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Training program helps prepare for the unthinkable

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## First Night in Delmar

Details on Delmar's first First Night festivities

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## TOP STORY

# Full STEM ahead

The problem solvers of the future are equipped with today's leading technology

By ALI HIBBS  
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Allison Hepfer, a kindergarten and first-grade teacher at Hamagrael Elementary School, was presented with a "makerspace" prize pack worth \$4,300 on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Hepfer, who signed up for Barnes & Noble's Fall Educator Appreciation National Sweepstakes on behalf of Hamagrael, was the sole winner of the prize, which will significantly augment STEM (or STEAM) programming already being undertaken by Bethlehem

educators districtwide.

"At Hamagrael, we encourage our students to be problem solvers and critical thinkers," said Hepfer. "The makerspace and the prizes we received will allow the children to collaborate in a really innovative way."

Barnes & Noble, the country's largest book and media retailer, hosted the first retail Mini Maker Faire last fall in partnership with Maker Media, creator of *Make: Magazine*. In early November, it held the second annual event at stores nationwide, inviting educators, students, tech enthusiasts and makers of all stripes to take part in workshops, demonstrations and discussion of innovative ideas, tools and practices. In

▲ Gone are the days of chalkboards. A young student at Hamagrael Elementary works off a tablet in class.

Photo courtesy of Bethlehem Central School District

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## ENTERTAINMENT



## Keeping it simple

Local music instructor takes a Nintendo approach to teaching music.

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## SPORTS



## Team to watch

Bethlehem boys basketball takes home a victory against CBA last week.

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■ STATE NEWS

# Microenterprise loan program receives \$200K REDC grant

Town of Bethlehem officials hope to build on past successes

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ALBANY — On Thursday, Dec. 8, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced more than \$7 million in economic development funding was made available through the sixth round of his Regional Economic Development Council initiative—a centerpiece of his administration’s strategy to jumpstart the economy and create jobs. The Capital District, one of 10 regions statewide, was awarded \$83.1 million to support 116 local projects, one of which will help establish and grow small businesses in the town of Bethlehem.

The town was awarded \$200,000 to establish a microenterprise grant program virtually identical to one established in 2014. Under the program, the town may award no less than \$5,000 and no more than \$35,000 to small businesses, “to support and foster the development of microbusinesses by providing grants in conjunction with capacity building and entrepreneurial assistance.”

Town officials anticipate that the schedule of 2016 grant disbursements will mirror the previous program. Awarded at the end of 2014, Bethlehem began holding information sessions in February and March of 2015 and started accepting

applications in March. A Grant Application Review Committee, composed of six residents representing local economic enterprise, met and recommended awards for Town Board approval through September 2015, when the town approved grant awards from \$5,400 (for certified in-home trainer Stephanie Hutchins) to \$30,000 (for O’Slaterry’s Irish Pub) for nine local small businesses — five existing and four new — chosen from 15 applicants. Selected businesses had through the end of 2016 to spend the awarded funds, and the grant will close out with the state this month.

“It was great to learn that Bethlehem received \$200,000 from the REDC Competition to continue our Microenterprise Grant Program,” said Bethlehem Town Supervisor John Clarkson. “Great work from our Town Economic Development team on securing another round of funding so we can continue to help local small business form and expand.”

Program guidelines define microenterprise as a commercial enterprise that has five or fewer employees, one or more of which is the principal and owns the enterprise at the time of application. Eligible businesses must contribute at least 10 percent of the costs of the project and create one new job made



O’Slaterry’s Irish Pub and Restaurant on Delaware Avenue is among the Town of Bethlehem’s Microenterprise Grant Program’s success stories.

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available to persons from low- or moderate income families, or be owned by someone in that category. Additionally, a minimum of 50 percent of grant funds must be awarded to start-up businesses that have been in operation less than six months and businesses receiving grant funds are required participate in an Entrepreneurial Training Program.

Awarded funds may be used for: inventory; the purchase of machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures; working capital; and/or reimbursement of the cost to attend the entrepreneurial training program. They may not be used to purchase real estate, to repay existing debt or to undertake building façade or interior renovations.

# Cuomo wields veto power

Legislation to assist fledgling farmers among proposals put back out to pasture

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ALBANY — Late last month, Gov. Andrew Cuomo vetoed 72 bills in a single night, more than half of 133 pieces of proposed legislation — left over from the legislative session that ended in June — that were sent to his desk in mid-November.

Citing factors such as lack of identified funding sources, conflicts with the state constitution and redundancy, the governor vetoed propositions from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, including: a bill creating a temporary advisory board to look at the various issues with upstate transit systems; legislation allowing charities to sell raffle tickets online; a tax credit for geothermal energy systems; and tax credits for the digital gaming and music production industries.

In a series of moves criticized by New York food advocates, agricultural groups and farm-owners, he also vetoed three agricultural bills intended to help the state’s farming industry—all of which were overwhelmingly approved by state lawmakers.

For the third consecutive year, Cuomo has struck down legislation that would require the state Department of Agriculture

and Markets (DAM) to “promote the transfer of viable agricultural land from existing owners to new farmers,” and to work with the Office of General Services to identify and compile a list of state-owned land viable for farming. The bill passed the Senate 60-0 and the Assembly 129-1.

“Farming is a difficult business,” wrote the bill’s sponsor Assemblyman William Magee (D-121). “Factors, such as the complex process of transferring ownership of farms and prohibitive capital costs, contribute to the aging of the farm population and present barriers to younger farmers gaining access to land.”

“This bill would emphasize assistance for new and beginning farmers in existing state law. For example, it would require the state Agriculture Advisory Council to provide advice to state agencies regarding tax, financial assistance and other policies and programs that could address the needs of beginning farmers and the issues they face related to the transfer of ownership of farms.”

Claiming that the proposal would be better addressed as a

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## STATE NEWS

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part of budget negotiations, Cuomo said he vetoed the bill because it lacked an established funding source and pointed out that DAM has established a Beginning Farmer Working Group and that the state has made \$1 million available to new and beginning farmers through the New York State New Farmers Grant Fund.

Another bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara (D-111), which would have required DAM to establish a "farm investment fund" program to provide grants of up to \$50,000 to farmers for investments in infrastructure, equipment, marketing and management planning, was vetoed by the governor after unanimously passing the Assembly and receiving just one "no" vote in the Senate (from Sen. Adriano Espaillat, D-31.)

"For decades, the number of farmers has been shrinking as a share of the population," wrote Assembly sponsors, "but the last Agricultural Census in 2007 showed a 4 percent increase in the number of farms. It is the first increase since 1920, and in many cases, young people and college graduates are joining in the return to the land.

"While there has been an increase in promoting locally grown food, New York's farmers still struggle to get a foothold in this promising new market. While start-up costs for the smallest operations can still be daunting, the

difference between success and failure can be a matter of investment that leads to greater productivity."

Saying he fully supports the "intent" of the bill, Cuomo again said it would be best addressed during budget discussions to ensure available funding. He also pointed to \$18 million the state invested in New York's Southern Tier region and \$10.1 million granted to protect farmland in the Finger Lakes region, saying that New York invested more than \$40 million in 2016 to support farmers, agritourism and farmland protection.

Anti-hunger advocates, as well as agriculture groups, are critical of Cuomo's opposition to a bill that would give farmers a tax break for donating surplus fruits, vegetables and other locally grown products to food banks to feed hungry New Yorkers. This is the second year the bill has passed the Legislature only to be blocked by Cuomo. He said that, while he supports the idea, the measure would reduce state revenue and, again, should be handled during the state budget process. He also called the credit "duplicative of existing tax benefits available," and said it would be "nearly impossible" to set an accurate value for donated foods, making regulation difficult to enforce.

Susan Zimet, director of Hunger Action Network of New York State, said Cuomo's opposition is "misguided" and lawmakers

should return to Albany to override the veto.

"The bill passed the Legislature unanimously and has the support of over 150 national, state, and local farmer, environmental, religious, business, anti-hunger, and anti-poverty organizations."

(Several states, including California and Colorado, already offer similar tax incentives to farmers.)

"Hunger Action Network believed that Governor Cuomo would step up to the plate and champion this bill; we are incredibly disappointed that he didn't."

The flurry of vetoes came as Cuomo has been meeting with legislative leadership about bringing lawmakers back to Albany for a special session to address a series of unresolved issues—including potential pay raises for the lawmakers themselves, ethics reform, a \$2 billion housing deal, and funding for a hate crime task force. Neither the governor or legislative leadership have indicated that they will revisit the Farm to Food Bank legislation or any of the other vetoed bills.

Among the 61 remaining bills signed into law by Cuomo on Monday, Nov. 28 are: a bill allowing New Yorkers to direct income tax refunds to a 529 college saving plan; a bill requiring telemarketers to list a legitimate caller ID number that shows up on a consumer's phone; and a bill limiting the time in which agencies can appeal a judge's order that information sought under the state's Freedom of Information Act be released—from nine months to 60 days.

## COUNTY NEWS

# Preparing civilians for active shooting situations

By **KASSIE PARISI**

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**COLONIE** — Partly in response to the recent shooting at Crossgates Mall, the Better Business Bureau of New York, in conjunction with the Albany County Sheriff's office and a handful of local chambers of commerce, held a seminar focused on active shooters in the workplace and what steps civilians can take to be better prepared in dangerous situations.

Speaking to the audience during the early morning on Tuesday, Dec. 6, Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple detailed how his office, when teaching civilians about protocol for active shooting situations, is keying off of the Office of Homeland Security's generic, "Run, Hide, Fight," procedures. While Apple said that the situation at Crossgates was not ultimately an active shooter situation, the fact that it happened at home made his department realize that they need to step up their game in preparing people for future situations.

"We really want you to know what to do, and everybody needs to know what to do," Apple said. He pointed out that it's particularly important to be aware of safety procedures during busy holiday shopping times, and called the current time right now a personal nightmare of his.

"Every procrastinating husband out there, like myself, has been waiting to shop and we all run to one of the local malls, and one of these cowards comes in. What do we do? We've got thousands and thousands of people in there shopping," Apple said of the situation last month at Crossgates.

Senior Investigator Ron Messen and Deputy Michael Lombardi co hosted the seminar, which consisted of videos, audience questions, and some lecturing.

The hosts spoke at length about how, during stressful situations, the human brain moves from being rational to a more lizard-like state, meaning that in times of danger, the brain reverts from a thinking tool to something more reactionary, causing people to do things such as hide under desks or lay on the floor and play dead.



Ron Messen of the Albany County Sheriff's Office leads a demonstration during the active shooter seminar.

Kassie Parisi/Spotlight News

"That is not a plan, folks," Messen said. "The effects of life threatening stress on your body systems severely limits your abilities both to perceive information and make the appropriate responses."

There are three phases of dealing with an active shooter situation, according to the hosts. While going through those phases, which are denial, deliberation, and the decisive moment, it is pivotal that civilians come up with a plan that will ensure their survival. One of the most important aspects of the training, said Messen, is drilling these steps into someone's brain in order to force analyzing and planning to become the lizard brain instincts in stressful situations, as opposed to freezing up and hiding. Most importantly, Messen and Lombardi said, is to save yourself first, and to not waste time with someone who has already frozen up.

"You can't sit there and try and negotiate with that person for them to come with you. They're not going. You have to leave that person behind," Messen said.

"If you save your own life, you'll be able to save others," Lombardi said.

They also noted that in situations of stress, contrary to popular belief, people don't run screaming right away, opting instead to wait for "social proof" that

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■ COMMUNITY

# Bethlehem to have first First Night celebration

**BETHLEHEM** — A family friendly, fun event, First Night will be held on New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31, kicking off at 6:30 p.m. with fireworks at the Four Corners.

"This is the first time we've had a First Night celebration in Bethlehem," said Town Supervisor John Clarkson. "We didn't invent First Night, obviously, but many people in Bethlehem used to attend Albany's First Night and we had a similar music, arts and fun festival known as Feestelijk Bethlehem, a springtime festival that ran from 1997-2004 and was very popular. I raised the First Night idea several years ago, and have talked about it with a lot of people and groups, and this year with New Year's Eve occurring on a Saturday night, it just seemed like a good time to try it."

Entertainment and activities are scheduled to follow the fireworks, from 7-10 p.m. at the following nearby locations:

-Delmar Four Corners Marketplace: The Iceman Ice Sculpture Performance

-Delmar Reformed Church: Old Time Dance Band and Delmar Community Orchestra; Raisinhead (Rock); Crafts for Kids (Kids/Family)

-Bethlehem Chabad: Kosher food fest; Jewish jazz; Menorah lighting (All ages)

-First United Methodist Church: Mendelssohn Club (Choral); Skip Parsons (Dixieland); Stellar Face & Body Art (Kids/Family)

-Masonic Hall: Andy the Music Man; Hulahoops; Broadway Bound (Kids/Family)

-Delmar Fire Department: About Face Face Painting (Kids/Family); Playin' With Fire (Rock)

-Town Hall - High School Battle of the Bands (Teens)

Adult volunteers are needed at all locations. Please contact Joan Gavrilik

at 605-6580 or info@friendsofbethlehemparks.org to sign up!

First Night Bethlehem is presented by the Town of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, and the Bethlehem Community Fund, as well as the churches and other institutions providing space.

"We're very grateful to have the partnership with the Bethlehem Community Fund and the Chamber of Commerce," said Clarkson. "It could not have been done without them. We expect that, like the Turkey Trot, if you give people in Bethlehem an event that fits in with the holidays and family gatherings, it will take off. We're all looking forward to the launch of First Night Bethlehem and hope it will be the first of many."



Bethlehem prepares to host its own First Night celebration

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## ■ COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

### 'Grandparent scams' on the rise

**LATHAM** — Troopers are reminding the public about the often used "Grandparent Scams," as reports of these types of scams are beginning to surface once again.

These common scams involve unknown individuals calling older or elderly people and pretending to be a relative of the victim, usually a grandson or granddaughter. The caller starts out the call by stating "grandma?" or "grandpa?" which in turn usually elicits a response from the victim citing the name of a grandson or granddaughter.

The unknown caller then feeds from this info and pretends to be that relative while reporting that he or she has been involved in some sort of criminal issue or a motor vehicle accident and requests money for a number of things including bail, medical bills or repairs to a car.

The money is then wired or sent via gift cards to the scammer outside the U.S. and the "grandchild" requests that the victim not inform his or her parents about the situation, so as to not be in trouble or avoid embarrassment. Incidents of

this nature can result in the victim losing thousands of dollars.

State Police are warning anyone who receives such a call to ask questions that an imposter would not be able to answer correctly, such as the date of their mother's birthday or the city they were born in and also to call the family of the person who is allegedly seeking assistance to check on the legitimacy of the request. Any call should also be reported to officials immediately.

One recent incident involved the caller pretending to be a grandson involved in a motor vehicle accident and DWI arrest. The caller was convincing enough that the victim purchased gift cards on three separate occasions and relayed the card numbers and access codes for redemption of the cards in order to pay for legal, medical and car repair expenses. The victim was scammed for over \$10,000.

If you have been the victim of a scam or attempted scam, please report the incident to your local law enforcement agency or nearest State Police barracks.

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### Active shooter training

something is going on. This coincides with the denial phase of shooter situations, or even other emergencies such as fire drills, during which people typically won't acknowledge the danger and will move slowly.

"You're looking for the people next to you to see what they're doing," Messen said.

The period of deliberation is quick, sometimes only minutes, and in that time, said the hosts, people must develop a plan for survival. To do this effectively, said Lombardi, people should always be aware of where the entrances and exits of a facility are, besides the main entrance and main exit. They also need to be able to note places that will provide them not only with cover, but protection from gunfire or any other type of weapon. If running and hiding are not options, the deputies said that civilians must be prepared to act quickly and aggressively with violence

towards to assailant because if they don't, they could be risking their own lives and the lives of others.

Messen also explained that in other active shooter situations, such as the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting, since running and hiding were not options, if students and teachers had collaborated to form a plan that would have stopped the attacker, fewer lives might have been lost. Messen said that even though it is likely that someone would have been shot in that scenario, multiple people rushing the shooter probably would have stopped him.

According to Messen, the New York State Department of Education recently released protocol standards on schools are to respond during active shooter situations, but some places have been hesitant to embrace the "Run, Hide, Fight," ideas. But, Messen said, they have been invited to some schools to train teachers, and that it's crucial to show teachers and administrators that looking for any possible escape route is better than locking kids down in a classroom.

"The purpose of this training is to make the public aware and safer," Messen said.

### Man faces trio of felony charges



WILLIAMS

**GUILDERLAND** — On Saturday, Dec. 3, State Police in New Scotland arrested Lloyd Williams Jr., 65, of Albany, for an aggravated DWI, first degree unlicensed operation of a vehicle and second degree forgery—all felony charges.

Subsequent to a traffic stop in Guilderland, Williams was reportedly arrested for DWI and for having a fraudulent inspection sticker on his front windshield. Williams had a previous DWI conviction within 10 years which made this DWI arrest a felony.

It was allegedly determined that Williams had a blood alcohol content of 0.13 percent. He was processed without incident, arraigned in the Town of Guilderland Court and remanded to the Albany County Jail on bail.

### Traffic stop leads to man's arrest

**NEW SCOTLAND** — On Sunday, Dec. 4, State Police in New Scotland stopped a vehicle on Western Avenue for a traffic violation and found the driver of the vehicle, Dasean M. Willis, 33, of Albany, to be intoxicated and in possession of marijuana.

He was transported and processed in

Latham, where his blood alcohol content was reportedly determined to be 0.09 percent. He was subsequently charged with misdemeanor DWI and possession charges. Willis was turned over to a sober third party and released on appearance tickets returnable to the City of Albany Court on Dec. 19.

### Guilderland man arrested for felony DWI

**NEW SCOTLAND** — New York State Police in New Scotland arrested Kyle Albano, 26, of Guilderland, for a felony DWI on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

According to reports, troopers initially stopped Albano for driving with no/low headlights on Western Avenue in the Town of Guilderland. Subsequent to

the traffic stop, troopers arrested Albano for DWI, alleging a 0.10 percent BAC. Albano was charged with a felony DWI as he had a previous DWI conviction within the last decade.

Albano was processed without incident and was scheduled to appear in the Town of Guilderland Court on Dec. 8.

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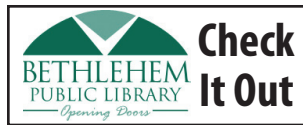
# A year in the life of your library

Another exciting year at the library is coming to a close and, as we look back, we are reminded of all the different ways our patrons use our services to enrich their lives and connect with the community.

In 2016, we greatly expanded our special collection items with support from the Friends of the Library. Our special collection, also sometimes called the "Library of Things," now includes telescopes and metal detectors, as well as slide scanners and GoPro cameras. All of these items can be borrowed using your library card — the most valuable piece of plastic in your wallet!

As part of our mission to provide access and information to our community, we boosted our free WiFi signal at the town park and began circulating mobile WiFi hotspots that can be checked out and used anywhere within the Sprint network. The response has been overwhelming, indicating that the demand for these services continues to grow.

Earlier in the year, we



were visited by a pair of luminaries in the children's literature world. In February, storyteller and author Joseph Bruchac entertained a hardy group of patrons who ventured out on one of the chilliest days of the year. They were not disappointed, as Bruchac shared tales of the Adirondacks and the Native peoples of the Northeastern woodlands, drawing on his own Abenaki heritage. Bruce Coville, bestselling author of more than 100 books for children, dropped by in April to talk about his life and work, which has earned numerous awards and honors. Author visits are always a lot of fun, and they are just one of the ways we work to promote early literacy. Our librarians are also frequent visitors to Bethlehem schools and have hosted numerous off-site storytimes, including ones at the town park and in collaboration with our local fire stations.

Duffers and pros of all ages got a kick out of

our indoor miniature golf day held at the beginning of summer. Thousands dropped by to enjoy a round inside the library, which was transformed into an 18-hole course for the day. We also engaged with our community by hosting a Community and Volunteer Fair, as well as a local author event.

Our music programs continue to draw some lively crowds, whether to hear the bluegrass stylings of Bob and Tom or chamber music performed by artists at the top of their game. We've hosted wacky family entertainer Andy Morse, as well as jazz saxophonist Brian Patneau. It is no exaggeration to say that our concerts have something for everybody.

Through it all, we meticulously maintain our collection to make sure our patrons have timely access to the books and materials they are looking for. And we couldn't do any of this without the support of our community. You are the reason we strive to build on the services we provide year after year — and you can expect even more great things from the library in 2017!

Other highlights from 2016:

Our "Coffee and Conversation" series in partnership with Senior Services touched on a broad range of topics — history, science, music and more. We also launched a "Coffee and Cinema" series featuring films for grown-ups.

Beloved book characters Frog and Toad and Bad Kitty dropped by for a visit.

It was a magical morning as our preschoolers celebrated the end of spring storytimes with a preschool prom.

We bid farewell to longtime Board of Trustee treasurer Tamra Wright and welcomed new member Paula Rice.

Our Summer Reading Program kicked off with two energetic performances by Jester Jim. Our teen volunteers kept everything running smoothly all summer, and a whole bunch of grownups joined in the fun by participating in their very own summer reading challenge.

Sewing programs for teens and adults continue to fill up, as participants create colorful pajama pants, quilts, baskets and

more.

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### 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).

### 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

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### Friday, Dec. 16

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### Sunday, Dec. 18

#### Knit One, Purl One

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### Tuesday, Dec. 20

#### Zentangle and Creative Coloring

Relax and improve your focus with coloring or Zentangle, a tranquil drawing technique that uses patterns to create beautiful images, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Sign up online or call.

— Kristen Roberts

## Community Christmas Day Dinner

The Community Christmas Day Dinner will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar on Sunday, Dec. 25, 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.

Town Hall will be



closed on Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2. There will be no senior transportation from Dec. 26 through Jan. 2.

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.

Join us for a Matinee Movie and Dinner out on Tuesday, Jan. 17. We will go to the Spectrum Theater for a movie of your choice, followed by dinner at Mercato's, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext., 1176.

The following support meetings are available:

- 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.

— Wilma DeLuco

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## SPOTLIGHT ON FINANCE

# What to do with end-of-year bonuses and financial gifts

By RUTH MAHONEY,  
President, Capital Region,  
KeyBank

**A**ccording to a recent survey by Accounting Principals, 75 percent of companies plan to give out bonuses this year, up from 67 percent in 2015. The average amount is also increasing, from \$858 to \$1,081. On the surface, this seems great, but your bonus most likely comes at the expense of a meaningful raise, which should change the way you think about spending it.



Ruth Mahoney

End-of-year bonuses and financial gifts should be treated like a mini financial windfall. Before spending it on the next iPhone upgrade, larger television or trip to the tropics, stop and think about how this bonus can make an impact. Not just now, but also in the future.

Consider the following steps before spending your bonus:

1. Take a time out. If you are like most, you've already spent your bonus 10 different ways in your head. Instead, deposit funds into your bank

savings account, and take some time to come up with a solid plan for how you will use your bonus.

2. Assess your financial situation. Before you make any sudden decisions, take time to understand your financial profile, including assets, debt, retirement savings, income needs and cash flow. The ability to achieve financial goals always comes down to developing and executing a plan.

3. Evaluate your short- and long-term goals. Does the refrigerator need to be replaced? Does your son or daughter plan on going to college? Do you need to pay down debt? Do you have a healthy retirement savings? Do you have an emergency fund? Ask yourself these and similar questions.

4. Create a plan. After answering the above questions, put a plan in place to help you achieve these goals.

5. Keep a small percentage to treat yourself and your family. The goal is to save, invest and/or pay down debt, but you should also spend a little. You've worked hard and have earned it.

### Options for spending your end-of-year bonus or financial gift

Let's be honest. Not all bonuses are created equal. Take stock of your unique financial situation and determine your individual needs. Then, and only then, determine how you would like to use your bonus. Because regardless of the amount, large or small, it can still be used for impact. The following ideas can help.

- Contribute to your 401(k). In 2016, if you are under 50 years old, you can contribute a maximum of \$18,000. If you are 50 or older you can contribute \$24,000 per year. Employer matches can increase this amount.

- Invest in your Health Savings Account (HSA). The 2016 maximum contribution is \$3,350 for individual coverage and \$6,750 for family coverage. For participants who are older than age 55, there is a maximum catch up contribution of \$1,000. If this type of option is available to you, it is a great way to start planning and saving for future out-of-pocket medical expenses.

- Open a Roth IRA. There isn't an upfront tax benefit, like you find with a Traditional IRA, but there are great back-end benefits. With a Roth IRA you will owe nothing in capital

gains taxes as long as you don't make any unqualified withdrawals. If you already have a Roth IRA, consider using your bonus to maximize your contribution this year.

- Pay down debt. Chances are the interest rate you are paying on borrowing credit is much higher than what you would save if you invested. Paying down debt can lead to significant savings in the long run and free up money for other purposes in the future.

- Create or contribute more to an emergency fund. If your debt is under control but your savings has taken a back seat, take this opportunity to make progress toward setting aside at least 6 months' worth of savings to cover your regular expenses.

- Invest in yourself. Take a training or professional development course, attend a work-related conference or invest in books or subscriptions that can expand your professional expertise.

- Invest in your health. Join the gym or a fitness class, or subscribe to a CSA, which stands for community support agriculture and puts local farm-grown food on your table.

The important thing is to set limits, otherwise your year-end-bonus may make you feel like you have a license to go on a shopping spree, which can lead to burning through more than the bonus itself. Instead, budget a portion of your bonus and reward yourself with some short-term gratification. Then take the rest of that bonus and

put it to good long-term use. A \$2,500 investment at 4 percent in 10 years will be worth more than \$3,700. That same \$2,500 each year, still earning 4 percent, adds up to a whopping \$31,000 after 10 years. That's more than \$6,000 in free money—a bonus on top of your bonus... because who doesn't like free money?

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## What you should not do with your end-of-year bonus

**O**nce you know you are receiving an end-of-year bonus or gift, it's easy to start spending the money before it is even in your hand, let alone your bank account. But just as it is important to take the time to consider a plan for how to spend your bonus, it is equally as important to understand the options that you should avoid. Here are a few no-no's when it comes to spending your financial gift this year:

1. Don't spend your bonus until you physically have the cash deposited into your account. You may have been told you would receive a certain percentage, but if that isn't the case, spending too quickly can leave you with more debt than you started with.

2. Don't splurge on expensive gifts for friends and family. Hopefully you had a plan for holiday shopping before receiving the bonus this year. Stick to that plan and buy budget-appropriate gifts your family will enjoy. It's the thought that counts, not how much you spend.

3. Avoid racking up credit card debt with plans to pay it all off. After taxes, that amount might be lower than you thought it would be. Your bonus will be taxed like regular income, so even if you've been told how much your bonus is, don't assume you know exactly how much will land in your account.

4. Don't pay extra on your mortgage. Most likely, your mortgage has a low interest rate and is a tax-deductible debt. While paying down a mortgage will save you on future interest, at today's low mortgage interest rates, the savings is modest, and the benefit is further reduced by the tax deduction.

5. Don't include this year's bonus in your financial plan for next year. You can't assume you will receive the same bonus next year, so don't plan your finances for the year ahead around that extra income.

And don't expect that your bonus will last longer than it most likely will. Set at least some of the money aside—into a savings account—until you have a concrete plan on what you are going to do with it.



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■ COMMUNITY

# Celebrating the holidays

**W**e've had so many activities to celebrate the holiday season at the Bethlehem YMCA. Here is a quick update:

- We had a great turnout of kids and families for our annual Rockefeller at the Y skating event. The Christmas magic of skating under the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree was recreated on our rink with a giant tree on the ice, visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus and a special appearance by the Hill City Ice Queen (think Elsa from the movie Frozen). Much fun, many refreshments, and lots and lots of smiling faces.

- Hundreds of ornaments have flown off the YMCA's Giving Tree. We appreciate the generosity of so many of our members, as well as others in the community, who have celebrated the



true spirit of the season by donating gifts to families in need. Thank you to all who have taken an ornament off the tree.

- This past weekend, dozens of volunteers join members of the Y's Togetherhood Committee to decorate Christmas cookies to give to local senior citizens and brighten their holiday season. Our active older adults are also celebrating with a holiday potluck lunch and concert.

## School vacation club and snow day care

Did you know that the YMCA is the largest provider of childcare in

the Capital District? You do now.

Did you know that when school is closed for vacation or snow days that the YMCA child care services are open? When the Bethlehem Central School District is closed due to bad weather, and you need to go to work and can't stay home with the kids, you can bring them to the Bethlehem YMCA for a fun-filled day of skating, swimming, gym games, board games, art and crafts and more.

The Y's snow day vacation club is open for children in grades K-8 for members and non-members. It goes from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Y's vacation club offers the same wide array of fun and games for regularly scheduled school vacation weeks, with care going from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We also offer a half-day vacation

club from noon to 5:30 p.m. Please check at the YMCA front desk for vacation club rates.

## Late-night drop-in volleyball

The Bethlehem YMCA has begun an adult volleyball league with a late-night, drop-in format. If you enjoy volleyball and just want to join your friends for a game, and maybe your hours run a little later — we have you covered.

Just drop by the Bethlehem YMCA on Monday nights from 9:15 to 10:30 p.m. for a volleyball game in our gym. It's co-ed and open to all ages. The cost is just \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

— Mark Hansen

# Cloud science

## RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**C**ome make a cloud and make it rain at the Library Science Lab Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 4 p.m. Bring a glass jar with a lid. Registration appreciated.

## Holiday hours

The library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 24, through Monday, Dec. 26, for Christmas; and Saturday, Dec. 31, through Monday, Jan. 2, for the New Year.

Visit us between the holidays for the following fun events:

## Art Lab for Kids: Sugar Skull Art

Learn the art of embroidery by making a colorful felted Sugar Skull. Or, cut, color and fold a three-dimensional Sugar

Skull. Or be super skully and do both. Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 4:30 p.m.

## Noon Years Eve storytime

Are your little ones too young to stay up till midnight? Join us for a special storytime where we will ring in the New Year on Friday, Dec. 30, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Read a story, sing songs, make a craft and countdown to noon. After the countdown, we will celebrate a year of reading, recognizing 1000 Books Before Kindergarten participants and registering new readers for the program in 2017.

— Carol Melewski



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# Spotlight on Sports

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## ■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



### MAGGIE KIRBY

Bethlehem's Maggie Kirby is The Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, Dec. 11. Kirby lit up the scoreboard with a 27-point performance in Bethlehem's season-opening 81-28 victory over Schenectady in a Suburban Council girls basketball game Tuesday, Dec. 6.

## ■ INSIDE



### Skid breaker

The Voorheesville girls basketball team earned its first victory of the season by pulling away from Cohoes 62-39 Friday, Dec. 9, in a Colonial Council game. Olvia Barringer had 16 points for the Blackbirds.

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## ■ BOYS BASKETBALL



# Home cooking

Hayden Thompson leads BC to victory  
over CBA in Suburban Council game

**BETHLEHEM** — The Bethlehem boys basketball team made a good first impression on the home fans in a 71-54 Suburban Council victory over Christian Brothers Academy Friday, Dec. 9.

The Eagles (1-1) took control with a 22-point first quarter and steadily pulled away until they had a 25-point lead at the end of the third quarter.

Hayden Thompson was a big reason why the Eagles dominated CBA (0-2). He drained four three-pointers on his way to a 24-point night.

To see a photo gallery from this game, visit [spotlightnews.com/spotted](http://spotlightnews.com/spotted).

— Rob Jonas



▲ Bethlehem's Sean Flynn drives for a layup during a Suburban Council home game against Christian Brothers Academy Friday, Dec. 9. Flynn scored seven points in the Eagles' 71-54 victory over the Brothers.

◀ Bethlehem's Hayden Thompson grabs a rebound. Thompson led all scorers with 24 points. To view more photos from this game, visit [spotlightnews.com/spotted](http://spotlightnews.com/spotted).

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■ GIRLS BASKETBALL

# V'ville ends skid

Olivia Barringer scores 16 points in Blackbirds' win over Cohoes

The Voorheesville girls basketball team broke into the win column Friday, Dec. 9, with a 62-39 Colonial Council victory over Cohoes.

After falling behind 18-9 in the first quarter, the Blackbirds (1-2) went on a 17-4 run to take a 26-22 halftime lead. Then, they outscored the Tigers 36-17 in the second half to secure the victory.

Olivia Barringer had 16 points, and Emily Burke contributed 11 points for Voorheesville, which lost to Scotia-Glenville and

Cobleskill-Richmondville to start the season. Nerea Brajac led Cohoes with 16 points.

Cobleskill-Richmondville (5-1) won its third consecutive game by beating Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 34-25 Dec. 9. Allie Pacatte scored 15 points for the Bulldogs, who built a 22-9 halftime lead. Carly Cross netted 10 points for RCS (0-3).

Elsewhere, Guilderland (1-1) defeated Schenectady 68-30 in a Suburban Council match-up. The Lady Dutch jumped out

to a 30-9 lead in the first half, and they never looked back.

Valencia Fontenelle Posson poured in 19 points, while Jessie Fiori and Nicole Fyvie each contributed 10 points for Guilderland. NaSeyah Dix scored 11 points for Schenectady.

Bethlehem (1-0) had its lone bye of the Suburban Council season Dec. 9. The Lady Eagles returned to action Tuesday, Dec. 13, against Colonie (1-1).

— Rob Jonas

■ HOCKEY

# Storm misses out on win

The Guilderland/Mohonasen/Scotia-Glenville hockey team came close to earning its first win of the season before being turned away by Monroe-Woodbury (Section 9) 3-2 Saturday, Dec. 10, in Byram Hills.

After falling behind 2-0 in the second period, the Storm (0-6-0) rallied with a pair of third-period goals, but Monroe-Woodbury tallied once in the final period to

hold on for the win.

Anthony Sericolo scored one goal and assisted on Alex Gish's goal for the Storm. Goaltender Daniel Cooper made 28 saves.

G/M/S-G began the weekend with a 5-0 loss to Byram Hills Friday, Dec. 9. Goaltender Jennifer Gregg stopped 33 shots for the Storm.

G/M/S-G returns to Capital District High School

Hockey League action Friday, Dec. 16, when it hosts Niskayuna/Schenectady (1-3-0) at the Schenectady County Recreational Facility in Glenville.

Meanwhile, Bethlehem (4-2-0) faces its first league game of the season when it hosts Burnt Hills/Ballston Spa (3-1-0) Friday, Dec. 16, at the Bethlehem Area YMCA.

— Rob Jonas

■ GYMNASTICS

# Munoz wins all-around

LATHAM — Guilderland's Serena Munoz was the all-around champion at the Shaker Gymnastics Invitational Saturday, Dec. 10.

Munoz placed in the top three in three of the four events to take first place with a score of 35.600. Saratoga's Julia VanHorne

was second with a score of 35.250, and Saratoga's Felicity Ryan placed third with a score of 34.500.

Munoz took first place on the balance beam with a score of 9.200, placed second in the vault with a score of 9.050 and finished third in the floor exercise with a score of 9.250.

Saratoga won the team title with a score of 170.800. Guilderland was second in the five-team competition with a score of 164.900, and Shaker placed third with a score of 162.100. Bethlehem was fourth with a score of 149.300.

— Rob Jonas

■ COMMUNITY

# Holiday concert

Celebrate the season with the annual Suburban Sounds Holiday Concert in the Library's Helderberg Room at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18. This respite — right before the Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year holidays — gives you a chance to sit, relax and enjoy a live choral performance.



project is fun and does not require any previous jewelry-making skills. You will learn some simple techniques that will enhance your pieces and give them a professional look. Again: adults are welcome. Just give us a call at 456-2400, ext. 4 to let us know you're coming.

on Monday, Dec. 19, at 10:30 a.m. You'll listen to stories, dance and sing along.

## GPL holiday schedule

We will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Saturday, Dec. 24, through Monday, Dec. 26, opening at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

For New Year's, we will close at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31, and be closed all day Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017. Happy New Year!

— Mark Curiale

## Perfect polymer jewels

This program on Monday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m., is for teens and anyone else who wants to craft a really cool piece of jewelry (that could even be a gift). You will create wearable art using polymer clay. The

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# HEAP program

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## Transportation reminder

When the Guilderland Central School District is closed due to inclement weather, all scheduled shopping trips and scheduled medical appointments will be cancelled. You will now find the listing on the local television stations. It will read, "Guilderland Senior Programs—No Transportation."

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## Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

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- The importance of eliminating distractions, such as eating, smoking and using a cell phone

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## Weekly schedule

### Thursday, Dec. 15

Scheduled shopping  
9 a.m. Silver Sneakers  
9 a.m. Strong Bones Plus  
10 a.m. Silver Sneaker Yoga Stretch  
12:30 p.m. Mahjong  
12:30 p.m. Pinochle

### Friday, Dec. 16

Scheduled shopping  
10 a.m. Painting  
12:30 p.m. Advanced bridge  
1 p.m. Quilting

### Monday, Dec. 19

Scheduled shopping  
9 a.m. Aerobics  
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones+

# Adult Coloring Book Club

**J**oin us on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. for our Adult Coloring Book Club.



Each month, we will provide different coloring sheets with multiple pages to choose from, as well as a large selection of colored pencils, markers and crayons. The library community room will provide a welcoming environment with soothing music to help you relax and enjoy some "you time."

Supplies will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

## Winter Family Storytime

Why not join Miss Amy for a morning of snow much fun? Register now for a

Tuesday, Dec. 27 family storytime. Our program, for preschool through grade 2 children and their families, starts at 10:15 a.m., when we warm up with some good books and a snow-themed craft, followed by hot chocolate and a yummy snack.

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Registering for programs helps us to determine supply needs. Unless otherwise indicated, registration is requested for all programs. You can register in person, by phone at 765-2791 or using our online calendar at [voorheesvillelibrary.org/calendar.asp](http://voorheesvillelibrary.org/calendar.asp).

— Lynn Kohler

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 vs.

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 Defendants.

Filed: 11/22/2016  
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Mortgaged Premises:  
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**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.

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

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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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 Plaintiff,  
 -vs-

ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE DAVID WAYNE BELL, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, GAIL L. OLDEN, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, MONUMENT STREET FUNDING, LLC, COMMERCIAL CREDIT PLAN INC. OF GEORGETOWN, TERESA ANN SQUIRES A/K/A TERESA ANN BELL, and JOHN DOE,  
 Defendants.

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, and 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 YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME**

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.

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

**YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.**

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable David A. Weinstein, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 24th of October, 2016, at Albany, New York.  
 Tax I.D. No. 53.6-7-32  
 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Colonie in the County of Albany and that State of New York constituting one lot of a proposed subdivision to be known as Miller Park and bounded and described as follows:  
 BEGINNING at an iron pipe standing in the division line between lands of Roessleville Presbyterian

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Church and lands of James Rooney and wife adjoining on the north distant 247.00 feet easterly measured along said division line from its intersection with the easterly line of the Albany and Schenectady Road, and runs from said point of beginning easterly along said division line 40.0 feet to an iron pipe;  
 THENCE Southerly at right angles to said division line 108.0 feet to an iron pipe standing in the northerly line of a proposed street to be known as Elmhurst Street;  
 THENCE Westerly parallel with the aforesaid division line and along the northerly line of said proposed street 40.0 feet to an iron pipe standing in the northerly line of said proposed street;  
 THENCE Northerly and at right angles to the aforesaid division line 108.0 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.  
 Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record.

These premises are also known as 5 North Elmhurst Avenue, Albany, NY 12205 A/K/A Town of Colonie, NY 12205.  
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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 LLC. The limited liability company name is 308 Delaware Ave, LLC ; articles of organization were filed with the secretary of state March 9, 2015; LLC's office to be located in Albany County; the secretary of state has been designated as agent of 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 c/o Lance W. Raffae, 308 Delaware Ave, Delmar, NY 12054 ; Purpose: for any lawful purpose.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7:10 PM, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application by Michael and Katherine Marra for an area variance located at 29 Oakwood Place, Delmar. The applicant would like to expand his garage. The project would not meet the Town Zoning Code requirements under Article V, Section 128-30. Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals  
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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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application by Gordon Blaisdell for an area variance located at 34 Rockefeller Road, Delmar. The applicant is proposing a shed that does not meet the Towns Zoning Code requirements under Article V, Section 128-27. Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals  
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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC**

Notice of formation of 5x5 Lab, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State

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(NS) on May 12, 2016 office location: Albany County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail service of process (SOP) to 17 Upper Loudon Rd, Albany, NY 12211.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**

614 SHAKER, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/12/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o 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 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, Guiderland, 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 Formation OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BEACON PAYMENTS OF NEW YORK, LLC  
 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**

Banner Title Agency, LLC Notice of Qualification - LLC was filed with the SSNY on November 28, 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

**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

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LOCAL NEWS

County legislature passes \$652 million budget

ALBANY – By unanimous vote, the legislature approved a 2017, \$652 million budget that slightly decreases taxes while holds the line on spending.

The legislature made minor modifications to the budget proposed by County Executive Dan McCoy before passing the measure on Monday, Nov. 5.

“I found the budget presented by the county executive to be one of

the better budgets I have worked on in my many years in government,” said Democratic Majority Leader Frank Comisso (D-11) in a statement.

Thanks to an increase in the county’s tax base, the budget will increase the tax levy, the amount of taxes collected, by 1.38 percent without raising the tax rate, the amount each property owner pays in taxes.

It includes \$250,000

for the Albany County Land Bank, which ups the county’s commitment to \$1.75 million; a newly created \$250,000 cultural and economic development fund; and \$1.7 million from the casino in Schenectady County. It also consolidates the recreation and youth sports programming into a new Department of Recreation

It also provides a 2 percent raise for non-union county employees.

The budget had bipartisan support.

“The minority conference will make 2017 a year of fiscal restraint and will continue to serve as the watchdog of the taxpayer’s dollars,”aid Minority Leader Frank Mauriello (R-27.)

“However,” he said, “our Conference did disagree with the raises for County legislators and the salary increases above

the standard 2 percent for some employees that the Democrat Legislative Majority felt was necessary to include.”

For the first time in its history, the Legislature videotaped its budget sessions and published the videos on YouTube and the county website. The Legislature also posted its proposed additions and deletions to the executive’s budget on its website and social media.

“Albany County continues to deliver services to the most needy without a property tax increase and under the tax cap while other municipalities are struggling,” said Legislator Gary Domalewicz, chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee.

Legislature Chairman Sean Ward said cooperation was the key to passing the first county budget in memory by a unanimous vote.

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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 is Bonesteel Property Management LLC, 625 4th Avenue, Watervliet NY 12189. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#135339

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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. Ad#137016

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is CMBH Med LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 29, 2016. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Ad#138529

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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.

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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

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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 copy of process to United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#137181

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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 to the LLC at, 601 Ocean Parkway, Ste 3B, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#136280

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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

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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. Ad#138784

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company
Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Law
a. The name of the Limited Liability Company is 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. Ad#136743

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GRACELINE PROPERTIES, LLC
Notice of formation of Graceline Properties,

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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. Ad#138153

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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

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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 Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of the process to the Limited Liability Company at 17 Sherman Street, Albany, New York 12210. Ad#138170

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MERCY’S HAIR DESIGN LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/15/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig.

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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 desig. 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

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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 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

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NORTHEAST BK FOODANDBEV LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/3/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. 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 OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
NAME: O’ROURKE REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/07/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been desig-

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nated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC c/o Michelle H. Wildgrube, Esq., Gioffi Szlezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, NY 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#138534

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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

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Articles of Organization for PANITAN LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of NewYork 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 Polarix Lighting Design, LLC. Art. of Org. 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

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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

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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

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Tender Care NP in Family Health, PLLC office: filed date 08/12/2016, Albany co. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: United States Corporation Agents, inc, 7014 13th avenue, suite 202, Brooklyn New York, 11228 Ad#138400

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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

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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

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Notice of Formation of Valz Bookkeeping and Tax Services, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/18/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#138176

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VW HAMPTWORTH, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/19/16. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. 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

# Stay hopeful

With the tearing of each day off the calendar, our trust that better days lie ahead takes a hit.

It seems with every December, the majority of us look at our surroundings, and don't care for what we see. We all went into 2016 with hopes. Whether that be a change in our place in life, our finances, a shift in local or state politics or good fortunes for our love ones — the dawning of a new year tends to generate hope for better days.

As the year draws to a close, a black cloud seems to have settled over many of us.

We've lost incredible talents in the entertainment world. People we've associated with, or let into our lives with their words and music. Music has always been a powerful means of persuading the spirit. We sometimes attach ourselves into a perceived bond between ourselves and the artist. So, when we lose the likes

of a Prince or David Bowie, despite them being distant strangers to our personal worlds, it hurts.

This political season has also had more than its fair share of slings and arrows, and many of them were flung by friends and people we know on social media. There is a reason wise people choose not to speak of politics around the watercooler. We all saw it this year in the childish manner in which barbs were traded on Twitter and Facebook. Friendships got ugly, and in some cases, ceased. Unfortunately, people have been too quick to take political sides. And, the words shared between people have resembled quibbling sports fanatics instead of individuals locked into a functional, sophisticated debate. With the news that federal investigators allege that our general election may have been tampered with by foreign nationals, we are all left to question the sanctity of the one process that defines our democracy.

If we're lucky, at the end of the day, we come back to center with our home lives. Our families are our touchstones, and our homes our fortresses. We shed away the stress of the day, and come back to people who know us best. It's a reset button, a sanctuary we look forward to visiting at the close of each day. Because of that, we hope for the best, not just for ourselves but for those we love. We work. We slave. We do what we can to improve our own station in life, and to support and raise the lives of our children. With the season upon us, we all suffer from the pressure of finding the perfect gift for everyone in our lives. Those gifts cost money, and money brings with it another form of stress.

This Saturday, Dec. 24 marks the start of Chanukah. The Festival of Lights reminds us of miracles and the need to maintain hope despite whatever darkness that may surrounds us.

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## WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR...

# A year ago: dispute over holiday sign

**DELMAR** — It was almost a year ago that strife erupted in Delmar over a dispute regarding whether or not a resident would be able to display a holiday sign in the Four Corners.

According to a *SpotlightNews* article written last January, Bethlehem resident Elena Marcelle petitioned the

town to place her "Merry Christmas" sign in the area of the Four Corners where Kenwood Avenue and Delaware Avenue intersect, as she had reportedly done five years previously.

But, the town denied Marcelle's request.

After receiving the rejection letter from Town Supervisor John Clarkson, Marcelle then wrote to

Melissa Kermani, chair of the Bethlehem Republican Committee.

"Five years ago," read Marcelle's letter, "I petitioned the town to allow me to purchase and hang a "Merry Christmas" sign on the lighted holiday tree at the Four Corners. The town allowed me my request five years ago."

Further dismay ensued

when the town not only denied Marcelle's request, but also took down the "Happy Hannukah" sign that was up. Town officials rationale for taking down the sign was that they didn't want to violate any laws, and cited concerns that the holiday signs on town property raised issues about the separation of church and state. Town attorney James Potter

noted last year that the law allows municipalities to display Christmas trees and menorahs, but did not address written signs.

Marcelle ended up recruiting assistance from the Alliance Defending Freedom group, a organization that advocates for the rights of people to freely live out their faith.

Alliance attorney

Joseph E. La Rue penned a letter chastising the town for its actions.

"The irony is not lost on us that your town's name is Bethlehem," said La Rue. "We hope that Bethlehem, New York, will make room for a sign to wish those who drive by the Four Corners a 'Merry Christmas.'"

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■ OPINION

# Look at police and fire to balance budgets

There are three ways the Capital District's largest cities are balancing their budgets.

Schenectady got a casino. Albany has its hand out – again – \$12.5 million from the state.

And Troy Mayor Patrick Madden wants to take the easiest, least creative way out and just jack taxes.

Not one city has mentioned cutting police and/or fire, by far the largest expenses.

Schenectady's 2017 budget is \$85.6 million with \$19.5 million allocated for police and another \$10.4 million for fire.

In Albany, where the budget is \$177 million, \$54 million is for police and \$32.7 million for fire.

In Troy, where the proposed budget is \$72.4 million, there is \$19.2 million allocated for police and another \$16.5 for fire.

Those numbers are just salaries for the active guys and gals. It doesn't include benefits or their pensions, which is paid, obviously, for the rest of their lives.

And yet public safety is sacrosanct.

Commentary:

**Frankly Speaking**



As an aside, by the time this goes to print, the City of Troy will have another budget talk between the warring city Council and mayor's office.

The mayor wanted to jack taxes by 28 percent. If he didn't get his way, he said, he would have to lay off 90 people from every department ... except police and fire.

The Council, to its credit, said no way and offered a 12 percent tax increase. The mayor said no, the council in turn refused to override the tax cap, and only allow a .68 percent tax increase. If that stands, the mayor would have to trim some \$5.8 million by the end of 2017.

By Monday night, they would have either come to an agreement to raise taxes by 14 percent, the mayor's latest offer, and trim 2017 spending by about \$2.9 million or keep spending under the tax cap.

One thing is for sure,

though, public safety will not get touched.

A few years ago, officials in Troy and Albany floated proposals to close just one fire station in each city to consolidate operations and save some money. The respective unions, of course, blew a gasket and said small babies would surly perish if such an unthinkable thing happened. The public loves firefighters and, of course, didn't want to see small babies die, so many were against the move. The politicians caved, and Engine 1 in Albany and the North Street Station in Troy remain open.

Back to the police. When I first started covering Troy in around 1998 there were about 98 cops. Now there are 128.

In 1998, there were 2,482 index crimes in Troy, according to the state Department of Criminal Justice Services. Of those, 262 were considered violent.

In 2015, there were 2,441 index crimes reports in the city and 428 of those were violent.

Is it really worth 30 more cops?

On the other side of the public safety ledger in Colonie, which is just under 60 square miles and has a population of just under 84,000, every firefighter is volunteer. Just to compare, Albany is 21.8 square miles and had a population of about 95,000 as of 2013. Troy is just 11 square miles with a population of just under 50,000 and Schenectady is 10.9 square miles with a little less than 65,000 people.

I know the 12 different fire departments in Colonie love their toys – fire trucks and palace-like fire houses – but it's up to the taxpayers in each fire districts to approve or deny the budgets every year.

I know too cities are built differently. There are three- and four-story homes built within a foot or two of each other and fire in one of those could take out an entire block rather than a single

home built on its own lot in some subdivision.

Professional firefighters are certainly needed, but a compliment of volunteers could save money and provide the same service,

Try selling that one to the unions, and watch them up the ante on the number of dead babies.

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## From page 1 ... Full STEM ahead

maker culture, there is an emphasis placed on STEAM learning — Science, Technology, Engineering and Math ... with the addition of Arts and Design in the middle.

Hamagrael students now have access to some of the leading products in technology today, including littleBits STEAM Student Set, Dash Robot by Wonder Workshop, Code-a-Pillar by Fisher Price, Bloxels Build Your Own Video Games by Mattel, da Vinci Jr. 1.0 WiFi 3D Printer and a 7-inch Samsung Galaxy Tab A NOOK. The school will also receive books that teach how to use technology in the spirit of collaboration, cooperative learning and teamwork. The book prize package includes titles like Making Makers: Kids, Tools, and the Future of Innovation and Getting Started in Raspberry Pi.

“Students will be able to use it in their classrooms and we will be setting up a MakerSpace in the school,” Hepfer said. “We also hope to partner with students from the high school to help guide our young students as they explore this new technology.”

“Teachers will be receiving additional training from Barnes and Noble to learn how to use the [makerspace] materials,” said Hepfer, “such as lessons about coding and the use of the 3-D printer.”

The makerspace prize came at an opportune time for the Bethlehem Central School District, which also took part in the national Hour of Code initiative this week and had students from Slingerlands Elementary take first and second place in a Shark Tank-style innovation challenge at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. (For a remote-control suitcase and a double-sided skateboard.)

“This week happens to be Computer Science Education Week,” said BCSD Elementary Instructional Technology Administrator Laurel Jones, who organized the Hour of Code events that took place in all five district elementary schools. Hour of Code is a worldwide annual campaign sponsored by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org, in partnership with tech giants such as Microsoft, Google, Facebook, Apple and Amazon, as a way to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming.

“Think about your day,” said Jones. “How much time do you spend on technology for work or to communicate with friend and family? The students that are currently in elementary school have been surrounded by all of this their entire lives. Using technology is intuitive to them. We need to teach them to use it safely and productively. Technology gives students a voice and a choice in their learning. Coding and computer science skills focus on problem solving and creativity.

“You should have seen the enthusiasm yesterday as our five elementary buildings spent one hour on coding,” she said, noting that, while her position was a new one this year, several faculty members led the push to incorporate computer science and technology into elementary

“Introducing Computer Science at the K-5 level is not a new initiative. Others at the K-5 level have also used programming and robotics in their classrooms for years. We are now putting together a framework for all teachers to follow thus ensuring consistency across our five elementary buildings. The goal of the computer science framework for K-5 is not to produce programmers, but rather students that can solve problems and think critically.”

— Dave Hurst  
BCDS Assistant Superintendent

classrooms. “It’s taken off over the past few years,” she said. “I would like to help teachers integrate this important subject into their classrooms in relevant and meaningful ways.”

In addition to recently adding computer science courses—and differentiating them from mathematics courses—at the high school level, the district also held the first meeting of its K-5 Computer Science Cabinet last month.

“Introducing Computer Science at the K-5 level is not a new initiative,” District Assistant Superintendent Dave Hurst told *SpotlightNews*. “Others at the K-5 level have also used programming and robotics in their classrooms for years. We are now putting together a framework for all teachers to follow thus ensuring consistency across our five elementary buildings. The goal of the computer science framework for K-5 is not to produce programmers, but rather students that can solve problems and think critically.”

“Computer Science doesn’t mean just programming,” he said at the Nov. 16 Board of Education meeting. “It’s very broad. We’re looking to develop a map for what skills students should be required to obtain in kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth and fifth grades. After that, we’ll take a look at the middle school.”

Currently, only 40 percent of schools in the nation offer computer science courses, according to Code.org, yet computer science majors tend to earn about 40 percent more over their lifetime than the average college graduate. Computing jobs are currently the primary source of new wages in the U.S. and job openings are expected to grow at twice the rate of other jobs, leaving an expected dearth of job applicants — in less than ten years, statistics project there will be a million more jobs available than there will be computer-science graduates.

“When our students enter the workforce, programming jobs will be widely available,” said Jones. “A key part of understanding how best to integrate technology is recognizing that no one should use technology for its own sake. Technology in our schools is more than the bells and whistles of new equipment - it is about enhancing instruction and preparing our students for their future. Technology gives students a voice and a choice.”





**PICK OF THE WEEK**



**Buckstock**

A benefit to support the family of the late Albany musician Buck Malen showcases several local bands Sunday, Dec. 18 at The Hangar.

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**MUSIC**



# Keeping it simple

Local music instructor takes a Nintendo approach to teaching music

By **ROB JONAS**

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**CAPITAL DISTRICT** — Don Warren has a message for anyone who has wanted to learn to play a musical instrument, but is too afraid to take lessons: don't let fear hold you back.

Warren not only offers guitar lessons to students of all ages and abilities, but he also offers separate jam camps for teens and adults. Teens and adults meet four times a year at North Albany Studios on North Pearl Street in Albany. U-Rock Camps take place in February, July, August and November, while the adults jam camps are spaced three months apart.

Warren, who has been teaching full-time for the last 12 years after leaving the corporate world, said the camps began with his younger students.

*"I always tell my students, don't ever let me catch you practicing, but do let me see the results of your playing with the stuff that you've been getting. It's semantics, but it's a mindset . . . It's like video games. They get good at it not because they practice one move. They play it because they like it, and they get better. That's what's happening with these adults."*

— Don Warren, music instructor

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— Erik Carucci  
 Author

"The kind of guy Buck was, I recall an anecdote. If you asked him who he liked better, The Beatles or The Rolling Stones, he'd say The Dave Clark Five. He didn't go with the most popular."

— Scotty Mac,  
 local musician on Buck Malen

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# Back from retirement

By **ROB JONAS**  
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**ALBANY** — He is one of the biggest artists in modern music history — not just country music, but all genres.

She is one of country music's most popular female singers of the last 20 years.

Together, Garth Brooks and his wife, Trisha Yearwood, have had 28 No. 1 singles and sold hundreds of millions of albums in the United States alone. And on Saturday, March 11, the two of them will hit the stage at Albany's Times Union Center.

You might recall that Brooks retired from recording and touring in 2000 so he could focus his energy on being a dad to his kids. Now that his kids have all grown up, Brooks is back performing full-time and recently released a new album, "Gunslinger," that debuted at No. 4 on

Billboard Magazine's country albums charts.

Yearwood also released a new album earlier this year, with Brooks writing several songs for her. And, the couple also released an album of holiday duets called "Christmas Together," which was No. 2 on Billboard's country albums chart. Being away from the music scene clearly hasn't hurt their popularity.

Tickets are for \$74.98, and are only being sold through Ticketmaster via phone at 800-745-3000 or 866-448-7849, or via the internet at ticketmaster.com/garthbrooks. No tickets will be available at the Times Union Center box office or any other Ticketmaster location when they go on sale Friday, Dec. 16. And given that it is Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood, tickets won't be available for long once the sale begins.

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LITERATURE

# Dark fantasy novel set in Troy

Publication Party & Book Signing  
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**TROY** — A lifelong, blue-collared Trojan has published his first novel at age 44.

Erik Carucci, author of "Sempre Amore," is a native to Troy and has lived here his entire life. A 1990 graduate of Troy High, Carucci recalls a 12th grade English teacher who encouraged his writing in high school. Her support back then continues to motivate his writing today.

Carucci originally pursued a career in welding and attended a welding school directly after high school. He has worked several jobs in his life, including building maintenance at Troy Schools, and part-time security work for local watering hole, Ryan's Wake Public House.

"When I started telling people that I'd written a novel, they'd act really surprised," said Carucci, who at first thought people just couldn't imagine a blue collar worker had written a book. "I learned to stop being offended when I realized that the prospect of writing a novel is really daunting for a lot of people."

Writing and publishing his novel was one of the most stressful things Carucci



**MAN OF WORDS**  
—  
Erik Carucci.  
Troy native.  
Author.

Photo by Douglas Liebig

has ever done. Managing a 60-hour work week, Carucci would write in his spare time. He says the book took about three years to write and about eight months of editing.

## Novel Characters

In "Sempre Amore," Carucci presents a world where cosmic forces interact with life on earth. Two of the main characters, Ivan and Deth, both immortals, act as the main source of tension between good and evil as they learn in different ways to quench their thirst for blood. Careful to distinguish these characters from vampires, Carucci refers to them as "cosmic beings," who feed off of the life of others.

Ivan, who never wanted to be immortal and lives only for chaos and hate, has figured out a way to end his existence, along with the rest of the multiverse. Despite his near omnipotence, Deth cannot stop Ivan alone, so he enlists the help of another immortal, Tiberius, who lives among the mortals of planet Earth in Troy. Deth's time as protector of the multiverse is drawing to an end soon, and he must find a replacement to carry on his

work.

## A Troy Story

Most of the story takes place in a fictionalized Troy, where Tiberius works at a bar owned by Beth, a mortal he is in love with. Tiberius lives on Washington Park in the home where Deth originally lived before "the change" made him a cosmic being and protector of the multiverse. Like the author's own Italian grandfather, Tiberius is an immigrant who previously worked as a carpenter in Italy. (The title of the book is Italian for "Forever Love.")

Among the themes that *Sempre Amore* explores are the issues of being a "transplant," or new resident, in Troy and trying to fit in with the population that has lived here longer. Beth is new to the city and is coming to love the place. Tiberius is a native of Troy, but he too must deal with being different from the others as a transformed cosmic being.

"I covered what it means to be a native of Troy and a transplant, which is a topic that comes up now with more people moving here," Carucci said. "I learned a long time ago from Stephen King that you should 'write about what you know.' Troy is only place on this planet, that I feel connected to or grounded in."

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■ PICK OF THE WEEK

# Local music to rally for Malen

Buckstock at The Hangar Sunday, Dec. 18

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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**TROY** — Described as a man who helped keep the local music scene together, that community is now rallying together for a one night benefit in his name.

Buck Malen died Sunday, Nov. 13 at the age of 66, leaving behind a family of two children, Katryn and Mikael, and a sister, carol bombard. He also left behind an extended family that grew in live music venues like Pauly's Hotel, where he spent the past several years hosting Blues Jam, a weekly jam session with Scotty Mac every Monday.

"He taught me a lot about music," said Scott Mac, who took responsibility of Blues Jam

■ IF YOU GO

- **What:** Buckstock
- **When:** 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18;
- **Where:** The Hangar, 675 River Street; Troy
- **How much:** \$10
- **Info:** Several local bands and solo artists to play, and a silent auction of Buck Malen's original prints

just a few months before Malen died. Mac recalled meeting Malen 30 years ago. "I met him when I was 19 years old. I'm 49 now. ... We shared an interest in the same music."

Malen played bass and rhythm guitar for numerous bands over the years, since returning



Buck Malen / Facebook

to Albany from Florida in the early '80s. Those groups included French Letter, Johnny Rabb & The Jailhouse Rockers, the Jivebombers, the Staynz, Susan & The Surftones and the Bucakadelics.

A benefit to support Malen's family has been organized by Joe and Jen Mele, called Buckstock.

The Sunday, Dec. 18 show plays to a Troy crowd at The Hangar with several bands Mac helped organize: Super 400, Mac & Harrison, Matt Mirable Band featuring Jill Hughes, Big Frank & The Bargin Bingers, Chirs Busone Band, Johnny Rabb & The Tichy Boys and more.

■ WHAT'S HAPPENING

## The FREE-QX Concert Series

Vapor at Saratoga Casino Hotel — Thursday, Dec. 15

**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — Colony House is to perform at Vapor, along with special guests Girl Blue and One Red Martian, Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m.

The four-piece indie rock band out of Tennessee reached No. 154 on the Billboard Top 200 after its 2014 debut with "When I was Younger."

"You & I", a track off its latest release "Only The Lonely" has received a generous amount of playtime on WEQX. — The video is entertaining alone.

Soulful artist Girl Blue has quickly earned popularity with a Spotify audience that has listened to "Fire Under Water" more than a million times since its October release. This Albany native may soon shake the label of "local" artist.

One Red Martian embraces the genre of neurotic independent pop. This four-piece band out of Albany incorporates soul driving vocal with lyrically rich songs. The band released its latest album, "Late" in April.

Doors for the event open at 7 p.m. Attendees must be 21 years old or older. For information, go to saratogacasino.com.

## Cannon the Brave with Jasper

Madison Theater — Friday, Dec. 16

**ALBANY** — Cannon the Brave, the Albany indie pop band, is throwing a EP release party at Madison Theater, Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Cannon the Brave was featured earlier this year at Albany's LarkFest and its single "Sometimes" is available now on iTunes.

Tickets are \$10. For information, call 438-2094.

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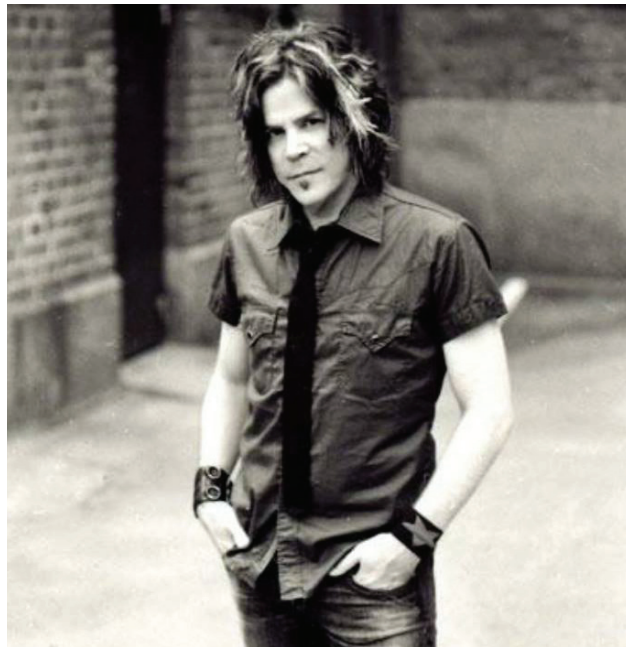
# Night & Day

## Night: Tony Harnell of TNT at Chrome Food & Spirits

**WATERFORD** — Chrome Food & Spirits will shine bright on Friday, Dec. 16, as it welcomes critically acclaimed rock vocalist, songwriter and producer Tony Harnell with guitarist Andre "Virus" Karkos for a live performance at 8 p.m.

Best known as the lead vocalist for Norwegian hard rock band TNT, Harnell has a distinctive and powerful voice with a range and strength few others are able to achieve. Driven by his lifelong love of music, he has the ability to pull listeners in with his warm and honest approach and personality. According to his 2013 bio, hearing Harnell "live is anything but commercial; indeed, one leaves feeling as if they've been invited to a private affair and blessed by the voice of genius."

Hairband Riot will open the concert with a rare acoustic set, followed by a special appearance by



Tony Harnell

Photo provided

Moriah Formica.

Advance tickets are available online at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2596493](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2596493) for \$10 (plus a \$1.34 service fee), while tickets at the door will cost \$15.

For more information, visit <http://Goin2chrome.com>.

Chrome is located at 405 Hudson River Road (U.S. Route 4 and N.Y. Route 32) in Waterford.

## Day: Disney on Ice presents Dare to Dream



The cast of "Dare to Dream."

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**ALBANY** — Feld Entertainment's newest ice spectacular, Disney on Ice presents "Dare to Dream," skates into the Times Union Center in Albany

Thursday, Dec. 15 through Sunday, Dec. 18.

Join Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald and Goofy as they follow four of Disney's most

inspirational princesses on their adventures to fulfill their dreams.

Audiences begin their magical, musical voyage in New Orleans celebrating the story of "The Princess and the Frog" with Princess Tiana and Prince Naveen, and then escape into the enchanted forest with Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The trip continues to Cinderella's kingdom in her search for true love and follows Rapunzel as she discovers the world beyond her tower on her quest to see the floating lanterns. The Disney Princesses then come together for the first time on ice during the finale, to welcome Rapunzel into their royal court.

Individual ticket prices for non-premium performances (7 p.m. shows on Thursday, Dec. 15, Friday, Dec. 16, and Saturday, Dec. 17) range from \$18 to \$63 while those for premium performances (11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18) range from \$23 to \$78. All patrons ages two and older must have a ticket.

Tickets are available for purchase online at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com), by phone at Ticketmaster Charge by Phone at (800) 745-3000, or in person at either the Times Union Center Box Office or select Walmart locations.

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# ARTS CALENDAR

**Roux**  
10-01 Vista Blvd., Slingerlands. 487-4358  
Wed: **Skip Parsons' Clarinet Marmalade Trio** | 6 p.m.  
**Rustic Barn Pub**  
150 Speigletown Road, Troy. 235-5858  
Thur: **Open Mic with Too Gone Daddies** | 8 p.m.  
Fri: **Dead Ahead NY** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **True Grit Outlaws** | 8 p.m.  
Every Sun: **Maurizio Russomanno** | 4 p.m.  
**Sake Japanese Steakhouse**  
611 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. 785-7215  
Sat: **New Edge** | 7:30 p.m.  
**Speakeasy 518**  
42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2332  
Wed: **Tyler Giroux** | 8 p.m.  
Thur: **Bryan Brundige Duo** | 9 p.m.  
Fri: **Brian Patneau Trio** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Phil Allen Trio** | 9 p.m.  
Mon: **Joe Finn** | 8 p.m.  
Tue: **Justin Henricks Duo** (Boogaloo Night) | 8 p.m.  
**Stockade Inn**  
1 North Church St., Schenectady. 346-3400  
Thur: **Completely Different** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **George Krakat** | 7 p.m.  
**Troy Kitchen**  
77 Congress St, Troy, 268-0068  
Thur: **Brooklyn Connection** | 7 & 8:30 p.m.  
Every Fri: **DJ Lounge** | 11 p.m.

**Twisted Vine**  
384 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. 439-3241  
Fri: **Jazz Connection** | 8 p.m.  
**Upstate Concert Hall**  
1208 New York 146, Clifton Park. 371-0012 or upstateconcerthall.com  
Wed: **Sick Puppies** | 6:30 p.m.  
Fri: **Strangelove: The Depeche Mode Experience** | 7:30 p.m.  
**The Van Dyck**  
237 Union St., Schenectady. 348-7999  
Thur: **Colleen Pratt & Friends** | 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.  
**Wellington's**  
Renaissance Albany Hotel, 144 State St., Albany. 992-2432  
Fri: **Allen Halstead & 'Azzaam Hameed** | 6 p.m.  
**Yono's**  
25 Chapel St., Albany. 436-7747  
Fri and Sat: **Hamilton Street Jazz Duo** | 6:30 p.m.

14, 7:30 p.m., Mark Cornell Auditorium, Colonie Central High School, 1 Raider Drive, Colonie. Free. Information: David Knorr, 764-2712.  
**Cherish the Ladies: Celtic Christmas**  
Celtic band puts its signature mark on classic carols. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$29 and \$34. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.  
**CBS6 Melodies of Christmas**  
See the Empire State Youth Orchestra and Youth Chorale perform seasonal classics, with special guests Fireworks Ensemble, the Northeast Ballet and Orlando's School of Dance. Dec. 15-18, Proctors Mainstage, 432 State St., Schenectady. Shows: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m. Tickets: \$15 and \$25. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.  
**Mountain Snow Orchestra**  
Kevin McKrell, Brian Melick and John Kirk continue the tradition of the annual holiday concert started by Chris Shaw and Bridget Ball. Dec. 16, 8 p.m., Swyer Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$25. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.  
**Lapalux**  
London-based artist and rising star of electronic music. Dec. 16, 8 p.m.,



**A comedy of errors**  
Curtain Call Theatre in Latham presents its production of "Out Of Order" through the end of the year. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call 877-7529. Photo courtesy of Curtain Call Theatre

## MUSIC

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- ACROSS**

  1. Panhandles
  5. Acquiesce
  10. Stone
  14. A dissolute man
  15. Discover
  17. Paying in fixed amounts at specified intervals (2 wds)
  20. "C'\_\_\_ la vie!"
  21. Speech problem
  22. Familiarize
  23. Conk out
  24. Lying, maybe
  25. Sprawled out
  30. \_\_\_ de deux
  33. Parenting challenges
  34. \_\_\_-bodied
  35. "Buona \_\_\_" (Italian greeting)
  36. "-zoic" things
  37. Longing looks
  38. Acclaim
  39. Anger, with "up"
  40. "Guilty," e.g.
  41. Egg: Prefix
  42. "A Nightmare on \_\_\_ Street"
  43. A large species of mammal (2 wds.)
  45. Coin opening
  46. Afflict
  47. Fur pieces
  50. Chooses, with "for"
  52. Affirmative vote
  55. Buckle
  58. Song and dance, e.g.
  59. Coach
  60. Buddies
  61. Shrub
  62. Black
  63. Sort

**DOWN**

  1. Cheese on crackers
  2. A long, long time
  3. Burst of wind
  4. Undertake, with "out"
  5. Joined by treaty
  6. Hair goops
  7. Alternative to steps
  8. "... \_\_\_ he drove out of sight"
  9. Confers titles of nobility
  10. Fleet
  11. Eye
  12. \_\_\_-grape juice
  13. German philosopher
  18. Assumed name
  19. Certain surgeon's "patient"
  23. Crowded
  24. Radiant
  25. About 1.3 cubic yards
  26. Danger
  27. Camelot, to Arthur
  28. Young raptor
  29. Less inept
  30. Necklace item
  31. Come to mind
  32. Corporate department
  35. Bar
  37. Completely different
  41. Trick-taking game
  43. Knocked off, in a way
  44. Wet
  45. Splash around
  47. Attempt
  48. By way of, briefly
  49. Crumbs
  50. "Beetle Bailey" dog
  51. Relating to sound
  52. "Shoo!"
  53. Canine cry
  54. "... or \_\_\_!"
  56. Center
  57. Decide to leave, with "out"
- Answers on Pg. B34

## ARTS CALENDAR

EMPAC, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 110 Eighth St., Troy. Information: empac.rpi.edu.

### Ten Broeck Mansion Holiday House: Helderberg Madrigals

Enjoy afternoon coffee and desserts and holiday songs performed by the full ensemble of the Helderberg Madrigal Singers. Dec. 17, 2 p.m., Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany. \$25 (\$20 ACHA members); reservations requested. Information: tenbroeckmansion.org.

### The West Point Benny Havens Band

The United States Military Academy's dynamic music group performs its annual holiday show. Dec. 17, 7 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Free; reservations required. Information: 465-5233 or thelinda.org.

### Capital Community Voices presents 'All is Calm, All is Bright'

Regional choir performs a musical tribute to the Christmas truce of 1914, including readings from German, French and British soldiers writing about their experiences during the truce called during World War I, as well as French, German and Scottish Christmas songs to go along with the popular holiday selections. Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m., Genet Elementary School, Route 4, East Greenbush. Tickets: adults \$10, students/seniors \$8.

### Christmas Sinatra Style with the Joey Thomas Big Band

Celebrate the season with swinging takes on holiday classics. Dec. 17, 7:30



## Fast-rising folk stars

Folk Alliance Award-winning group Darlingside headlines a show at The Egg Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. For tickets or more information, call The Egg box office at 473-1845 or visit [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org).

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p.m., GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$35. Information: 346-6204 or [www.proctors.org](http://www.proctors.org)

**Ten Broeck Mansion Holiday House: Musicians of Ma'alwyck**  
Enjoy refreshments while listening to this talented duo play Christmas tunes from around

the world. Dec. 18, 3 p.m., Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany. \$25 (\$20 ACHA members); reservations requested. Information: tenbroeckmansion.org.

### Darlingside

Winners of the Folk Alliance's Artist of the Year award, with special guests Fall

Heights. Dec. 18, 7 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$29.50. Information: 473-1845 or [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org).

### The Eighth Step presents: Sing Solstice!

Annual winter concert featuring Magpie

and Kim & Reggis Harris. Dec. 18, 7 p.m., GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$26-\$40. Information: 346-6204 or [www.proctors.org](http://www.proctors.org).

### Albany High School Choir Holiday Concert

Performing a number of classic and stir-

ring holiday songs. Dec. 20, 12:15 p.m., Albany Public Library Main Branch, 161 Washington Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 427-4300.

## THEATER

### 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.; and special noon matinee Dec. 24. Tickets: \$25-\$65. Information: 445-7469 or [capitalrep.org](http://capitalrep.org).

### Out of Order

A comedy about a date that goes horribly wrong. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Dec. 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](http://www.curtaincalltheatre.com).

### A Christmas Carol

Staging Youths' Future's production of the Charles Dickens classic. Dec. 16-18, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. Shows: 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$15. Information: [palacealbany.com](http://palacealbany.com).

### London's National Theatre: No Man's Land

Following their hit run on Broadway, Ian McKellen and Patrick Stewart return to the West End stage in Harold Pinter's "No Man's Land," broadcast live to cinemas from Wyndham's Theatre, London. Dec.

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**JAN. 6**  
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The Mallet Brothers Band  
The Hollow  
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The Cohoes Music Hall  
7:00 doors / 8:00 show  
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## ARTS CALENDAR

18, 3 p.m., Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. Tickets: \$17. Information: 413-528-0100 or www.mahaiwe.org.

### COMEDY

#### The Funny Bone

**Christopher Titus**, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. **Matt Bergman**, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.; and Dec. 18, 7 p.m. **Corey Holcomb**, Dec. 16, 7:30 and 10 p.m.; and Dec. 17, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Crossgates Mall, 1 Crossgates Mall Road, Guilderland. Information: 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com.

#### The Comedy Works

**Ray Harrington**, Dec. 16 and 17, 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 Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$52.50. Information: palacealbany.com.

#### Comedy's Best Kept Secret Tour

**Dan Frigolette** ("Boardwalk Empire," "Bob and Tom," "Wendy Williams Show") brings 2016 Make Me Laugh Albany Winners **Adam Gabel** and Albany comedians **Cody Montayne**, **Tommy McGuire** and few special guests. Dec. 16, 8 p.m., Lark Tavern, 453 Madison Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$10-\$12. Information: www.eventbrite.com/e/comedys-best-kept-secret-tour-2016-tickets-15673753619.

### DANCE

#### Albany Berkshire Ballet

Regional ballet troupe performs "The Nutcracker." Dec. 17, 1:30 and 5:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$25-\$40. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

#### Singles Outreach Holiday Dance

Celebrate the season by dancing to the music of Derrick Horton and the Jay Street Band. Refreshments are available, and there will be a 50/50 drawing and holiday baskets. Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Danceland, 638 Columbia St. Ext., Latham. Admission: \$12. Information: 452-6883.

### FAMILY

#### 3D Snowflakes

Learn how to make a 3D snowflake to bust your winter boredom. Dec. 14, 4 p.m., Castleton Public Library, 85 South Main St., Castleton-on-Hudson. Information: 732-0879 or www.castletonpubliclibrary.org.

#### A Charlie Brown Christmas

Park Playhouse Kids' production based on the classic Peanuts animated TV special. Dec. 17 and 18, Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Shows: 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 17, 2 p.m. Dec. 18. Tickets: adults \$20, children 12 and under free. Information: palacealbany.com.

#### A Charlie Brown Christmas

Home Made Theater's stage adaptation of the animated TV special. 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 4:30 p.m. performance on Dec.

17. Tickets: adults \$18, children 12 and under \$12. Information: 587-4427 or www.homemadetheater.org.

#### Albany Figure Skating Club Winter Ice Show

Featuring young figure skaters from all over the Capital District in solo and group performances, as well as the Club's beginner synchronized skating team. The Capital District of New York Cutting Edge synchronized skating teams will also perform. Dec. 17, 1 p.m., Bethlehem Area YMCA, 900 Delaware Ave., Bethlehem. Information: albanyfsc.org.

#### Disney On Ice presents:

##### Dare to Dream

Join Mickey and Minnie Mouse as they share the heroic stories of Snow White, Cinderella, Princess Tiana and Rapunzel. Dec. 15-18, Times Union Center, 51 South Pearl St., Albany. Shows: 7 p.m. Dec. 15 and 16; 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. Dec. 17; and 2 p.m. Dec. 18. Tickets: evening shows \$18-\$63, matinees \$23-\$78. Information: www.timesunioncenter-albany.com.

##### '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, through Dec. 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.

##### 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

#### Food for Thought

See Jon Reiner's documentary "Tree Man," about a man from Quebec who sells Christmas trees in New York City every December. Dec. 15, 7 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$8. Information: 465-5233 or thelinda.org.

#### It Came From Schenectady: The Found Footage Festival

Video obscurities, oddities and unmentionables get their 15 seconds of fame. Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$15, students \$10. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

#### Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

The original film starring Gene Wilder as the eccentric chocolate factory owner. Dec. 17, 4 p.m., Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. Tickets: \$7. Information: 413-528-0100 or www.mahaiwe.org.

#### Jewish Film Festival:

##### The Green Prince

Based on Mosab Hassan Yousef's bestselling memoir, "Son of Hamas," this

film exposes a complex world of terror, betrayal and impossible choices. Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Schenectady Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna. Information: 377-8803 or www.schenectadyjcc.org.

#### Citizen's Bank Movie Series

See "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," starring Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelis. Dec. 19, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$5. Information: palacealbany.com.

#### Music Hall Movie Series

See the original "Miracle on 34th Street." Dec. 20, 7 p.m., Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. Tickets: \$5. Information: palacealbany.com.

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## ARTS CALENDAR

### LITERARY

**Richard Lovich and Michael Eck**  
Signing copies of their book, "Encore: Proctors at 90." Dec. 17, 1 p.m., Open Door Bookstore & Gift Gallery, 128 Jay St., Schenectady. Information: 346-2719.

### EDUCATION

**Synagogue Scholars**  
Opalka Gallery director Elizabeth Greenberg discusses the impact and influence on American Jews on the fashion industry. Dec. 16, following the 8 p.m. service, B'nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany. Information: 482-5283 or www.bnaisholomalbany.org.

**Brian Food for the Curious: Bowfin Taxonomy and Systematics — Re-evaluating a Century of Stasis**  
Hear about current research efforts to unravel the complex history of the bowfin, a primitive fish found throughout New York and the eastern United States. Dec. 20, 12:10 p.m., Huxley Theater, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Free. Information: 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Festival of Trees**  
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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.

**Old Songs African Drum Class**  
Learn African drumming with instructor John Dickson. Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Information: 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

**Ten Broeck Mansion Holiday House Candlelit Tour**  
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**Albany Devils**  
American Hockey League team, hosting the Binghamton Senators Dec. 21, 7 p.m., Times Union Center, 51 South Pearl St., Albany. Tickets: adults \$22-\$35, children/seniors \$18-\$31. Information: thealbanydevils.com.

### 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," "Ancient Egypt" and more. 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 463-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

**Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center**  
"Karner Station," a special exhibit focusing on where the Karner Blue butterfly was first documented near the Karner Train Station, through Dec. 31; plus "Pine Bush Perspectives" photo exhibit. 195 New Karner 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," through April 2; "Photography and Discovery," through Feb. 5; "Thomas Schutte: Crystal," through Oct. 9. 2017.

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. Information: 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.

**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.

**The Laffer Gallery**  
"Upstate Artists," the gallery's annual juried group show as chosen by Tony Iadicicco, through Jan. 8. 96 Broad St., Schuylerville. Information: 695-3181 or 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.

### miSci

"Tinkering: Bring Out Your Inner Engineer," a hands-on exhibit from the San Francisco Exploratorium, through May 17. Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information: 382-7890 or www.miSci.org.

### National Museum of Dance

"50 Years at SPAC," celebrating the golden anniversary of the venerable performance venue; "The Dancing

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

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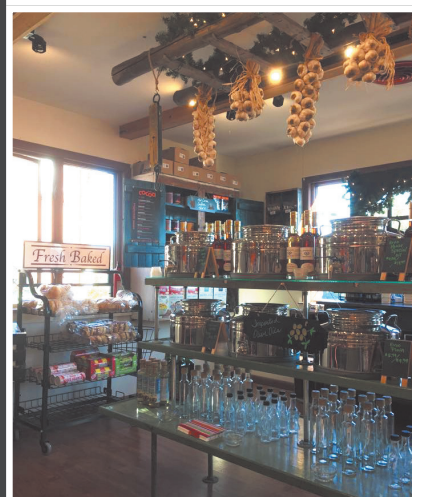
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## New York State Museum

"The People's Art: Selectios 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 Archeological Perspective of Albany" and more. Empire State Plaza, Albany. Information: 474-5877 or 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.

## 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.

## Saratoga Clay Arts Center

"Winter Wares, Quiet Forms," featuring the recent work of Josh Smith. 167 Hayes Road, Schuylerville. Information: 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.

## 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

### 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 Jan. 6. There is a \$250 prize for "Best in Show," as well as other awards and prizes. Artwork must be delivered and registration forms must be turned in Dec. 18 and 19 at the new studio space. Information: 462-4775 or email Tony Iadicco at director@albanycentergallery.org.

### Schenectady County Historical Society

Seeking family history anecdotes, photographs, artifacts and other objects for its World War I exhibition, "Together

Until the End: Schenectady in the First World War." Information: contact Mary Zawacki at 374-0263, ext. 4 or curator@schenectadyhistorical.org.

### Center for Disability Services Telethon auditions

Seeking choral groups, soloists, specialty acts and dance troupes for the upcoming telethon, to be broadcast on Jan. 29 at the Radisson Hotel Albany on Wolf Road. Auditions take place Sunday, Jan. 8, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 400 Old Loudon Road, Latham. Performers may audition only one piece, with a 3-minute limit. Information: 944-2120 or www.cfdnsny.org.

### Lake George Arts Project

Accepting exhibition proposals for its

Courthouse Gallery, through Jan. 31. Send 10-12 images, a résumé and artist info. Information: www.lakegeorgearts.org.

### Saratoga Arts

Seeking volunteers to help during First Night Saratoga Dec. 31. Volunteers can chose to work 3- or 6-hour shifts between 6 p.m. and midnight. Information: 584-4132, ext. 208 or email mhenninger@saratoga-arts.org.

### Thursday Musical Club

All women's chorus seeks new members. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 603 State St., Schenectady. Information: email mlekd@verizon.net.

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# HOROSCOPES

December 2016 — Week 3

<p><b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19</p> <p>A friend is harboring a juicy secret. Patience, Capricorn. All will be revealed in good time. The trail of paperwork leads straight to you.</p>	<p><b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19</p> <p>All aboard, Aries. Holiday fun ahead. First up is a little get-together with old friends. Enjoy the trip down memory lane. A party could be on tap, too.</p>	<p><b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22</p> <p>Some people have no filter. Don't let what an acquaintance says get to you, Cancer. They have no clue how hurtful they can be. A wish is fulfilled.</p>	<p><b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22</p> <p>You're making great strides, and a goal is finally within reach. Come on, Libra, you can do it! A loved one has far too much at stake to take such a risk.</p>
<p><b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18</p> <p>Aggravation is par for the course. You will encounter many twists and turns along the way, but with perseverance, Aquarius, you will succeed.</p>	<p><b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20</p> <p>Friends near and far gather for the event of the year. Let the good times roll, Taurus. A spark of creativity turns a neglected room into the place to be.</p>	<p><b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22</p> <p>Oh, Leo. Some situations just cannot be helped. Give yourself a break. You did all that you could. A gift from a loved one provides a nice pick-me-up.</p>	<p><b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21</p> <p>Wait, Scorpio, wait! You're the right person for the job, but not everyone realizes that. Give it some time, and you will make a splash.</p>
<p><b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20</p> <p>Your colleague has no clue, Pisces. Be kind and let them know what is really happening. Regrouping at home gets things moving once more.</p>	<p><b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21</p> <p>The spirit of adventure hits, and you're off! Make sure you take a camera, Gemini. Festivities at the office resume after hours at a favorite hangout.</p>	<p><b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22</p> <p>Hey, Virgo. You've been in the dark long enough. Time to ask some questions and get to the bottom of things fast. An auto repair is made with ease.</p>	<p><b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21</p> <p>Appreciation is hard to come by this week. You surpass expectations, but no one seems to care. Do something nice for yourself. You deserve it, Sagittarius.</p>

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# Food & Vino

Desserts

By ANN LINDA CIOTOLI  
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## CULINARY ARTS

### Oreo Truffles

#### Ingredients — yields 50

1 8 ounce pkg. of Oreos finely chopped  
 1 8 ounce pkg. of cream cheese cheese, softened  
 1 lb. white baking chocolate

#### Preparation

In a large bowl combine crushed cookies and cream cheese. Using a mixer on low speed, blend well. Form one inch balls by hand. Dip truffles in white chocolate and place each one on a baking sheet. Cover with wax paper and refrigerate for one hour or until firm. To store them, cover and refrigerate.

### Red Wine Brownies with Drunken Cranberries

#### Ingredients

3/4 cup red wine (use good quality)  
 1/2 cup dried cranberries  
 1 cup flour  
 1/2 tsp. sea salt  
 1 stick butter (1/2 cup) plus extra for greasing the pan  
 6 ounces of dark or semi-sweet chocolate (or half and half)  
 1 1/2 cups of sugar

3 large eggs  
 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

#### Preparation

Soak cranberries in wine until they are plump and juicy. If there is any excess wine, pour off. Combine the flour and sea salt in a bowl, and set aside. Melt the chocolate and butter over boiling water. Remove the bowl and let cool. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing as you go. Add the other ingredients, except cranberries, and walnuts. Add the walnuts, and cranberries last. Pour into an 8 x 8 pan that you've greased with butter and floured. Bake at 350°F for 50-55 minutes, or until a tester inserted in brownies comes out with just crumbs. Let cool for 30 minutes. Cut into bars. (The number of brownies will depend on how they are cut).

#### Wine Pairing

Monetto II Prosecco — Veneto, Italy — This sparkling white is straw colored, and has fruity and floral aromas. It has fresh crisp tastes of apple and pear.

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■ HEALTH AND FITNESS

# Don't be 'that' guy

There is an etiquette to follow when attending your local gym; most people call it common sense, and some simply lack both

By **DAN ROMAND**  
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The other day I was "visiting" one of the local big box gyms and ran across "That Guy". I'm sure many of you have seen "That Guy" at the gym. The one strutting around 1-gallon water jug in hand, flexing his muscles in his tank top.

Well, as I was working out, I paid attention to him and how he essentially took over the place. He grabbed his bench and then proceeded to make a rainbow of dumbbells around it. Grunting as he lifted and putting on a show, he epitomized the typical "musclehead" we all know and... well, despise.

I've seen these type of people in the gym for many years and, no, it's not just guys that do it.

So, I thought I'd throw together a little list of my Top 10 Gym Fails You Must Not Do!

In no particular order:

**10. Not wiping down the equipment after you use it:** Yes, I know it's hot, I

know you're working hard, but I really don't want to be sitting in your pool of sweat after you're done with the machine and no... it's not my job to wipe it down

**9. Not using deodorant:** Again, yes you will sweat but if I can smell you across the room well then let me introduce you to this new piece of fitness equipment called a shower.

**8. Putting on a ton of perfume before you workout:** oh yeah nothing I like better than being on a cardio machine and having someone get on the one next to me reeking of perfume to the point I can LITERALLY taste it in my mouth.... Seriously? Again, there's this new piece of equipment... oh and it's not just the ladies that do this. I swear some of these guys have stock in Axe body spray.

**7. Hogging the equipment:** Ever see the guy who's got a bunch of dumbbells piled up around him. Yeah, don't be him. Take the one or two pairs you



**THIS GUY?**  
He's cool, but break the rules, and he's gonna get mad.

need and leave the rest for us. The guy I mentioned above... he had 11 different pairs of dumbbells arranged around him. I'm not sure if he was trying to impress the ladies, but most of us looked at him and said what a putz. (Well, it was another word but I'm trying to follow No. 4, coming up.)

**6. Hogging the equipment, part deux:** You got a call on your cell. Okay, maybe it really is life threatening and you do need to take it. What you don't need to do is sit on the leg press machine for 30 minutes while on the phone giving dirty looks to anyone who wants to use it. And

if it's not urgent... take the call outside or tell them you'll call back... We really don't need to listen to you talking to your girlfriend about how bad your relationship is.

**5. Not putting the equipment away when you're done:** The aforementioned putz, yeah, when he was done, just walked away and left all 11 pairs of dumbbells sitting there on the floor. I felt bad for the woman behind the fitness counter who had to put them all away. Clean up after yourself.

**4. Language:** Now look, I've been

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The Further Unsound is (left to right) Cole Riddering, Sean Cranston and Matt Malone.

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**BAND PROFILE**

# The Further Unsound

Three-piece rock band out of upstate is a revolution in the making

By **RALPH RENNA**  
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Almost 40 years ago, the world was inspired by the lyric “Break on through to the other side” and the future of music was about to explode. A

generation was about to change, they were ready to fight the establishment and now they had the soundtrack to do so. It was a time when music reflected more art, improvisation, and poetry. Forty years later that same musical work ethic is being applied in

upstate New York.

This experimental three-piece project has made its way at warp speed, gaining recognition locally and performing live all over the East Coast.

“I mean, this is how my brain is wired man,” said guitarist and vocalist Matt Malone. “We all have our own way to interpret our feelings to the world and playing live happens to be how I like to do it.”

Which is exactly how this group took it to another level when writing and recording its latest release. “Along For The Ride” was a culmination of songs written by Malone, Cole Riddering and the band’s founding member, Sean Cranston.

“I’m a firm believer that playing live is where it counts most,” said Cranston.

“Along For The Ride”, was recorded at the The Linda Norris Auditorium in November 2015 and released in 2016.

Riddering, the band’s bassist, was the last piece in the puzzle. Prior to bringing Riddering into the project, Malone and Cranston sold everything they had, packed the car and headed to the West Coast.

With no time restraints, the three booked shows and jammed at random open mics and house gigs along the way, with just the desire to just play where ever they

could in their travels.

“The live recording of ‘Along For The Ride’ was a good experience, it showed me how much of a conduit I was between my bandmates and pushed me to become exactly that,” said Riddering. “The great thing about writing new music is that we have become a band in the last year and a half, we understand what we’re trying to do with our individual styles and are understanding how to put our talents together. The last album was awesome but I’m excited to be a part of the entire process this time around.”

Non-stop hard work has brought The Further Unsound into territory none of the bandmembers expected. Since the album’s release, The Further Unsound has played live with Creed Bratton (of The Office), the Launch Music Conference in Lancaster, Penn., the Willimantic Connecticut Street Festival and the recent Drink Albany Fest.

“Touring the world would be ideal for the future,” said Cranston. “We have started writing our next batch of tunes and, from what we’ve started, I’ve got a feeling that our next effort will be more unique than its two predecessors.”

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Melodies of Christmas is the Capital Region's premiere holiday extravaganza featuring the Empire State Youth Orchestra and Youth Chorale with special guests Fireworks Ensemble, the Northeast Ballet and Orlando's School of Dance. Net proceeds benefit the Melodies Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders at the Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center.

Tickets start at \$15. For more information or to buy tickets visit [www.proctors.org/events](http://www.proctors.org/events) or call 518-346-6204.

**Impractical Jokers at The Palace**

ALBANY — The Tenderloins will perform on Friday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. at the Palace Theatre at 19 Clinton Ave. in Albany.

The 'Santiago Sent Us' tour is a mix of stand-up, never-before-seen hidden camera videos, stories and insight into the Impractical Jokers TV show.

Tickets are \$52.50. For more information or to buy tickets call 518-

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**Mountain Snow Orchestra at the Egg**

ALBANY — The Mountain Snow Orchestra will perform on Friday, Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. at the Egg in the Empire State Plaza.

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CONCERT REVIEW

# Saratoga gets down with Turkuaz

Putnam Den treated to the funk of Turkuaz and The New Mastersounds

By ERIN CLARY  
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**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — Funk comes in all shapes and sizes these days. Those eager to see two very different versions headed to the Putnam Den in Saratoga on Tuesday, Dec. 6 to see The New Mastersounds, originally from the U.K., co-headline with Brooklyn's Turkuaz.

Each boasts a unique style, but brought anyone with a pulse to their feet that night. The show was part of an extensive tour to promote a split 7" vinyl featuring both bands performing a cover song from the other's catalog, while also joining in on the collaboration.

The New Mastersounds came as a pleasant surprise to those witnessing the foursome's raw talent for the first time. The band makes its rounds on this side of the pond, but the majority of those in attendance had likely never seen them before.

With slicked back hair and a blue suit jacket complete with a pocket square, guitarist Eddie Roberts paralleled his fashion swagger with his musical prowess. He laid down soulful yet jazzy riffs throughout the evening with ease. Pete Shand thudded the bass to bring the familiar foundation of funk this upstate New York crowd came to see. The level of technicality in which Joe Tatton wailed on the organ was impressive and moving, even adding synthesized tones later in the set. The funk was here and the crowd was loving it, whistling loudly indicating their



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approval and awe.

Its set was upbeat and drove harder and faster as it progressed. The band slowed it down slightly to do a one-of-a-kind version of Sneaker Pimp's "Six Underground," a song that became popular in the '90s, included on the soundtrack of the movie "Can't Hardly Wait."

Without a horn section, its sound is old-timey soul but with a modern funk that hits just right. The band welcomed Turkuaz saxophone player Greg Sanderson on stage who fits the band like a glove. Den dwellers had fogged up the windows at this point and many headed outside to catch some air only to be sprinkled with wet snowflakes. The already thick crowd swelled as more joined the party for Turkuaz.

Anticipation built as the nine-piece ensemble entered the stage and prepared to take off. "You're in for a treat" was heard muttered in the crowd from the more experienced Turkuaz fans to some of the "newbs." They

weren't wrong.

The band set sail into fan favorite "Bubba," and then to a speedy rendition of "Percy Thrills, The Moondog." After big songs, the explosions of color and sounds end abruptly as the lights shut completely off on stage, like a period indicating the end of a sentence.

The Turkuaz ladies, Sammi Garrett and Shira Elias, choreographed its moves and vocals to add a splash of Motown to the pop funk. Chris Brouwers keyboard skills were reminiscent of the digital sounds of the 1980s. Josh Schwartz took a break from the sax and sang, and "Dude's got some pipes on him," was overheard in the crowd.

Shira Elias and Sammi Garrett took the lead vocals on a funky rendition of The Band's "Don't Do It," providing a welcomed twist on the beloved classic. The energetic and colorful evening came to a close with a one-two punch of "Chatte Lunatique" and "Ballad of Castor Troy" in which drummer Michelangelo Carubba delivered a solid solo.

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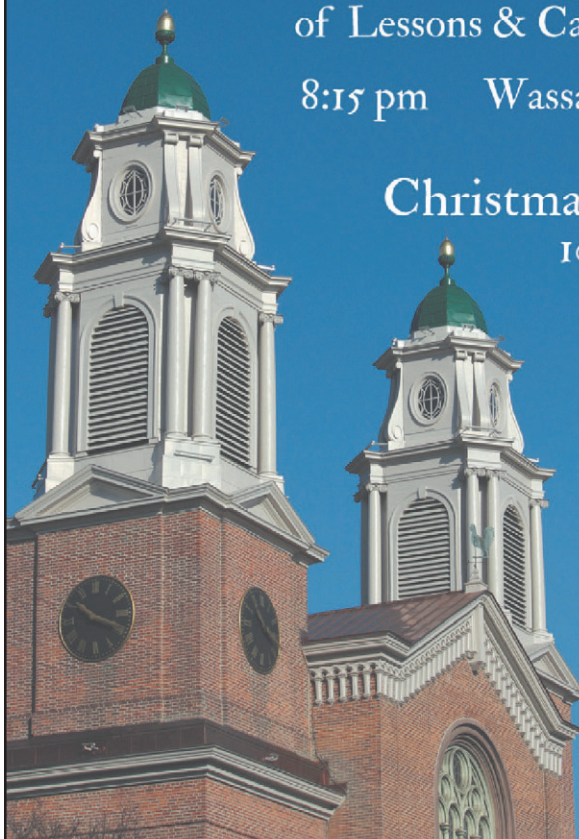
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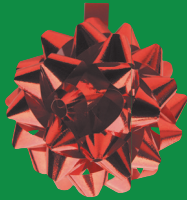
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# From page B1 ... Keeping it simple

“Shortly into teaching, I started a rock camp called U-Rock (at Edie Road Studios in Argyle),” said Warren. “I’ve done that for years, and it’s been very successful.”

Warren, who teaches guitar and bass at Drome Sound in Schenectady along with his son, Michael, said that he started the adult jams a couple of years ago when his adult students heard about the teen camps.

“The adults said, ‘Can we do some type of jam?’” said Warren. “So, we do a single thing where they get together from noon to 5 (p.m.) at a local recording studio ... and they get together and work on the music that I help them put together. Simple stuff, but they have a good time playing with it, and they develop their skills while they’re doing it.”

Each jam session starts with a warm-up period, followed by a little bit of instruction from Warren. Then, the students work on whatever songs they want to play, be it covers or originals.

Warren said he averages 10 to 12 students at his adult jam camps, many of who never played in a group before.

“Some of them are absolutely petrified (at first). And I start to realize that a lot of these people, wherever their station is in life, some of them may feel beaten down and some of them may never have had a lot of their confidence in their lives and they’re very timid,” said Warren. “But, it’s such a relaxed atmosphere. So, what I offer for them to do before they come into camp is to come in on a lesson with me and another student who might be timid or of like minds and feelings. And those two get together and work together. And then, I’ll have another person join in at

another point.

“Once they get comfortable (playing music) with two or three people in my room, then I tell them let’s take this up a notch — let’s take it to the camp.”

Warren said he tries to keep the focus on playing songs, rather than learning techniques.

“I always tell my students, don’t ever let me catch you practicing, but do let me see the results of your playing with the stuff that you’ve been getting,” said Warren. “It’s semantics, but it’s a mindset ... It’s like video games. They get good at it not because they practice one move. They play it because they like it, and they get better. That’s what’s happening with these adults.”

Warren also said he tries to keep his teaching approach simple, so as not to overwhelm his students.

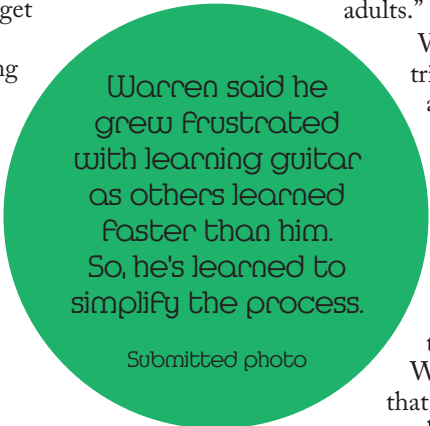
“I keep simplifying and simplifying and simplifying the guitar because I was a real slow learner on the instrument,” said Warren. “It frustrated me that people were learning so much faster, so I developed a super easy way for almost anybody at any level to increase their abilities right away.

And as they get better at their instruments, Warren said he sees a change in his students’ confidence levels, especially with the adults.

“They just emerge, and it’s amazing. I’ve had letters and notes from their wives that other people they know are noting their transformation,” said Warren.

Some of Warren’s adult students take it a step further and start writing their own songs.

“I don’t think it’s possible for a human being not to be a songwriter — with my help, with Michael’s help — and I’ll tell you why,” said Warren. “It’s not a book thing, and it’s not something I can show



Warren said he grew frustrated with learning guitar as others learned faster than him. So, he’s learned to simplify the process.

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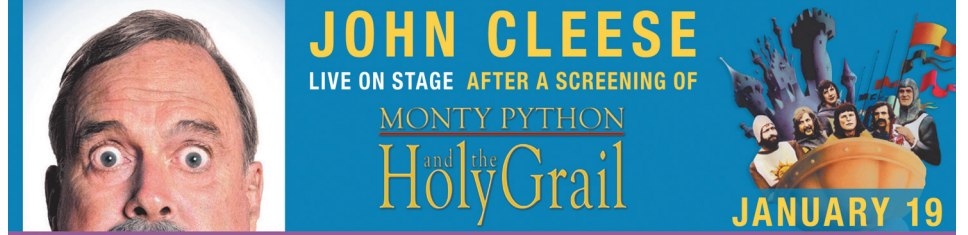
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## From page B1 ... Keeping it simple

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The secret to learning guitar, according to Don Warren, is to play it for fun. — And, he doesn't want to catch you practicing

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And they'll be like, 'Yeah,' and you can start to see the wheels spinning."

Since the camps take place at recording studios, Warren said it's only a natural step to start recording what his students are working on. That's what he intends to do at February's U-Rock Camp for teens.

"I'll be having John Chiara professionally record their performance," said Warren. "With the teens, they put on a full, one-hour show with a lot of songs."

Learning how to play music has more benefits than just offering a confidence boost. Warren said music can also help reduce stress and offer people a creative outlet that they never had before.

The best part, said Warren, is watching his students start thinking musically.

"Half these guys don't even know they're learning music theory, and then they say, 'Wait a minute.

whatever reason, they always say to me, 'I never thought I'd see me do this, but somehow you got it out of me.' I'm like, 'I wasn't trying to.'

"I don't know what it is. It must be within our conversations. I know I've created a relaxed atmosphere. I know I always start each lesson with how was your weekend, how are you doing, what's going on in your life, and they'll start talking about stuff. And from that, I'll go, 'Boy, that sounds like quite a story.'

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For more information about taking lessons or participating in a jam camp, call Don Warren at 791-6185 or visit [www.donwarrenmusic.com](http://www.donwarrenmusic.com).

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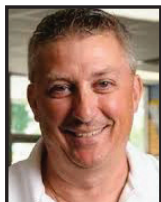
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## From page B15 ... Don't be that guy

known to drop the F-bomb a time or two. And, yes, even during a workout. But, seriously, when you're carrying on a loud conversation with your buddy that has more profanity than a Chris Rock show, you need to reevaluate your surroundings and take into account you are not in your basement gym. Be respectful to those around you.

**3. Checking out the girls or guys:** Look, it's a gym, not a dating market, and when you stand there staring down the man or woman like a starving dog looking at a t-bone. Well, it's just wrong. And, if you think you're being discrete, you're not

**2. Inappropriate attire:** Seriously. Walking around with the word "Juicy" on your butt? Look, I'm there to workout, not read your butt. And dude, that skintight pair of spandex shorts you're wearing. You may think we want to see what you're packing, but we don't. Though, it was hilarious the one time the guy was doing clean and jerks and his spandex split. Oh, and ladies, for the love of god, if you're going to wear a tank top, please wear a bra underneath.

**1. Making fun of people who are overweight (or skinny):** This is one that really sets me off. These people have just as much right to be there as you do and,

frankly, they are making an effort to get fitter. Being an ass isn't helping. And, if you think you're all that, well, the rest of us don't. As a trainer, I much prefer working with people who are trying to change their lives than some arrogant jerk who thinks he (or she) is all that.

### Bonus fail

**Posing:** Seriously. Standing in front of a mirror and flexing. I can't tell you the number of times I've seen this one. I had fallen off the treadmill once laughing so hard. We aren't impressed, and that girl you were hoping you would impress with your biceps, well she was laughing harder at you than I was.

I can tell you that in my 30-plus years of experience in the gym, I've seen each and every one of the above — not just once, but over and over.

It's annoying to say the least, and, as the owner of a fitness studio. I don't tolerate it at all. It's one of the reasons our clients come to us and, more importantly, stay with us.

So I implore you... don't be THAT GUY (or Girl).

*Dan Romand is co-owner and operator of Full Circle Fitness NY in Colonie, where he is also a certified personal trainer. He is also a regular contributor to TheSpot518, where you can find his health and fitness column.*

## From page B4 ... Local author

He also hopes that in writing a novel set in Troy, more people will learn about his little city and come to experience it and love it like he does.

### Where To Buy?

As a self-published author, Carucci received most of his help from a website called Create Space, which is a company under Amazon intended to help self-publishing authors. The website offers resources for every aspect of the publishing journey, and Carucci says it's one of the best tools out there. His books are printed through Create Space

as well, but are available in for purchase in paperback edition on Amazon, goodreads, and Barnes and Noble (\$12.99), and as a Kindle ebook (\$3.99).

### Publication Party

There will be a publication party and book signing event for "Sempre Amore," on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ryan's Wake Pub. Paperback books will be available for purchase from the author for a special \$10 discounted price.

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Lapalux at EMPAC

TROY — Lapalux will perform at the Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center at RPI on Friday, Dec. 16 at 8 p.m.

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