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## Accused mall shooter update

Case of accused mall shooter is  
heading towards trial

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# Midsummer Night's Dream

Opening Night for 'Midsummer Night's Dream'  
at Bethlehem Central is Friday, Dec. 9

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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**DELMAR** — Rumor has it that James Yeara is retiring. "That's the rumor I hear," said the longtime Bethlehem Central High School teacher and director.

Year has taught at Bethlehem Central for 33 years. Next week, he turns 59, and no one on the school staff was around when he first brought William Shakespeare to the stage

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▲ Theatre Without a Net congregates on stage before preparing for this week's "Midsummer Night's Dream."

Photo by Michael Hallisey / Spotlight

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## COMMUNITY

# Third-graders invent, pitch products in Shark Tank-style competition

Winners head to RPI Thursday for the Cool Kid IP Challenge

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**SLINGERLANDS** — Students from Patricia Paradis' third-grade class at Slingerlands Elementary School will travel to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on Thursday, Dec. 8, to compete against teams from Albany, Troy and Schodack in a Shark Tank-like competition where they will pitch product inventions developed over the last six weeks.

The competition, known as the Cool Kid IP Challenge powered by AT&T, was conceived by locally-owned CreositySpace, a company seeking to connect elementary students and their teachers to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) learning by bringing entrepreneurs and innovators into the classroom. Paradis partnered with CreositySpace to bring the competition into her classroom.

Students were asked to develop an innovative product idea using the following "challenge" statement: If you could change something at home, at school, or in your community, what would it be and how would you change it?

In groups of four and five, the 8- and 9-year-olds responded by creating product ideas ranging from a specialized composter to a folding lunchbox to a trash vacuum that would remove any roadside trash that could pose a threat to animals and the environment.

Six teams from the class competed in a preliminary



Members of the team which developed the remote-controlled suitcase make their initial pitch to their third grade classmates at Slingerlands Elementary School on Thursday, Dec. 1.

Photo courtesy of Bethlehem Central School District

"internal pitch" on Thursday, Dec. 1 before a panel of judges composed of school and district administrators and teachers. Only three teams were selected from the six to move on to "live pitch" at RPI.

The inventions selected include a double-sided skateboard, a street sign that would flash when it senses emergency sirens to help the hearing impaired and a remote-controlled suitcase that could roll beside travelers.

Claire Deckelbaum, who, with her teammates, formed a "company" named Signs are Science, presented The Switch Sign, a road sign which would alert deaf drivers or people with hearing loss that emergency vehicles are near.

"The sign would have sensors for hearing sirens, making bright yellow LEDs light up to get your

attention," said Deckelbaum. "It could help anyone who was not paying attention."

Charlie Tobin, sporting a sport coat, helped promote his team's product, The Foldable Lunchbox, with a spirited pitch to the panel judges. His team imagined a lunchbox with retractable walls that could also create custom compartments inside that would keep foods hot or cold.

"The Foldable Lunchbox will solve all your daily lunch box problems," said Tobin like a professional infomercial salesman. "When you buy The Foldable Lunchbox, you will never need containers again."

Paradis said the teams that did not make the initial cut plan to support their classmates at the RPI "live pitch."

"We have a lot of work ahead of us before next Thursday and

all teams will continue to tweak their presentations by doing further research and making any corrections and modifications," said Paradis. "Everyone is excited."

Paradis said the students used Chromebooks to complete the work on their entrepreneurial ideas and worked collaboratively, at school and at home, with their teammates.

"They learned how to log in to their Chromebooks, set up Google Drive, use Google Docs and Slides and share their work with one another," said Paradis. "It was impressive to see that third graders, merely 8- and 9-years old, could be so fully engaged in this work."

The teams will present their inventions and solutions before a panel of five judges comprised of representatives from AT&T, Recovery Sports Grill, Phillips Lytle, Eship@RPI, and the Small Business Development Center.

According to the federal government, STEM focused initiatives are critical for our youth because much of the growth in the domestic and global economy will come from STEM-related jobs — a lucrative field in need of job applicants. STEM majors consistently earn more than non-STEM majors, according to the STEM Education Coalition (<http://www.stemedcoalition.org/reports/>), and currently 20 percent of all U.S. jobs are STEM jobs. By 2020, there are expected to be an estimated 2.4 million unfilled STEM jobs—more than half of which will be computer and coding positions.

## County offices, area businesses still accepting donations for homeless vets

**ALBANY COUNTY** — Capital District residents are coming through in a big way for homeless veterans and their families, according to Albany County officials. So many coats and personal hygiene products have already been donated that deliveries to both HATAS (Homeless and Travelers Aid Society) and the Veterans Miracle Center have already been necessary. The VMC has made multiple pickups at the ShopRite locations in Albany, Colonie and Slingerlands—where toiletry items are being collected—and Best Cleaners made its first delivery to HATAS recently because the holding area for cleaned coats at the dry cleaner's was full.

"This is a great show of support," said Albany County Executive Dan McCoy. "Our veterans and their families have made many sacrifices and this collection effort shows them we care."

Coats are being distributed to homeless veterans and their families by HATAS, while the personal hygiene products are being handed out at the VMC. On November 12, CDTA provided a bus at Crossgates Mall for a "Stuff the Bus" event to collect these items and that bus was filled.

Clothing items may be dropped off at any Best Cleaners, boxes at Lord & Taylor and the Crossgates Mall Customer Service Desk, while personal hygiene items may be dropped at ShopRite stores in Albany County and the Crossgates Mall Service desk box; all donations will be accepted at Albany County office buildings located at 112 State Street, 162 Washington Avenue and 175 Green Street through December 23.

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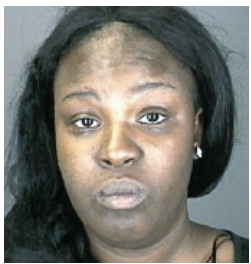
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Three arrested for alleged possession of counterfeit bills

By JIM FRANCO francoj@spotlightnews.com

COLONIE — Police arrested three women from New York City on Monday, Nov. 28, for allegedly possessing counterfeit \$100 bills.

According to Lt. Robert Winn, the department received a call from employees at Chuck E. Cheese in Latham Farms about a female who passed a fake \$100.

She and two others left the store and fled in a 2007 Mercedes Benz after the manager confronted her about the bill.

Officer Matthew Garrigan located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. While he was interviewing the three occupants, the rear passenger fled on foot.

The officer detained the two occupants in the vehicle and apprehended the one who ran.

Three ripped up counterfeit \$100 bills,

and a bag of marijuana were found in the parking lot of Home Depot where the passenger was apprehended.

After searching the car, 13 counterfeit \$100 bills were found with the serial numbers LH6744540B, LF84330048J, JF51970215B and LED27052208D.

Police believe they may have passed similar counterfeit \$100 bills in the Capital District. Anyone who thinks they may have come across one of the fake \$100 bills is asked to call police.

Felecia Barrett, 29, of 450 West 162nd St., Kenyanna S. Cummings, 19, of 15926 Harlem River Drive and Felicity Reid, 16, of 301 West 154th St., face felony criminal possession of a forged instrument charges.

Cummings faces the additional felony of tampering with physical evidence, the misdemeanor of criminal impersonation and a violation of possession of marijuana.

Candidates sought for appointments

Bethlehem to fill vacancies on planning, ethics and zoning appeals boards

BETHLEHEM — The Town Board will be considering candidates for appointment to a five-year term on either the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals. Compensation for calendar year 2017 will be \$5,596.

Board members must be town residents and should have general knowledge of Bethlehem's Comprehensive Plan, major land use and planning issues, zoning and subdivision processes, SEQRA requirements and procedures, site plan and subdivision evaluation, and best practices in land use planning and development.

The town board also seeks candidates for the Ethics Board. Members of this board

serve in a volunteer capacity and are not compensated.

Ethics Board members must be town residents and should have general knowledge of ethics in the workplace.

For more information about any of these issues, visitwww.townofbethlehem.org.

Community involvement and other information, which applicants believe is relevant for consideration, should also be submitted.

Cover letters and resumes must be e-mailed to Robin Nagengast at rnagengast@townofbethlehem no later than Friday, Dec. 16.

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# BCSD residents pass \$32.2M bond referendum

Voters approve 111 infrastructure improvement projects across all district schools

By **ALI HIBBS**  
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**BETHLEHEM** — A \$32.2 million bond referendum was approved by residents of the Bethlehem Central School District by a vote of 1,154 to 621—or 65 percent to 35 percent on Nov. 29. The approved funding will be used to pay for 111 facility improvement projects across the district, expected to be complete within four years.

Among the projects included in the proposal are building renovations, structural improvements, paving and drainage work at sites throughout the district, asbestos abatement, electrical and plumbing work and security upgrades.

The cornerstone of the project

is a \$7.8 million renovation of the existing high school auditorium, including: new seating, lighting, acoustics, and air conditioning; the addition of a new “fly loft” above the stage; addition of a sound and lighting control room; and expansion of the stage proscenium to provide more usable stage space and greater visibility for audience and performers, as well as allow the stage to be extended into the pit area.

Other projects include: renovation of the high school media center; upgrades to the pools at both the middle and high schools; new playground equipment at Eagle Elementary; additional security cameras and new flame-retardant stage curtains at almost all district

schools; and more. The list represents just over one-third of the \$88 million worth of infrastructure needs identified in the district’s most recent building conditions survey completed in December 2015.

An updated and complete list of all projects, with detail, can be viewed online at <http://www.bethlehemschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Bond-Builder-List-Detail.pdf>.

“The Board of Education is grateful to the community for its continuing support of the school district,” said Bethlehem School Board President Matt Downey. “We are fortunate to have active, involved residents who recognize their schools are the heart of their community and who help us meet our goal of delivering knowledge,

character and value to students and families.”

The district is eligible for state aid reimbursement at a rate of approximately 68.6 percent of the total cost of the project. In addition to the state aid, the district estimates using \$4.9 million from a capital reserve fund to further reduce the burden on taxpayers. With state aid and use of the capital reserve, the estimated annual cost for a homeowner in the district is expected to be \$16 per \$100,000 of assessed property value, or approximately \$40 on a property valued at \$250,000. The costs associated with the debt service would begin in 2021-22, after work on the proposed project is completed, and last approximately 15 years.

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— **Matt Downey**  
President,  
Bethlehem Central  
School District Board

Work on the 111 Bethlehem Central capital improvement projects is expected to begin as early as summer 2018 and is currently projected to be complete by November 2020.

# Troubled nursing home looks to resuscitate reputation

Altamont facility renamed to The Grand at Guilderland

By **ALI HIBBS**  
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**GUILDERLAND** — Guilderland Center Rehabilitation and Extended Care Facility, a long-beleaguered 127-bed nursing facility, located at 428 State Route 146 in Altamont, that provides

rehabilitation and nursing services to patients who require either short- or long-term nursing care following hospitalization, will soon have a new name and brand.

The Grand Healthcare System, based in Queens, one of New York’s leading healthcare companies, has

announced the facility will be renamed to The Grand at Guilderland and will become one of six facilities across the state to be affiliated with The Grand Healthcare System. Other sites include: The Grand at Chittenango, The Grand at Pawling, The Grand at Queens, The Grand at River Valley, and The Grand at Rome.

The Grand Healthcare System has been operating the Altamont facility for two years. It was designated a “special focus facility,” by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) last year, indicating it has serious, persistent problems with quality of care. As of August 2016, it still retains that designation, which means that it is subject to more frequent inspections, more serious penalties and potential termination from Medicaid and Medicare programs. The facility was penalized twice by the

federal government in 2015 and fined a total of \$20,996. It has earned only one out of five potential stars on the recently updated CMS ranking system, scoring “much below average” for health inspection results and for quality measures, which rate the general health and comfort of the population. It has, however, improved staffing levels since 2015, bringing general staffing to “above average” and registered nurse staffing to “average” levels.

“Since taking over the reins of this facility in 2014 we have sought to increase levels of care and patient satisfaction and remove the facility from New York’s special focus list,” said Jeremy B. Strauss, CEO of The Grand Healthcare System. “These objectives have been met by making comprehensive staffing upgrades and by investing more than \$1 million in renovations

*“... we now have a bright future — one where exceptional clinical care is coupled with a luxury experience for guests and their loved ones.”*

— **Josh Gurock**  
Administrator,  
The Grand  
at Guilderland

to the building’s lobby, common areas, dining room, recreation area, as well as constructing a 2,000-square-foot rehabilitation room with state-of-the-art exercise equipment.”

“Today’s transition to The Grand at Guilderland represents an exciting new chapter in our history,” said The Grand at Guilderland Administrator Josh Gurock, noting that he and his staff are committed

to elevating quality and access to care for Capital Region residents. “Under The Grand Healthcare’s leadership we now have a bright future — one where exceptional clinical care is coupled with a luxury experience for guests and their loved ones.”

The rebranding of The Grand at Guilderland will begin with new interior and exterior signage and new uniforms for staff. Guests will also have access to hospitality features offered at other Grand-affiliated properties, such as a personalized menu, concierge service, courtesy shuttle service and an iPad program to communicate with family and loved ones any time of day or night.

For more information about The Grand at Guilderland, please call (518) 861-5141 or visit [TheGrandHealthcare.com](http://TheGrandHealthcare.com).

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## Pair of teens arrested for high school e-mail threat

**GUILDERLAND —** The Guilderland Police Department arrested and charged two teens on the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 29, for a threat emailed to school administrators that morning, warning that dangerous materials would be brought on to the campus of Guilderland Central High School. A similar email was sent on the previous Monday, Nov. 21.

The defendants, two teenage boys, ages 15 and 16, were both charged with felony computer trespass. The 15-year-old was also charged with making a terrorist threat, also a felony.

The 15-year-old

juvenile was released to his parents, pending family court action, while the 16-year-old, Nathan Agneta, was scheduled to appear in court on Thursday, Dec. 1.

The high school posted news of the threat on the district website shortly after 7 a.m. Tuesday. Responding officers set up checkpoints at entrances of the school and administrators checked each student upon arrival. By 10 a.m., police had done a full K9 sweep of the high school, and students and staff were able to resume their daily schedules. Police remained on campus for the rest of the day.

Guilderland Police

investigated the threats with the help of the Guilderland Central School District, FBI, ATF, and the Albany County District Attorney's Office. Additional K9 resources were provided by Albany County Sheriff's Department and the Troy Police Department, who also responded to the scene Tuesday morning.

"As a school district we take very seriously our responsibility to provide a safe environment for our students and staff," stated district officials. "Whenever any threats are made, every effort is made to work with law enforcement to investigate the threat and

when necessary to pursue criminal prosecution of those who make false threats against the school district."

School counselors and social workers have been made available to speak with students.



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## Grand jury indicts mall shooter

**GUILDERLAND —** Albany County District Attorney David Soares announced on Thursday, Dec. 1, that Tasheem Maeweather, 20, of Albany, was indicted by a Grand Jury for allegedly firing a loaded weapon inside Crossgates Mall on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Maeweather was indicted on one count of second-degree attempted murder, a class B violent felony, one count of first-degree attempted assault, a class C violent felony, one count of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, a class C armed violent felony; and one count of first-degree reckless endangerment, a class D felony.

The indictment alleges that on November 12, Maeweather possessed a loaded firearm and intended to cause the death of another individual while inside Crossgates Mall in the Town of Guilderland. The indictment also alleges that Maeweather recklessly engaged in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another. While police believe the attempted shooting was the result of a personal dispute, no one was ultimately harmed.

The incident, which



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occurred at around 2:20 p.m. that afternoon, sent Crossgates into lockdown. Shoppers and employees were evacuated in stages, while those remaining inside were instructed to hide as SWAT teams swept the mall. Some described the scene as chaos. Police surrounded the mall, a helicopter circled the scene and busses were diverted.

Maeweather wasn't arrested until the following Monday afternoon at a car wash in Albany, driving a 2007 blue BMW. He had been identified through video surveillance and an eyewitness account, said Guilderland police. Maeweather has a criminal history and is on probation for drug distribution charges.

He was arraigned on Monday Dec. 5, 2016, before Judge Roger McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court.

## Woman charged with stealing scratch-off tickets from Delmar Hannaford store

**BETHLEHEM —** On Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016, the Bethlehem Police Department arrested a woman after a lengthy investigation into the theft of official New York state scratch-off Lottery tickets.

As a result of a sealed indictment, Bethlehem Police arrested Misty F. Cipperly, 43, of Cohoes. Bethlehem Police were contacted by members of the New York state Gaming Commission and New York state Lottery Division after they discovered discrepancies and missing tickets from the Delmar Hannaford store, located in Delaware Plaza on Delaware Avenue.

Thus far, the investigation has reportedly revealed that Cipperly was responsible for the theft of a large amount of scratch-off New York state Lottery tickets, which she allegedly obtained while working at the Delmar Hannaford store over a several-month period earlier this year.

The investigation determined that Cipperly stole the tickets and then cashed them in at various stores in the Capital District. Cipperly was charged in a one-count indictment with second-degree grand larceny, a class C felony. Bethlehem Police continue to work to determine the exact

amount of the ticket theft and winnings that Cipperly obtained; as of this time, the combined face value of the tickets and winnings is greater than \$50,000.

Cipperly was arraigned in Albany County Court on Friday, Dec. 2, by Albany County Court Judge William Carter. She was remanded to the Albany County Jail on \$15,000 bail.

The Bethlehem Police Department is continuing its investigation into this incident. It is now trying to determine what Cipperly did with the winning money from these tickets.

This case is being investigated by Bethlehem Police with the assistance of the New York state Gaming Commission, New York state Lottery Division and the Albany County District Attorney's Office.



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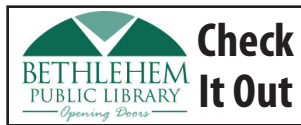
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# Get up and go

Winter is the perfect time to start planning that trip of a lifetime. If your dream getaway has you leaving the country – and your comfort zone – for the first time, then you’ll want to hear what experienced world travelers and educators Donna and Patrick Keegan have to say at their “Travel Abroad Safely” program on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. The Keegans have traveled all over the world and have led multiple student trips and exchanges abroad. They will share their insight on what and how to pack, how to successfully carry and exchange money, how to safely navigate a foreign country and how to maximize your vacation – however long it may be.

## What Friends are for

Have you met our Friends? If you were on the Friends-sponsored bus to New York City last week or enjoyed some ice cream during Andy the Music Man’s performance at our Evenings on the Green summer concert series then you probably have.



If you’ve ever borrowed a museum pass or checked out a special collection item like a telescope or a GoPro camera, then you have our Friends to thank as well.

Friends of Bethlehem Public Library is an advocacy and support group dedicated to increasing public awareness of the library, and their generosity has supported many important library programs and services.

The Friends underwrite our popular winter concert series, A Little Sunday Music, which brings quality classical music performances to brighten the short days of winter.

Because of the Friends’ support, the library has been able to expand our special collection shelf, offering GoPro video cameras and accessories, as well as high-power telescopes and metal detectors for young and old.

Our museum pass program is also

underwritten by the Friends and allows us to offer free passes to Mass MoCA, the Norman Rockwell Museum, Albany Institute of History and Art, the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, the Schenectady Museum and Planetarium, and more; you’ll find the complete listing at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org); click on the “museum passes” quick link.

In addition, the Friends run annual trips to Glimmerglass Opera in the summer and New York City in December.

Think you’d like to be a Friend too? Memberships start at \$10. Business memberships are also available. For more information, visit [friends.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://friends.bethlehempubliclibrary.org).

## Holiday hours

The library will be closed Saturday through Monday, Dec. 24-26, for the Christmas holiday. We’ll close at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, and remain closed until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3. We’re always open online at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org).



The free-standing puppet theater in the Children’s Place was recently the scene of a battle between a superhero and a knight. It ended in a draw.

Kristen Roberts

## Storm warning

Please remember that in the event of inclement weather, the library’s telephone system will provide information on a closing or delayed opening. Call ahead.

## Upcoming events

All events are free and take place at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. For more

information, call 439-9314 or visit [bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://bethlehempubliclibrary.org)

## Monday, Dec. 12 DayBooks

Discuss “Be Frank with Me” by Julia Claiborne Johnson, 1:30 p.m. Copies are available at the information desk. Large-print audio and downloadable copies may be available.

**Library Board meets**  
Meetings are open to the public, 6 p.m.

## Tuesday, Dec. 13 AfterDinner Too

Discuss “Flight of the Sparrow” by Amy Belding Brown, 7 p.m. Copies are available at the information desk. Large-print audio and downloadable copies may be available.

— Kristen Roberts

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### Hike to historic Knox School No. 5

VOORHEESVILLE — The Thacher Nature Center is hosting a hike to the historic Knox School No. 5 building Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m.

Take a walk back in time to visit a one-room schoolhouse. Learn about life in a rural school, who was in attendance and how the teacher managed to teach all grade levels in one room. Afterwards, warm up around the campfire and enjoy hot cocoa and toasted marshmallows.

The walk is less than a half-mile in length. The program is appropriate for all ages.

Registration is required. To register, call 872-0800.

### Community Christmas Festival

VOORHEESVILLE — The annual Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival takes place Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave.

Enjoy a traditional holiday program of Christmas music and a story, presented by local singers

and players.

For more information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

### Celebrate First Night Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM — The Town of Bethlehem is holding a First Night celebration Saturday, Dec. 31, around the Four Corners in Delmar.

The event kicks off at 6:30 p.m. with fireworks, followed by entertainment and activities from 7 to 10 p.m. at nearby locations, including:

- Delmar Reformed Church
- Bethlehem Chabad
- First United Methodist Church
- Bethlehem Masonic Hall
- Delmar Fire Department
- Bethlehem Town Hall

Activities include ice sculpting, face painting, theater, crafts and games for kids, and a Battle of the Bands featuring local high school talent. Other music acts include the Mendelssohn Club, Skip Parson’s Dixieland Band, Raisinhead, Andy the Music Man, Playin’ with Fire, the Delmar

Community Orchestra and more.

First Night buttons are on sale at the Four Corners Marketplace at the intersection of Kenwood and Delaware avenues and online at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). The cost for adults is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the event. Admission is \$5 for children ages 12-18, and free for children under the age of 12. Proceeds benefit local charities.

First Night Bethlehem is presented in partnership by the Town of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Chamber of commerce and the Bethlehem Community Fund.

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■ COMMUNITY

# Amazing woodland wonders

Youngsters in pre-K through first grade will learn all about three woodland animals — raccoons, deer and muskrats — by coming to GPL on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 10:30 a.m., for “Amazing Woodland Wonders, with WMHT’S Barbara Lukas.”

Not only will the kids be able to get creative and make woodland animal puppets, but each child will also get the book “Morning, Noon, and Night” by Jean Craighead George for their very own.

Please register by calling 456-2400, ext. 4, or by using the events and registration calendar at [www.guilpl.org](http://www.guilpl.org).

## Let us wrap it for you

Volunteers will hold a “Wrap-Fest” at GPL on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 and 11, from 1 until 5 p.m. Bring your presents, and let our volunteers do the wrapping. We supply the



paper, ribbons and bows.

The suggested donation is \$1 per item; proceeds support library activities.

## Musical mystery storytime

Local singer-songwriter and librarian Tor Loney will lead toddlers and preschoolers through an exciting music and movement storytime on Monday, Dec. 12, at 10:30 a.m. You’ll listen to stories, dance, sing along while Tor plays his guitar, and try out different instruments and more. Musical Mystery Storytime happens again on Monday, Dec. 19, at 10:30 a.m.

## Local history on display

What did your

neighborhood look like a century or more ago? Where was the station that gave Fuller Station Road its name? And did you know that the State Police Substation on Willow Street used to be a school?

Find out about all this and more when you visit the Guilderland Historical Society’s display of pictures in the library’s lobby. The display runs through the end of December. Make it a point to stop by and see it.

## Holiday bus trip

If you’ve already reserved your seats for the bus trip to New York City on Saturday, Dec. 10, please arrive at the library no later than 6:45 a.m., as the busses leave at 7 a.m. Please park along the Western Avenue edge of the parking lot or in the staff lot. Finally, a board

in front of the library will show, by last name, what bus to board. Have a great time.

## Holiday Better Books Sale

Looking for a book, CD, or DVD to give as a small gift to yourself or a friend? Then come to GPL’s Better Books Sale on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Good hunting.

## Save the date

Come to GPL on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m., to enjoy a musical respite from the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

Suburban Sounds, the ever-popular choral group, will sing seasonal favorites, and some selections sure to become new favorites. Their calming, peaceful and entertaining renditions are just the thing to put the joy back into this joyful time.

— Mark Curiale

# Soccer insights

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. as Jack Bell, senior media specialist for the North American Soccer League, and Erin Sullivan, men’s soccer coach at Williams College, discuss the ins and outs of the game. They will answer your questions about the game, the players and anything else soccer-related from both professional and college points of view.

We are honored to bring these two soccer experts to the library and have them share their perspectives and experience. Please register in person, by phone (765-2791) or using our online calendar at [voorheesvillelibrary.org/calendar.asp](http://voorheesvillelibrary.org/calendar.asp).



## Ugly Sweater Cookie Swap

Join us at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 for an ugly sweater party and holiday cookie exchange. Please bring two-dozen homemade cookies to exchange, along with the recipe to share with others. Containers will be provided. Music will be playing as we decorate ugly sweater cookies, color ugly sweater coloring pages and much more. A prize will be given for the ugliest sweater. Light refreshments will be served.

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— Lynn Kohler

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## COMMUNITY

# Share an act of kindness

It's always the right time to share an act of kindness. At the Bethlehem YMCA, our staff, members and volunteers specialize in kindness — from a smile to a simple, kind gesture, to programs that have a positive impact on people's lives.

During the month of December, the YMCA is partnering with NBC's Today Show on its second annual "share kindness" campaign. The goal of the campaign is to inspire a million acts of kindness around the country, starting right here in our community.

The Bethlehem YMCA provides many opportunities to share kindness, such as: taking an ornament off our Christmas Giving Tree to help a family in need; or volunteering for our Togetherhood Committee that has reached out to assist everyone from young mothers to senior citizens, from clearing paths for hikers to making sandwiches and Christmas cookies for the hungry.

As often as you've done something thoughtful for another person, you've certainly noticed the kindness of others as well. There are infinite ways to show kindness. Here are just a few more ideas:

- Take out your older neighbor's trash or recycling
- Buy an extra cup of coffee for the person behind you
- Bring a snack or a drink with you to give to a homeless person
- Surprise your coworkers with breakfast
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"how is your day?" and listen to their answer

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The Today Show is sharing people's stories of kindness on social media. They have a Facebook page called "NBC Share Kindness." On Twitter and Instagram, you can also share your story at #ShareKindness.

The YMCA sincerely hopes we inspire kindness in Bethlehem that lasts throughout the year.

## Last moments of peace

Dec. 7, 1941 a date which will live in world history.

Wait you say, that isn't right. It's supposed to read "infamy." Actually, the original draft of President Franklin Roosevelt's speech following the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor included the words "world history." They were crossed out, and "infamy" was written above it in pencil.

So what does this have to do with the YMCA? Before infamy, there was peace and normalcy for American military personnel stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Saturday night, Dec. 6, 1941, many of the U.S. service men and women attended a band concert at the Army-Navy YMCA in Honolulu. One serviceman, Bugler Master Tech. Sgt. Allen Bodenlos, remembered shopping for instruments in Honolulu with a friend from the USS Arizona Band the day before the attack.

That night, as part of his assignment, he attended the concert at the Army-Navy YMCA. Later that evening, Bodenlos declined an offer to stay the night on the USS Arizona. The next morning, he witnessed the skies fill with enemy planes and black smoke rising from burning ships in the harbor.

Takejiro Higa worked at the Army-Navy YMCA. He first heard of the Pearl Harbor attack from a distraught woman who asked him for coffee at the YMCA cafeteria. In disbelief, he watched the attack through binoculars from the YMCA rooftop as some of the bombs dropped right near the Y.

"First attack, we didn't know it was war. I was one of the guys who went up to the rooftop of YMCA, second floor, observing Pearl Harbor side with the binoculars. So every time a plane dived, black smoke come out, see. 'Wow, today, renshu [practice] must be real terrible, terrific renshu.' We didn't know it was war."

Seventy-five years ago this week, the bombardment of the U.S. Pacific fleet killed 2,403 Americans. Many of them spent their last moments at the YMCA.

— Mark Hansen

# Mendelssohn Club Christmas show

Join us for the Mendelssohn Club Christmas program, "Christmases Old and New," at The Egg on Friday evening, Dec. 16. Cost: \$16. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Hear the Albany Area Senior Orchestra's free concert at the First Lutheran Church, 181 Western Ave. in Albany, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

The Community Christmas Day Dinner will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 1:30 p.m. for hospitality and 2 p.m. for dinner. A goodwill offering will be taken. All Town of Bethlehem residents are invited. For information, home delivered meals and /or transportation, call 439-5495, ext. 1176.

Shop for candy at Uncle Sam's All American Chocolate Factory and have lunch at Yang's Asian Bistro in Latham on Dec. 15. Uncle Sam's was founded in 1930 and has been a popular upstate destination since then. Lunch cost will be on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

The following support meetings are available:

- Caregiver Support Group — Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m.
- Alzheimer's Disease



Caregiver Group — Dec. 28 at 10:30 a.m.

• Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) — by appointment.

• Senior Legal Services Program — by appointment.

Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 for more information or appointments.

Support Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. and enjoy Broadway's hilarious smash hit "Something Rotten!" on Jan. 14 at Proctors. You do not need to be a senior — all are welcome. Your paid reservation of \$95 includes your ticket for the show, charter bus transportation and a tax-deductible donation to BSP, Inc. You can also join us for an all-inclusive dinner after the show for \$29 at Normanside Country Club. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176. Make your reservations now. Tickets will go fast.

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.

Get your flu shot at the Albany County Health Department, 175 Green St., in Albany. Call 447-4589 for an appointment. You can also see your physician or local pharmacy.

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 cleaning supplies, deodorant, toilet paper, mustard, and canned vegetables and 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.

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

— Wilma DeLuco

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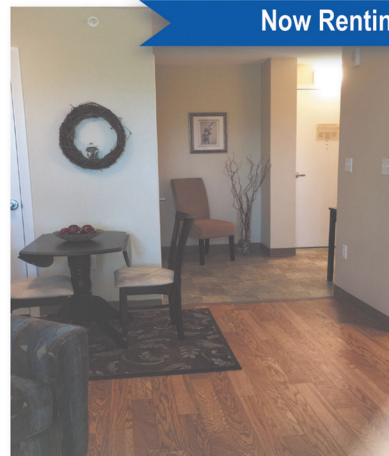
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## ■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



### ALEX BREINER

Bethlehem hockey goaltender Alex Breiner is The Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, Dec. 4. Breiner had a stopped 18 shots in the third period alone and finished with 33 saves in the Eagles' 5-3 non-league victory over Greece (Section 5) Saturday, Dec. 3.

## ■ GIRLS BASKETBALL



Emily Wander is one of three returning starters for Bethlehem this season.

Spotlight file photo

# Open court

Bethlehem among Suburban Council teams looking to replace key starters

By **ROB JONAS**  
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There could be a changing of the girls basketball guard in the Suburban Council this season.

Shenendehowa, Albany and Bethlehem are all replacing key starters from last year. That leaves the door open to teams like Shaker, Colonie, Troy and Columbia to make a big move.

Here is a look at each of the teams:

### **Albany Falcons**

Junior guard Bridget Whelan is one of the few holdovers from last year's team, which reached the Section 2 Class AA championship game.

### **Averill Park Warriors**

Returning starters Stephanie Jankovic

and Kat Stackrow hope to lead the Warriors to another winning season and a high seed for the Section 2 Class A playoffs.

### **Ballston Spa Scotties**

Jordan Hipwell returns for her senior season. Whether the Scotties can assemble a strong supporting cast for Hipwell remains to be seen.

### **Bethlehem Eagles**

Losing Jenna Giacone changes the dynamic for the Eagles, but they will have several key players back including guards Emily Wander, Tessa Hughes and Molly Kirby. Look for junior forward Julianna Okoniewski to take on a more prominent role at both ends of the floor.

### **Burnt Hills Spartans**

Things have not gone well for the

Spartans over the last several seasons. Seniors Alaina Purdy and Gabie Bucci will try to help turn things around this year.

### **Colonie Garnet Raiders**

The present and the future look bright for the Garnet Raiders with the return of sophomores Aliyah Wright, Myaisha Kelly and Alivia Paeglow, plus junior Erin Fouracre.

### **Columbia Blue Devils**

Marquette University-bound senior guard Selena Lott is back for one more season of dominance from the shooting guard position. That plus senior forward Tess Mulvey makes the Blue Devils a team to watch in 2016-17.

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### Hitting the mat

Suburban Council wrestling teams began their 2016-17 season last week with a scattering of league dual meets. We preview the season.

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## ■ WRESTLING

# Hitting the mat

Shenendehowa, Ballston Spa and Columbia look to maintain their positions in the Suburban Council

By **ROB JONAS**

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The first Suburban Council wrestling matches are in the books, as the season began Wednesday, Nov. 30, with four league duals.

Columbia and Shenendehowa cruised to victories in their season debuts. Columbia handled Bethlehem 63-18, while Shen eased past Schenectady 65-15.

Here is a team-by-team look at the Suburban Council and who some of the Section 2 title contenders are.

### Albany Falcons

Heavyweight Tyson Jones leads the list of returning starters for the Falcons this season. Jones (33-17 career record) is looking to improve upon his third-place finish at last year's Section 2 Class A tournament.

### Averill Park Warriors

Heavyweight Charlie Olson, lightweight Patrick Leahey, and middleweights Alex McCullen and Jacob White are all back for the Warriors after placing at last year's Section 2 Class B tournament.

### Ballston Spa Scotties

Junior Tyler Barnes looks to take another shot at a state title after winning the Section 2 Class B and Division 1 championships last season.

### Bethlehem Eagles

Senior middleweight Rowan Braga and sophomore lightweight Anthony Canova are among the key returning wrestlers for Bethlehem. Braga placed second at the Section 2 Class A tournament last year, while Canova finished third in Class A and fourth in Division 1 at Sectionals.

### Burnt Hills Spartans

Two-time defending Sectional champions Jake Warren and Christian Gramuglia are back to lead the Spartans this season. Gramuglia is coming off a 2015-16 season in which he placed fourth at the state tournament.

### Colonie Garnet Raiders

Senior lightweight Jake Kimball returns to action for Colonie after posting a 28-8 record last year that included the 99-pound division title at the Class A

Sectionals and a third-place finish at the Division 1 championships.

### Columbia Blue Devils

The Blue Devils' roster features four defending Section 2 champions — lightweights John Devine, Michael Gonyea and Trent Nadeau, and heavyweight Dylan Dubuque. Devine made it as far as the state finals last season, and he should be one of the favorites to get back to states this year.

### Guilderland Dutchmen

Though the Dutchmen have seven returning starters this season, only two placed at Sectionals last year — heavyweight Taylor Mooney and middleweight Kevin Ochs.

### Mohonasen Mighty Warriors

Mohonasen has six wrestlers who placed at last year's Class B Sectionals as underclassmen. Keep an eye on heavyweight Matt Miller, who finished third at the Class B tournament.

### Niskayuna Silver Warriors

The Silver Warriors have 10 returning

wrestlers, led by two-time Section 2 champion Eoghan Sweeney and defending 152-pound division champion Anthony Laniewski.

### Saratoga Blue Streaks

After getting to states as a wildcard last year, lightweight Jordan Sartin is looking to win a Sectional title.

### Schenectady Patriots

The Patriots have several returning starters to help them, led by Sectional runners-up Deyker Edwards and AJ Melendez.

### Shaker Blue Bison

This year's team is heavy on underclassmen with 21 freshmen and sophomores on the roster.

### Shenendehowa Plainsmen

The Plainsmen have a formidable lineup once again with the return of six wrestlers who placed at Sectionals last year. Middleweight Kiernan Shanahan, who took the Class A and Division 1 sectional titles last year at 126 pounds, leads the list of veterans.

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Open court

**Guilderland Lady Dutch**

New head coach Kim Buckley has three returning starters to build around — senior forward/guard Olivia Baumann, senior forward Nicole Fyvie and junior forward Skye Lindsay.

**Mohonasen Mighty Warriors**

Senior Saeeda Abdul-Aziz has been the Mighty Warriors' go-to player for the last four seasons, and that doesn't figure to change this year.

**Niskayuna Silver Warriors**

Junior center Olivia Owens was a major reason

why the Silver Warriors mattered within the league last year, and she figures to be a major reason why her team will matter this season.

**Saratoga Blue Streaks**

With Catherine Cairns and Kerry Flaherty leading the way, the Blue Streaks will be a legitimate contender in the Suburban Council's Blue Division.

**Schenectady Patriots**

The Patriots enter their second season in the Suburban Council with a lineup led by junior forward Mekiyah Holt and sophomore guard Naseyah Dix.

**Shaker Blue Bison**

Sierra "CeCe" Mayo and Shyla Sanford give the Blue Bison two consistent scorers to build around this season.

**Shenendehowa Plainsmen**

Losing guard Carly Brown to graduation and forward Sydney Brown to prep school could be difficult for Shen to overcome, especially in a league as unforgiving as the Suburban Council. Junior guard Alexandra Tudor will have to step up.

**Troy Flying Horses**

One of the most veteran-laden teams in the league, the Flying Horses have five key players returning — Sabrina Wolfe, Shalie Frierson, Alaina Holmes, Dominique Fiddeman and Karisma Kennedy.

**HOCKEY**

**Eagles earn weekend split**

**BETHLEHEM** — The Bethlehem hockey team split its two non-league home games last weekend.

Penfield (Section 5) scored twice in the third period to pull out a 3-1 victory over the Eagles Friday, Dec. 2, at the Bethlehem Area YMCA. Cooper Allen tallied the go-ahead goal with 8:42 left in the third period, and Andrew Ebeersol added an empty-net goal with 34 seconds left to seal the victory.

Mike Lemieux scored Bethlehem's lone goal late in the first period off an

assist from Kellen Hagen. Goaltender Alex Breiner had 17 saves for the Eagles.

Bethlehem bounced back with a 5-3 victory over Greece (Section 5) Saturday, Dec. 3, at the BAY rink. Matt Bievenue, Brian Harder, Hayes Meredith, Justin Chenaille and Thomas Liebold all scored goals for the Eagles, and Breiner made 33 saves. Antonio Lombardo tallied twice, and Luke Green had 32 saves for Greece.

Bethlehem plays in a non-league tournament this weekend in Brewster.

**COMMUNITY**

**Buy a Christmas tree to support the library**

We are selling the three blue spruce trees located alongside our building on the parking lot side. They have outgrown our flower boxes, but hopefully will fill your home with holiday cheer. Trees are 9- 10 feet tall. If you are interested in purchasing a tree, please contact us at 756-2053.

**It's Elementary**

New Baltimore resident Francine Matalon-Degni has collected oral histories from friends, family and neighbors who attended New Baltimore's Public School District 10. The

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exhibit is entitled "It's Elementary, Lessons from the New Baltimore Schoolhouse." The exhibit will be on display Thursdays and Saturdays from 2 to 5 p.m. through Jan. 7 (excluding Dec. 24 and 31), free of charge.

**Lego Mindstorm**

Sign up now to join the Mindstorm team on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. Kids (recommended ages 9 and up) will work as teams to build and

program Mindstorm robots. The program is scheduled monthly with new activities offered each time. All materials are provided, registration is required.

**Hot cocoa and a double feature**

Celebrate National Hot Cocoa Day on Tuesday, Dec. 13 (no school for RCS students) at 1:30 p.m. The library will have a hot cocoa "bar" with lots of fixings, and we will show "Mickey's Christmas Carol" and "Elf" on our big screen. No need to register.

— Carol Melewski

**IN BRIEF**

**Pine Bush Perspectives exhibit opens**

**COLONIE** — The Pine Bush Perspectives photo exhibit is now open at the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center, 195 New Karner Road.

This juried exhibit features photos showcasing the diversity of the Pine

Barrens and the animals that call it home, which were submitted by people in the Capital District.

The exhibit is open through the end of February, and is sponsored by Friends of the Pine Bush Community.

For more information about the exhibit and other Discovery Center news, visit [www.AlbanyPineBush.org](http://www.AlbanyPineBush.org).



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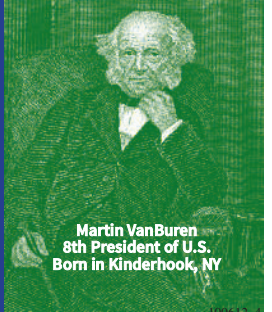
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**ALBANY FIREMEN'S FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; and "JOHN DOE" and "MARY DOE,"**  
(Said names being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.)

Defendants.

Filed: 11/22/2016

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**SUMMONS AND NOTICE**

Mortgaged Premises:  
20 Patterson Dr  
Glenmont, (Town of Bethlehem) NY 12077

**TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

**NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT**

**THE OBJECT** of the above captioned action is for the foreclosure of:

Mortgage bearing the date of May 10, 2005, executed by Walter Turner (deceased) to Bank of America, N.A. to secure the sum of \$153,559.00, and interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Albany County on May 27, 2005 in Book 4975 Page 764.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the Mortgaged Premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

Plaintiff designates Albany County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the County in which the Mortgaged Premises is situated.

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DATED: July 18, 2016  
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**NOTICE  
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If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

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Sending a payment to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Name: 17 NORTH STREET, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of NY ("SSNY") on October 24, 2016. Office location, County of Albany. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of such process served to: 17 North Street, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Limited Liability Company (LLC)**  
1. The name of the LLC is: 3 STONE PROPERTIES, LLC  
2. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of the State of New York (SSNY) is: 11/10/2016  
3. The office within New York State the LLC is located in is Albany County.  
4. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 3 Stone Properties, LLC 270 Waldenmaier Road Feura Bush, New York 12067  
5. The specific date upon which the LLC is to dissolve is: NONE  
6. The purpose of the business of the LLC is: any lawful business of purpose.  
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614 SHAKER, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/12/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Bernard F. Radtke, Jr, 798 Meadowdale Rd., Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of LLC. The limited liability company name is 73 - 79 Winthrop Ave, LLC; articles of organization were filed with the secretary of state on April 27, 2016; LLC's office to be located in Albany County; the secretary of state has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served; the post office to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon it is Ryan Jankow, 7 Grant Court, Guilderland, NY 12084; Purpose: for any lawful purpose.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice formation of an LLC; A-Line Rentals LLC Articles of Organization

were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/31/2016. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be reserved. SSNY shall mail process to; A-Line Rentals LLC c/o Tyler Coleman, 3 Hartman Rd. Apt 1, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful activity.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).** Name: Altamont Meats LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/07/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 2563 Western Avenue, Altamont, New York 12009. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed under section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,** that the Annual Election of the Slingerlands Fire District will take place on December 13, 2016, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the firehouse located at 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York for the purpose of Electing one Commissioner for a 5-year term commencing on January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2021. All duly registered residents of the Slingerlands Fire District shall be eligible to vote.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Organization of Anthony Langevin Hockey, LLC On October 19, 2016, Anthony Langevin Hockey, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the NYS Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is 5 Picotte Drive, Albany, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to 5 Picotte Drive, Albany, NY 12208. The LLC is organized for the purpose of any and all lawful business.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)** The name of the LLC is BBL Florida Management LLC. The Articles of Organization of the

LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 20, 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 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY** Name: BCG Resort Group, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 11/10/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, One Commerce Plaza, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is BEACON PAYMENTS OF NEW YORK, LLC  
2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on November 7, 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 21 Ridgfield Drive, Voorheesville, NY 12186  
6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.  
7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of Bonesteel Property Management LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process against the LLC to 601 Ocean Parkway, Ste 3B, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of Bonesteel Property Management LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process against the LLC to 601 Ocean Parkway, Ste 3B, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Name: BRIGHT LINE TITLE, LLC d/b/a "BRIGHTLINE TITLE AGENCY LLC". Authority filed with SSNY on 10/11/2016. Office loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY. 12207. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.  
Ad#134986

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Capital Quality Flip LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 7, 2016. Office location is in 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, at 936 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: for any lawful purpose.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Crespo Insurance Agency, L.L.C., Notice of Qualification - LLC was filed with the SSNY on November 8, 2016. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Attn: Cruzita Crespo, Crespo Insurance Agency, L.L.C., 5641 Westfield Ave, Pennsauken, NJ 08110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
Ad#136726

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Empire Computing Innovation, LLC Articles of Org. filed w/ NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on 10/25/16. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Flowers In Hand LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/26/16. 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 against the LLC to 601 Ocean Parkway, Ste 3B, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).** Name: FORT EDWARD MANUFACTURING COMPANY LLC. Articles of

Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 4, 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 c/o Goldman Attorneys PLLC, 210 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, NY 12203. Ad#135667

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

The name of the LLC is Garnett Housing II, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 21, 2016. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203.  
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**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 Givrnoli LLC.  
b. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on November 9, 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: Givrnoli LLC c/o Todd J. Girvin 22 Carriage Hill Road Latham, New York 12110  
e. The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

GRACELINE PROPERTIES, LLC Notice of formation of Graceline Properties, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 10/6/16. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 4 Monroe Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purposes: Any lawful purpose.  
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## POLITICS

# Glass half full

New Siena Research Institute poll sees New Yorkers split down the middle when it comes to the state of the Union

**LOUDONVILLE** — Half of New Yorkers are optimistic about the country's future under President-elect Donald Trump, and half are pessimistic, according to a poll released Monday, Nov. 5 by the Siena Research Institute.

Not surprisingly, there is a stark partisan divide with two-thirds of Democrats pessimistic and 84 percent of Republicans optimistic. Fifty-one percent of independents say they are optimistic.

Similarly, 47 percent of voters, including 83 percent of Republicans, say Trump's presidency will be good for New Yorkers and 45 percent, including 64 percent of Democrats say it will be bad for New Yorkers.

"New York City voters

are pessimistic and think Trump will be bad for New Yorkers by small majorities," said SRI pollster Steve Greenberg. "Slightly larger majorities of upstaters are optimistic and say Trump will be good for New York. Downstate suburbanites split the difference, with small majorities being pessimistic but saying he will be good for New York. Men and white voters are optimistic; women and voters of color are pessimistic. Unsurprisingly, 81 percent of voters who supported Hillary Clinton are pessimistic, while 93 percent of Trump voters are optimistic."

By an overwhelming majority, 65 to 23 percent, voters say congressional Democrats should work with Trump rather

than oppose his agenda, according to the poll.

"In a two-to-one Democratic state, New Yorkers unite on wanting bipartisanship in Washington. Democrats by a 20-point margin, independents by a 46-point margin and Republicans by an 80-point margin say congressional Democrats should, overall, work collaboratively with President Trump on his agenda, rather than opposing his agenda," Greenberg said. "That view is held, albeit by a very slim two-point margin, by Clinton voters."

By large margins, voters think a Trump Administration will improve infrastructure, protect America from terrorist attacks and create more

good paying jobs. They are less convinced on three other issues.

"Democrats strongly agree on infrastructure and are more closely divided on terror and jobs," Greenberg said. "By a smaller margin, voters think Trump will appoint Supreme Court justices that appropriately interpret the Constitution while protecting the rights of all Americans, although nearly two-thirds of Democrats think that's unlikely."

Trump's negative 41-53 percent favorability rating is up significantly from negative 34-63 percent right before the election, and is his best rating ever. Vice President-elect Mike Pence has a 41-40 percent favorability rating.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo's

favorability rating is up slightly to 56-36 percent from 56-41 percent in October, according to the poll.

His job performance rating is a negative, 44 to 54 percent, but it's also up from a negative 41-57 in September.

Currently, 47 percent of New Yorkers are prepared to re-elect Cuomo in 2018 while 44 percent would prefer "someone else," according to the poll. That is up from a negative 45 to 49 percent in September.

"Cuomo's ratings in the first two years of his second term have stayed in a relatively narrow band. His current 56 percent favorable rating is well within the 49-60 percent range during this term, as his current 44 percent positive job

performance rating is in the middle of a 39-47 percent range," Greenberg said.

"Neither good nor bad news for the governor has moved his numbers up or down more than a few points month-to-month."

Fifty-three percent say Cuomo has made New York a better place to live since he was elected governor while 16 percent say he has made it worse. Twenty percent say it's about the same.

"This is little changed from a comparable 52-14-26 percent in December 2014," Greenberg said. "Two-thirds of Democrats think Cuomo's made New York a better place to live, as do a plurality of independents and Republicans. A majority of downstaters think so, as do a plurality of upstaters."

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"Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: HELDERBERG HOME INSPECTION SERVICES, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/18/16. 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: C/O HELDERBERG HOME INSPECTION SERVICES, LLC, 52 Scotch Pine Drive, Voorheesville, 12186. Purpose: Any lawful purpose." Ad#135013

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Herlandia Rift LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY on 10/12/2016. 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, 128 E Broadway, #700, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#133476

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: Limar Mobile Center LLC Article of organization filed with the Secretary of State's Office of November 17, 2016. Office location: Albany County. The Secre-

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tary 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 17 Sherman Street, Albany, New York 12210. Ad#138170

#### LEGAL NOTICE

MERCY'S HAIR DESIGN LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/15/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 27 Devoe St., Brooklyn, NY 11211, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#136883

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NBK CREATIVE SPACES LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/9/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 117 Woodpoint Road Bsmt., Brooklyn, NY 11211, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#137875

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Newmark Advisory LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/16. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as

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agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 400 E 84th St, #20B, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#136722

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NORTHEAST BK FOODANDBEV LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/3/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 57 Thames St., Brooklyn, NY 11237, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#135654

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#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of a portable 6' High Head Pump for the Town of Bethlehem. The Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to allow all municipal and not for profit organizations authorized under the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York, to purchase any goods and/ or services awarded as a result of this bid in accordance with the latest amendments to NYS GML 100 through 104. However, it is understood that the extension of such contracts are at the discretion of the vendor and the vendor is only bound

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to any contract between the Town of Bethlehem and the vendor. Additionally, the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to purchase any goods or services included as part of this bid from any means legally available to it at any time.

Bids will be received up to 10:00 a.m. on December 16, 2016 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Nanci Moquin Town Clerk of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items.

Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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Nanci Moquin TOWN CLERK Date: December 1, 2016 Ad#138151

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NOTICE OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: ORCHARD STREET SETTLEMENTS LLC. Authority filed with SSNY on 10/17/2016. Office loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o InCorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza - 99 Washington Ave., Suite 805-A, Albany, NY., 12210-2822. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#138157

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Articles of Organization for PANITAN LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on September 19, 2016. Office located Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at Panitan Eamroongroj, 161 Regent Street, Apt#20, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866. Purpose: for any lawful activity Ad#136208

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Polaris Lighting Design, LLC. Art. of Org.

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filed with Sec. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/10/15. Off. location is Albany County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at 357 Delaware Avenue, #111, Delmar, New York 12054. For any lawful purpose. Ad#137383

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Pulver Real Property, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 11/8/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 9 Twin Ponds Drive, Kingston, NY 12401-6429. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#136223

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Limited Liability Company (LLC) 1. The name of the LLC is: RAZA MARK, LLC 2. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of the State of New York (SSNY) is: 10/20/2016 3. The office within New York State the LLC is located in is Albany County. 4. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom pro-

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cess against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: Raza Mark, LLC 3112 Lone Pine Road Schenectady, New York 12303 5. The specific date upon which the LLC is to dissolve is: NONE 6. The purpose of the LLC is: any lawful business of purpose. Ad#134982

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Son of Houdini Entertainment, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/23/2015. Office location: Albany County. Agent to serve process to: SSNY. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against LLC to: One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210. Principal business address of LLC: 279 Woodworth Ave., Yonkers, NY 10701. LLC shall have perpetual existence. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#136885

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LLC-Tian Ma Express LLC has filed an Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on 10/26/2016. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designat-

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ed as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any process shall be mailed to 1314 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12205. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. Ad#134878

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Unit 145, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/11/2016. Office location: Albany County. Principal place of business: Albany County, NY. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Robert S. Hite, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#136739

#### LEGAL NOTICE

VW HAMPTWORTH, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/19/16. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 450 Park Ave., Ste. 2100, NY, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#137019

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

# Is there such thing as Santa?

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be

extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in

all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

— "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus"  
*The (New York) Sun*  
September 21, 1897

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## WHAT HAPPENED IN 2006...

# 10 years ago: Four Corners winter fun

DELMAR — A decade ago, at this time, the chilly temperatures of winter were just starting to appear, but that didn't stop residents of the Town of Bethlehem from braving the outside to attend the eighth annual Old Fashioned Four Corners Holiday Open House and Winterfest.

There were bad

thunderstorms before the festival but, in Christmas miracle fashion, they stopped when Santa arrived on the scene.

According to a 2006 *SpotlightNews* article, two draft horses from Albany Carriage Service, named Charlie and Jake, pulled festival-goers around all day.

"We've been very busy

all day," Tom Ladd, of Albany Carriage Service, said in the 2006 article. Ladd had been providing carriage rides during the festival for six years. "I love it. Everyone is in a good mood," he said.

During the Holiday Open House, many locally-loved stores offered special sales. The Delmar Marketplace provided hot

chocolate and cookies.

Part of the point of the winter festival was to remind town residents that there were local places to shop that were not huge shopping centers.

"The Winterfest offers people an opportunity to get out, and it reminds them we do have shops here," Judy Tocker, owner of Judy's Tiny Shop, said in

the 2006 article. "You don't always have to go running to the mall."

Also at the festival was a new Ford Explorer that a group of St. Thomas students and parents were raffling off. Tickets from the raffle cost \$100 each, and the proceeds went towards a new playground at the St. Thomas School on Adams Place.

Throughout the entire festival, it was reported that Santa could be seen going in and out of stores with his elves to take pictures with children, and even taking some horse-drawn sleigh rides of his own.

"Santa just got off two trips ago," Ladd told a reporter at the festival. "He was kind of chilly."

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■ OPINION

# Don't blame schools when students fail

It seems like forever that we have been trying to improve the public schools in America, and, closer to home, in New York state.

It is time to be honest with the people our schools serve—we have failed in our improvement efforts. Presidents, governors, congressmen, senators have all failed in their endeavor to improve public schools. For decades we have heard the cry that public schools must improve or we will all surely experience national failure. Money has been thrown at schools to no avail. New programs have been developed just to meet with failure. The “learning gap” (whatever that is) keeps growing. Schools are more expensive. More kids are failing. We need more mathematics and science instruction. We need better teachers. We need more foreign language instruction. We need, we need, we need.

How about a new

approach? There is nothing wrong with our public schools. The public schools are a gift to our children. It is time to stop beating up our public schools. Our public schools do not need a thing.

I want to be up front. I am a public school guy. I attended public schools for part of my life. I taught in public schools and I was an administrator in public schools for a total of more than 40 years. I believe in public schools. I believe in public school teachers. I also know that our public schools do a really good job overall with the students who are capable and ready to learn. Let me repeat that. The public schools do a really good job with the students who are capable and ready to learn.

Maybe we are trying to solve the wrong problem. Instead of fixing the public schools, we need to repair the American family.

To improve the results of our public schools, we need

to put the family back in school.

Nowhere in the discussion about school improvement are students and their parents mentioned. Until we put that on the table, any discussion of school improvement is a waste of time and usually a waste of money. Public schools are meant to educate children, not to raise them. Unfortunately their role has become the latter. If we continue to expect public schools to raise children, they will fail miserably.

In more than 40 years of working in schools, I have never seen a student fail who came to school regularly and tried. That is the secret to school success ... Come to school regularly and try your best. That is great news for educators and lawmakers. Schools don't need more money. They have enough already. They also do not need more senseless mandates that take away from the mission

of the school, which is to educate students. More specifically, the mission of the school is to teach students what they need to know, when they need to know it. We have strayed from that mission. We expect our schools to not only educate our children but to feed them, to counsel them, to transport them, to babysit them, to motivate them, to provide medical care for them, to keep them from being bullied, to keep them from bullying, to be sure they ride their bicycles safely, etc.

The fact is that we are giving schools an impossible task. We want our schools to single-handedly make all of our young people successful. They cannot do that alone. Parents and family members need to be in the game. Additionally, students, once they are old enough, need to take responsibility for themselves and their learning.

A year contains 8,760 hours. The average child is in school for 1,260 of those hours, or 14 percent of the time. Thus, they are somewhere other than school for 86 percent of the time. What happens during that time not only determines how the child will do in school, but in life in general.

We are searching for the answer to improving our schools and it is staring us in the face every day. That answer is to do what the students who attend school regularly, try their best, get involved in school activities and do the right thing every day, do. Those students are all around us. Why not try to get all students to do those few simple things instead of wasting time on chasing issues that do not have anything to do with public education?

I openly challenge anyone to find me a student who attends school regularly and tries who is failing. Find me one, and I

will be the first to declare the school that child attends a failure. Until then, let's solve the right problem and keep the blame where it belongs, and it does not belong with the schools.

The public schools of this nation are a gift to children, a gift that many places in the world can not even begin to bestow. Those who take advantage of that gift will thrive; those who do not will not realize their full potential. However, the blame needs to be laid on the correct shoulders and it is not those of our public schools.

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## From page 1 ... A night's dream

in 1988. His first mistake was voicing his thoughts about retirement a few years ago. Each cast from 2012 has believed their director was leaving. Today, the rumor continues to circulate around the high school auditorium as he prepares students for this year's production of William Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream."

"Midsummer Night's Dream," plays at the Bethlehem Central High School on the evenings of Dec. 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7 p.m., and afternoon showings Dec. 11 and 18 at 2 p.m.

This year the Theatre Without A Net shifts the setting of Shakespeare's comedy from Greece to 1969 Woodstock.

To this day, Woodstock is known for the magical music festival that represented more of a microcosm of a generation than a three-day concert. And, though that festival retained the name Woodstock, the music, the dancing, the entire congregation took place on a farmland in Bethel. Still, that hasn't deterred Woodstock from becoming a center for liberal arts.

"It's sort of a mythology that's grown up in the town of Woodstock, of the mavericks and the free spirits," said Year. "It's commercialized as any place else. Theseus talks about, 'The power of the imagination.' He doesn't believe it. He thinks it's all ridiculous that there are fairies there. For Shakespeare, there were fairies there. There was a spirit in the

woods. And, with Woodstock, we worked with that."

The original plot circulates around the marriage of Theseus to Hippolyta, but there is a bit of a love triangle that plays out between four young lovers and the hijinks brought on by woodland fairies. Squint your eyes, and maybe you see fairies when looking back at 1969.

"It was a revolutionary time," said Hunter Frederick, who plays Titania. "There was a lot of thinking, the freedom of thought. It goes well with the show. Having fun and being free."

This year's production will be the last for Hunter and her twin sister, Heather. The 17-year-old seniors graduate in June with aspirations of continuing drama in college.

Heather and Hunter are not too far removed from the mischievous play of the fairies they portray in the production. Growing up as identical twins, they recalled attempting to fool their third-grade teacher. However, they admit there is enough differences between their appearance to help people tell them apart.

"Though, I'm sure if we did it now, we could get away with it," said Heather, who plays Puck.

Both actors credit their director for enabling them to place themselves inside the heads of each of their characters. Answering the questions of who they are, and what do they want?

"He's a great director and teacher," said Hunter. "He's taught for such a long time, and now he's retiring."

For the record, Yeara has no plans to retire at the end of the year. But, had he



Longtime Bethlehem Central teacher James Yeara has directed plays on this stage for 28 years, and wonders if he'll stave off retirement long enough to see the improvements planned for it.

Photo by Michael Hallisey / Spotlight

made plans, he would leave on the same Shakespearean play his colleagues once told him would be too difficult for high school students. Before 1988, and before earning tenure, Yeara was discouraged from producing Shakespeare as a whole. Today, he has students earning accolades for reciting the bard.

Nonetheless, it remains to be seen if Yeara will continue on to see the vast amount of changes scheduled for his auditorium.

Last month, district residents passed a \$32.2 million bond referendum, the cornerstone of the project is a \$7.8 million

renovation of the existing high school auditorium, including: new seating, lighting, acoustics, and air conditioning; the addition of a new "fly loft" above the stage; addition of a sound and lighting control room; and expansion of the stage proscenium to provide more usable stage space and greater visibility for audience and performers, as well as allow the stage to be extended into the pit area.

"I'm getting to the point that it would be lovely to stay until they actually renovate this," he said. ... I don't know. Four years is a long time."

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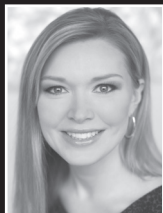
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# Nestling in with Mike Gordon

The bassist for Phish talks about acoustics, interacting with the crowd and improvisation

By **PETE MASON**  
[nysmusic.com](http://nysmusic.com)

**M**ike Gordon has returned to the road, with a Fall Tour stretching from the Midwest to the east coast. Having just wrapped up Phish's Fall Tour in Las Vegas with a performance of David Bowie's "The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars," NYSmusic talked with Gordon about his favorite moment from the instant classic set, the goals of improvisation and what he loves about The Egg in Albany so much.

**Pete Mason:** This is your third show at The Egg in Albany. Your show from 2011 was even released as a live show. What is the appeal of the venue to you?

**Mike Gordon:** The acoustics are pretty incredible, I don't know what it is about eggs, part of how they built it I guess. I had been in the past to see Jerry Douglas. I remember liking the weird shape and it

Intrigued by The Egg's odd looking shape, Mike Gordon has since learned to appreciate the architectural marvel for its superior acoustics.

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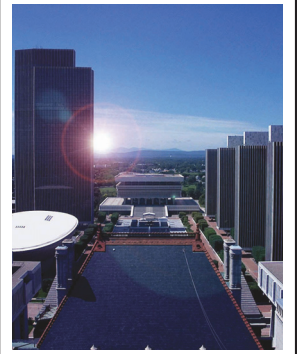
Thoughts of days gone by as the snow begins to fall.

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**quote of the week**

*"Being 100 percent in the moment is the true catharsis of what people have or are overcoming problems. In an experience it doesn't mean you can't keep track. When it's not happening and it's sort of a road trip to another song, then I forget how deep these experiences can be. Then I'm reminded, and I don't need to be anywhere else in the world and I can be in a cozy living room or somewhere else."*




— Mike Gordon, of Phish



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MANCHESTER, VT. — The Capital District's independent, alternative music radio station is inviting listeners to vote in on the year's best songs.

The radio station added more than 200 new songs to its playlist last year, and is looking to make its own list of do-gooders.

On New Year's Eve, the votes will be tallied and the top "102.7" songs will play until the No. 1 song is revealed.

As an incentive, the radio station is offering voters a chance to win tickets to every EQX presents show in 2017.



Voting takes place online at [www.weqx.com/top-102-7-2016-vote](http://www.weqx.com/top-102-7-2016-vote). From the link, voters are promoted to check off which songs they wish to vote for.

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— Michael Hallisey

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# 'Love Riot' to hit Palace

Grammy nominated Newsboys to perform week of Valentines Day

ALBANY — Grammy-nominated and platinum-selling band, Newsboys will bring the "Love Riot Tour" to the Palace Theatre Friday, Feb. 17.

Tickets go on sale Friday, Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. at the Palace Theatre Box Office.

The tour features the band performing all of its hit songs and a never-before-seen theatrical experience, "God's Not Dead LIVE! Rivals."

Written and produced by John and Sarah Bolin (The Thorn), and featuring original songs from Juan Otero (Born Again, Kings & Queens), "Rivals" brings an ensemble cast of singers, actors and dancers together to answer the question "Can God really make a difference?" and take the audience on a journey to an infamous music venue where stars are born, rivals are met and no one leaves the way they came in.

"With this tour, we wanted to try something brand new, something different," said Michael

Tait, lead singer of Newsboys. "There's something about drama, seeing scenes acted out, lived out, right in front of you, that has a different effect. We are very excited about sharing this new theatrical experience with our fans."

Ticket packages include:

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Tickets are \$28, \$48 for a Premium Package and \$103 for the Ultimate VIP Experience. Tickets are available through The Palace Theatre box

office Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are also available for purchase via Ticketmaster Charge-by-Phone at 800-745-3000 or online at ticketmaster.com.

— Michael Hallisey

## GOD'S NOT DEAD

Formed in 1985, Newsboys have received four Grammy nominations for Best Rock Gospel Album — most recently with "Adoration: The Worship Album."

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ALSO ANNOUNCED

### The holidays with Proctors Theatre

SCHENECTADY — Proctors is offering a spate of theatre, dance and family events that will make the holiday season sparkle.

"Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical" hits the stage Wednesday, Dec. 7 and Thursday, Dec. 8. The production is paired with "Festive Eats," a kid-friendly Italian buffet prior to the show. Tickets for "Rudolph" range from \$20 to \$57. Tickets for "Festive Eats" range from \$10 to \$20.

Two showings of "Miracle on 34th Street" will play on Saturday, Dec. 10. It's a new musical adaptation of the favorite holiday tale made famous by the 1947 movie of the same name.

"Miracle" is followed by a reinvention of Frank Capra's holiday film classic in "It's a Wonderful Life: Live from WVL Radio Theatre," Tuesday, Dec. 13. The play takes the film and presents it as a radio production. Tickets for the show are \$30.

And, at the end the year, the "New Year's Eve Celebration at Proctors" promises to ring in the new year with a collection of music and comedy. The evening starts with a "Pretty Much the Best Comedy Show" stand-up comedy showcase, followed by a tribute to the horn bands of the '60s and '70s with the Joey Thomas Big Band. The evening also includes light fare, a cash bar, complimentary champagne to toast at midnight and the opportunity to dance. Tickets cost \$60, and attendees must be 21-year-old or older.



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ARTS

# Breathing Lights drawing to close

Lighting panels in hundreds of abandoned Capital District homes to dim in coming days

**ALBANY** — Today marks the official conclusion of the Breathing Lights public art installation, a large-scale public art project across Albany, Schenectady and Troy and an unprecedented example of collaboration and cooperation between the region's cities. Over the course of the two-month installation, Breathing Lights was directly observed by tens of thousands, and dozens of events and programs across the region engaged more than 10,000 residents and visitors directly through more than 40 public events presented across the region.

Breathing Lights programming and conversations will continue even as the installation goes dark. Continuing programming includes the project's Building Reclamation Clinics, a series of toolbox-style courses offered in partnership with Keybank, Bender Scientific Fund and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, designed to provide

education on navigating the process of buying and renovating an abandoned home. For more information on the Building Reclamation Clinics, visit [www.BreathingLights.com/learn](http://www.BreathingLights.com/learn).

Additionally, a Spring Project Finale Celebration & Policy Summit is scheduled for Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8. At the event, project organizers plan to analyze findings from the project's research partners at the University at Albany, who have been gathering data on reaction to Breathing Lights.

The public will also be able to see a behind-the-scenes look at Breathing Lights running through Friday, Feb. 17 at the Hamilton Hill Arts Center (409 Schenectady Street, Schenectady) weekdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and by appointment.

Breathing Lights is one of four winners

Barbara Nelson and Adam Frelin stand proudly at one of the installation sites this past summer.

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of the Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge, selected from 237 city applicants nationwide. Projects in Gary, Ind., Los Angeles, Calif. and Spartanburg, SC were also selected.

Lead Artist Adam Frelin and Lead Architect Barbara Nelson developed the innovative program over the course of nearly two years to pay homage to local history, create dialogue and bring together communities. Local students, engineers, artists and product developers designed, built and installed the custom lighting fixtures over the past 90 days.

The temporary art project illuminated the windows of hundreds of vacant buildings throughout Albany, Schenectady and Troy, creating vibrant art and spurring beneficial dialogue in neighborhoods with high vacancy rates. The installation represented an unprecedented collaborative effort between the Tri-Cities, and earned attention from national news outlets including the Washington Post, Smithsonian Magazine, New York Times and the Associated Press.

"Breathing Lights has proven to be not only an evocative and innovative example of socially conscious artwork, but also a conversation piece both locally and nationally," said Frelin. "This project brings to the fore many important, difficult

issues and questions, but does so in a way that evokes wonder and curiosity. Throughout Breathing Lights I was continually reminded of the impact public art can have in the reactions it produced by the thousands – I am grateful to have been able to have been a part of that."

"Breathing Lights is unique in that it is more than an arts project – it is a community project," said Nelson. "The power of public art lies in its ability to bring communities together, to spark conversations and to encourage us to look at the world and work together in new ways. I believe Breathing Lights has done just that, through art and extensive community programming."

Breathing Lights programming over the two-month installation included more than 40 public events, including city-specific receptions, openings and events; walking and trolley tours; seminars; and Building Reclamation Clinics. Additionally, films, installations and performances by Community Art Awards winners selected as part of the Breathing Lights project portrayed the experiences and stories of those who live in the Breathing Lights neighborhoods.

The Breathing Lights installation represented the culmination of almost two years of hard work by project organizers, city officials, members of the community.



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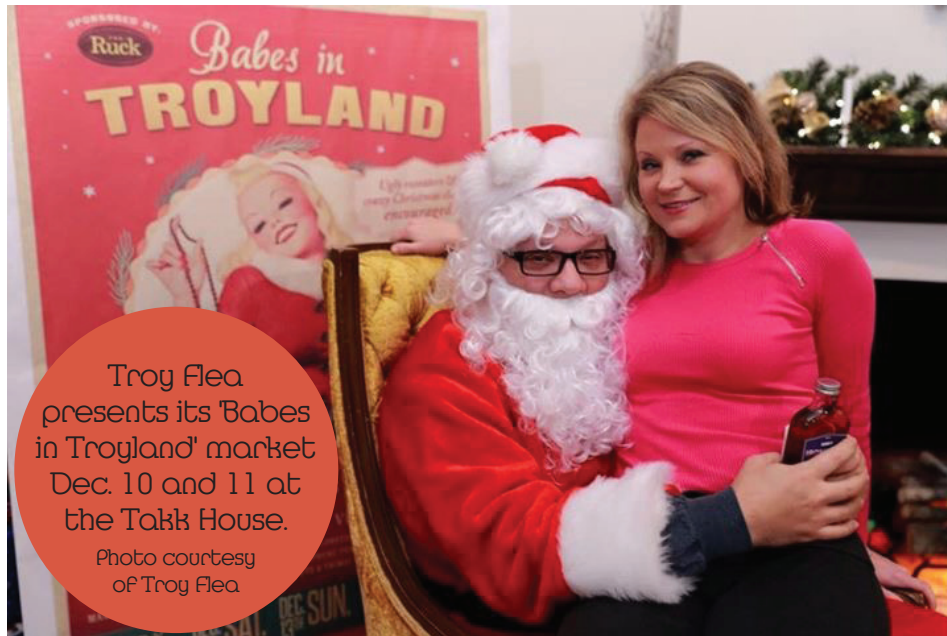
'Babes in Troyland' features more than just holiday items

**TROY** — The popular Troy Flea returns this weekend for a special indoor winter "clubhouse" holiday market.

"Babes in Troyland" will fill three floors of the Takk House, 55 Third St., with more than 30 antique, vintage and craft vendors Saturday, Dec. 10, from 11 to 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"You can get all of your holiday shopping done in one day under one roof, but 'Babes in Troyland' is so much more than a holiday market," said Troy Flea manager Kristin Jackson. "It's a scene that happens in one of the coolest spaces around."

The bazaar will also feature cocktails in the barroom and a "beer garden" in the main hall, with food catered by The Ruck. Albany Distilling Co. will offer a whisky tasting, Superior



Troy Flea presents its 'Babes in Troyland' market Dec. 10 and 11 at the Takk House.

Photo courtesy of Troy Flea.

Merchandise will run a coffee bar, and there will be locally-made sweets available.

Additionally, there will be chair massages and tarot card readings all weekend. Live entertainment both

days includes a badly behaving Santa Claus, portrayed by improv artist Peter Delocis. There will be music performances by Caroline MotherJudge at 1 p.m. and Jeff Nania at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 10, and

a 6 p.m. burlesque show by Persephone Pomme and Co. Musical clown Ragliacci performs at noon on Dec. 11.

For more information, visit [TroyFlea.com](http://TroyFlea.com).

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**Melissa Etheridge's Holiday Trio**  
Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center — Friday, Dec. 9

**GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass.** — One of the most distinctive voices in rock music will be singing a different tune Friday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m., at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St.

Melissa Etheridge — best known for rock anthems such as "Come to My Window" and "I'm the Only One" — will perform her hit songs and holiday classics at the intimate theater on the edge of the Berkshires. Expect to hear her versions of "Merry Christmas Baby," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "O Night Divine" and many more.

Tickets range in price from \$70 to \$145. Mahaiwe members receive a discount. For more information, call (413) 528-0100 or visit [www.mahaiwe.org](http://www.mahaiwe.org).

**The Many Moods of Christmas**  
Troy Savings Bank Music Hall — Sunday, Dec. 11

**TROY** — Albany Pro Musica presents its annual holiday show, "The Many Moods of Christmas," Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m., at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St.

World renowned tenor Rafael Davila joins the choral group and the Orchestra Pro Musica for a program featuring Gustav Holst's "Choral Fantasy on Old Carols" and Robert Shaw's collection, "The Many Moods of Christmas."

Tickets are \$25 and \$35 for adults, and \$15 for students. Tickets may be purchased by phone at 273-0038 or online at either [troymusicall.org](http://troymusicall.org) or [albanypromusica.org](http://albanypromusica.org).

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# Night & Day

## Night: An evening with Yo-Yo Ma

**ALBANY** — Maestro David Alan Miller's 25th anniversary season with the Albany Symphony Orchestra continues with a special concert at the Palace Theatre on Thursday, Dec. 8, featuring world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Yo-Yo Ma, one of the best-selling recording artists in the classical genre, returns to Albany to perform a decade after his first appearance with ASO. The award-winning cellist maintains a balance between his engagements as a soloist with orchestras around the world and his recital and chamber music activities. He is also involved with a number of initiatives which look to increase the number and variety of opportunities audience members of all ages have to experience and create music in their own communities.

The program features Richard Wagner's Prelude to "Die Meistersinger," Antonin Dvorak's "Serenade for Strings," and Edward Elgar's "Cello Concerto," along with the world premiere of "Tone Poem," a new work by American composer Conor Brown.

Individual ticket prices range from \$50 to \$100 (including service fees) depending on seating location. Tickets



Yo-Yo Ma

Photo courtesy of The Palace

are still available for purchase online at Ticketmaster.com, via Ticketmaster Charge-By-Phone at (800) 745-3000, or in person at the Palace Theatre Box Office weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The box office will remain open until the concert begins.

For more information, visit [www.albanysymphony.com](http://www.albanysymphony.com) or [www.palacealbany.org](http://www.palacealbany.org).

The Palace Theatre is located at 19 Clinton Avenue in downtown Albany.

## Day: Max & Ruby in The Nutcracker Suite

**ALBANY** — Families with fans of bunny siblings from Nickelodeon's animated series "Max & Ruby" will want to be at The Egg Performing Arts Center at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, for the musical production of "Max & Ruby in the Nutcracker Suite."

It's Christmas Eve, and Ruby is busy trimming the tree, while Max is chasing the delicious scent of Grandma's freshly baked gingerbread cookies! A knock at the door reveals a huge parcel from their Great Uncle Drosselmeyer. As the package is unwrapped, Ruby realizes that

each new toy is from the story of the Nutcracker Ballet, including a Nutcracker doll!

As Grandma reads the story of the Nutcracker, their imaginations whisk them away to a magical land where they become characters in the beloved ballet. Dancing, singing and delicious treats follow, as the bunny pair experiences the wonder and excitement of the classic Nutcracker story.

All tickets cost \$18 (does not include handling fees) each. An adult will be admitted for free when accompanied by a child with a paid admission ticket.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org) or either stop by or call the box office at (518) 473-1845 today through Friday, Dec. 9 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 10, from 3 to 8:30 p.m.; and on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

The Egg is located at the Empire State Plaza in downtown Albany. Driving directions and parking information are available at [www.theegg.org/directions](http://www.theegg.org/directions).



Ruby & Max

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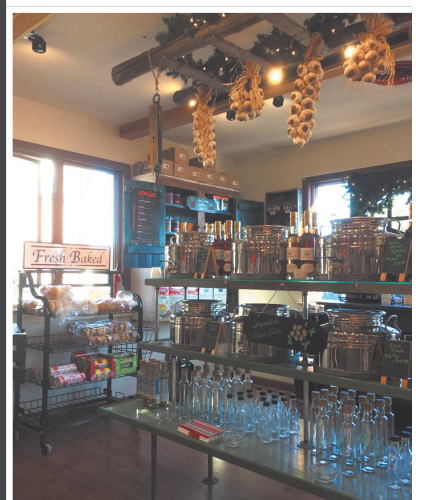
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**9 Maple Avenue**  
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www.9mapleave.com  
Fri: **Tim Olsen Quartet** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Terry Gordon Quartet** | 9 p.m.

**Albany Rail Yard**  
1118 Central Ave., Albany. 489-2990  
Every Thur: **DJ Scott Grant** | 9 p.m.

**Aperitivo**  
426 State St., Schenectady. 579-3371  
Tue: **Jecco Duo** | 5:30 p.m.

**Arthur's Market**  
35 N. Ferry St., Schenectady. 382-1938  
Wed: **Steve Sullivan** | 7 p.m.  
Every Thur: **Edith's Amazing Jam** | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **Mike, John and Jere** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **Old Timey Jam** | 2:30 p.m.  
**Tango** | 8 p.m.  
Sun: **Joe Sinatra & Friends** | 3 p.m.  
Mon: **Ukulele Night** | 7 p.m.  
Tue: **Dave Kitchen Jazz Trio** | 7 p.m.

**Athos**  
1814 Western Ave., Albany. 608-6400  
Fri: **Roben-Kosek Jazz & Blues** | 7 p.m.

**Café NOLA**  
617 Union St., Schenectady. 357-8628  
Fri: **Lisa Lambert** | 7:30

**Caffé Lena**  
47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. 225-0882  
Every Thur: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Jeanne O'Connor and the New Standard** (320 Broadway) | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **"Saratoga, Sing Us Home" fundraiser, with Jim Mastrianni, the Rich Clements Band, Different than Normal, Pat Decker and The North and South Dakotas** | 6 p.m.

**Carney's Tavern**  
17 Main St., Ballston Lake. 280-7959  
Every Thur: **Matty Finn** | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **Pat Gioia** | 7:30 p.m.  
Sat: **Whitewater Duo** | 7:30 p.m.

**Castle Street Café**  
10 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. 413-528-5244  
Fri: **Peter Primamore Trio** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Tom Parker Trio, Ben Kohn** | 8 p.m.

**Centre Street Pub**  
308 Union St., Schenectady. 393-2337  
Wed: **Jecco** | 6 p.m.  
Thur: **Rick Nelson** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Local 11** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Deadbeats** | 9 p.m.

**Chrome Food & Spirits**  
405 Hudson River Road, Waterford. 326-2725  
Wed: **No Destination** (Christmas party) | 7 p.m.

**Diamond Club Grill**  
Embassy Suites, 88 Congress St., Saratoga Springs. 886-1111  
Fri: **Out of the Box** | 6:30 p.m.  
Sat: **Colaberayshen** | 7:30 p.m.

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

**Eden Café**  
269 Osborne Road, Loudonville. 977-3771  
Sat: **"From Eden to Bethlehem"**

# ARTS CALENDAR



## Familiar characters in a new musical

The Theatre Institute at Sage presents "Alice in Wonderland," a musical adaptation of Lewis Carroll's literary classic, through Dec. 11 at Russell Sage College's Schacht Fine Arts Center in downtown Troy. Submitted photo

**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  
Thur: **Sweet Life Music Project, Derrick Horton & The Jay Street Band** | 8 p.m.  
Fri: **Joan Osborne** | 8 p.m.  
Sat & Sun: **Everett Bradley's Holidelic Dysfunktion** | 9 / 8 p.m.

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**Christmas Concert** | 5 p.m.  
**Emack & Bolio's**  
366 Delaware Ave., Albany. 512-5100  
Fri: **Hoot Owl Moon** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **Gross & Hart** | 7 p.m.  
Every Tue: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

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

**Fuze Box**  
12 Central Ave., Albany. 703-8937  
Wed: **Palisades & Sylar, Blindwish, Artwork, A Walk with Alice, Almost Accounted For** | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **DJ Selector David Normal: Too Much Soul** | 9:30 p.m.

**Gaffney's**  
16 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs. 587-7359  
Fri: **TJ Clancy and Bobby Vanier** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Foldin' Money** | 9 p.m.  
Tue: **Open Mic w/ Rick Bolton** | 8 p.m.

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

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

**The Half Moon**  
48 S. Front St., Hudson. thehalfmoon@hudson.com  
Fri: **Eleanor Friedberger, Darien Rectangle, Louis Munroe** | 8 p.m.

**The Happy Cappuccino**  
1 Crossgates Mall Road, Albany. 313-7423  
Fri: **Jecco** | noon

**The Hollow Bar + Kitchen**  
79 N. Pearl St., Albany. 426-8550  
Fri: **Gin Wigmore** | 9 p.m.  
Mon: **July Talk** | 8 p.m.

**Hudson River Music Hall**  
10 Maple St., Hudson Falls. 832-3484

Every Wed: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **HMRH House Band Tribute to John Lennon** | 7:30 p.m.  
Sun: **Cat Stevens Tribute feat. Luke Garrett Trio** | 7:30 p.m.

**Lanie's Café**  
471 Albany-Shaker Road, Loudonville. 438-5005  
Every Tue: **Dan Sherwin** | 6 p.m.

**The Low Beat**  
335 Central Ave., Albany. 432-6572  
Every Wed: **The Deadbeats** | 10 p.m.

**Lucky Strike Social**  
1 Crossgates Mall Road, Albany. 556-3350  
Sat: **DJ Costa & DeeJay Element** | 10:30 p.m.

**Madison Theater**  
1036 Madison Ave., Albany. 438-2094  
Sat: **Lindsey Webster w/ Beth Ann** | 7 p.m.

**McGeary's**  
4 Clinton Square, Albany. 463-1455  
Every Wed: **Best Damn Open Mic Ever with MotherJudge** | 7:30 p.m.

Every Sun: **Blues Jam** | 7:30 p.m.  
**Moon & River Café**  
115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady. 377-5100  
Thur: **Dave Kitchen** | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **Arya Chowdhury** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **Blues Revue** | 7 p.m.  
Every Sun: **Open Mic** | 7:30 p.m.  
Tue: **Warren Sieme** | 7 p.m.

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

**Newberry Music Hall**  
388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. (877) 565-3849  
Fri: **DJ Frankie Ramos (Latin Night)** | 9 p.m.

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

**Olde English Pub**  
683 Broadway, Albany. 434-6533  
Wed: **Vinyl-only DJ night** | 8 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.  
Mon: **Tim Wechelaer** | 7:30 p.m.

**Parish Public House**  
388 Broadway, Albany. 365-0444  
Fri: **The Deadbeats** | 10 p.m.

**Panza's**  
510 NY Rte. 9P (on Saratoga Lake), Saratoga Springs. 584-6882  
Fri: **Charles Cornell** | 6:30 p.m.  
Sat: **Michael Panza & Peg Delaney Duo** | 6:30 p.m.

**Pauly's Hotel**  
337 Central Ave., Albany. paulyshotel.com  
Mon: **Blue Monday Blues Jam** | 8 p.m.

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

**Putnam Den**  
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs. 584-8066  
Thur: **TAUK, Formula 5** | 9:30 p.m.  
Fri: **Bobaflex, Dead Superstar, Red Shift** | 9:30 p.m.  
Sat: **Jam for Tots: Dr. Jah & The Love Prophets, Too Much Too Fast, Positive Mental Trip, Dustin Sawyer** | 7 p.m.

**Rustic Barn Pub**  
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Fri: **Ben Lane & The Groove Train** | 8 p.m.  
 Sat: **River Junction** | 8 p.m.  
 Sun: **Maurizio Russomanno** | 4 p.m.

**Sake Japanese Steakhouse**  
 611 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham.  
 785-7215  
 Sat: **Nitro Jive** | 7:30 p.m.

**Savoy Taproom**  
 301 Lark St., Albany. 599-5140  
 Thur: **Phil Allen's Concert Jazz Band** | 7 & 8:30 p.m.

Fri: **Funk Soul Brother, DJ Trumastr, Moses Rockwell, more** | 9 p.m.

**Speakeasy 518**  
 42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2332  
 Wed: **Shaun McCarthy** | 8 p.m.

Thur: **Mark Kleinhaut & John Stowell** | 9 p.m.  
 Fri: **Daley News** | 7 p.m.  
 Mon: **Joe Finn** | 8 p.m.

Tue: **Mike Jenkins Trio** (swing night) | 8 p.m.

**Stockade Inn**  
 1 North Church St., Schenectady.  
 346-3400  
 Thur: **Jecco** | 7 p.m.

Fri: **Pat Andreoli & Peg Delaney** | 7 p.m.

**Troy Kitchen**  
 77 Congress St, Troy, 268-0068  
 Every Fri: **DJ Lounge** | 11 p.m.

**Twisted Vine**  
 384 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. 439-3241

Fri: **Eric Johnson Trio** | 8 p.m.  
**Universal Preservation Hall**  
 25 Washington St, Saratoga Springs.  
 584-2627

Wed: **Mark Kleinhaut & John Stowell** | 7:30 p.m.  
**Upstate Concert Hall**  
 1208 New York 146, Clifton Park.  
 371-0012 or upstateconcerthall.com  
 Thur: **DJ Shawn Gillie** | 11 p.m.  
 Tue: **Dan + Shay** | 7 p.m.

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

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

Wagner, Dvorak and Elgar. Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$50-\$100. Information: palacealbany.com.

**Rydvall/Mjelva**  
 Two traditional Swedish folk fiddlers perform. Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: adults \$23, children 12 and under \$5. Information: 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

**Jack DeJohnette Trio and Indo Pak Coalition**  
 Grammy Award-winning jazz drummer Jack DeJohnette headlines this Rhythm International concert series show. Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$36. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

**Steve Wilson, George Cables and Ira Coleman**  
 Three friends play together for the first time to offer a night of chamber jazz, with opening act The Art D'Echo Trio. Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., Kathleen McManus Picotte Recital Hall, Massry Center for the Arts, The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Tickets: general public \$20, students \$10. Information: 337-4871 or www.massrycenter.org.

**Melissa Etheridge's Holiday Trio**  
 Female rock icon performs her own hits and holiday classics. Dec. 9, 8 p.m., Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle

St., Great Barrington, Mass. Tickets: \$70-\$145. Information: 413-528-0100 or www.mahaiwe.org.

**Joan Osborne**  
 Eclectic singer-songwriter celebrates the 20th anniversary of her breakthrough album, "Relish," and her hit single, "One Of Us." Dec. 10, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$36. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

**Classic Holiday Revue**  
 A night of classic American holiday songs, with musical accompaniment provided by the T.L. Holloway Jazz Group. Dec. 10, 8 p.m., Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 Route 43, Sand Lake. Tickets: \$18. Information: 674-2007 or www.slca-ctp.org.

**Albany Pro Musica**  
 Presenting "The Many Moods of Christmas," featuring Holst's "Choral Fantasy on Old Carols" and Robert Shaw's "The Many Moods of Christmas." Dec. 11, 3 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: adults \$25 and \$35, students \$15. Information: 273-0038 or albanypromusica.org.

**John Pizzarelli and Jessica Molaskey: Midnight McCartney**  
 Husband and wife jazz duo perform Paul McCartney's post-Beatles songs, including some rare tracks. Dec. 11, 7

p.m., Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. Tickets: \$29-\$120. Information: 413-528-0100 or www.mahaiwe.org.

**Music at Noon**  
 Capital Area Flute Club will perform a free show. Dec. 13, noon, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Information: 273-0038 or troymusicall.org.

**Joseph**  
 Sisters Allison, Meegan and Natalie Closner form the heart of this music group. Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$28. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

**Memorial Concert Band of Colonie**  
 Annual holiday concert and special tribute to founding conductor, Henry Carr. Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., Mark Cornell Auditorium, Colonie Central High School, 1 Raider Drive, Colonie. Information: David Knorr, 764-2712.

special 2 p.m. matinee Dec. 7; and special noon matinee Dec. 24. Tickets: \$25-\$65. Information: 445-7469 or capitalrep.org.

**Star Quality**  
 Noel Coward's final comedy about what goes on behind the scenes of a new production in London's West End theater district. Presented by Schenectady Civic Players, through Dec. 11, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Shows: Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday matinee 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20. Information: 382-2081 or www.civicplayers.org.

**Out of Order**  
 A comedy about a date that goes horribly wrong. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Dec. 9-31. Shows: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday; special 3 p.m. matinees Dec. 17 and 31; no shows Dec. 24 and 25. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

**Alice in Wonderland**  
 Musical adaptation of Lewis Carroll's classic novel. Presented by Theatre Institute at Sage, through Dec. 11, Schacht Fine Arts Center, 5 Division St., Troy. Shows: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: adults \$15, students/seniors \$12. Information: 244-2248 or sage.edu/theatre.

## MUSIC

**Old Songs Open Mic Night**  
 Monthly showcase for local talent. Each performer gets 15 minutes on stage to share their talent. Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Information: 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

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**Camelot**  
 The classic Lerner and Loewe musical about King Arthur. Presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, through Dec. 24, 111 North Pearl St., Albany. Shows: Tuesdays through Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m.; matinees Saturdays 3 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m.;

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**ACROSS**

1. Chipper  
 5. Tangy flavor  
 9. Monthly bill  
 14. Biology lab supply  
 15. \_\_\_ vera  
 16. Deck out  
 17. Opening time, maybe  
 18. Smeltery refuse  
 19. Choice  
 20. A rock to cross a creek  
 23. Get a move on  
 24. Decrease  
 25. Think again  
 30. Head first jumping into water  
 31. Affirmative action  
 32. Fix, in a way  
 36. Bind  
 37. Dracula, at times  
 38. Barrel part  
 39. Eye  
 40. Dog holder  
 41. Wild Asian dogs  
 42. Guardian  
 44. Models actions  
 47. "\_\_\_ Maria"  
 48. Style of 20th century art  
 54. Monetary unit of Nigeria  
 55. Brewer's equipment  
 56. High-five, e.g.  
 58. Command  
 59. At liberty  
 60. Idle  
 61. Extort from  
 62. Radial, e.g.  
 63. The America's Cup trophy, e.g.

**DOWN**

1. Calphalon product  
 2. Auspices  
 3. Bluster

4. Certain surgeon's "patient"  
 5. \_\_\_ for air  
 6. Teammates  
 7. "Oh, my aching head!," e.g.  
 8. Burglar  
 9. One who has captured  
 10. Cupid's projectile  
 11. Pickling liquid  
 12. Worse, as excuses go  
 13. Artist's asset  
 21. Call  
 22. Coaster  
 25. Cabal  
 26. Axis of \_\_\_  
 27. Commend  
 28. Absurd  
 29. "i" lid  
 30. Batman and Robin, e.g.  
 32. "Cut it out!"  
 33. Blanched  
 34. Affirm  
 35. "Absolutely!"  
 37. Except  
 38. Gloss  
 40. Bottom  
 41. Enthusiastic follower  
 42. Actor Depardieu  
 43. \_\_\_ roll  
 44. Necklace item  
 45. Heavy water, for one  
 46. Bender  
 49. Delicate  
 50. Delhi dress  
 51. "Cast Away" setting  
 52. Cole \_\_\_  
 53. Labyrinth  
 54. Head, slangily  
 57. The "p" in m.p.g.

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## ARTS CALENDAR

### L'Amour de Loïen

Broadcast of the Metropolitan Opera's performance of Kaija Saariaho's opera. Dec. 10, 12:55 p.m., The Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Tickets: general public \$25, Clark Art Institute members \$22, students \$18. Information: 413-458-0524. Also at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. Tickets: adults \$25, students \$18. Information: 413-528-0100.

### It's a Wonderful Life: Live from WVLT Radio Theatre

Immediate Theatre Project's annual Christmas performance set in the fictional studio of WVLT Radio Theatre. Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$30. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

## COMEDY

### The Funny Bone

**Chicks Are Funny**, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.  
**Mike Malone**, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 9, 7:30 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 10, 7 and 9:45 p.m.; and Dec. 11, 7 p.m. **Magic Show featuring Mark Calabrese**, Dec. 10, 1 p.m. Crossgates Mall, 1 Crossgates Mall Road, Guilderland. Information: 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com.

### The Comedy Works

**Ray Harrington**, Dec. 9 and 10, 7:30 and 10 p.m. 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com.

### truTV Impractical Jokers

The stars of the hit series come to town to perform their stand-up routines and show never-before-seen clips from their TV show. Dec. 16, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., Palace



## Just a singer on a (tour) bus

Singer-songwriter Joan Osborne performs her hits, including "One Of Us," Saturday, Dec. 10, at The Egg in Albany. For tickets and more information, call the box office at 473-1845 or visit [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org).

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Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$52.50. Information: [palacealbany.com](http://palacealbany.com).

## FAMILY

### Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical

The original television classic comes to

the stage. Dec. 7 and 8, 7 p.m., Proctors Mainstage, 432 State St., Schenectady. Festive Eats — a kid-friendly buffet — takes place before each show at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$27. Information: 346-6204 or [www.proctors.org](http://www.proctors.org).

### 'Twas the Land of the Night Before

A heartwarming musical comedy about an enchanting village where everyone prepares for the holiday morning all of the time. Dec. 9-18, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Shows: 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: adults \$20, seniors and children 12 and under \$18. Information:

346-6204 or [www.proctors.org](http://www.proctors.org).

### Family Movie Night: The BFG

Animated movie about a big, friendly giant. Dec. 9, 6 p.m., Castleton Public Library, 25 South Main St., Castleton-on-Hudson. Information: 732-0879 or [www.castletonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.castletonpubliclibrary.org).

### A Fairytale Christmas Carol — The Musical

Based on the book by Charles Dickens and featuring some of the most beloved fairy tale characters in all of the lead roles. Presented by Spotlighter's Theatre Troupe, Malta Community Center, 1 Bayberry Drive, Malta. Shows: 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 10, 2 p.m. Dec. 11. Tickets: advance \$10, at the door \$15, first 50 children registered free when accompanied by an adult. Information: 899-4411.

### National Museum of Dance School of the Arts

Performing its version of "The Nutcracker." Dec. 10, 1 and 7 p.m., Maple Avenue Middle School, 515 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs. Tickets: \$17. Information: 584-2225 or [www.dancemuseum.org](http://www.dancemuseum.org).

### Miracle on 34th Street

A new musical adaptation of the classic American Christmas tale. Dec. 10, 2 and 8 p.m., Proctors Mainstage, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$20-\$45. Information: 346-6204 or [www.proctors.org](http://www.proctors.org).

### Max & Ruby's Nutcracker Suite

Beloved children's characters take on Tchaikovsky's holiday classic ballet. Dec. 11, 3:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$18. Information: 473-1845 or [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org).

### A Charlie Brown Christmas

Stage adaptation of the animated TV special. Presented by Home Made Theater, through Dec. 18, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Shows: 7:30 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, with a special

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4:30 p.m. performance on Dec. 17. Tickets: adults \$18, children 12 and under \$12. Information: 587-4427 or www.homemadetheater.org.

### Kids&Clay

Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. while school is in session. Classes are offered on a rolling admission. Saratoga Clay Arts Center, 167 Hayes Road, Schuylerville. Cost: \$190 for six classes or \$360 for 12 classes. Information: saratogaclayarts.org.

### FILM

#### Citizen's Bank Movie Series

See the modern holiday classic comedy "Elf," starring Will Farrell. Dec. 12, 7

p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$5. Information: palacealbany.com.

### Music Hall Movie Series

See the classic holiday film, "A Christmas Story." Dec. 13, 7 p.m., Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. Tickets: \$5. Information: palacealbany.com.

### LITERARY

#### Paul Sausville

Former Malta town Supervisor talks about his book, "Beach Guide to Marie-Galante: The Emerald World Where Time Has Stopped." Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m., Round Lake Library's Malta Branch, Malta Community Center, 1 Bayberry Drive, Malta. Information: 682-2495 or roundlakelibrary.org.

### Book signing

Chef Jasper signs copies of his book, "The Hattie's Restaurant Cookbook: Classic Southern & Louisiana Recipes." Dec. 10, noon, The Open Door Bookstore & Gift Gallery, 128 Jay St., Schenectady. Information: 346-2719.

### Albany Public Library

#### Book Review

Rabbi David Gordis reviews "The Art of Biblical Narrative." Dec. 13, 12:15 p.m., 161 Washington Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 427-4300.

### Ten Broeck Mansion Holiday House Lecture — 'A Mark Twain Christmas'

Carlo DeVito will give a talk on his book

"A Mark Twain Christmas." Light refreshments will be served. Dec. 13, 6 p.m., Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck St., Albany. Information: tenbroeckmansion.org.

### EDUCATION

#### Brown Bag Talk

Mathias Vuille from the Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences discusses what's going on in the Andes Mountains. Dec. 8, noon, University Art Museum, University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Festival of Trees

Celebrate the season as we fill our galleries with lighted fir trees! Decorated from classic to kooky Christmas styles, the trees of the SCHS and the YWCA glow with the enchantment of the holiday season, through Dec. 18. Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady, and the YWCA of Northeastern New York, 44 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Hours: weekdays noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: 374-0263 or schenectadyhistorical.org/festival-of-trees.

#### Mechanicville Library

Participate in a free Disney pin trading event Dec. 7, 5 p.m. 190 North Main St., Mechanicville. Information: 664-8641 or Mechanicville.sals.edu.

#### Snow-A-Palooza

Featuring a craft room, a cookie decorating room, a game room, refreshments and

a visit from Santa on his red fire engine, courtesy of the Round Lake Fire Department. Dec. 7, 4:30 p.m., Bryant & Stratton College — Malta Extension, 2452 US Route 9, Malta. Free. Information: 437-1802 or www.bryantstratton.edu.

### Autistics Aware Adult Support Group

Held the first Wednesday of every month. Networking, support and socializing for adults with Asperger's Syndrome. Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m., Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region, 101 State St., Schenectady. Information: 355-2191.

### Albany Devils

American Hockey League team, hosting the Binghamton Senators Dec. 7, 7 p.m., and the Providence Bruins Dec. 10, 5 p.m. Times Union Center, 51 South Pearl St., Albany. Tickets: adults \$22-\$35, children/seniors \$18-\$31. Information: thealbanydevils.com.

### Holiday Elves

Volunteers from Merick + Co. will be coming to The Saratoga Senior Center from 8 to 11 a.m. to assist with wrapping gifts, writing holiday cards and online shopping. There will also be holiday cookie and tree decorating. Then join us from 4 to 5 p.m. for more festivities with the staff from Fingerpaint. Saratoga Senior Center, 5 Williams St., Saratoga Springs. Free for members. Information: 584-1621.

### Ten Broeck Mansion Holiday Ikebana Presentation and Bento Box Lunch

Enjoy a bento box lunch followed by a demonstration from the NYS Capital

District Sogetsu Study Group. Learn the intricacies of oriental paper flower arrangements. Dec. 8, noon to 3 p.m., Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck St., Albany. Information: tenbroeckmansion.org.

### UFC Fight Night

See the best mixed martial arts fighters make their Capital District debut. Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m., Times Union Center, 51 South Pearl St., Albany. Tickets: \$33-\$143. Information: www.timesunioncenter-albany.com.

### Artist Night

"The Works of Darlina Jones and Cathy Wisniewski," Dec. 9, 7 p.m., Eden Café, 269 Osborne Road, Loudonville. Information: 977-3771.

### Rascals Steakhouse Holiday Open House

A fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House Charities featuring food and performances by Skeeter Creek and Adam Wakefield, runner-up from Season 10 of NBC's "The Voice." Dec. 9, 7 p.m., Rascals Steakhouse, Crossgates Mall, 1 Crossgates Mall Road, Guilderland. Tickets: \$40-\$60. Information: 389-6682 or rascalsny.com.

### Holiday Open House with Santa Claus

Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to noon, National Bank of Coxsackie — Glenmont branch, 331 US Route 9W, Glenmont. Information: 462-0515.

### Chatham WinterFest

A daylong event along Main Street and Hudson Avenue featuring a storybook reading, free film screenings for kids and live music, plus a holiday nature crafts project at Columbia Land

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Thursday, December 8th 12:00pm-3:00pm

Enjoy a bento box lunch followed by a demonstration from the NYS Cap. Dis. Sogetsu Study Group. Learn the intricacies of Ikebana Sogetsu, oriental paper flower arrangements. \$25/30 for ACHA members, pre-paid reservations required.

**Holiday Tea:**  
Saturday, December 10th, two seatings-1:00pm & 3:00pm

Enjoy a festive Holiday Tea served in the formal dining room. Sit with friends in one of the lovely parlors and then stroll through the beautifully decorated rooms and hallways. Enjoy a visit from Sinterklaas! \$25/\$20 for ACHA members, pre-paid reservations required.

**Lecture, "A Mark Twain Christmas:"**  
Tuesday, December 13th, 6pm

Carlo DeVito will give a talk on his book, "A Mark Twain Christmas." Light refreshments served \$5/Free for ACHA members, reservations encouraged.

**Candlelit Tour:**  
Thursday and Friday, December 15th, and 16th, 7:00pm

Take a candlelit tour through the beautiful Ten Broeck Mansion and journey through the history of the American Christmas. \$15/\$10 for ACHA Members, reservations encouraged.

**Children's Story Hour:**  
Saturday, December 17th, 10:30am-12:00pm

Bring your children to hear Holiday stories read by Sinterklaas, decorate cookies, and take a photo with Sinterklaas. (Recommended ages 3 to 10). Free admission.

**Helderberg Madrigals:**  
Saturday, December 17th, 10:30am-12:00pm

Enjoy afternoon coffee & desserts and holiday songs performed by the full ensemble of the Helderberg Madrigal Singers. Stroll through the beautifully decorated Mansion rooms and hallways. \$25/\$20 for ACHA members, reservations encouraged.

**Musicians of Ma'alwyk:**  
Sunday, December 18th, 3:00pm

Enjoy refreshments while listening to this talented duo play a variety of Christmas tunes of different nationalities and early music. \$25/\$20 for ACHA members, reservations encouraged.

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Conservancy, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., downtown Chatham. Free. Information: chathambusinessalliance.org.

### Empire State Youth Orchestra's annual Barnes & Noble

**Book Fair**  
Help ESYO give children the gift of music by joining our musicians for a day of free performances, while getting holiday shopping done. Every purchase made will generate a donation to ESYO. Dec. 10, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Colonie Center, Wolf Road, Colonie. Information: esyo.org.

### Athens Victorian Stroll

Street festival featuring roving carolers, arts and crafts vendors, a children's holiday cottage contest, historic open houses, ice sculpture carving, a house decorating contest and much more. Dec. 10, 1 to 5:30 p.m., Athens Cultural Center, 24 Second St., Athens. Information: www.athensculturalcenter.org.

### Ten Broeck Mansion

**Holiday House Teas**  
Enjoy a festive holiday tea served in our formal dining room. Sinterklaas will visit, as well. Dec. 10, seatings at 1 and 3 p.m., Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany. Information: tenbroeckmansion.org.

### Colonie Elks Club

**Breakfast with Santa**  
Fundraiser for several Capital District charities including United Cerebral Palsy Home Care, Boy Scouts, youth programs and veterans. Dec. 11, 9 a.m. to noon, Colonie Elks Club, 11 Elks Lane (off Route 155), Latham. Admission: adults \$8, children 5-11 \$5, children under 5

free. Information: 785-3557.

### Altamont Victorian Holiday Celebration and Winter Market

Featuring trolley tours of holiday homes, a Festival of Trees, a children's gingerbread display, crafts, a treasure hunt, storytelling, a winter market with more than 25 vendors, a children's luncheon with Santa and much more. Dec. 11, noon to 5 p.m., Village of Altamont. Information: altamontcommunitytradition.org.

### Wellness Walk

Enjoy an early-morning walk on the nature trails. Dec. 12, 10 a.m., Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park, 80 Scout Road, Gansevoort. Reservations and information: 450-0321 or www.wiltonpreserve.org.

### Albany Jewish Community Center Chanuka program

Pianist Al Fedak performs, followed by a kosher pot roast dinner. Dec. 12, 4 to 6 p.m., Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany. Admission: \$13. Prepaid reservations are required in the senior adult office. Information: 438-6651, ext. 112.

### Egg Nog, Cookies and Caroling

Volunteers from DeCresente Distributing Co. will be here to entertain us with holiday songs. Dec. 13, 11 a.m., Saratoga Senior Center, 5 Williams St., Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-1621.

### Schenectady Greenmarket Winter Market

Regional vendors selling groceries, take-away meals and artisanal items. Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Proctors Arcade, 432 State St., Schenectady. Information: schenectadygreenmarket.org.

### Delaware Community Farmers Market

Offering local, fresh-picked fruits, vegetables, herbs, eggs, jams, and baked goods for sale in the branch parking lot. Tuesdays, 4 to 7 p.m., Albany Public Library — Delaware Branch, 331 Delaware Ave., Albany. Information: 463-0254.

### Together Tuesday

Tuesday nights in Eden Café are set aside for groups to have a time of team building. Become part of a movement. Our groups have found that they often can get more accomplished out of the office than in. Eden provides a safe non-alcoholic environment where trust can be fostered. Tuesdays, 4:30 to 9 p.m., 269 Osborne Road, Loudonville. Information: 977-3771.

### Veteran Meet-Up

Join us for free coffee every Tuesday. All veterans welcome. 6 to 8 p.m., Saratoga Coffee Traders, 447 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 884-4999 or www.VeteransPeerConnection.org.

### Social Night Potluck at CoG

Every Tuesday night, we gather with food and conversation. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is needed. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tech Valley Center of Gravity, 30 3rd St., Troy. Information: 279-7863 or www.tvcog.net.

### Geeks Who Drink

A quiz show with eight rounds of eight questions each, including a music round, an audio round and a picture round. Free to play, with prizes for the top two teams and bonus prizes throughout the game. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Olde English Pub, 683 Broadway, Albany.

## EXHIBITS

### Albany Institute of History and Art

"Rock & Roll Icons: Photographs by Patrick Harbron," through Feb. 12; "The Art of Seating: 200 Years of American Design," through Dec. 31; "Spotlight: Alexander Hamilton," through Dec. 31; plus "Nineteenth-Century American Sculpture: Erastus Dow Palmer and His Protégés, Launt Thompson, Charles Calverley, and Richard Park," "A Gather of Glass: Selections from the Museum's Collection" and more. 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 463-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

### Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center

"Karnar Station," a special exhibit focusing on where the Karnar Blue butterfly was first documented, through Dec. 31. 195 New Karnar Road, Colonie. Information: 456-0655 or albanypinebush.org.

### AMP Galleries

"Sense of Light and Tone," an exhibit featuring the works of MaryEllen Hedderman-Pheiffer. 454 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 898-6976.

### Art de Cure

"Inspired by Nature," a benefit for the American Diabetes Association, through Dec. 30. Albany Medical Center, The Endocrine Group at 1365 Washington Ave. #300, Albany.

### Arts Center of the Capital Region

"Screenprint Biennial" and "Under the Sea to the Kitchen Sink," through Dec. 23. 265 River St., Troy. Information:

273-0552 or www.artscenonline.org.

### The Clark Institute

"Japanese Impressions: Color Woodblock Prints from the Rodbell Family Collection," Dec. 10 through April 2; "Photography and Discovery," through Feb. 5; "Thomas Schutte: Crystal," through Oct. 9. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information: www.clarkart.edu.

### Clement Art Gallery

"Annual Winter Small Works Show," through Jan. 23. 201 Broadway, Troy. Information: 272-6811 or clementart.com.

### Collar Works

"Screenprint Biennial," in conjunction with the Arts Center for the Capital Region's exhibit of the same name, through Dec. 23. 621 River St., Troy.

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Information: [www.collarworks.org](http://www.collarworks.org).

### Esther Massry Gallery

"Hitting Bumps on the School Bus," an exhibition of paintings by Danny Ginsburg, through Feb. 26. The College of Saint Rose, Massry Center for the Arts, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 485-3902 or [www.strose.edu/gallery](http://www.strose.edu/gallery).

### The Hyde Collection

"Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region" and "Transforming The Hyde: The Feibes & Schmitt Gift," a selection of works from the collection of Werner Feibes and the late James Schmitt, through Dec. 31. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information: 792-1761 or [hydecollection.org](http://hydecollection.org).

### The Laffer Gallery

"Upstate Artists," the gallery's annual juried group show as chosen by Tony Iadicco, through Jan. 8. 96 Broad St., Schuylerville. Information: 695-3181 or [www.thelaffergallery.com](http://www.thelaffergallery.com).

### Lake George Arts Project

"A Certain Romance: Paintings by Fabian Lopez," through Dec. 16. Courthouse Gallery, Old County Courthouse, corner of Canada and Lower Amherst streets, Lake George. Information: 668-2616 or [www.lakegeorgearts.org](http://www.lakegeorgearts.org).

### miSci

"Holiday Train Show," through Jan. 16; "The Living House," through April 30; and "Tinkering: Bring Out Your Inner Engineer," through May 17. Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information: 382-7890 or [www.miSci.org](http://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](http://www.dancemuseum.org).

### New York State Museum

"The People's Art: Selections from the Empire State Plaza Art Collection," on display through Sept. 3, 2017; plus "Hudson Valley Ruins," "Art for the People," "Decorated Stoneware from the Weitsman Collection," "Beneath the City: An Archaeological Perspective of Albany" and more. Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 474-5877 or [www.nysm.nysed.gov](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov).

### Opalka Gallery

"Gravity & Light: Caroline Ramersdorfer, Sculptures 1985-2016," through March 5. Sage College of Albany campus, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information: 292-8607 or [opalka.sage.edu](http://opalka.sage.edu).

### Saratoga Automobile Museum

"Rolling Bones," an exhibit featuring hot rods built by Ken Schmidt and Keith Cornell's Rolling Bones Hot Rod Shop in Greenfield Center. 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: [saratogaautomuseum.org](http://saratogaautomuseum.org).

### Saratoga Clay Arts Center

"Winter Wares, Quiet Forms," featuring the recent work of Josh Smith. 167 Hayes Road, Schuylerville. Information: [saratogaclayarts.org](http://saratogaclayarts.org).

### Schenectady Jewish

### Community Center

"Fragments of Society," featuring sculpture, mixed media and found objects by Paul Bouchard and R. Jane Bouchard, through Dec. 31. 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna. Information: 377-8803.

### Tang Teaching Museum

"Sixfold Symmetry: Parrem in Art and Science," an exhibition of contemporary and historical art, artifacts and material culture, featuring collaborations with faculty members from multiple departments, through March 12; "Elevator Music 31: Political Echo Chamber," plus "Liz Collins — Energy Field," a long-running installation created as a lounge and social space for visitors and students. Skidmore College, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: [tang.skidmore.edu](http://tang.skidmore.edu).

### University Art Museum

"Future Perfect: Picturing the Anthropocene," through Dec. 10. University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 442-4038.

### University Club of Albany

Presenting the works of Geoffrey Doig-Marx, a Capital District native who has gone on to become a successful New York City artist, as well as an actor in regional theater productions, through Dec. 23. 141 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 463-1151.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

### Open Auditions for V-Day Albany 2017

ABB Event Productions is seeking people to perform in the annual staged reading of "The Vagina Monologues."



## Good grief!

Home Made Theater in Saratoga Springs presents "A Charlie Brown Christmas," the stage adaptation of the classic holiday TV special featuring the Peanuts gang. The show continues Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 18 at the Spa Little Theater in Saratoga Spa State Park.

Submitted photo

Dec. 12, 7 to 8 p.m., Café 217, 12½ Delaware Ave., Albany. Information: 462-0050.

### Albany Center Gallery

Seeking entries for its annual Members' Show, which will help open its new gallery space at the Arcade building, 488 Broadway, Albany, on












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# HOROSCOPES

December 2016 — Week 2

 <p><b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22– January 19</p>	<p>Unity is the only way out of a fix at home. Stand united or prepare to fall. A quest begins. Give it your all, Capricorn. A debate among friends gets out of hand.</p>	 <p><b>ARIES</b> March 21– April 19</p>	<p>You want it, Aries. You got it. There is nothing out of your reach this week. An announcement ruffles some feathers, but it cannot be helped.</p>
 <p><b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20– February 18</p>	<p>Aquarians can be particular. Be careful that your need for perfection does not supersede your need for fun. Work hard but don't forget to play, too.</p>	 <p><b>TAURUS</b> April 20– May 20</p>	<p>Adventure is calling. What are you waiting for, Taurus? Grab that trusty pal and have some fun. A class paves the way to a new hobby.</p>
 <p><b>PISCES</b> February 19– March 20</p>	<p>Game on, Pisces! Competition heats up at home, and you don't just want to win. You need to win. A youngster's wishlist grows with a furry addition.</p>	 <p><b>GEMINI</b> May 21– June 21</p>	<p>Certain extravagances cannot be overlooked, Gemini. If you feel that a matter is getting out of hand, say so. There will be others who share your opinion.</p>
		 <p><b>LEO</b> July 23– August 22</p>	<p>Playing favorites is ill advised. Buy for all or none at all. The cleanup continues at home, and you lead the way. Go, Leo, go! Organization is key.</p>
		 <p><b>VIRGO</b> August 23– September 22</p>	<p>A loved one takes refuge elsewhere, and peace reigns once more in your home. The mood lightens, paving the way for a huge celebration. Enjoy, Virgo.</p>
		 <p><b>LIBRA</b> September 23– October 22</p>	<p>Kids will be kids, Cancer. Try not to let a youngster's behavior spoil the festivities for you. An appointment is rescheduled, and it's a good thing.</p>
		 <p><b>SCORPIO</b> October 23– November 21</p>	<p>You have principles, Libra. Stand by them, even in the face of adversity. A pet project finally gets the go-ahead. Choose your team with care.</p>
		 <p><b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22– December 21</p>	<p>Stumped, Scorpio? So are others. Look to a youngster to shed some light on the situation. A senior makes an offer you can't refuse, not now, not ever.</p>
			<p>Glory be, Sagittarius. A series of small miracles takes place at home, and you are on your way to a celebration to remember. A call is returned.</p>

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## From page B1 ... Nestling in with Gordon

built it I guess. I had been in the past to see Jerry Douglas. I remember liking the weird shape and it sounds good. The first time, you could hear a pin drop, and when it got loud it was a good kind of loud. And it's nice how it's just nestled there in Albany. I love that word. Nestling.

**PM:** Is there a moment you hope to reach in improvisation? A certain goal in mind?

**MG:** Not so specifically as a specific goal. There are different kinds of goals in there, set personally or with bandmates, different feelings. I've had different unique experiences, some are high energy, some are about a lot of sweat. All moments have to be unique, not just rehashing to feel special. There are kinda high energy ones, some more dreamy – in that department, what I used to say, is that my goal in music is to bridge the gap between being awake and asleep – there really is, in the middle of a jam that feels like it's playing itself, this kind of opening in my soul or somewhere in my mind that accesses a neural network or feelings that I can usually only sort of traverse in night dreams. That's why I'll remember certain night dreams, the feeling, the location, the people, some aspect of it. That's the biggest goal.

Being 100 percent in the moment is the true catharsis of what people have or are overcoming problems. In an experience it doesn't mean you can't keep track. When it's not happening and it's sort

of a road trip to another song, then I forget how deep these experiences can be. Then I'm reminded, and I don't need to be anywhere else in the world and I can be in a cozy living room or somewhere else.

I've been in a philosophical mode – my answers are veering this way for interviews lately. There are so many other feelings and metaphors. A complicated answer and definitely something I think about a lot.

**PM:** Why do you feel that is?

**MG:** Switching projects, my album, my daughter – so much going on at once. That allows for some cross referencing and applying one inspiration to another to go back and forth to blend all the experiences together and have it come out either way.

**PM:** What compels you to have improvisation as such a large aspect of your music?

**MG:** I have one band that jams a lot, maybe not enough for fans who want every song jammed out. But enough that St. Vincent made fun of it (the jamming). I think I have that (with Phish), so (with Mike Gordon Band) I can rock and work with catchy hooks in fun ways, or ask "How can we experiment with new sounds?" but what happens for me, even if it's not what I've been writing about in my journals compared to 30 years ago, these little peak experiences remind me that there is a deeper well to be tapped into than what the surface level of what



Mike Gordon invites the crowd up to the stage at his November 26 show at The Egg.

Photo by Michael Allen

music can provide. There is something that if you believe in it and allow it to go deep into your soul, it's deeper than one can remember. Anything they try to read and watch later isn't going to be the same, when the experience becomes irreplaceable. For me, I just keep getting reminded of total spontaneity and what you can plan for, but there is some planning that is necessary and good. Sometimes I think about how my favorite Radiohead show was really deep and dreamy and all the songs were three minutes long. If something feels really good, I don't want it to end, I want to bask in it. Like when you get a new video game, you want to keep playing it. I don't want things to end at three minutes, but if it

does that's okay.

With Phish and my experience being in bands with long jams, in the middle of that long jam, something may come up that has nothing to do with the song. Melodies, chord progressions, not as often lyrics, but sometimes lyrics. Made up stuff comes together, almost as a new song, even with its little emotions, flashbacks, dreams, chords, melodies, a whole new little song. So cool to be able to get to that. But wait a minute, this little new song that came out of the jam, taken on its own, could just be a song on the radio – pop, old blues – that isn't filled with all this cosmic stuff and it's not a dream song. Maybe there is another route to get there. Maybe there is a different way to get there, by writing

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**PM:** "Let's Go," which was left off "Big Boat," was performed by your band this summer at Catskill Chill, and twice this year by Phish. Will the catchy tune have a home in both band's repertoires?

**MG:** I think so, yeah. Scott and I have been doing a lot of writing over the last couple years and I don't think I've said this before, but it came out of a jam my band was doing, some sort of outro, and I just started singing that chant and saved it, and I loved that chant. My friend Fonzworth Bently (From G's to Gents) was at my band's L.A. show, and he loved the show a lot and offered some feedback, "I wish you could address the crowd more, say some stuff," which is interesting since I'm from a world where we don't talk to the crowd. I wondered "What would I say?" and my friend replied "What about 'Let's go?'" When we played House of Blues Boston, we were Googling this medley as a joke of all the songs that have 'Let's Go' (The Cars, Richie Valens) so we went into a writing session, liking the chant, and working off a list of songwriting ideas, this demo we made had a hip hop groove, it sounded sort of fresh, a fresh style for me, mixing synth guitar and drum machine with live percussion. Trey said he kinda lit up when he heard it – we don't have a chant, aside from "Fuego." Big Boat was so open ended where I bring songs that are open ended and have more room to build. Trey put it back on the list in the studio, mid-recording, and Bob Ezrin suggested we try it with only drums, all singing, with no other instruments, all after one take. We added in some toy synth sounds and went through an evolution that didn't sound right.

**PM:** Were there any lessons from "Big Boat" that you have applied to your own band?

**MG:** There are always lessons. In terms of "Big Boat," there were a wide variety of songs on there, which stemmed from the lesson with Bob about being more heartfelt and direct about some songs. When Trey first brought "Miss You," he played his demo for us, just him strumming and singing and it was authentic, he did miss someone. The chord voicing thing, it sounded unique, like

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Trey. I appreciated the directness. Bob sat us down and talked about taking the cleverness away and keeping emotion, which he's done with Pink Floyd and U2. When someone challenges you, I like to look at both ends of spectrum. We want to try that out a bit more. I take it as a grain of salt when I realize I don't know what my songs are about, and that is intentional. Like "Come Together," where Lennon admitted it was filled in with gibberish, but it sounds so

good. Sometimes directness doesn't work for me, especially if it feels too plain and other times it does. That's one thing to think about from that experience. Maybe the way the themes were tied together, there were certain nudgings in certain directions. I liked those directions and discussions, and liked to directly go to YouTube and bring up some influences as old as they might be, and learn some grooves from legendary artists and not be afraid. I really like Page's song 'I Always Wanted it This Way' – he spent over

— Mike Gordon

10 years on it. I've been really getting into "Petrichor," being so long and having 22 sections, it is really fun to digest. There's a collection of little things.

**PM:** What was your personal highlight from the Ziggy Stardust Halloween set?

**MG:** I liked it all. Maybe it was highlight of rehearsal for "It Ain't Easy" and Trey got to sing while I played one note. At the show I think it was different, really all of it together, just a feeling of how comfortable

I was doing it. As we always do getting into the mind of another artist, I really like being in that world but feeling like myself, but I liked singing "Starman" because it was the first song everyone knew that was a hit. Having everyone singing along felt amazing.

**PM:** What books, movies and music have you been enjoying this year?

**MG:** It's actually a book Phil Lesh lent me – I have to get this back to him – "In Perfect Timing" by Peter Caddy, about the formation of a community in Ireland where the term 'New Age' came from where they use spiritual guidance: "I can do it" and "I can climb the biggest mountain." I'm slowly getting my way through it. I love the weirdness and empowerment feeling.

I keep missing movies I want to see. Grand Budapest Hotel stuck as a landmark for me where I was like 'Yeah, I seriously like that one.'

I've been checking out producers and such, my bandmates provided these albums they've been listening to and mine hasn't gone out yet. Warpaint, Can, my daughter is now only spinning Megan Trainor. She had gone into World Pop 40 on Spotify, and now she has been listening to it as a guilty pleasure that she comes up with. So sonic to indie to pop to indie pop to kraut rock.

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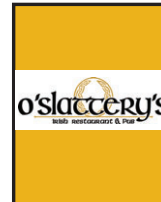
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# Holidays with flames and lasers

Trans-Siberian  
Orchestra at Mohegan  
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By **LOUIS QUATTRINI**  
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**UNCASVILLE, Conn.** — With the penchant for stage theatrics, laser beams and pyrotechnics intermingled with rock opera, Trans-Siberian Orchestra has mesmerized fans, young and old alike, for years.

TSO put on an enchanting and powerful Christmas performance as I caught them at its first of two “The Ghosts of Christmas Eve” shows at the Mohegan Sun Arena.

The famous rock opera is celebrating its 20th anniversary and continues to grow each year with its performance, stage show, and more importantly, its fans who continue

to return year after year bringing new generations of followers along for the yearly magical experience. The audience cheered in anticipation as the intro began with storyteller Bryan Hicks orating his tale describing “The Ghosts of Christmas Eve.” ten-piece chorus accompanied his narration as images flashed across the five massive LCD screens showing clips from the 1999 television movie of the same name along with famous historical figures, the solar system and enchanting yet uplifting messages. The multi-colored light and laser show kicked off the intro in true rock opera Christmas fashion.

The audience was treated to Christmas favorites such as “O Come All Ye Faithful/O Holy Night,” “This Christmas Day,” and “Christmas Canon Rock” as the spectacular production continued in sync with the

music as the enormous five panel screens displayed the choreographed images. The laser spectacular, “digital” snowflakes, three platform risers along with a rising catwalk, and let’s not forget the explosive and stunning pyrotechnics that erupted from the entire arena from front to back all added to the excitement. Legendary conceptual composer, producer, lyricist and songwriter Paul O’Neill continues to make his grand vision of the TSO production a masterpiece for all that experience it from the intro to its dramatic conclusion. This ever-evolving group continues to weave, like tapestry, its lyrics, songwriting, music, storytelling and production into a timeless magical and enchanting journey filled with wonder and amazement.

With super guitarists Chris Caffery and Joel Hoekstra flanking each side of the stage along

with violinist Roddy Chong, bassist David Z, Mee Eun Kim on keys and drummer Jeff Plate on his throne, the audience not only experienced the amazing visuals of a TSO show, but an astonishing and stunning musical experience as well. At the beginning of the performance, Caffery, Chong and Hoekstra stood on separate risers that lifted them a good 20 feet above the crowd as they traded chops and riffed along in sync to the classic TSO hits keeping the rock show experience alive with their stage presence, dynamics and moves. TSO showcases different vocalists throughout the program lending to their unique rock/opera sound which included a special performance by Kayla Reeves and Paul O’Neill himself following the first set of traditional Christmas favorites.

TSO opened with the intro, “Who Am I” then

went right into “March of the Kings,” “The Lost Christmas Eve,” which featured Hoekstra on masterful acoustic guitar, followed by “O Come All Ye Faithful/ O Holy Night.” Also on the set for the show were “Good King Joy,” “Christmas Dreams,” and the mega popular hit which included the performers high above the audience on a catwalk playing “Christmas Eve (Sarajevo 12/24)” as fire and laser beams erupted from both the front and the back of the arena.

TSO kicked it up a notch during their second, more rock and roll infused set, as they performed songs from their albums “Night Castle,” “Beethoven’s Last Night” and “Letters From

The Labryinth” going all the way back to the Savatage sounding days of yore.

The super group/orchestra capped off the show as they crushed a rocking Beethoven’s “Requiem (The Fifth)” and a reprise of “Christmas Eve (Sarajevo 12/24).” Fireworks and more pyrotechnics ended the show leaving a powerful impression as both Caffery and Chong made their way through the aisles of fans.

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**MUSIC REVIEW**

# Plenty of meat to sink your teeth in

Chris Robinson Brotherhood's 'If You Lived Here, You Would Be Home By Now'

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It has been a trying year for the music community. Times like these are when we seek comfort. Comfort can often be found in the familiar. There's nothing more comfortable or familiar than home, and on its new EP "If You Lived Here, You Would Be Home By Now." Chris Robinson Brotherhood seeks to get you to that sweet spot as quickly as possible.

Like last month's Thanksgiving feast, this compact-yet-sprawling 30 minute companion to its summer release Anyway You Love, We Know How You Feel, is immediately familiar and comforting.

Warm, well-rounded, deep, earthy, groovy melt-in-your-ears gravy, ladled generously into every crevice.

Robinson has unabashedly ridden the coattails of the Grateful Dead to jamband glory. Whereas others have rehashed the material into the ground, the Brotherhood have found ways to pay tribute to its tradition of American roots rock with new original music. The psychedelia shines through again in these new recordings, though without devolving fully into hippy drippy Tofurkey. There's plenty of muscle and meat on these bones to bite into.

The familiarity doesn't end at the Dead. On "Shadow Cosmos," comfort is found in the fleshed-out country-rock of The Band. "Roan County Banjo," devoid of actual banjo, finds some nice groovy and funky notes and features an extended organ jam that borrows simultaneously from the recently departed



**SECONDS, PLEASE**

"If You Lived Here," is Chris Robinson Brotherhood's second release of the year.

Keith Emerson and Bernie Worrell. "From the North Garden" jumps unexpectedly to Southern Asia with a psychedelic instrumental ramble while closer "Sweet Sweet Lullaby" doesn't quite let the tryptophan kick in. Rather, it stirs up and invigorates the soul, sending you right back home again. Time to flip the record and have another go.

"If You Lived Here, You Would Be Home By Now," released November 4, was recorded during the "Stinson Beach" sessions that produced the Brotherhood's previous 2016 release, "Anyway You Love,

We Know How You Feel." As Robinson tells it, "these five songs seemed to want to hang together in its own way and tell its own little story, so they were set aside to present separately." Its release seems perfect for the season and the band will continue to stretch them out on the road, touring extensively out West throughout the late fall.

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