 401 Federal St. #4, Dover, DE 19901 Purpose: all lawful Ad#124162 <b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>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. 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.</p>	<p>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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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

# Go shopping

The best forum for conversations on politics, ironically, is the parking lot of your local grocery store. Church, Town Hall, the library — regardless of socio-economic status, the grocery store is the lowest common denominator for any one community center. Everyone needs food, and in today's society we are dependent more upon supermarkets than our own gardens. The grocery store is where everyone buys food, and it's the likeliest of places to come across an opinion on current events.

Strike up a conversation over a \$4 carton of milk and a \$5 loaf of bread, and you will hear opinions on a variety of different topics, like the mother of three talks about the stress of providing for her family. She fondly remembers growing up in the suburbs with her mother home, only her father working. The young mother laughs at the thought of doing that today. She and her husband have often talked about one taking on another job to tackle mounting expenses.

Credit card debt, rising property taxes and grocery bills make it impossible to make ends meet. And, you can forget about saving up for college. Her kids go to Bethlehem Central, recently ranked among the best school districts in the country, which is why she and her husband moved here to give their children the best opportunity. They each do well in school, and ideally will have their choice in school. Last year, Forbes estimated the aggregate cost of a four-year degree at an elite private school will soon cost more than \$300,000. There isn't that much relief to the \$120,000 price tag on an average, public school education.

Another customer in line is in the midst of the Golden Years of retirement. No longer a slave to the 9-to-5 grind, she can pursue her hobbies and travel the land at will. That was the carrot that dangled before her as she worked decades in the corporate world. But, life at the yacht club on a fixed income and a car in need of repairs, all while affording medication,

is not as juicy as she had imagined. Employee pensions have gone the way of grandpa's fedora, and social security benefits neither sustain nor increase at a rate consistent with the cost of living. The average person working today still expects to retire at 65, but according to Willis Tower Watson, the average joe sees it as a flip of a coin that he'll have to work until 70, if he's able to retire at all. And, the constant threat of outsourcing jobs overseas makes keeping a job all the more challenging.

It comes down to that price tag on bread and milk. It wasn't too long ago when each item could be covered by one bill instead of a few. The prices are justified by a system based on supply and demand, a constant dance to balance the highs from one side versus the lows of the other. These days, demand has taken the lead. Global Footprint Network estimates the world is living beyond its means when it comes to the planet's natural resources. Each calendar year, Earth Overshoot

Day is announced, marking "the date when humanity's demand for ecological resources and services in a given year exceeds what Earth can regenerate in that year." In 1970, Dec. 23 was that day. Earth Overshoot Day fell on Aug. 8 this year.

The voting public has better access to information, if not more educated on the issues, than in the past. As political candidates starting throwing their hats into the ring for the upcoming political season, they may want to go food shopping.

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## WHAT HAPPENED IN 2011

# Five years ago: Broken gas line closes Thruway

**GUILDERLAND** — Road construction is dangerous for work crews on the New York state Thruway, but one project escalated quickly when a gas line was breached five years ago.

The Thruway between exits 23 and 24 was closed and nearby residents and patrons of businesses fled the area on foot after construction crews ruptured a natural gas line in Guilderland on Aug. 10, 2011.

The 12-inch gas main was broke around 11 a.m. by workers with Rifenburg Construction of Troy who were making repairs to a sewer line that had been

damaged earlier. When the line was ruptured it caused a loud noise and alerted anyone nearby of the problem, said Sean Maguire of the Westmere Fire Department.

Authorities quickly shut down the Thruway. Some southbound cars were stuck for a time before workers cut a portion of the median's guardrail so traffic could turn around.

In the meantime, Guilderland police and firefighters from the Westmere Fire District shut down a portion of Schoolhouse Road just off of Route 20,

and at least several dozen people from surrounding homes, apartments and a nearby medical practice were evacuated.

Several used surgical masks as the smell of gas wafted through the area. Maguire said the department did not issue any masks, as there was little if any hazard in that respect.

"The smell that comes with natural gas is actually something that's added in that lets you smell it if there was a leak," he said. "The immediate threat had to do with the volatility of natural gas."

One Rifenburg employee suffered a cut

to his arm and was treated on the scene, but there were no other injuries reported. National Grid shut off and repaired the gas line, and the Thruway was opened again at about 12:50 p.m.

### In other news of the day...

The Bethlehem town board essentially turned down a proposal to extend the supervisor's term from two to four years.

The board voted 3-2 against scheduling a public hearing on Aug. 10, 2011, killing any chance for the proposed law.

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## From page 11... Legislature votes on charter changes

said, were most of the co-sponsors of Higgins' downsizing proposal. "We would have told you that we wanted to go with the citizen's commission's recommendations." He went on to argue that fewer districts would actually result in greater minority representation. "If, with 25 legislators, you had four [minority-majority districts]," he said, "you would be at 16 percent representation, not 12.8." (12.8 percent is the current minority district representation in the 39-district legislature.)

"I don't want anyone to say that downsizing is an affront to the minority community," Burgdorf said. "There may be fewer seats, but there is greater representation."

"I want to bring up one important fact," said Legislator Richard Mendick (R-36). "In January of 2014, when this was a very hot topic, the Times Union did a survey and the question was: 'Do you want to downsize the Albany County Legislature?'" Of a little more than 400 responses, he said, more than 92 percent were in favor of downsizing.

Legislator Doug Bullock (D-7) responded that the Times Union had waged a campaign in favor of downsizing and that its survey was biased. "You're losing representation if you're voting for downsizing," he said.

"I just don't see any reason that less representation would be more efficient or serve the constituents better," said Simpson. "I don't see any objective evidence to support that."

Legislator Mark Grimm (R-29), who rose in favor of downsizing, said, "I can appreciate the minority members' concern. It's a legitimate concern and they've been in lawsuits for years. But the idea that downsizing will result in poor minority representation is a false premise. It's not about the numbers of our members, it's about how they cut the map. That's where the

ballgame is. If we don't have independent redistricting, minority rights are threatened and small town rights are threatened." Grimm, who also spoke in favor of Higgins' amendment, later introduced his own amendment to Local Law No. "G," saying, "We actually had a commission to do this, a commission that acted independently. They came back with recommendations about an independent commission and that's what I'm putting forward today."

"[Legislator Wanda] Willingham pointed out that the minority community has been victimized by redistricting for several decades," said Legislator William Reinhardt (D-33). "That is true and it has nothing to do with the size of the legislature. It has to do with the process of redistricting—that is a critical thing that has to be addressed." If that issue goes unaddressed, he said, the county is likely to continue to run into the same problems.

After Reinhardt spoke, Chairman Sean Ward called for a roll call vote on Higgins' amendment. The final tally was 22 opposed, 14 in favor (3 members were not in attendance). The subsequent roll call vote on the original Local Law No. "F" resulted in a 31-5 vote against that particular downsizing measure. The four co-sponsors were joined by Dennis Feeney (D-28).

Grimm's amendment to implement the measures recommended by the charter review commission then underwent a roll call vote and failed by 27 to 9; Legislators Frank Mauriello (R-27), Travis Stevens (D-31), Todd Drake (R-19), and Lynne Lekakis (D-8) joined the others who had spoken in favor of downsizing and a more independent redistricting commission. Local Law No. "G" was close, with 19 in favor and 17 opposed—one vote short of the 20 needed to pass.

After an amendment to Local Law No. "H," introduced by Drake, that would also more closely reflect the charter review commission's recommendations, was defeated, the proposed law itself then passed the legislature with a vote of 15 to 20, with Mauriello abstaining.

## COMMUNITY

# Mark your calendar

Please join us as we kick off the fall season with the annual Friends of the Library (FOL) Fall Book Sale, September 16-18. Beginning at 2pm, Friday September 16, sneak preview night for FOL members only! Saturday, September 17, the doors open to the public at 9 am. On Sunday, September 18 the \$2/bag sale begins at 9am. (FOL will provide the bags) Registration for the Village Animal Clinic Canine 5K Classic will begin at 9am, with the run/walk starting at 10am. 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. As always, volunteers are welcome and appreciated!

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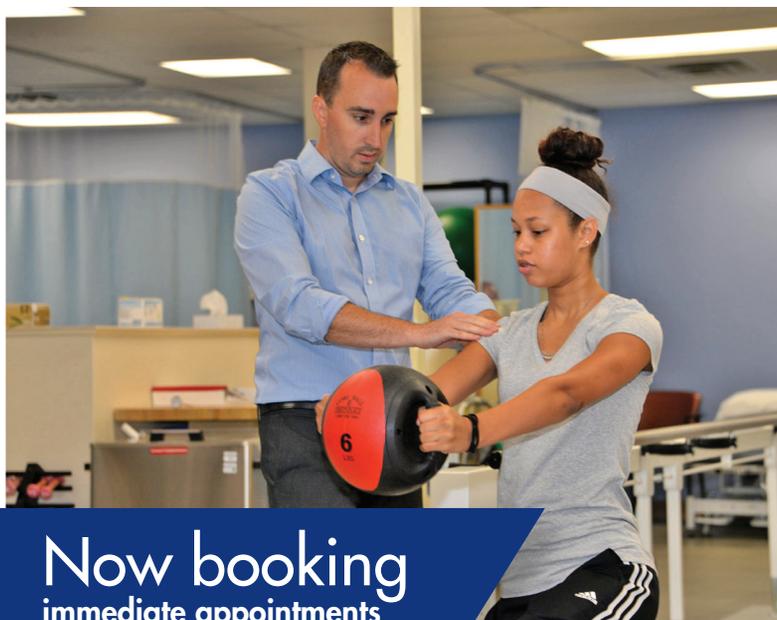


filled with laugh-out-loud antics as our thanks for all of your reading efforts this summer. Summer Reading Program prize winners will be announced, and prizes will be given to all of this summer's participants. All ages welcome.

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By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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If you frequent the local music scene, then you've likely seen him before. Jim Gilbert is a concert photographer, among the best in a region full of talented peers. He's earned his reputation in the small amount of space between the stage and the front row of expensive seats, known as the photographer's pit. It's where he resides at every show, but only so briefly.

"I have 12 minutes to tell my story," he said.

It's likely you haven't seen him. There's an unwritten etiquette for the pit, aside from the rules that strictly forbid the use of a flash. Those in the pit typically wear dark clothing. Musicians usually don't want to see them, nor do they want to be a distraction. First three songs, and they are out. It's okay if you haven't seen him. He'd rather have you see the images he makes with his camera and lens. To simply state he "captures" an image would understate his work, and other photographers like him.

"As a photographer you actually time these shots," he stated on Facebook, responding to a comment on a picture he took of Snoop Dogg and Wiz Khalifa sharing what appears to be a joint on stage during a stop on their High Road Tour at Saratoga Performing Arts Center. "You wait, ready... you see them approach each other, you manually set your camera (aperture, shutter speed, iso) and you wait... and snap. You either get it or you don't. But, the pros get

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— Jim Gilbert  
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### Goo Goo Dolls w/ Collective Soul

Saratoga Performing Arts Center — Sunday, Aug. 21



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SARATOGA SPRINGS — Two bastions of the 1990s music scene are set to perform in the Spa City.

Goo Goo Dolls shares the bill with Collective Soul and Tribe Society for a Sunday concert at Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Aug. 21.

Goo Goo Dolls, hailing from Buffalo, formed in 1986 with frontman John Rzeznik, bassist Robby Takac and drummer George Tutuska. The band later established itself among the best bands in the mid-90s with hits like "Black Balloon," "Iris" and "Slide."

Collective Soul hit the charts with "Shine" off its 1993 double-platinum album "Hints Allegations and Things Left Unsaid."

For tickets and more information, visit [SPAC.org](http://SPAC.org).

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RECENTLY ANNOUNCED

# Plenty to jam about

Gov't Mule, Dopapod and Phish?

**CAPITAL DISTRICT** — Arguably one of the best jam bands in the country, Gov't Mule, recently announced a planned stop to the Palace Theatre as part of its 2016 tour this October.

Gov't Mule hits the Palace Theatre stage Saturday, Oct. 29. Tickets are on sale now.

Gov't Mule is ramping up its schedule with an extensive tour and the release of a new archival album entitled "The Tel-Star Sessions," the band's first, and never-before-released, demos made in June 1994 at Tel-Star Studios in Bradenton, Fla.

"I think a lot of the music we're doing now is very similar to the music we were making in the earliest years with the obvious exception that we are no longer a trio," said guitarist, Warren Haynes. "In some ways we've come full circle and in other ways it only makes sense if you step back and connect the dots. And that seems right to me. You want to keep growing and you never want to be static, or done changing."

Gov't Mule has showcased its virtuosity, intelligence and breadth for more than two decades, which have encompassed 15 studio and live albums, millions of album and track sales and thousands of performances. The band has become a human encyclopedia of timeless American music while



adding to that canon with their signature sound.

Tickets go on sale tomorrow, Thursday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. at the Palace Theatre Box Office (located at 19 Clinton Ave). Summer Box Office hours are Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. as well as select hours for events. Tickets are also available for purchase via Ticketmaster Charge-by-Phone at 800-745-3000 or online at ticketmaster.com.

On the heels of Gov't Mule's announcement was the release of Dopapod's news it would visit Saratoga Springs Wednesday, Oct. 26 at the Putnam Den.

The prog rock/dance band's fall tour with Pigeons Playing Ping Pong kicks off from Catskill Chill on the weekend of Sept. 24 in Lakewood, Penn. After a string of shows south of the Mason-Dixon Line, the band comes back north to play the Spa City.

As for Phish, well, you're going to have to book a flight off to Las Vegas for October. In all fairness, the jam bank out of Burlington, Vt. already breezed through the Capital District this summer. Now, it spending time down South, and out West, where it recently announced a four-night stay in Sin City from Friday, Oct. 28 to Monday, Oct. 31.

— Michael Hallisey

COMING UP IN SCHENECTADY

## Stockade Music Live! shines light on local talent

**SCHENECTADY** — Stockade Music Live! a new series at Proctors, shines a light on native Schenectady talent, focusing on three intertwined acts at the cutting edge of the region's music scene. Stockade Music Live! will veer from chamber pop to rap to rock/hip-hop/jazz fusion and back again.

Justin Friello kicks off the series Aug. 19, with the debut of a new EP and short film, both titled Jack & Jill.

The film, which features a number of city landmarks, was shot entirely in Schenectady by Pennsylvania director/cinematographer Jess Walsh. It fictionalizes the writing process of the record, showing how art bleeds into the creative life.

Friello, who played most of the instruments on the record—his first solo project in four years—will be accompanied by the Jack & Jill Orchestra, a large ensemble featuring strings, horns, guitars, keyboards, vocals and percussion, and created specifically for Stockade Music Live!

Scottie Monaco follows Friello on Nov. 4 with the Scottie's Back Tour. Monaco and special guests, including vocalist Alexandra, will mix voices and beats, showcasing Monaco's sophomore release, Jackie, a song cycle dedicated to the performer's recently deceased mother.

The series concludes Jan. 20 with Stockade Kids' Only for a Moment. The popular band of Schenectady High School graduates (which includes Friello and Monaco) has toured across the state; opened for acts like Gin Blossoms and Village People; and took top honors in the 2014 Schenectady County Battle of the Bands.

Only for a Moment will find the group offering new material in preparation for an EP of its own.

All performances take place 7:30 p.m. Fridays at the GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State Street, Schenectady. Tickets, \$15, are available at the Box Office at Proctors; by phone at (518) 346-6204; and online at proctors.org.

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# Night & Day

## Night: Sinatra under the Stars



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throughout the Capital District as a local disc-jockey and the host of the "Italian Hour" broadcast on WVCR 88.3 The Saint. Coluccio is also an accomplished singer, who has been

performing Ol' Blue Eyes' classics to critical acclaim for a number of years. Coluccio also performs covers by Tony Bennett, Elvis, Englebert Humperdinck and Michael Bublé, among others.

Powers Park Concert Series performances are free to the public and run from 6 to 8:30 p.m.. Alcoholic beverages and pets are not allowed in the park during performances. Non-alcoholic drinks and food will be available for purchase.

Powers Park is located at 110th Street and Second Avenue in Lansingburgh.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/Powers-Park-426876477489165/](http://www.facebook.com/Powers-Park-426876477489165/)

TROY — The 13th season of the Collar City's Powers Park Concert Series continues this Saturday night with local throwback singer Nick Coluccio taking to the Neil Kelleher Stage to perform Frank Sinatra's timeless hits during "Sinatra under the Stars."

Coluccio, who graduated from the New School of Contemporary Radio, Inc. in Albany in the spring of 1994, is known

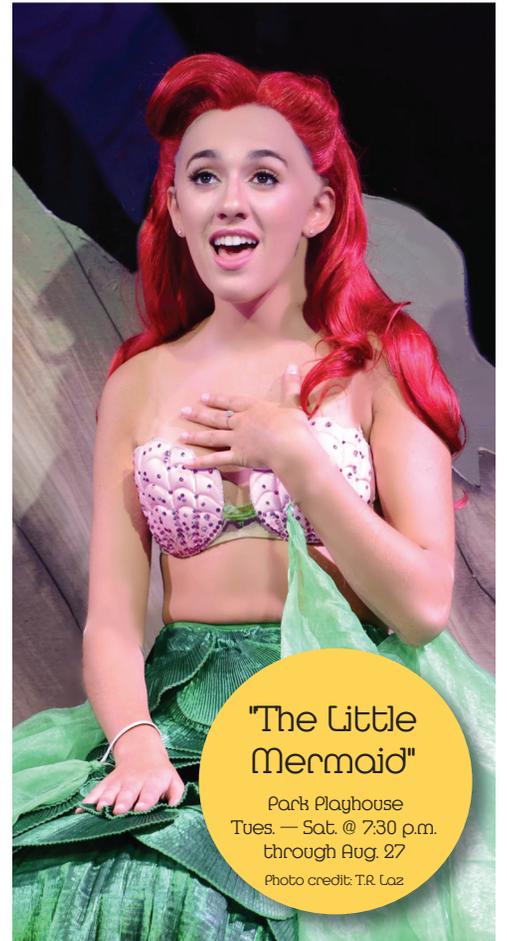
## Day: Disney's 'The Little Mermaid'

ALBANY — The Park Playhouse presents its musical adaptation of Disney's "The Little Mermaid," featuring participants from its arts in education program for teenagers and young adults, in Washington Park's Lakehouse Amphitheater through Saturday, Aug. 27. Performances of the family-friendly show take place Tuesday through Saturday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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 by clicking the link at [www.parkplayhouse.com/the-little-mermaid](http://www.parkplayhouse.com/the-little-mermaid) or by calling the SmartTix Playhouse Box Office Line at (518) 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](http://www.parkplayhouse.com) for updates about the performance.



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**Aperitivo**  
426 State St., Schenectady. 579-3371  
Wed: **Brian Patneau & Rob Lindquist** | 6 p.m.

**Arthur's Market**  
35 N. Ferry St., Schenectady. 382-1938  
Every Thur: **Edith's Amazing Jam** | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **John Birchler** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **Dan Eddo & Fuzzy Brothers (reunion show)** | 7 p.m.

**Café NOLA**  
617 Union St., Schenectady. 357-8628  
Fri: **Yankee Holler** | 6:30 p.m.  
Sat: **E.J. Ray Acoustic** | 6:30 p.m.

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Sat: **Jonathan Edwards** (233 Lake Ave.) | 7 p.m.

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Every Thur: **Matty Finn** | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **E.J. Hopeck** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Black Abbey** | 7:30 p.m.

**Castle Street Café**  
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Fri: **Wanda Houston Band** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Ben Kohn 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 helsinki@hudson.com  
Fri: **The Big Takeover** | 8 p.m.  
Sun: **Quinn Sullivan** | 8 p.m.

**Crown Grill**  
390 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.

# ARTS CALENDAR



## North and South Dakotas ride back into town

The quintet brings will perform its Northeast Y'alternative on back-to-back nights in downtown Saratoga Springs, Thursday night at Gaffney's and Friday night at One Caroline Street.

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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: **Duck n' Du** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **Cass & Emma** | 7 p.m.  
Sun: **Jesse's Girl** | 7 p.m.  
Every Tue: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

**Fuze Box**  
12 Central Ave., Albany. 703-8937  
Fri: **Cretin Hop** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Elsphinx, UNDRSTANDING, Eleven, Big Malik, Deborah's Son,**

**Jack of All Trades** | 9 p.m.  
Sun: **Madball, Death Before Dishonor, Coldsides, Absolute Suffering, Ego Destroys, Activate** | 5 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: **Rich Ortiz** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Virgil Cain** | 9 p.m.  
Sun: **Sirsy** | 9 p.m.  
Mon: **Karaoke** | 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: **Bert Pagano** | 8 p.m.

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

**The Half Moon**  
48 S. Front St., Hudson. thehalfmoonhudson.com  
Fri: **Buke and Gase, Ahleuchtistas** | 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 & Lecco Morris** | noon

**Hudson River Music Hall**  
10 Maple St., Hudson Falls. 832-3484  
Wed: **Open Mic** | 7:30 p.m.  
Fri: **Tambourelli and Her Supertrips, Candy Ambulance, Six Ways to Sunday** | 7:30 p.m.  
Sat: **Delaney Silvernell** | 7:30 p.m.

**The Low Beat**  
335 Central Ave., 432-6572  
Every Wed: **The Deadbeats** | 10 p.m.  
Thur: **Factory Radio, Ferriday, Jesse O'Neill** | 8 p.m.  
Fri: **Gay Taste** | 6 p.m.

**Nine Votes Short, Hanover, Suburban Samurai, Rescott Renegade** | 7:30 p.m.  
Sat: **The Nightlife, Artisan, Young Graves, Johnny Booth** | 7:30 p.m.

**Lucas Confectionary and Wine Bar**  
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Mon: **Le Trio Vino** | 7 & 8:45 p.m.

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  - Food sticker
  - Black stone

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  - Balance sheet item
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  - Walloped, old-style
  - Brio
  - Bananas
  - Decide to leave, with "out"
  - "Fantasy Island" prop
  - Half a dozen

Answers on Pg. B23

ARTS CALENDAR



Debut performance

Schenectady-based singer, songwriter and performer Justin Friello will play songs from his latest album and screen his new film Friday night at Proctor's.

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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  
Thur: **Running The River** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Factory Radio** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **Mark Meritt** | 7 p.m.  
Every Sun: **Open Mic** | 7:30 p.m.  
Mon: **Nancy's Hootenanny** | 7 p.m.  
Tue: **Dave Kitchen Trio** | 7 p.m.

**Mouzon House**  
1 York St., Saratoga Springs. 226-0014  
Wed: **Joe Gitto & Dan Wancyk** | 6:30 p.m.  
Thur: **Hot Club of Saratoga Quartet** | 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.  
Thur: **Cloud Lifter** | 8 p.m.  
Fri: **Mark Kleinhaut** | 6 p.m.

**The North and South Dakotas** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Chuck Lamb** | 6 p.m.  
**Matt Mirabile** | 9 p.m.  
Sun: **Cara May Gorman** | 6 p.m.  
Mon: **Tim Wechelaer** | 7:30 p.m.

**The Parting Glass**  
40 Lake Ave, Saratoga Springs. 583-1916  
Thur-Sun: **Kevin McKrell** | 7 p.m.  
Mon: **Luck of the Draw** | 7 p.m.  
Tue: **Off Track Band** | 7 p.m.

**Panza's**  
510 NY Rte. 9P (on Saratoga Lake), Saratoga Springs. 584-6882  
Wed: **Artie Mozeik** | 6 p.m.

Fri: **Michael Panza & Charles Cornell** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **Jeanne O'Conner, Michael Panza, Peg Delaney** | 7:30 p.m.

**Pauly's Hotel**  
337 Central Ave., Albany. paulyshotel.com  
Sat: **Monsters of Hip Hop 518** | 7:30 p.m.  
Mon: **Blues Jam** | 8 p.m.

**Platinum Pub**  
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Every Tue: **Open Mic**

**Provence**  
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Sat: **Misty Jazz Trio** | 7 p.m.

**Prime at Saratoga National**  
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Sun: **Joe Sorrentino Trio (Jazz brunch)** | 10:30 a.m.

**Putnam Den**  
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs. 584-8066  
Wed: **Open Mic**  
Thur: **Knot Dead** | 9:30 p.m.  
Fri: **Given to Fly** | 10 p.m.  
Sat: **Pink Talking Fish, Hayley Jane, The Primates** | 9:30 p.m.

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

**Rustic Barn Pub**  
150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. 235-5858  
Every Thur: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m.  
Fri: **Acoustically Speaking** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Aveos Band** | 8 p.m.

**Speakeasy 518**  
42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2332  
Wed: **Mark Kleinhaut** | 8 p.m.  
Thur: **Steve Lambert Duo** | 9 p.m.  
Fri: **Nate Giroux Trio** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Wayne Hawkins Trio** | 9 p.m.  
Mon: **Joe Finn** | 9 p.m.  
Tue: **Mike Jenkins Duo** (swing night) | 8 p.m.

**Stockade Inn**  
1 North Church St., Schenectady. 346-3400  
Thur: **Colleen Pratt** | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **Azzaam Hameed & Annette Harris** | 7 p.m.

**Troy Kitchen**  
77 Congress St, Troy, 268-0068  
Tue: **Joe Barna's Sketches of Influence with Joel Frahm** | 7:30 p.m.

**Universal Preservation Hall**  
25 Washington St, Saratoga Springs. 584-2627  
Fri: **Howard Fishman Quartet** | 7:30 p.m.

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Wed & Thur: **Drake Bell, Ophilla Grey, True Grit, Outlaws, Duo Explosion, Vinny Sal, Courtney Heinze** (Building For The Stars Charity Concert) | 7 p.m.

**The Van Dyck**  
237 Union St., Schenectady. 348-7999  
Fri: **Lecco Morris & Jeff Nania** | 6 p.m.

**Waterworks Pub**  
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Thur: **DJ Shawn Gillie** | 11 p.m.  
Fri: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.  
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**Wishing Well Restaurant**  
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Sat: **Chris Dollard & Michael Panza** | 6:30 p.m.  
Mon: **Larry Finke** | 6:30 p.m.  
Tue: **Noreen Pratt** | 6:30 p.m.

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

MUSIC

**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.

**The AudioStars**  
Party rock band. Aug. 17, 7 p.m. Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. Information: www.freedomparkscotia.com.

**Lake George Arts Project Summer Concert Series**  
Alex Meixner Band. Aug. 17, 7 p.m., Shepard Park, Lake George. Free. Information: 668-2616 or www.lakegeorgearts.org.

**Boston Symphony Orchestra**  
Featuring violinist Gil Shaham performing Sonatas and Partitas for solo violin by J.S. Bach. Aug. 17, 8 p.m. Seiji Ozawa Hall, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$19-\$66. Information: www.bso.org.

**Philadelphia Orchestra**  
Czech pianist Lukas Vondracek joins the world-renowned orchestra to perform

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Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto 3. Greig's Suite No. 1 from Peer Gynt and Sibelius's Symphony No. 5 also on program. Aug. 17, 8 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

### Jazz on Jay

Alex Slomka Trio performs. Aug. 18, noon. "The Circle" at State and Jay streets (across from Proctors), Schenectady. Free. Information: 372-5656.

### Concerts in the Park

Lucky Jukebox Brigade performs. Aug. 18, 6 p.m. Free. Wiswall Park, Ballston Spa.

### Vellano Corporation Summer Concert Series

A Night of Love Songs with Samir El-Sawaf, Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m. The Crossings, 580 Albany Shaker Rd., Loudonville. Free. Information: 456-2136.

### Philadelphia Orchestra with Renée Fleming

Soprano makes her SPAC debut with the world-renowned orchestra to perform selections by Tchaikovsky and Verdi, with arias to be announced. Aug. 18, 8 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

### Boston Symphony Orchestra

Conductor Charles Dutoit collaborates with violinist Chantal Julliet to present Charles Dutoit and Friends. All-Stravinsky program features staged production of "The Soldier's Tale." Aug. 18, 8 p.m. Seiji Ozawa Hall, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$18-\$56. Information: www.bso.org.

### Rock the Block

Cohoes' on-going series of outdoor music presents River Junction Band. Aug. 19, 6 p.m. Canal Square, 72 Remsen St., Cohoes. Free. Information: www.cohoesfarmersmarket.com

### Philadelphia Orchestra with Chris Botti and Joshua Bell

Grammy-winning jazz trumpeter and classical violinist join world-renowned orchestra to perform a program of impassioned, ageless, genre-crossing music. Aug. 19, 8 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

### Stockade Music Live!

Four years since his last release, singer-songwriter/composer Justin Friello debuts his new short film and album, featuring the Jack & Jill Orchestra. Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m., Proctors Theatre, Schenectady. Tickets: \$15. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

### Upbeat on the Roof

Heavenly Echoes, a Southern soul-style gospel group, founded more than 50 years ago by the late Deacon James Edmonds of the Sweet Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Albany. Aug. 19, 7 p.m. Skidmore College. Saratoga Springs. Free. Information: https://tang.skidmore.edu.

### Boston Symphony Orchestra

UnderScore Friday Evening: Charles Dutoit conducts Mozart and Rossini featuring pianist Menahem Pressler. Aug. 19, 8 p.m. Koussevitzky Music Shed, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Preceded by an Orchestra Prelude Concert in Seiji Ozawa Hall at 6 p.m. Tickets \$11-\$101. Information: www.bso.org.

### Boston Symphony Orchestra

Saturday morning rehearsal. Andris Nelsons conducts Berlioz, Tsontakis, Saint-Saens, and Prokofiev. Aug. 20, 10:30 a.m. Koussevitzky Music Shed,



## Catch 'Rock' before it rolls out

The last four performances of the Capital District premiere of "School of Rock: The Musical" take place this Friday and Saturday night at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 and 8 p.m. in Siena College's Beaudoin Theater. For information and/or tickets, visit [www.consortiumactors.com](http://www.consortiumactors.com).

Photo by Katria Foster

Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets \$13-\$33. Information: www.bso.org.

### Up All Night

Rock band. Aug. 20, 7 p.m. Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. Information: www.freedomparkscotia.com.

### Philadelphia Orchestra

World-renowned orchestra presents its Triple Threat Tchaikovsky Finale, including the 1812 Overture. Fireworks follow concert. Aug. 20, 8 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

### Powers Park Concert Series

Local throwback singer, Nick Coluccio performs all the hits of Frank Sinatra. Aug. 20. Powers Park. Troy.

### Hyperion String Quartet

Group returns to Sembrich as the Flonzaley Resident Ensemble for a program that features Leos Janacek's String Quartet No. 1, "The Kreutzer Sonata" along with Edvard Grieg's String Quartet No. 1 in G Minor, Opus 27. Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m. \$40. The Sembrich Studio, 4800 Lake Shore Dr., Bolton Landing. Information: 644-2431 or www.thesembrich.org.

### Boston Symphony Orchestra

Andris Nelsons conducts Verdi's Adia, Acts I and II. Aug. 20, 8 p.m. Koussevitzky Music Shed, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets \$22-\$111. Information: www.bso.org.

### Dawes

California-based indie-rockers Dawes continues to build upon the success of "North Hills," "Nothing is Wrong," "Stories Don't End." Aug. 20, 8 p.m. The Egg. Albany. Tickets: \$34.50 - \$39.50. Information: www.theegg.org.

### Mia Sciocco Trio

Acoustic pop. Aug. 21, 7 p.m. Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. Information: www.freedomparkscotia.com.

### The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

Program titled "Classical Legacy" includes works by Mozart, Schumann and Mendelssohn. Aug. 21, 3 p.m. Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

### Goo Goo Dolls

90s rock band with special guests Collective Soul and Tribe Society. Aug. 21,

7 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

### Boston Symphony Orchestra

Andris Nelsons conducts Berlioz, Tsontakis, Saint-Saens, and Prokofiev. Aug. 21, 2:30 p.m. Koussevitzky Music Shed, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets \$20-\$101. Information: www.bso.org. August 22

### Dana Park Concert Series

One Red Martian with Girl Blue headlines the next installment of this weekly outdoor music series. Aug. 22. Dana Park. Albany. Free. Information: www.danaparkconcertseries.com.

### The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

Program titled "Russian Fireworks" includes works by Gliere, Moszkowski, Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky. Aug. 23, 8 p.m. Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spac.org.

### Celtic Thunder

"Legacy" is an exciting, new live show celebrating the influence of Irish and Celtic music around the world. Aug. 23, 8 p.m. Palace Theatre. Albany. Tickets: \$49.50-\$79.50. Information:

www.palacealbany.com

### Train

Multi-platinum band best known for its Grammy Award-winning song "Drops of Jupiter (Tell Me)" and chart-toppers "Meet Virginia" and "Calling All Angels" with singer, songwriter and record producer Andy Grammer. Aug. 23, 7 p.m. Koussevitzky Music Shed, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets \$28.50-99.50. Information: www.bso.org.

### Made in the Shade of The Egg concert series

Jon Stickley Trio performs, combining roots of jazz, bluegrass and hip-hop. Aug. 24, noon, Empire State Plaza Concourse, Albany. Free. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

### Skeeter Creek

Country. Aug. 24, 7 p.m. Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. Information: www.freedomparkscotia.com

### Lake George Arts Project Summer Concert Series

Mako with the Lake George Music Festival. Aug. 24, 7 p.m., Shepard Park, Lake George. Free. Information: 668-2616 or www.lakegeorgearts.org.

### Jeremy Denk

Pianist charts the history of Western music in a fascinating centuries-spanning program titled Medieval to Modern. Aug. 24, 8 p.m. Seiji Ozawa Hall, Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$18-\$56. Information: www.bso.org.

### Jazz on Jay

Scott Bassinson Quartet performs. Aug. 25, noon. "The Circle" at State and Jay streets (across from Proctors), Schenectady. Free. Information: 372-5656.

### Concerts in the Park

SIRSY performs. Aug. 25, 6 p.m. Free. Wiswall Park, Ballston Spa.

### Vellano Corporation Summer Concert Series

Jeff Gonzales and the 2 bit Cowboys perform Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m. The Crossings, 580 Albany Shaker Rd., Loudonville. Free. Information: 456-2136.

## THEATER

### 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, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: reserved seats \$16-\$24, lawn seats free. Information: www.parkplayhouse.com.

### Hieronymus,

### A Musical Fantasy

The story of medieval artist Hieronymus Bosch and his too-large imagination. Aug. 18, 7 p.m., Proctors, 426 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$17.50-\$27.50. Information: (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

### Love, Loss and What I Wore

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**School of Rock: The Musical**  
 Capital District premiere of the Broadway show. Aug. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., and Aug. 21 at 3 and 8 p.m. Tickets: evenings, \$20 for adults, \$15 for students/seniors; matinee \$15/\$12. Beaudoin Theater, Siena College, 515 Loudon Rd., Loudonville. Information: [www.consortiumactors.com](http://www.consortiumactors.com)

**Sister Act**  
 Musical adaptation of hit movie. Presented by Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 NY-203, Chatham, through Aug. 21. Tickets: evenings \$34, matinees \$31, children under 12 \$14. Information: 392-9292 or [www.machaydntheatre.org](http://www.machaydntheatre.org).

**The Taming of the Shrew**  
 William Shakespeare's famous comedy. Presented by Steamer No. 10 Theatre at Lincoln Park, 116 Delaware Ave., through Aug. 21. Shows: 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. Free; donations welcome. Information: 438-5503 or [www.steamer10theatre.org/category/shakespeare](http://www.steamer10theatre.org/category/shakespeare).

### COMEDY

**The Funny Bone**  
 Xxtreme Comedy Hypnosis with Rich Guzzi, Wed. Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m., \$12. Adrian Crosby, Thurs. Aug. 18, 7:30 p.m., \$10. Tony Roberts headlines Fri. Aug. 19, 7:30 and 10 p.m.; Sat. Aug. 20, 7 and 10 p.m., \$17; also Sun, Aug. 21, 7 p.m., \$5. All shows 21+. Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue, Guilderland. Information: 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com.

**The Comedy Works**  
 Mike Gaffney headlines through Saturday, Aug. 20. Shows: Tonight and Thursday: 8:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 8 and 10 p.m. 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 275-6897 or [thecomedyworks.com](http://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](http://www.proctors.org).

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**Barker Park Kids' Summer Series**  
 Make creative fruit sculptures with the Arts Center for the Capital Region to hang in the trees for all see. Barker Park, corner of Third and State streets, downtown Troy Free. Information: [www.troymusichall.org](http://www.troymusichall.org).

**Barry Lyga**  
 Spend an afternoon with children's book author Barry Lyga, as he presents his riveting new thriller, "The Secret Sea." Recommended for ages 9+. Free. Northshire Bookstore, 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 682-4200 or [www.northshire.com](http://www.northshire.com)

**Cornerstone Capital Park After Dark**  
 See "Big Hero 6" Wed. Aug. 17, at 8 p.m. Capitol Building, Washington Ave. and S. Swan St., Albany. Free.

**Saratoga Children's Theatre**  
 Four performances of "Little Shop of Horrors" with book and lyrics by Howard Ashman and Music by Alan Menken. Friday, Aug. 19 and Saturday, Aug. 20 at 1 and 7 p.m., Children age 11+ and adults \$10; free for children 10 and younger; tickets available at the door only. Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: [www.saratogachildrenstheatre.org](http://www.saratogachildrenstheatre.org).

**Sensory Play: Tiny Tinkering**  
 Help your child improve motor skills and increase his or her understanding of how the world works. Join us in the GE Junior Discovery room from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for a hands-on sensory science activity. No pre-registration required, activity included with museum admission. Ages 2-6. CMOST, 250 Jordan Rd., Troy. Information: 235-2120 or [www.cmost.org](http://www.cmost.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](http://www.machaydntheatre.org).

**Story Time**  
 Bring the little ones to the library to share a story and make a small craft with Miss Jen from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.!

Brunswick Community Library, 4118 Route 2, Troy. Free.

### FILM

**Deja View Movie Series**  
 See "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark, Aug. 18., 7:45 p.m., Tricentennial Park, Broadway and Columbia Street, Downtown Albany. Free. Information: [www.downtownalbany.org](http://www.downtownalbany.org).

**It Came From Schenectady**  
 It Came From Schenectady presents "For The Love of Spock," an award-winning documentary on the life and career of actor Leonard Nimoy. Aug. 20, 2 p.m., Proctors, 426 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$9. Information: (518) 346-6204 or [www.proctors.org](http://www.proctors.org).

**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](http://thelinda.org).

### LITERARY

**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 [dwlcx@earthlink.net](mailto:dwlcx@earthlink.net).

**Shakes-BEER-Read Along**  
 Wear your heart upon your sleeve, and join The Collar City Players as they host their eleventh Shakes-BEER read-along with Othello. Featured reader Nick Muscatiello will be reading Iago. Everyone, regardless of experience level, will be encouraged to read. 20 roles will be available. Sign-ups at 6 p.m. Followed by reading at 6:45 p.m. Free. Rare Form Brewing Co. 90 Congress St., Troy. Information: 326-4303.

### EDUCATION

**Gallery Talks**  
 Enjoy a docent-led tour of the museum's exhibitions. Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m. (Schedule subject to change, please call to confirm.) Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Info: 463-4478 or [membership@albanyinstitute.org](mailto:membership@albanyinstitute.org).

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### 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.

### One Big Roof

Weekly classes include Gentle Yoga Essentials (Monday, 8:30 a.m.), Tai Chi (Tuesday, 7 p.m.), Deepening Gentle Yoga (Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.), and Dharma Meditation (Sunday, 9 a.m.). 538 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information: www.oneroofsaratoga.com.

### Shaken, Not Stirred:

**History Happy Hour**  
Stop by the Shaker Heritage Society on a lovely summer evening to sip and socialize with fellow history-lovers at America's first Shaker settlement. Enjoy a selection of local beer, wine, and delicious hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. 25 Meeting House Rd., Albany. Information: 456-7890.

## EXHIBITS

### Albany Center Gallery

Collectors' Show and Sale, a special two-day exhibition and sale at the gallery August 18 and 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. 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 Oujia, Erik Savage and Larissa Tapler, through Oct. 2. 517 Western Ave., Albany. Information: www.albanypubliclibrary.org.

### Arts Center of the Capital Region

"Heavenly Body," featuring the work of Artist in Residence Andrea Hersh, through Aug. 27. "Fence Select 2016" and "Ray Felix: Interiors," 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.thelaffer-gallery.com.

### Mabee Farm Historic Site

"In Whom We Trust: At the Crossroads of Faith & Community," a photography exhibit by Michael Diana. Ongoing. Also "Vote Here! Vote Now!" Discover Schenectady's political legacy by talking, touching, listening feeling and learning how vital your voice is in the 2016 elections. Through Nov. 2016. 1100 Main St. (Route 55), 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.



## Will you 'bee' at the fair?

One of the Capital District's longest-running summer traditions, the Altamont Fair, runs through this Sunday, Aug. 21. Rides, games, vendors, exhibits and food for the entire family. For a daily schedule of events, visit [www.altamontfair.com](http://www.altamontfair.com). Spotlight file photo

### Saratoga Arts

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

### Schenectady County JCC

"The Abstract Experience: Paintings and Works in Clay by Lorraine Roth, through Sept. 30. 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna. Information: 377-8803 or www.schenectadyjcc.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

North Country Arts Summer Dreams, a multi-media exhibition of members' work. Through Aug. 27. Closing reception on Aug. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. 71 Lawrence St., Suite 114, Glens Falls. Information: www.northcountryarts.org.

### Tang Teaching Museum

"A More Perfect Union," a visual and verbal exploration of the current political climate and democracy, through Jan. 1, 2017. Also "Liz Collins — Energy Field," long-running installation created as a lounge and social space for visitors and students, through Aug. 31. 2017. 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. Through Oct. 30. 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

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 A squeeze of fresh lemon  
 Sea salt  
 Fresh ground pepper

### Garnishes

Romaine lettuce leaves  
 Avocado (optional)  
 Kalamata olives (optional)

### Preparation

Preheat oven to 350°. In a baking dish, add a couple tbs. of the olive oil and place the four flounder fillets in the dish. Salt and pepper each one. Drizzle with olive oil, and top each fillet with some basil pesto, and then bread crumbs. Squeeze lemon over each one, and bake in a 350° oven for 15 to 20 minutes. Place the fillets on

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■ HEALTH & FITNESS

# Not just an 'old man's' disease

Diabetes can catch anyone unawares, at any age

By **DAN ROMAND**  
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The other day I spoke with "Martha." Martha contacted me because she had just received some life-altering news from her doctor.

She had gone to see him because she wasn't feeling well and had been experiencing some odd things like constantly being hungry and thirsty and at times she felt light headed and dizzy.

After meeting with her doctor, and having some blood work done, she was shocked to find she had Type II diabetes.

As stunning as that was she was perhaps most stunned to be diagnosed at the ripe old age of 38 years old. She even said to me: "I always thought it was an old person's disease".

Type II diabetes has reached epidemic proportions in the United States. Roughly 90-95 percent of all cases of diabetes are Type II and it is estimated that a little over 29 million people (or more than 9 percent of the population) have the disease. Of that more than eight million cases are undiagnosed and thus untreated.

And those rates are growing with almost 1.4 million Americans being diagnosed every year.

Scary stuff to say the least.

But, it's even worse than you might think with an estimated 86 million Americans having pre-diabetes. As

one doctor said to me: Pre-diabetes is a misnomer. You either have it or you don't there is nothing "pre" about it. If you are pre-diabetic you better do something about it".

Think about that for a second. Almost a third of Americans are diabetic or pre-diabetic. It is the 7th leading cause of death in the US.

Perhaps even more staggering is the financial cost of contracting the disease. It is estimated that diabetes costs us about \$245 billion dollars per year in the United States.

The American Diabetes Association estimates that the medical cost of an average diabetic are about \$13,700 per year of which almost \$8000 of it is attributable to having diabetes.

Life expectancy can be drastically affected too with studies showing that diabetics have a lower life expectancy in every age group than those without diabetes. The Differences can be dramatic. For example a 50 year old diabetic has a lower life expectancy of about 8.5 years!

Getting back to Martha in addition to her shock over being diagnosed she is dealing with another factor that she never imagined she'd have to at such a young age. Sticking herself with needles multiple times every day. Oh and did I mention she's deathly afraid of needles.

You see diabetics don't have it easy. Many have to check their blood sugar levels several times a day. Many also have to take medications (which aren't cheap)

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**RESTAURANT REVIEW**

**A little taste of New Orleans**

By **ELIZABETH SCHAFFER**  
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A relaxing, casual evening spent eating a perfectly delicious dinner was how my daughter, boyfriend and I spent our more recent dining experience.

We were both hungry early, so we headed out just about 6. Something made me think of Café Nola in Schenectady, a place that we had only once visited, and that was years ago. So we decided if they had outdoor seating, we would head there. To our delight, their small patio was set up, and with umbrella's it was perfect to shade us from the still very hot sun.

There were only a handful of people there when we arrived, and all of them were eating inside at tables or at the small, but very cute bar. When we asked to sit outside,

they were more than happy to set us up out there. Our server followed us right out with menus and took our drink order on the spot. Neither of us were in the mood for anything strong, so he went with an iced tea, and I went with a soda.

Then it was time to attack the menu. The New Orleans inspired menu offers a variety that will certainly appeal to any taste. The appetizer menu featured items varying from the usual mozzarella sticks, to the much more interesting option of alligator bites. Their main menu was no different, from salads, to burgers, to enticing entrées, there was something for everyone, with each dish featuring some sort of New Orleans/Southern inspiration. As he looked

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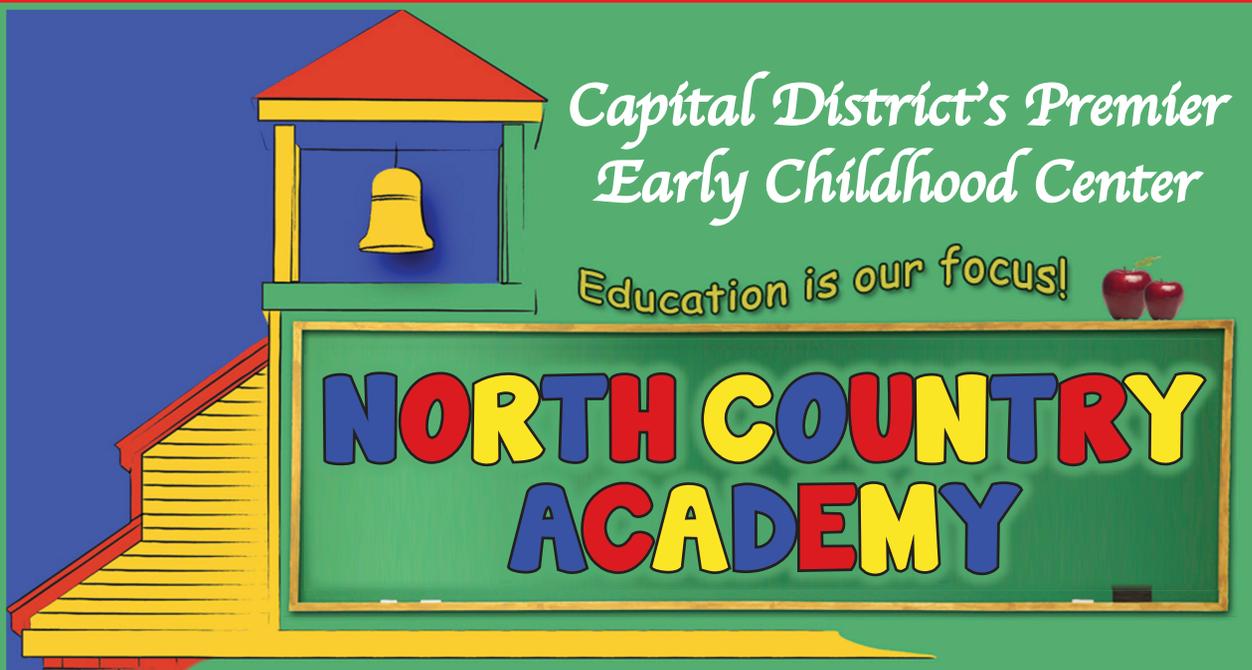


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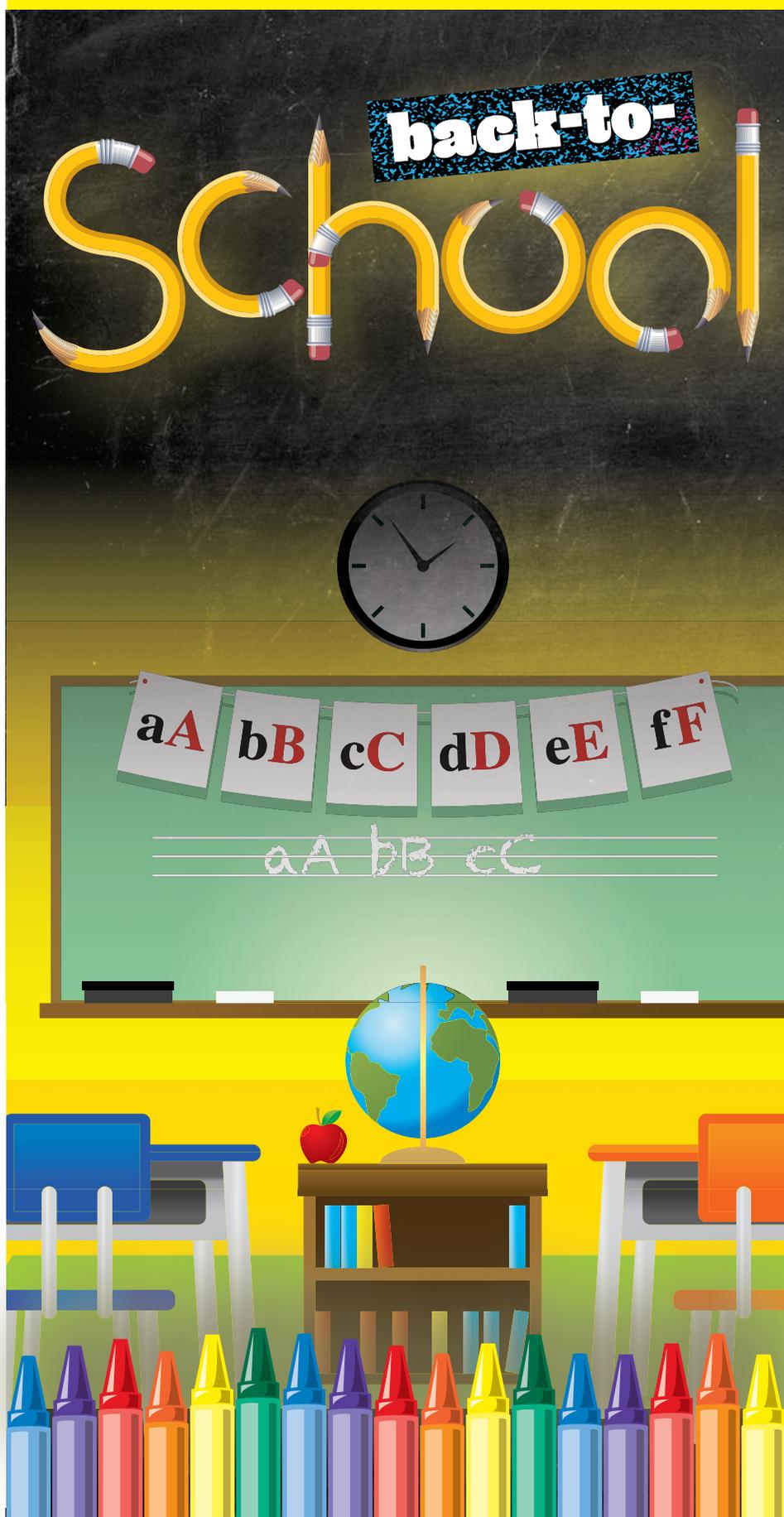
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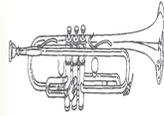
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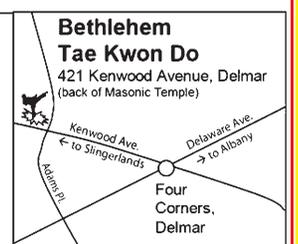
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■ **CONCERT REVIEW**

# The Madison brings the popcorn, and more

Scott Sharrard & the Brickyard Band

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**ALBANY** — When I got the call from a dear friend of mine saying he had four spare seats to see Scott Sharrard at the Madison Theater, my first thought was who is Scott Sharrard and since when can I see live music at the Madison? So obviously this was not the show I was scheduled to review for this week but it did seem like the perfect show to bring my wife and a couple of our friends to since there were actual seats!

Normally I'm reviewing indie pop shows, the up and comers, rarely is there an actual seat available which is why my wife (all 4'11" of her) will not attend unless she has a seat, so this was an especially rare night. My apologies to Big Thief and Cantina, two bands from Brooklyn that put on a fantastic show at the the Hangar in Troy and who I was originally scheduled to write about. Next time!

Since I didn't know much about Scott Sharrard except his current promotional tag line "Guitarist and Musical Director" of the Greg Allman Band, a quick Wiki revealed to me that he wasn't just some fill in southern rock/jam band guitarist, he was a true bluesman that has been honing his skills since he was a young boy, which just happens to be the perfect pedigree for a Greg Allman fronted band.

The Madison Theater was a great intimate setting for this viewing/listening party and it seemed very much like the show was in my living room. To be able to hear the banter between the musicians on stage and the sound of the drummer saying "ready boys....1 and 2 and..." was pretty cool and truly reminiscent of the old blues clubs

Scott opened with a three song barrage of awesome blues and then informed us that they planned on stretching out and playing a good long show. As the set moved on through some covers, some early work of Scott's as well as the current Brickyard Band record, I realized that there was a huge R&B as well Soul influence to much of what they were playing. On a couple occasions I thought I was listening to Al Green!

After nine or ten songs the band seemed to be finished and I was a little disappointed until Scott thanked us and told us that this would be a short

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■ **FILM REVIEW**

# Suicide Squad

How bad can bad be? Nicole and Matt tells us

By **NICOLE & MATT ROBINSON**  
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**Nicole:** Wow.

**Matt:** So many missed opportunities.

**N:** Just. Wow. It was pretty bad.

**M:** It wasn't good. Even though it had its moments, it wasn't good.

**N:** I feel like there's a lot to unpack here, because there's just so much wrong with this movie. And yet, there were at least a few things that we liked. That almost made it a shame this movie was so freaking bad. Do you want to start with the good, or the bad?

**M:** The acting is surprisingly solid. Will Smith does a fantastic job with the material he was provided. Almost all of the actors elevated the writing to slightly above abysmal level.

**N:** Even though I think Will Smith's Deadshot was the main protagonist of the movie, the marketing campaign focused almost solely on Margot Robbie as the one to watch. I have to admit she was a big part of the reason I was excited to even see it. She didn't disappoint. Robbie was a great Harley Quinn, and she played off Will Smith's character in such a way that gave the movie the only depth it had.

**M:** The two of them

had legitimate chemistry throughout, even more so than she had with the Joker. The Joker could have been cut from this movie totally, and the movie wouldn't have been any different. Totally a forced decision.

**N:** It's interesting because they led the marketing campaign very early on with shots of Jared Leto's Joker and the reaction was not good. Let's face facts, it was always going to be difficult for him to go up against Heath Ledger's Oscar winning performance. To me it seemed – and from reading interviews Leto has done since the movie debuted – that they cut back the Joker's role significantly to deal with this backlash and to push Margot Robbie forward. The result was an incoherent mess. I wasn't sure at all why he was there or even what sort of Joker he was trying to play. It certainly wasn't sinister or terrifying.

**M:** I actually didn't even think Jared Leto was that bad! Again, it was everything else that was the problem with his character. The Joker was written poorly, directed poorly, and visually designed poorly. They turned this dark, perfect villain into a gold-chain and grill wearing gang banger. The whole movie was missing an element of darkness that should have been

there. And, I think there's a reason they didn't release the plot ahead of time. Because I still don't know what it is.

**N:** Right? What was it about? There was really nothing very suspenseful about the movie, and that was because I never knew what was going on. I kept thinking that I'd figured out the thread, that maybe this movie wasn't really going to be as bad as it seemed, but then there'd be a scene that made no sense. Or a plot that both came and went – out of and into thin air.

**M:** That's what I mean about missed opportunities. Every once in a while it had a moment, but David Ayers (writer/director) never capitalized on them, never fleshed them out. It was as if the movie was written by a drunken fan-boy.

**N:** I think a lot of that had to do with the poor editing as well. Which was incredibly apparent. Every moment was a beat or two too late. The timing was always off. And, again, things just didn't make sense!

**M:** And the slow motion. Oh my god, the dramatic slow motion.

**N:** Which only works if we've come to care about the characters. Otherwise, it comes off as forced. A contrived way to make us feel as if what's going is important. But we will not

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- **Genre:** Fantasy/Crime
- **Length:** 2 hours, 10 minutes
- **Starring:** Margot Robbie, Jared Leto, Will Smith

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**M:** The more I think about it, the worse it gets.

**N:** Again, wow.

**M:** At least the fight scenes were good. Right?

**N:** They were. The fight scenes were choreographed and shot very well. These scenes were helped by an incredible classic 70's soundtrack, which is actually what helped the movie gain momentum in the beginning. I won't forget that first trailer, set to Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody*. That soundtrack was incredible. So just to sum up – we liked Will Smith, Margot Robbie, and the soundtrack. Oh, and Viola Davis. And that was all.

**M:** Acting good. Movie bad. I want to give this movie a D+, but the acting really raises it to a C-.

**N:** I think I'd have to agree with you. I keep going back to a scene with Harley Quinn and Deadshot, later on in the movie, when she's upset about something but is also trying to cover it up with her crazy demeanor, and Deadshot sees through it. Margot Robbie's range in that scene is incredible. She made me feel things about things I previously felt nothing about through the course of this "story." It's hard to mark that down as total fail. C-.

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## THEATER REVIEW

# 'Pirates' a steal

By **JAMES YEARA**  
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**GREAT BARRINGTON, Vt.** — For those short of time, a Tweet-size review for you: see TPoP@BSC now, before prices quadruple when it's remounted on Broadway.

For those who just want the highlights, key lines, images, reactions:

Beowulf Borritt's brilliant set design evokes Dr. Seuss on the high seas in Act I then creates a moonlight Seussian Downton Abbey for Act II, all with a Disney "Pirates of the Caribbean" wooden ship deck thrusting vigorously into the audience, splitting the space in two to enable those cheeky pirates of the title to launch sneaky attacks from the rear, frequently. Or to be well hung above the audience before they slide slyly down thick coils of rope from the mizzen mast to plunder booty and laughter below.

Broadway star Will Swenson was born to play the Pirate King. And he is having so much fun and creates so much joy singing and acting and improv'ing with the audience (buy a seat on the stage and bring a picnic: you can thank me later) that Barrington Stage Company shouldn't pay him: he'd make more money passing his pirate captain's hat with its large feathers around the audience.

The Major General's chorus of daughters may be the comeliest and most talented score of "young blondes and brunettes, all between 16 and 19 and half" to appear outside of Castle Anthrax to ever say on-stage in that come hither pitch, "take off our shoes and stockings and paddle." The Pirates don't really have any more chance against them than Sir Galahad had.

So assured is David Garrison as the Major General that I'd wager if someone challenged him during a performance to sing "I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General" patter song backwards, he'd be up to the matter and do it. Try it.

Britain can send all its star singers to the Berkshires if they can delight and dazzle with the charm and grace of blonde nightingale Scarlett Strallen: her solo,

"Sorry Her Lot" (plundered from G&S's "HMS PINAFORE") may make you want to enlist into the Royal Navy.

"Tarantara" to you Sergeant (a gleeful Alex Gibson) and your merry Bobbies. "They remind me of Cossacks" a woman in the audience exclaimed above the laughter they engender.

Pirates meowing in the audience, then the stage bursts with more color and life than the Fourth of July fireworks when Bobbies and Pirates clash; club, rapiers, and white gloves abound. Tarantara!

These lines in context created gales of laughter: "Oh, it's you," "these grapes aren't real," "let me give you a hand," "strategy...satergee," "Keep the aisles clear," "that is not a pleasant way of putting it," "I think she got cast in CATS on Broadway." Keep a weather-eye for them.

For those of you wanting a more conventional review, see a more conventional production. But here, in brief, is the plot and a list of cast names with an adjective evaluation. Plot centered on an orphan misprized on leap year yields lots of misprison = silly, and the cast (in addition to the aforementioned, Jane Carr, Kyle Dean Massey, Darius Barnes, Phillip Boykin, Tommy Bracco, Michael Hartung, Samuel Ladd, Melanie Leinbach, Jeanette Minson, Drew Nellesen, Lindsay O'Neil, Jacqueline Petroccia, Benjamin Rivera, Morgan Rose, Alanna Saunders, Claire Saunders, Eric Stretch) is great.

Finally, for those of you who believe it's a small world after-all, Will Swenson's wife, the multi-talented Audra McDonald, played Lady Percy in a production of "Henry IV" at Lincoln Center which starred Kevin Kline as Falstaff. Kline played the Pirate King in the original 1980 NY Shakespeare Festival production. Swenson should be crowned the King of the Pirate Kings.

*The Pirates of Penzance by Gilbert and Sullivan, "as presented on Broadway by New York Shakespeare Festival, Joseph Papp, producer"; directed by John Rando, choreography by Joshua Bergasse, music direction and additional arrangements by Darren R. Cohen, Barrington Stage Company, through August 13.*

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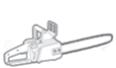
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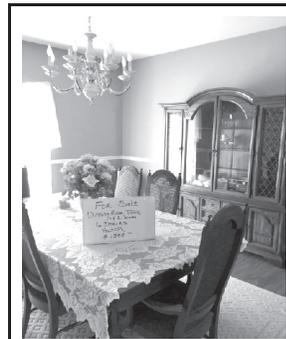
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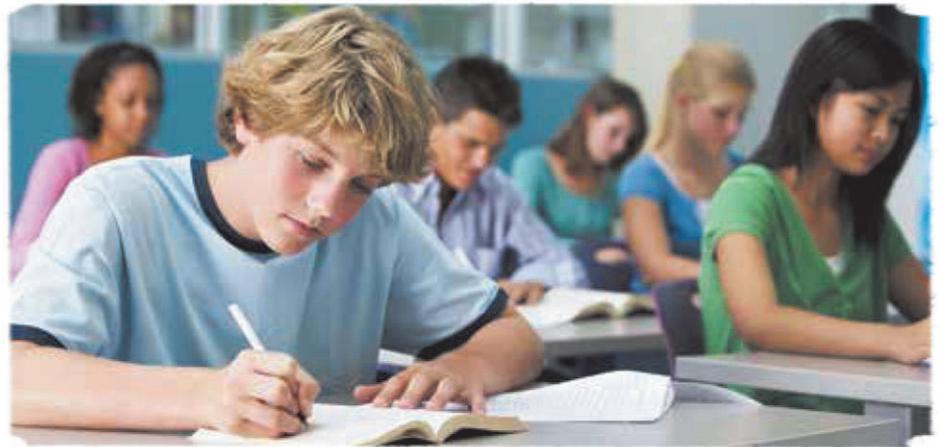
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#### An ode to Raymond Carver

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 to the public.

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

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#### From page 13 ... 'Old man's' disease

or insulin shots. They also have to watch what they eat and drink. It's not easy and as Martha said: "I don't have the time or money for this."

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They don't want to accept the reality that they've brought on themselves by eating all the junk food and ensuring the only exercise they get is when the walk from the couch to the fridge and back.

People often will say to me: "I can't afford to eat healthy or go to a gym."

To which I say... B.S. You can do both. It's that you choose not to.

Until that time comes when they have no choice but to do so, as Martha has found out.

But some good news at least in Martha's case is that there is hope. If she loses her excess weight, watches what she eats and works out there is a chance

she'll be able to get her blood sugar down enough that she won't need to take medications or constantly check her blood sugar.

I for one am rooting for her.

*Dan Romand is co-owner and operator of Full Circle Fitness-NY in Colonie, where he is also a certified personal trainer. You can also find his health and fitness columns here and online at [TheSpot518.com](http://TheSpot518.com).*



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## From page 14 ... Taste of New Orleans

over the appetizer menu, the little neck clams grabbed his attention immediately. Freshly steamed with a bit of beer and andouille sausage, it was his idea of heaven on a plate. Since it was an appetizer, he decided to also order a bowl of gumbo.

My eyes however had zeroed in on something totally different. Southern honey stung fried chicken.

It had been years since I had fried chicken and the idea of real, home made crispy goodness had my stomach instantly rumbling. Since it was an entrée, it came with a soup or salad, i went with the soup, which was a seafood chowder.

After I ordered the chowder, I questioned my decision, thinking two heavy dishes might be too much, but I am

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so glad I kept with it. When it arrived I was really surprised, it wasn't chowder in the traditional sense of being cream based. Instead it had a lovely, well seasoned clear broth load with clams, fish, potatoes and fresh vegetables. Even though it was a small cup, I didn't finish it, because it was quite filling, and I

really wanted to save room for the main event.

As we had asked, his clams came out with my chowder, and he couldn't have been happier. I did not taste it, as the spice of the dish would have been too much for me. But, the bowl was loaded with clams, sausage and a great broth. It came with plenty of crusty hot bread for soaking up the sauce and he took full advantage of that.

Then the most beautiful plate of fried chicken arrived. The aroma was enticing, the presentation was perfect, and the serving size massive. With two breasts, a wing and a leg, served atop a bed of freshly cut french fries,

with a side of corn salad, corn bread, and honey for dipping – there was enough to feed both of us – had we planned it that way.

My first bite into the chicken was just delightful. Hot, crispy wonderfully seasoned breading, that wasn't greasy or sticky in any way, led to moist flavorful chicken. As I ate it, I almost fell into a trance of pleasure, it was that good.

As I devoured my meal, the boyfriend dug into his gumbo. The gumbo's presentation was beautiful as well, a large bowl filled to the brim with traditional New Orleans style gumbo, with a scoop of rice on top, allowing him to decide

how much he wanted to add. Garnishes of scallions, tomatoes and a side of corn bread finished off the bowl.

As we ate, a man in an apron arrived at our table. The chef! He said he just stopped out to see how our meals were, and see if we needed anything else. It was a very unexpected gesture that added extra "stars" to our already delightful dinner.

We passed on dessert, as neither of us had even been able to finish our meals (but they were perfect the next day!).

My recommendation? Get to café nola, be a little adventurous with what you order, and your taste buds (and belly) will thank you!



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## From page 18 ... Bringing the popcorn

intermission before the next set! So I reloaded at the bar with my favorite beverage, a bag of popcorn (hey we're in a movie theater) and got ready for set two!

They opened the second set with the classic Howard Tate song "8 Days On the

Road" (and my little rock and roll brain thought that was a Foghat song) and they were off and running from there. My favorite song of the night, Love Like Kerosene, was written by Scott but frequently covered by Greg Allman himself. The encore of

the night was a huge medley of soul songs that validated my early thought of the soul infusion to their blues music. I need to give a shout out to the band that featured two drummers, bass and keyboard. Awesome tone and dynamics!

All in all this was such a great show at a great venue. Don't miss the next music event at the Madison, even the popcorn was great!

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## From page B1 ...

### Paying the cost

more than they miss — or at least, I'd like to think we do."

Photography came to the 42-year-old as a means of keeping himself out of trouble where he was a pre-teen in Herkimer County. "I started photography in middle school," he said. "I was, back then they didn't say ADHD, they said "hyperactive." I was a hyperactive, straight-A student who got himself into trouble a lot. So, they put me into an accelerated program where I did side projects, and one of the side projects was photography."

Since then, he has seldom been without a camera. He strayed away from it once when he became a father out of college, where he earned a bachelor's degree at SUNY Plattsburgh. "But, I've been shooting on and off for 30 years."

Gilbert pursued photography again in earnest six years ago. He started doing studio work. He founded the Saratoga Photography Club (which he said has 500 members now). And, he began working towards shooting nature and nightscapes. His then-significant other's discomfort with shooting female models turned his focus to concert photography. "I wasn't doing nudes or anything. But, I could give that up. I wanted to shoot concerts."

Aside from his love of music, and the draw of being against the stage — often against the speakers — during a live concert, Gilbert said he wanted to face the challenge of shooting live concerts.

"You can't control the light. Because there is no flash or anything, you are subject to your environment. You can't control your performer, not like a model where they are looking at you and you can direct them. ... It's similar to sports, where you don't have the power to know exactly what they will do. But, you can do your research."

He attended Photoshop World with friend and fellow photographer Rafael Concepcion, a well-respected expert and two-time author on

High Density Range photography. It's was then he crossed paths with Alan Hess. "He wrote the book on concert photography." And it's a relationship that's maintained today, one often calling the other to ask about the light conditions in venues he is familiar with.

Where sports photographers know from which side of the plate their subject bats in baseball, or the rules of the game that may dictate the actions of certain players, Gilbert said he does his homework studying the habits of musicians. "You know what angle they hold the guitar, they hold the mic more to the right or the left. You can do some studying beforehand, but you can't control it. The difference between sports and concerts is the light that's available."

"I can shoot sports in the middle of the day, I don't have to worry about lighting. Concerts, I have to. Also, small concerts are in small venues with poor

lighting, poor lighting budgets. You can't use flash. It's challenging. It's just a challenging medium and I love that about it. The harder, the better."

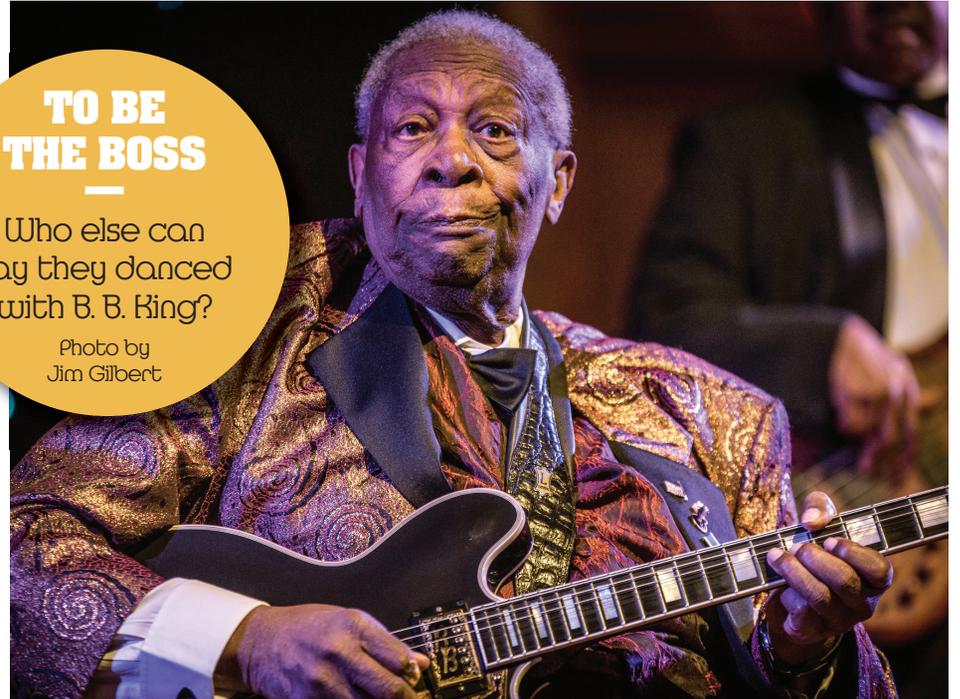
Working in the pit is also a challenge in itself. In addition to the struggle of capturing the story without any control over his subjects, there is contending with several fellow photographers all trying to share their own 12-minute story. In respectively smaller venues, he may be sharing the pit with another person. At larger music festivals like Rock on the Range, he could be standing with nearly 90 more, packed between the chaos of the crowd behind them, and the frenzy of activity on stage. Sometimes that involves enduring the rain, or the splatter of simulated blood at a G.W.A.R. show.

Gilbert's work appears most often on nysmusic.com, a web-based music periodical he publishes along with a dedicated staff of a half dozen editors and nearly 50 contributing writers. It affords him the opportunity to cover

### TO BE THE BOSS

Who else can say they danced with B. B. King?

Photo by Jim Gilbert



shows, and provides an easy outlet for his work. His online portfolio (JTGPhoto.com) reveals scores of bands, ranging from national acts to local artists. Further evidence of his reputation. It's gotten to the point where bands have contacted him directly to inquire whether he would be shooting an upcoming show. Three Doors Down has called him its favorite photographer. Among other bands, Pearl Jam posted his photos of frontman

Eddie Vedder on the band's website. "We're all just trying to do our job, and build a rapport."

Still, there are some moments that stay with Gilbert without the need of a camera.

Shortly before B.B. King died in 2015, Gilbert traveled across the state to shoot the late blues musician at a couple of shows. "The second time, he sat in his chair and looked around to find someone he could boogie with, and

he looked at me." Gilbert believes King recognized him from the previous show, and picked him out from the crowd. "He sat in his chair with his arms reached out and he wiggled his hips. And, I did it from the pit. [Now,] I kind of joke that I've danced with B.B. King."

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