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Attendees listen to a panel discussion through the League of Women Voters of Albany County. Photo by Ali Hibbs / Spotlight

TOP STORY

Talking Refuge

Good government group hosts panel on local immigration trends, challenges and initiatives

By ALI HIBBS

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ALBANY - On Sunday, Feb. 26, the League of Women Voters of Albany County (LWVAC) held a public panel discussion about immigration and refugee communities in the Capital District. The discussion focused largely on the region's refugee population.

"We want you to know the facts," said LWVAC President Margaret Danes, who noted during her welcome that, although the national League of Women Voters (which also includes a fair amount of men) is generally nonpartisan, it does sometimes arrive at consensus on certain issues and advocate for certain legislative policies.

Moderated by Dahlia Herring of the Capital Region Refugee Roundtable, five individuals who work with immigrants and refugees in the Capital District spoke about the work their organizations do and about their own personal experiences helping newly arrived families to navigate their new environments.

'There are a lot of foreign-born in the Capital Region," said panelist Dina Refki, director of University at Albany's Center for Women in Government and Civil Society (CWCGS). "We have over 70,000. That's about six percent of the population."The growth rate, she said, was 33 percent from 2005 to 2014, among the highest in the state.

According to Refki, CWCGS has been working on immigrant integration issues since 2001. Describing integration as a "two-way street," she said that both immigrants and the society into which they're introduced have rights as well as responsibilities. "It's very complex and multi-dimensional."

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SPORTS



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ENTERTAINMENT



A'Wicked' homecoming

Actor, Ballston Spa native Anthony Festa comes home in Broadway musical's return to the Proctors' stage

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COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS bus driver arrested

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, State Police arrested a Bethlehem Central School District bus driver on the felonies of promoting a sexual performance by a child and possessing a sexual performance by a child.



David Haverly, 66, of Albany, was arrested after investigators with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation

received a tip from HAVERLY the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Internet

about an IP address in Albany that Other arrests:

New York State Police

Erin Mchugh, 39, of Feura Bush, was

reportedly arrested on Monday, Feb. 20, for

Albany County 911 dispatched troopers for

a reported physical domestic incident that

Town of New Scotland. An investigation

revealed that Mchugh got into a physical

domestic dispute with her boyfriend and

occurred at 1562 Indian Fields Road in the

first-degree criminal contempt, a felony.

Crimes Against Children Task Force

was downloading child pornography. A search warrant was obtained and executed and Haverly was arrested. He was arraigned in Albany City Court and released to the

custody of probation. While officials have said they do not believe Haverly, a bus driver with the district since 2006, had any inappropriate physical or verbal contact with children in his care, they urge anyone who feels otherwise to call investigators at 783-3211.

The district immediately placed him on administrative leave pending the outcome of the criminal investigation.

According to a statement by Superintendent Jody Monroe, prior



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the front passenger side quarter panel of the boyfriend's vehicle by kicking it. She was processed and arraigned in the Town of New Scotland Court, remanded to the Albany County Jail on \$5000.00 bail. She was scheduled to reappear in Town of New

to being hired, Haverly successfully passed mandated background checks that included fingerprinting.

During the 2016-17 school year, he worked as a driver on Route 65, which serves the middle school. Monroe is contacting the families of all students currently assigned to Haverly's route.

"The safety and well-being of students is the district's priority," Monroe said in a statement.

Students or parents wishing to discuss the matter, or who may need counseling, are encouraged to contact the Director of Special Education and Student Services Kathy Johnston at 439-8886 or by email at kjohnston@bcsd.neric.org.

Scotland Court on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Christine E. Grady, 32, of New Scotland, was arrested on Friday, Feb. 24, for a felony DWI. According to reports, troopers initially stopped Grady for insufficient tail lamps on State Route 32 in the Town of New Scotland. She was subsequently arrested her for DWI. Grady allegedly has a previous DWI conviction within the last 10 years, which makes this DWI arrest a felony charge. It was reportedly determined that Grady had a BAC of 0.11 percent. She was processed without incident and is scheduled to appear 9.



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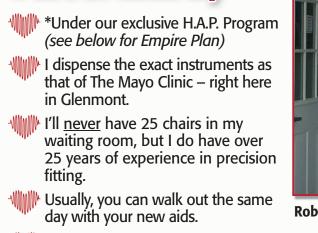
crash

A gas tanker rear-ended an SUV on River Road in Glenmont Thursday, Feb. 23. Both vehicles were headed south near Glenmont Road when the car ahead of them slowed down for a deer. While the SUV was able to slow down, the tanker wasn't able to do so fast enough. The two people in the SUV, a man and his pregnant wife, were not seriously injured.

> in the Town of New Scotland Court on Monday, March 13.

Paul R. Hotaling, 47, of Delmar, was arrested on Saturday, Feb. 25, for a misdemeanor DWI. Hotaling was reportedly arrested subsequent to being stopped on New Scotland South Road in the Town of New Scotland for a vehicle and traffic violation. It was allegedly determined that his BAC was 0.08 percent. Hotaling was processed without incident and is scheduled to appear in the Town of New Scotland Court on Thursday, March

violated an order of protection. Mchugh then allegedly resisted arrest and damaged **Most Hearing Aids** Now Covered in **Part or Entirety***



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From page 1 ... Talking Refuge

"It's like landing on the moon," said Brenden Mooney, a Bethlehem resident who volunteers his time helping to assimilate immigrant families when they first arrive. Mooney works with one family at a time, helping them to navigate things like opening bank accounts, accessing health care and finding employment. During a phone interview with SpotlightNews, Mooney described his most recent work with an Afghani family — a grandmother, a mother and four children. Many of the families that Mooney works with have come to the U.S. as the result of personal tragedy, often from war-torn countries. It's not uncommon, he said, for the family to be without a father.

"It just complicates things a lot more," he said. "You know?"

"Language is the biggest barrier," said Rifat Filkins, executive director for Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus (RISSE). "And it takes a very long time for adults to overcome that barrier." Filkins noted that RISSE, which provides English as a Second Language classes, serves immigrants from 26 different countries, with different languages, backgrounds, cultures and circumstances.

"Language barriers are critical," said Rekfi. "It's important to provide those language learning opportunities." Not only does language proficiency produce better economic outcomes, she said, it also leads to improved health outcomes.

While the experiences of both immigrants and refugees (also, technically, immigrants) bear strong similarities in terms of assimilating to a new culture and learning a new language, there are some notable differences panelists attempted to clarify:

Immigrant - someone who voluntarily chooses to leave their country for improved opportunities.

A foreign citizen seeking to immigrate generally must be sponsored by a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident — an immediate relative, prospective employer — and have an approved petition before applying for an immigrant visa. (There are a variety of visas for which one might apply, each with its own requirements.)

According to LWVAC, a notable number of Capital District immigrants are

here on an exclusive Special Immigrant Visa — given to those who have worked with the U.S. armed forces. Only 50 are approved each year.

Refugee - someone who is forced to leave their home country due to political, social, or economic strife. fled their countries and have applied for refugee status — current law, under the Refugee Act of 1980, allows 50,000 refugees to be admitted to the country each year, requiring presidential approval to exceed that number. Each refugee is investigated, a process that typically takes

Anyone interested in other ways to support refugees and immigrants through donations, volunteering or advocacy should consider the following organizations:

USCRI - Albany | The Capital Region's resettlement agency. Donors or volunteers can contact the office at (518) 459-1790. Community information meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at 991 Broadway in Albany. Volunteer opportunities include: setting up housing; teaching English; and mentoring a refugee family.

http://refugees.org/field-office/albany/

RISSE | A community-based organization; offers adult English language education and after-school programs for refugee and immigrant children.

http://www.risse-albany.org/

The Refugee Community Health Partnership Program at Trinity Alliance | Organizes health education and services, provides family and individual mentoring to help refugees access health care and provides other assistance.

http://www.trinityalliancealbany.org/rchpp/

The City School District of Albany | Looking for volunteers to tutor refugee and immigrant students.

http://www.albanyschools.org/volunteering.html

The Albany Catholic Worker Community and New Sanctuary for Immigrants | Provides legal assistance and other support.

https://samcrockerpr.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/ emmaushousebrochure.pdf

The Capital Region Refugee Roundtable | Community-based, volunteer network partnered with USCRI-Albany; provides information and support, advocates for the expansion and improvement of community support systems.

To join, email: Dahlia Herring at <u>dmazengia@nycap.rr.com;</u> For info, visit: <u>http://capitalregionrefugees.weebly.com</u>

The Sanctuary Movement | Looks at ways to provide sanctuary for those threatened with deportation.

Joe Paparone: joep@focuschurches.net

https://www.facebook.com/NS4Immigrants/

The Capital District Coalition Against Islamaphobia | Organizes rallies and events; conducts workshops; advocates for legislation.

Lynne Jackson: <u>lynnejackson@mac.com</u>

https://www.facebook.com/CapitalDistrictCoalition

NYS Citizen Action | Human rights advocacy group; launched Inaugurate Resistance day of action. http://citizenactionny.org

The legal definition of a refugee is a person 'who has been persecuted or is afraid of persecution due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.' The U.S. resettles refugees who have 18 months to two years, before approval can be granted.

Unlike traditional immigrants, refugees have little say in where they end up being resettled and, often, no prior knowledge or information about their destination, or any

established family.

The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) has settled approximately 4,000 refugees here in the Capital District since 2005; in 2016, 500 new refugees made the region their home. While they come from all over the world, Mooney said the Capital District tends to see larger influxes of Burmese, Iraqi, Afghani and Syrian refugees.

"You don't see many in Bethlehem," he said. "Because they can't afford to live here yet." But, he said that he expects to see that change within a generation or two. "They're working hard and they're all required to take English as a Second Language."

According to panelist Isabelle Thacker, staff attorney for USCRI, Albany County can expect to see a decrease in incoming refugees as a result of recent actions announced by the new federal administration.

"For fiscal year 2017, President Obama's intent was to resettle 110,000 refugees in the United States and Albany was going to resettle about 565," she said, explaining that the Trump administration has cut that number to 50,000, about 28,000 of which have already been resettled. Albany has already resettled about 350 refugees during the first four months of the federal fiscal year, she said, and can expect only about 100 more.

In response to a question about what it costs to take in refugees, Thacker responded that they pay for their own flights, often taking a loan repayable six months after their arrival. "The default rate is extremely low," she noted. "They're entitled services for the first 90 days that they're here and then the expectation is that they get a job and start paying for their own housing." Refugees do retain access to food stamps and, in some cases, are eligible for housing benefits beyond the first three weeks, she said, "But they pay taxes. They become members of the community."

While refugee families may initially receive more financial support and social services than traditional immigrants, Mooney and LWVAC panelists pointed out that they are also more likely to be dealing with recent tragedy and have mental or emotional health issues that can interfere with successful integration.

"Nobody chooses to be a refugee," said Thacker. "It's a hard thing to go through

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March 2, 2017 • 3:00 p.m. Capital District Transportation Committee One Park Place, Albany, New York

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After his son died of cancer at the age of 26, Jack Flagler, left, has hosted an annual golf tournament, the proceeds of which benefit children with cancer. Since then, Flagler has raised more than \$80,000, most of which has been donated to The Ronald McDonald House of Albany. Here, Flagler poses with a couple of Ronald McDonald House representatives, after presenting them with a check for \$1,250, raised during last year's tournament. The annual tournament takes place the last Friday in September at the Thunderhart Golf Course in the Catskill Mountain town of Freehold.

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EDUCATION NEWS

Budgeting education

Guilderland Central School District polls residents, identifies priorities

Bv ALI HIBBS hibbsa@spotlightnews.com

GUILDERLAND Residents of the Guilderland Central School District (GCSD) have now had two chances to weigh in on the development of the district's budget for the 2017-18 school year. The district serves approximately 5,000 students and encompasses most of the town of Guilderland and part of the towns of Knox, New Scotland and Bethlehem in Albany County.

Public input was solicited last fall, prior to a three-month process during which each school and department developed individual budget requests which were then reviewed by district administration. In early 2017, GCSD began to seek input from the community again, in advance of the budget proposal presentation on Tuesday, March 7. The district rolled out a public survey online and then invited residents to attend a public information meeting to share their thoughts.

According to the district, 1,037 individuals participated in the survey: 809 school community members and 228 GHS students. Of the 809, 454 have currently enrolled students and 352 are district employees. GCSD, which is still parsing the results of the public input, have identified areas that

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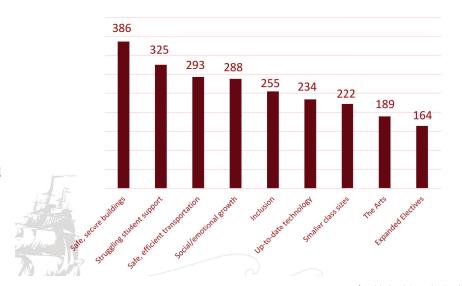
participants consider essential to the district's mission, which, as stated on its website, is: "To inspire all students to be active life-long learners, able to achieve their highest potential in a demanding and ever-changing global community."

GCSD proposes to do this by providing "a safe and welcoming environment, where students, parents and staff are joined in the pursuit of academic excellence and personal growth," where it "shall provide a rich and rigorous education for all learners that, upon graduation, they are poised, capable and ready to meet the developments, challenges and opportunities of their future.'

Among residents, 56 percent identified "maintaining safe, secure

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Results: Essential and Critical to GCSD's Mission



buildings" as a top priority; 52 percent identified providing "academic support for struggling students" a top priority; and 47 percent said that supporting "students' social/emotional growth" is a top priority.

Image courtesy of Guilderland Central School District A majority of parents and students agreed that safe and secure buildings are the top priority - 59

You've always

be caught

said you wouldn't

percent of parents and a

full 78 percent of students.

Academic support was the

second most important

priority for parents, with 52 percent, but was not represented in the top three student priorities, which included safe transportation (51 percent) and increased elective opportunities (49 percent). Transportation

came in third for parents, at 46 percent.

Academic support and emotional support — both with 59 percent — were the top two priorities among district employees, 66 percent of whom were teachers. Smaller class sizes was third, with 57 percent.

The budget proposal released on March 7 is expected to represent an increase of 1.08 percent over last year, for a total of a little more than \$97.6 million. The tax levy limit has been calculated at 2.7 percent, or \$71.4 million. According to the district, using the governor's figures for school aid, GCSD received a little more than \$23.9 million last year and the plan for this year allots approximately \$25.2 million, a 5.6 percent increase.

If it receives the full amount of Foundation Aid legally owed by the state, the district would receive an additional \$4.3 million in funding.





COMMUNUTY Senior chorus to present spring concert Thursday

n Thursday, March 2, the Bethlehem Senior Chorus will present its spring concert, "Dance," celebrating through song, the time-honored art of the dance. It's at the Town Hall Auditorium at 1 p.m.

Enjoy "An Iliad" at Capital Repertory Theater on Thursday, March 9, at 10 a.m. The show is an adaptation of Homer's epic poem of gods and goddesses, undying loves, and the battles of the Trojan War. The narration brings

the past and the present



Town of Bethlehem

together.

The following support services are available: AARP Income Tax Assistance, Wednesdays, by appointment; Home Energy Assistance Program, HEAP, by appointment; Senior Legal Services Program, by appointment; Breakfast at Tool's, Wednesday, March. 15, 10

a.m.; Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Group, Wednesday, March 22; Current Events Discussion Group, Wednesday, March, 8, 10:30 a.m.; Community Loan Closet: wheelchairs, canes, shower seats, etc.

Outreach Workers are available to assist with health insurance, housing issues, food stamps, Meals on Wheels, Food Pantry, and health and income related programs.

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

Books to People is a free library program that delivers books to those who are unable to visit the library. Request books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks. Call 439-9314, and press 2.

The Food Pantry is in need of cleaning supplies, deodorant, toilet paper, coffee, mustard, and canned vegetables and fruit. Bring vour items to the pantry at Town Hall.

The Bethlehem Senior

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

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service provides rides to medical, dental, therapy, and clinic appointments, grocery

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

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

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

— Wilma DeLucco

AARP Tax Aide

ow through Monday, April 16, free income tax preparation and e-mail filing are provided each Monday and Saturday at the Guilderland Public Library by the all-volunteer AARP Tax Aid Program.

Volunteers are trained and certified in cooperation with the IRS, and prepare personal federal and state income tax returns for taxpayers of all ages with low and moderate incomes.

Appointments are necessary; a separate appointment is required for each taxpayer. Bring a copy of last year's return, social security cards for all people on the tax return, photo ID, all 2016 W-2's, 1099 statements and supporting documents if itemizing deductions. Also, if these apply, bring supporting documents for any gambling winnings, medical insurance coverage, payments for any child care, payments for education, contributions to an IRA, and estimated tax payments you made during 2016.

Bring your checkbook if you want a direct deposit of your refund. Tax Aide volunteers can't do estate

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or partnership returns, returns with rental income or returns requiring Schedule C (business returns with a net loss, inventory, employees, or expenses over \$25,000.) Both taxpayers must be present if filing a joint return, except in case of illness or infirmity. Please call The 2-1-1 Appointment Call Center by dialing 211.

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For more information, contact the Town of Guilderland Assessor's Office at 356-1980.

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and it takes such a huge amount of courage."

Responding to a community member concerned about the potential for terrorism in immigrant communities, panelist Steve Downs of the Capital District Coalition Against Islamaphobia (CDCAI) said, "I would just say that the statistics show that the terrorist events caused by people in the country are amazingly small. You have more chance of being killed by your furniture falling on you than you do by a terrorist attack. You have a much bigger chance of being shot by a policeman than you do by terrorist attack. This is a fear that is completely unjustified. It is not based on the facts at all and we should reject it every time the argument is made that somehow we are in danger because people are coming into the country as immigrants or as refugees. This is one of the most peaceful, law-abiding groups you will find anywhere."

The anti-immigration stance taken by the new federal administration, including the ban on immigrants from a select list of Middle Eastern countries - including Syria and Iraq — has caused confusion and concern among local immigrant communities. Some are afraid to travel, for fear they might not be allowed to return home. Thacker told the story of a woman who spent three weeks in Albany County Jail before documentation was found proving

that her dead parents had, indeed, been legal residents. Characterizing the experience as traumatizing, she pointed out that not everyone has access to documents produced prior to the mass digitalization of information.

According to Mooney, even among immigrants who do not entirely understand the implications of Trump's actions, there is a sense in the community that he is not friendly or receptive to their arrival. "And there's a little bit of fear," he said. "I'm supposed to take my family tomorrow to move ahead on the green card process, but I've been told that, because of the new administration, the process is now more uncertain. So it's a little bit like legal limbo.'

Volunteers like Mooney and organizations such as those represented on the LWVAC panel are working to help immigrant families overcome the many challenges of adjusting to life in the U.S. and navigate the myriad challenges of naturalization. Utilizing academic and field research, outreach tools and lobbying skills, they endeavor to help the newcomers to access all the services and educational opportunities available to them so that they can become contributing members of society in the shortest possible time.

"It isn't easy," said Filkins, who still concluded, "We all can make this world a better place by helping each other."

"A lot of research has told us that when foreign-born residents are given educational, economical and political opportunities, the social distance between the immigrant and the mainstream society will shrink and

that's really what we want to do," said Refki. According to Mooney, local

community members have been doing what they can to help. He knows of two women who have "adopted" families that they assist with shopping and food preparation, and another who is offering assistance to first-time tax preparers.

Currently, he is working on setting up a cooperative venture for refugee women to help them learn skills to become more financially independent. A number of sewing machines have been donated, but Mooney is still looking for volunteers to help teach sewing. "We're going to explore how we might best make use of these women's natural skills and help them make some money and become less dependent," he said.

Mooney can be contacted through his gofundme website at https://www. gofundme.com/afghanrefugeesalb, where he is raising money to help his Afghan family cover the \$5,000 it costs to fly to this country and pay for two months rent. The grandmother, he said, is ill and unable to work or care for the children, which has placed a considerable amount of fiscal stress on the single, working mother. Benefits have become less available, he added, and are likely to continue to dwindle.

They're doing the best they can," he said. While volunteers help to ease the burden, Mooney said that he feels more help should be coming from government. "We accepted them as refugees and now they're our responsibility."

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PLAYER **OF THE WEEK**



MATT RIKER

Bethlehem point guard Matt Riker scored 12 points to help the Eagles beat Albany and move onto Section II quarterfinals, but it's his floor leadership and tenacity that earned him the Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Saturday, Feb. 25.



Galleries

Check out photo galleries of the basketball Section ll tournament and other sports action and at spotlightnews.com.

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Bethlehem, Voorheesville make the trip north



VOORHEESVILLE – The Blackbirds won the first round of the Class B Sectionals at home by beating Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 54-40 on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Leading the way for Voorheesville was Adam Konicki and Sean Nolan with 12 each.

Matthew Bernhard and Ryan Daly each had 10 points. Daly scored six of his in the fourth quarter.

RCS's Skyler Rebeor led all scorers with 17.

Voorheesville beat Broadalbin-Perth on Friday, Feb. 24, 55-54 to earn a trip to Glens Falls and played Mekeel Christian Academy in the Section II semi-finals on Monday, Feb. 27.

Right: Matthew Bernhard is fouled while driving to the basket. Upper left: Sean Nolan takes a jumper Lower left: Tyrell Irvis grabs a rebound

Jim Franco/Spotlight News



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TROY – The Bethlehem Eagles gutted one out on Saturday, Feb. 25, beating the Falcons of Albany High by score of 55-49.

The No. 11 seed Albany led the No. 3 seed Eagles 42-37 with 6:40 remaining at Hudson Valley Community College. But the Eagles rallied, hitting four three pointers.

The Eagles were led by Ryan Murray with 16. Point guard Matt Riker had a dozen and Mike Ortale chipped in 10 including eight in the fourth quarter. Hayden Thompson had eight points, including five in the fourth quarter, while Sean Flynn and Braden LaClair had six and three, respectively.

The Eagles played LaSalle on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Glens Falls Civic Center in the Section II, Class A quarterfinals.

Left: Braden LaClair lays one in. Upper Right: Matt Riker makes a move. Hayden Thompson grabs a rebound.

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TD BANK, N.A. successor by merger to COMMERCE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against LAXMI LLC d/b/a GOV-ERNOR'S INN & SUITES, MAYUR PATEL, NILKANTH PATEL, BHARAT PATEL, Defendants Index No. 2364/2011

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated

March 19, 2013 and entered in the office of the Albany County Clerk on March 26, 2013, and Order amending said Judgement of Foreclosure and Sale dated October 3. 2016 and entered in the office of Albany County Clerk on October 12, 2016, I, Yorden Huban, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, will sell in one parcel at public auction to the highest bidder at the steps of the Courthouse of the Supreme Court of Albany County located at 16 Eagle Street, Albany, New York, on the 7th day of March, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., ALL that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being located in the Town of Guilderland, County of Albany, State of New York, and being bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point lying in the Northeasterly bounds of Western Avenue, said point being located South 25°38'33" East a distance of 199.52 feet from the intersection between the Northeasterly bounds of Western Avenue and the Southeasterly bounds of Okara Drive; THENCE North 45°24'15" East along the division line between the herein described parcel to the East and the lands now or formerly of James A Scacia as described in Book 2490 of Deeds at Page 913 to the West a distance of 338.01 feet to a point; THENCE along the division line between the lands now or formerly of John H. Gade III and James O as described in Book 2995 of Deeds at Page 523 to the North and the herein described parcel to the South the following four (4) courses and distances: 1. South 26°34'45" East a distance of 150.21 feet to a point; 2. North 45°24'15' East a distance of 60.17 feet to a point; 3. South 26° 16'23" East a distance of 71.50 feet to a point: 4. South 44°35'45" East a distance of 15.00 feet to a point; THENCE along the division line between the lands now or formerly of Abdul Matin, MD, as de-scribed in Book 3131 of Deeds at Page 646 to the East and the herein described parcel to the West the following seven (7) courses and distances: 1. South 45°24'15" West a distance of 149.00 feet to a point; 2. South 44°35'45" East a distance of 12.50 feet to a point; 3. South 45°24'15" West a distance of 72.00 feet to a point; 4. North 44°35'45" West a distance of 72.00 feet to a point; 5. South 45°24'15" West a distance of 12.50 feet to a point; 5. South 45°24'15" West a distance of 114.00 feet to a point; 6. North 44°35'45' West a distance of 15.00 feet to a point; 7. South 45° 24'15" West a distance of 78.03 feet to a point on the Northeasterly bounds of Western Avenue; THENCE along the Northeasterly bounds of Western Avenue the following five (5) courses and distances: 1. North 26°46'52" West a distance of 2.31 feet to a point; 2. North 31°36'09" West a distance of 49.38 feet to a point; 3. North 26°16'12" West a distance of 135.06 feet to a point; 4. North 37°00'41" East a distance of 10.49 feet to a point; 5. North 12°37'45" West a distance of 36.14 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 84,750 square feet or 1.94 acres more or less. Subject to any and all easements, restrictions and right-of-way records. Said premises being known and designated as Section: 39.12 Block: 2 Lot: 18, County of Albany; said premises more commonly known as 2505 Western Ävenue, Guilderland, New York. Approximate amount of judgment \$573,148.20, said amount so reported due as aforesaid together with interest thereon from October 19, 2012, in the amount of \$69.67, to the date of entry of the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, plus advances made for real estate taxes, costs, attorneys' fees, allowance and ex-penses of sale as awarded by the Court in said Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale. Premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Order amending said Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, and terms of sale.

Dated: February 2, 2017 Yorden Huban, Referee Platzer, Swergold, Levine, Goldberg, Katz & Jaslow, IIP

LEGAL NOTICE

pose: all lawful

Ad#142556

PIKE, LLC

12 Ocean Partners LLC Filed 7/12/16 Office: Al-

bany Co SSNY designat-

ed as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State

St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA

Corporate Services Inc @ same address Pur-

NOTICE OF FORMATION

OF LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY

1. The name of the Lim-

ited Liability Company is

2070 DELAWARE TURN-

2. The Articles of orga-

Attorneys for Plaintiff 475 Park Avenue South, 18th Floor New York NY 10016 (212) 593-3000 Àttn: Robert J. Mastrogiacomo, Esq. Ad#142448

LEGAL NOTICE

1116 METCALF AVENUE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/2/17. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom pro-cess may be served. process to c/o 466 Ave P, 2nd FL Proci SSNY shall mail copy of 2nd FI, Brooklyn, NY 11223, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#143385

To place your Legal Notice: Call 439-4949

nization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on February 2017 with the New York Secretary of State. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany Coun-

LEGALS

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

State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 86 North Allen Street. Albany, NY 12203 6. The latest date to dis-

solve is indefinite. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. D-145027

458 HUDSON AVE, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC 458 Hudson LLC Arts. of Org. Ave. filed with NYS Dept. of State 4/15/2016. Office Albany Co. Location: SSNY is designated as agent upon whom pro-cess against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, P.O. Box 6632, Al-bany, NY, 12206. Any lawful purpose. Ad#143076

OF LIMITED LIABILITY

The name of the Limited Liability Company is 53 GRAND STREET, LLC 2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on February 16 2017 with the New York Secretary of State. 3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is

tv. The Secretary State is designated as agent of the Limited Liabilitv whom process against it

The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 86 North Allen Street, Albany, NY

6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION

COMPANY 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is 86 NORTH ALLEN

The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on February 16, 2017 with the New York Secretary of State. 3. The office of the Lim-

4. The Secretary of State LEGAL NOTICE is designated as agent of the Limited Liability

be served.

Limited Liability Company to 86 North Allen Street, Albany, NY

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(NS) on JANUARY 17,

2017, office location: Al-

service of process (SOP)

Suite 700 Office 40, Al-

bany, NY 12207, NW Registered Agent LLC is

designated as agent for

SOP at 90 State Street

COMPANY

Office:

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Albany County.

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process against LLC and

shall mail copy to 22

COMPANY. NAME: BEH

mail a copy of process to the LLC, 624 Ave M, Brooklyn, NY 11230

Purpose: For any lawful

Notice of formation of

LLC. The limited liability

company name is BiNex

Solutions LLC.; Articles

of Organization were

filed with the secretary

23,2017; LLC's office to

be located in Albany County; The secretary of

state has been designat-

ed as agent of LLC upon

whom process against it may be served; the post

office to which the sec-

state

of

January

purpose. Ad#143132

LEGAL NOTICE

Ad#142097

16 ful activity D-145010

LEGAL NOTICE . The Secretary of State Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State

Secretary of The bany County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 90 State Street

LEGAL NOTICE

Suite 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207, pur-pose is any lawful pur-LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LI-ABILITY Name: LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 30, 2016. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION COMPANY

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY partners, LLC. Articles of

organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York located in Albany Coun-State of New York (SSNY) on 01/26/2017. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been Company upon designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may may be served. be served. SSNY shall

12203

Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity

OF LIMITED LIABILITY

STREET, LLC

mar NY 12054; Purpose: ited Liability Company is located in Albany Coun-Any lawful activity Ad#143647

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY Company upon whom process against it may COMPANY (LLC)

5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the

LEGALS January 5, 2017. Office location: Albany County 6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite. SSNY designated The purpose of the agent of LLC upon Limited Liability Compawhom process against it may be served. ny is to conduct all lawshall mail a copy of pro-cess to The LLC, 98 Niver Street, Suite 200, Cohoes, New York 12047 Notice of [domestic Purpose: Any lawful LLC] formation of AC-TIVE LANGUAGE LLC. business purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Ad#143565

Bulan Rouge, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/19/2017. Off. loc. Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 609 4th Avenue, East North-port, NY 11731. Purpose: General. Ad#142350

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANI-ZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILI-TY COMPANY

Name: Burger Ventures Albany LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 2/14/17. Office loca-Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service SOS shall of process. mail copy of process to 2080 Western Avenue. Suite 115, Guilderland, NY 12084 Purpose Any lawful act or activi-

D-144217

Century Hill Drive, Ste 201, Latham, NY 12110. Ad#142207 NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name of LLC: Calabrese Contractors, LLC Date of Filing of Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State: July 19, 2016 Office of the LLC: AI-

bany County. The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: United States Agents. Corporation Inc., 7014 13th Avenue,

Brooklyn,

New York 11228 D-144871 LEGAL NOTICE

202,

Suite

CELINA'S KITCHEN, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/14/16. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC. 6 O'Neil Road, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any

LEGAL NOTICE

retary of state shall mail a copy of any process NOTICE OF FILING OF against it served upon it ARTICLES OF ORGANIis: 4 Holbrook Way, Del-ZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILI-TY COMPANY Name: CP East Greenbush, L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 2/9/17. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service

Name: Bonacquisti Hold-ings, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with of process. SOS shall Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on mail copy of process to c/o Nigro Companies, 20

To place your Legal Notice: Call 439-4949

to 12211

LIABILITY COMPANY CPEG Malta, Name: Articles of Orga-L.L.C. nization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 2/17/17. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of pro-SOS shall mail cess. copy of process to c/o Nigro Companies, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd, Albany, NY 12211 Purpose: Any lawful act or activity D-144573

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF D & D MOTOR-SPORTS LLC On 1/24/17, Articles of Organization of D & D Motorsports LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The Albany County. The SSSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSSNY shall mail a copy of any pro-cess against it served upon him or her is D & D Motorsports LLC, 113 Lark Street. Altamont. NY 12009. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#142611

LEGAL NOTICE

DIAGONAL CINEMA LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/26/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be SSNY shall mail served. copy of process to Em-manuel Dayan, c/o David Dayan Rosenman, 470 Lenox Ave., Apt. 14N, NY, NY 10037-3034. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

lawful purpose. Ad#139839

LEGALS Corporate Woods Blvd. Albany, Purpose: Any lawful act or activity Ad#143833

NOTICE OF FILING OF **ARTICLES OF ORGANI-**ZATION IN NEW YORK **BY A LIMITED**

LEGAL NOTICE

Ad#143375

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of an LLC: DLA Land, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 18, 2017. Office loca-18, 2017. Office loca-tion is in Albany County. The SSNY has been des-

ignated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail a copy of Process to the LLC, at 1 Winners Circle, Suite 140, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any Ad#143561

LEGAL NOTICE

Down Dog Enterprises, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/10/2017. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process

LLC. 14 the Matinecock Farms Road, Glen Cove, NY 11542. Purpose: General. Ad#142349

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LI-**ABILITY COMPANY**

(LLC). Name: EG SHOPPING CENTER LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, February 21, 2017. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is for agent process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Gold-man Attorneys PLLC, 210 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, NY 12203. D-144758

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of

GarvM Enterprises LLC.

a limited liability compa-

ny. Articles of Organiza-

tion filed with the Secre-

of New York (SSNY) on

1/6/2017. Office located

in Albany County, SSNY

has been designated for

service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy

of any process served against the LLC to

GaryM Enterprises LLC,

38 Nancy Theresa Ter..

Albany, NY 12205. Pur-

pose: any lawful pur-

Notice of Formation

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40, Albanv. NY 12207

Purpose: any lawful pur-

pose. D-144482

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICA-

The name of the limited

Monzonite Masonry & Stone, LLC. The Articles

of Organization were filed with the NYS De-partment of State on De-

county in which the of-

fice of the LLC is to be

located is Albany. The secretary of the State of

New York has been des-

ignated as agent of the

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served. The address to which the secretary of

state shall mail a copy of

any process accepted on behalf of the corporation

to 286 CR 410, Wester-

Io, NY 12193. The LLC

is formed to carry on

and conduct any and all

business activities per-

mitted under the laws of

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANI-

ZATION IN NEW YORK

BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

fice location: Albany County. SOS is desig-nated as agent of LLC

the State of New York. Ad#143554

cember 8, 2016.

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General.

<u>Ad#142351</u>

an LLC: Morris Forensic Consulting, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of New York tary of State of the State (SSNY) on January 6, 2017. Office Location: Albany County. The SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom Process against is may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Shannon L. Morris, 314 Road New Salem Voorheesville, NY 12186

<u>Ad#1</u>42682 NUSSBAUM

CHIROPRACTIC PLLC of L&X Associates, LLC, a Domestic Limited Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/1/2017. Office in Al-Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization bany Co. SSNY desig. filed with the Secretary agent of LLC upon York whom process may be (SSNY) on 02/16/17. served. SSNY shall mail Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is copy of process to 121 Everett Rd., Albany, NY designated as agent of 12205. Purpose: Chiro-LLC upon whom propractic. cess may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 90 State D-144146 process to: 90 State Street, STE 700 Office

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LI-ABILITY COMPANY

(LLC). PARADISE Name: EG-NM LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, February 16, 2017. 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 255 Wash-ington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12205 D-144411

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

The name of the LLC is PRIMEAU BROTHERS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/12/2017. New York office location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 9 High Street, Co-hoes, New York 12047. Purpose any lawful ac-

tivity. D-144756

TOWN OF COLONIE NOTICE OF PUBLIC Name: LJC27, L.L.C. Articles of Organization HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 2/23/17. Of-202B OF THE TOWN

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for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of companies, 20 corpo-rate Woods Blvd, Albany, NY 12211. Pur-pose: Any lawful act or

activity.

D-144995

LEGAL NOTICE

Locust Valley Bookstore,

LLC. Arts. of Org. filed

with Secy. of State of NY

(SSNY) on 01/10/2017. Off. loc.: Albany Co

SSNY des. as agent of

LLC upon whom pro-cess may be served.

SSNY shall mail process

to the LLC, 182 Birch

Hill Road, Locust Valley,

11560. Purpose:

COMMUNITY Visit us at the Kidz Expo!

GPL Pops-Up @ the Kidz Expo!

Join GPL and our friends from other area libraries at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, on, Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., for the 12th Annual Hannaford Kidz Expo, featuring "Storybook Fun with Curious George." We'll have books, crafts, and of course – fun!

Family Science Night

What a lot of fun our next Family Science Night is going to be! On Monday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m., students from Hudson Valley Community College's Biology Department will be at the library with fun science activities for kids! For children in grades 3 - 6, with their families. Please register by calling 456-2400 ext. 4.

Book Buddies are Back!

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MOHAWK VIEW WATER Pollution Control Plant Improvement

PROJECT

TICE that, pursuant to Chapter 950 of the Laws

of 1972 and the Town

Law of the State of New

York, a public hearing will be held in connec-

tion with the Mohawk

View Water Pollution Control Plant Improve-

posed improvement and

upgrade would include replacement and reloca-

tion of the existing in-door 500 kW diesel gen-erator with an outdoor

800 kW diesel generator

with a 24-hour sub base

tank along with the in-stallation of a new ATS

switch for the EPS Sys-

tem; and repair and/or replacement of building

roofs due to water and

thermal leaks, tears, and

age related deterioration along with repair and/or

replacement of ladders

for roof access, the loca-

tion and particulars of

the repairs and its asso-

ciated costs are de-scribed in detail in the

engineers report on file

in the Town ClerkOs of-

fice for public inspec-

amount proposed to be

One Thousand Dollars

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gle-family home.

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PLEASE TAKE NO-

Calling all kids in grades 1 - 4! Come and read to a teen

GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY www.guilpl.org

buddy. Build your reading skills and confidence. All reading levels welcome!

The 30-minute Book Buddy sessions take place every Tuesday in March, starting March 6. Slots are available at 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. Limit one slot per day per reader. Sign up and read! Call 456-2400 ext. 4 to register.

Drop-in Genealogy Help

Professional genealogist and Guilderland resident Lisa Dougherty will be ready to help breach the "brick walls" encountered when doing genealogical research. Her next session is on Wednesday, March 8, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Lisa is a former volunteer at the National Archives in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. She now devotes

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Albany

for the Bethlehem Public

Library Heating Ventila-

tion and Air Conditioning

Renovation

Bethlehem Public Li-brary is accepting Re-quest for Proposals for Construction Manage-ment Services for HVAC renovations to Pathle

renovations to Bethle-hem Public Library Io-

cated at 451 Delaware Avenue in Delmar, N.Y.

tailed Request for Pro-

posals (RFP) can be ob-tained at the library or

on the website at www.-

Copies of the de-

her time to lecturing around the area on family history, and assisting family researchers monthly at the Clifton Park Public Library, Crandall Library in Glens Falls, and the Irish-American Heritage Museum in Albany, where she is the genealogist-in-residence. Visit her website at http://www. upstatenygenealogy.com.

About GPL

The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Ave. Visit the library's website at guilpl.org to get information about upcoming programs, and to register online via the homepage's "Events & Registration Calendar." Check out the "unofficial" library updates at facebook.com/ Guilderland.Library and follow the Library on Twitter (@GuilderlandLib).

- Mark Curiale

LEGALS as follows: WHEREAS,

> WHEREAS, in recogni-tion of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the Water Fund Capital Reserve Fund and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is in the public interest to complete the Vly Creek

Reservoir Dam and Dike improvements and fund the additional engineering services and construction work; and BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this request up to maximum amount of \$255,000; and, BE IT FURTHER RE

Comptroller is autho-rized to expend from the Water Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$255,000 in said reserve

fund; and This resolution shall be subject to permissive referendum, as permitted by law.

Grange to hold **Irish dinner Saturday**

SELKIRK — The Bethlehem Grange #137 is throwing

a Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 4. Dinner is served family style. Beverage and desserts are also provided.

The Grange Hall at 24 Bridge St. (State Route 396 West) in Selkirk is handicap accessible. You are welcome to stay for the meal. Take-out dinners are also available.

Call Jo at 767-2985, Caroline at 424-4953, or Carol at 438-8862 for more information.

Perfect place for a meeting

When planning your next birthday party, bridal or baby shower or group meeting, think about using the Grange Hall.

For family reunions, craft displays, group classes, or any other event where you need plenty of space, the Grange Hall at 24 Bridge St. in Selkirk is handicap accessible and seats up to 96 people. There's a full kitchen available at an additional charge. We also have central air and convenient parking. Call us to arrange for your event. Call Jo 767-2985, Caroline 424-4953 or Carol 438-8862 to schedule. Plenty of dates are still available.

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Notice of Formation

tion: Albany County. SSNY has been desig-nated for service of pro-

cess. SSNY shall mail

LEGALS The motion to adopt the resolution was of-

seconded by

Councilwoman

February 22,

location: Albany

County. SSNY has been

designated as agent of the LLC upon whom

process against it may

be served. SSNY shall

mail process served to:

The LLC at 208 Point of

Woods Dr. Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any

2016. The office of this

business is located at 4

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Wagoner,

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designated as the agent of this PLLC. The pur-pose of this PLLC is to

Purpose: For the prac-tice of the profession of Office: Albany Law. County. Secretary of State is agent for proprovide Chiropractic sercess against PLLC and shall mail copy to P.O. BOX 11627, Albany, NY of THE GREEK HOUSE OF ALBANY, LLC. Arti-12211 Ad#143114 cles of Organization filed

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with Secretary of State of State of New York on 02/03/17. Office loca-LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP (LLP) Name: Vella, Carbone & Associates, LLP Certificate of Registra-tion filed with New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on: 10/11/2016. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process c/o Vella Carbone & Associates, LLP, 318 Delaware Avenue, Main Square, Suite 23, Del-mar, New York 12054. Term: N/A - No specific date of dissolution. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability partnership

LEGAL NOTICE

Ad#134994

WEST GROUP LAW PLLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/3/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 81 Main St., Ste. 510, White Plains, NY 10601. Purpose: To practice Law. Ad#143575

formed for the practice

of law may be organized.

Notice of Formation of LLC. The limited liability company name is Quality Holdings Delmar, LLC; articles of organization were filed with the secretary of state May 12, 2014; LLC's office to 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 Gregg Biche, 160 Delaware Avenue, Del-mar, NY 12054; Purpose:

Ad#142564

project is One Million Two Hundred Seventy-Notice of Formation of (\$1,271,000.00), which would result in an increase to the user rate of Said public hearing will be held in the ed as agent of LLC upon

project. BY OF ORDER OF THE pose: TOWN BOARD purpose. Ad#143045 THE TOWN OF 0F COLONIE, NEW YORK ELIZABETH A. DEL TOR-TOWN CLERK C-145030 LEGAL NOTICE Organization were filed on February 2, 2017 with the New York Secretary of State. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon may be served and shall mail a copy of any pro-cess served on him or her to 8 Wolfert Avenue, Menands, NY 12204. New York Office Location: Purpose: All lawful activities D-144158 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Construction Manage-ment Services

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on March 9, 2017 at

7:00 p.m., at which time and place an opportunity

will be given to all per-

sons interested in being

heard on the proposed

Hall,

York

Memorial Town

Newtonville, New

for any lawful purpose

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LLC. The limited liability company name is Quality JGC Delaware Ave, LLC; articles of organization were filed with the secretary of state July 27, 2016; LLC's office to be located in Albany County; the secretary of state has been designatwhom process against it may be served; the post bethlehempublic.li-brary.org. The RFP de-scribes the scope of the office to which the secwork to be completed and the expected conretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon it tent of the responses. is c/o Gregg Biche, 199 Delaware Avenue, Del-mar, NY 12054; Pur-Proposals will be re-ceived until March 17, 2017 at Bethlehem Pubfor any lawful lic Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Please provide one pa-per copy of your pro-NOTICE OF FORMATION posal along with one OF RADology, LLC a do-mestic Limited Liability electronic copy as a sin-gle .pdf. Electronic files Company organized un-der the laws of New can be emailed to director@bethlehempublicli-York whose Articles of

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brary.org. M/E Engineering has been contracted by Bethlehem Public library to provide professional engineering services for the project. Final RFP selection

will be at the sole discretion of the Trustees of Bethlehem Public Li-brary. Bethlehem Public Library reserves right to reject any or all

questions about the project to: Geoffrey Kirk-patrick, Director, (518) the director@-439-9314, bethlehempublicli-

document, which be posted to the library's website at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org. D-144762

Res # 2017-08 RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

estled in the woods off of

whose name graces the sleepy hamlet.

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Victorian and Greek Revival homes,

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porches are still as vibrant as they were

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It was even a Slingerland who served

as the hamlet's first postmaster. It's no

That tomb serves as a reminder to

is the memorial to the family who built

this section of town into what it is today.

It's stone obelisk still stands upon a hill,

wonder the hamlet is named as it is.

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Lose your history, lose your heritage albeit under the overgrowth of trees that Slingerlands' New Scotland has overcome the property since. It's that Road lies the tomb of the family neglect that brings us to the next lesson it

teaches: Forgetting the past. It's sleepy, in the sense that a leisurely At the point where Kenwood and New Scotland avenues meet resides the Bethlehem reveals a land that time forgot. vacant Mangia's restaurant. In the past several years, the local eatery has gone by many different names. But, before it was built so many years ago, there stood one of those Victorian homes, one of the many Slingerland homes peppered of the D&H Railroad called it home. It along New Scotland Avenue. The home was the Slingerland family who surveyed was sold and demolished to make way for the commercial storefront. And, for Slingerland who represented New York in the decades that followed, residents and Washington, D.C. The first water district, surviving family members were severed too, was established by the Slingerlands. from visiting the Slingerland's family tomb. No right of way was preserved. As customers parked their cars, a studied glance into the woods would reveal something that merely looked out of place. residents for a number of reasons. There

> This past weekend, the volunteers under the Slingerlands Historic District gathered at the Bethlehem

Public Library to celebrate five years since its recognition. But, as cake and refreshments were passed around, there were many who recognized there is little time to sit back and enjoy sweets while much work is still needed to preserve their neighborhood's character. The right of way to the Slingerland tomb has since been rectified by the town, but it was ever so apparent that no one in the room possessed an ounce of apathy that would allow such history to repeat itself.

Bethlehem's town and planning boards need to remain conscious of this unique historic district, and those that are certain to crop up in the near future. The town's Master Plan needs to designate zoning regulations that ensure new construction does not contrast with with the surrounding aesthetics. Slingerlands has held onto its history and maintained its character throughout the years. But, its residents need help continuing on with that effort. With the attraction of the new rail trail, it truly is in everyone's best interest.

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WHAT HAPPENED FOUR YEARS AGO ...

ALBANY COUNTY - Four

years ago, New Yorkers were reacting to legislation written in response to the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Conn.

At the time, Gov. Andrew Cuomo described the law as the toughest gun control law in the United States.

That February, around 7,000 pro-gun activists descended on Albany's West Capitol Park demanding the governor repeal the law, chanting, "we will not comply." Several owners of now-banned assault-style weapons said they would

2013: SAFE Activism

refuse to register their weapons with the state, now required under the SAFE Act.

Sen. George Amedore, who had just lost his seat to Duanesburg Democrat Cecilia Tkaczyck, spoke at the event. "We cannot allow our fury to diminish," he said. "I call upon you to stoke the ember and keep the flame of freedom and liberty alive in each and every one of us to fight this terrible act."

After the rally, New York State Rifle & Pistol Association (NYSRPA) President Thomas King said it was "hard to say" what affect the protest would have on

repealing the law and swaying legislators who support it.

NYSRPA filed suit against the state that March, claiming that the act violates Second Amendment Constitutional rights. "I think it does start to encroach on our Second Amendment," said Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple, who stopped short of declaring it unconstitutional.

The NY SAFE Act, which is still in force, contains a number of firearms regulations: it broadened the definition of 'assault weapon;' included a highcapacity magazine restriction, a universal

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VP of Advertising Bo Berezansky Advertising Representatives Bill Decker, Dave Decker, **Art Fredette** Circulation/Legals | Shekia Gandy background check provision, a new reporting requirement for mental health workers and tougher penalties for illegal gun use.

According to information released by the New York State Department of Justice in February, statewide, shooting incidents involving death or injury appear to have risen since 2013. In Albany, however, they decreased by around 20 percent between 2011 and 2015 - and approximately 13 percent from 2015-2016.

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COMMUNITY Summer camp cures Summertime Blues

n the 1960s, singer Eddie Cochran, and later rocker Roger Daltrey of The Who, sang "there ain't no cure for the summertime blues." For kids in the Bethlehem area, Cochran and Daltrey are wrong. The cure is summer camp at the Bethlehem YMCA and registration is open now!

You can find out all the information and download a camp brochure by going to cdymca.org/bethlehemymca-summer-camp/. However, as long as you are reading this, let me tell you more about YMCA summer camp using a few lines from that classic song, and some real comments from parents of Y summer



campers.

"I'm gonna raise a fuss, I'm gonna raise a holler." – No fussing but lots of hollering for joy as the Bethlehem YMCA summer camp promises and delivers fun all day for our campers.

After summer camp last year, a parent told the Y: "I have a great granddaughter going to the Bethlehem Y and totally loving it. I think the program is well run and the kids have freedom to choose activities with gentle and caring supervision. The

whole camp went to the Great Escape for the day and Emack and Bolios ice cream truck will be there after lunch. Swimming every day, making new friends, plenty of room to run, climb, play ball or do quiet activities, even just sit in the shade and read if you want!!"

"I'm gonna take two weeks, gonna have a fine vacation." A parent told us: "My nephew attended six weeks of Summer Camp and this has been by far the best experience he has ever had. The counselors and program director were all so amazing."

"About a-workin' all summer just to try to earn

a dollar."YMCA summer camp is a great value and can save you money. Our Summer Camp is in full swing from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, with lots of fun things for your child to experience each day. In addition to a high-quality summer camp experience, we also offer before and after camp care at no additional charge.

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spends the summer at the Y. In addition, the Y offers financial assistance for those who need help to afford summer camp.

"Sometimes I wonder what I'm a-gonna do." In addition to fun, games, field trips, swimming, crafts and more, the YMCA has many specialty summer camps where kids can spend a week focusing on an activity they love or want to know more about including: Lego camp, art camp, and camps that key on movie creation, ice skating, soccer, basketball, Frisbee golf and ultimate Frisbee.

Another parent comment: "The Bethlehem YMCA staff are all great

from the moment you walk in the building. Everyone is so helpful and courteous. My personal experience has been great. Love the energy and staff. Thank you all for the AMAZING work you all do."

"But there ain't no cure for the summertime blues." Oh yes there is a cure. Please visit the CDYMCA web site, stop by the Bethlehem Y, or call us at 439-4394 for more information about how your kids can have the best summer of their lives at the YMCA summer camp.

-Mark Hansen

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The next time the skies darken, grab your umbrella and head on over to the "Best Place to Spend a Rainy Day." If we don't have a program scheduled (and chances are we do), our



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-Kristen Roberts

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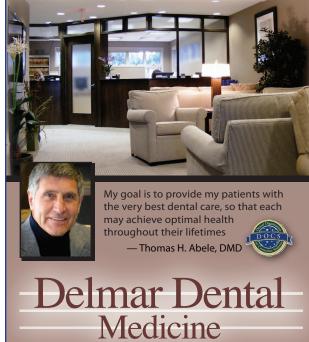


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BHS students receive leadership award

BETHLEHEM — Bethlehem Central High School students Richard Sweeney and McKenzie Koch received the Student Leadership Award from The Capital Zone chapter of the New York State Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYS AHPERD) on Sunday, Feb. 12.

Each year, the organization honors one young woman and one young man from each school district's graduating class who meet the following criteria: a high level of physical performance; scholastic achievement — an "A" average in high school physical education and an overall GPA of 3.0 or above at the completion of junior year; exceptional leadership qualities - some leadership role within or outside the school; and outstanding service to the school or community.

Sweeney, currently cocaptain of the Bethlehem swim team, has been a



From left: Richard Sweeney, BCSD Physical Education Department Supervisor Fred Powers, and McKenzie Koch.

member of the team since his freshmen year. He has competed with the Delmar Dolfins since second grade and, as a junior, competed statewide as a member of the high school's 200 medley relay team.

Sweeney is a member of the BCHS Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Pep Band, Jazz Band and Marching Band, where he plays the tuba. At school, he volunteers as a math tutor

and is co-president of The Stock Market Club. He was a volunteer counselor with Christian Camps of America, a volunteer instructor with STRIDE Sailing Adaptive Sports, a member of the Bethlehem Town Youth Court and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Youth Group.

Photo provided

Additionally, Sweeney has received a gold medal in the AASTP National Spanish Exam level 4, the Harvard Book Award, the Spirit of the Eagle award for varsity swimming and is a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist.

Koch has been a dance instructor of tap, jazz, ballet and hip-hop at the Dance Experience for the past two years and was a mentor coach at the Albany Recreational Lacrosse camp.

At school, she is president of the Key Club, a math tutor, was a member of the Principal's Advisory Committee and has participated in numerous plays, including Oliver, Shakespeare's The Tempest, and Damn Yankees.

Koch also achieved an advanced skill level placing sixth in the nation on the Grand Concours de Francais exam. She has received the Service Recognition Award for her work as a math tutor, and volunteering at the Pine Hollow Arboretum and Vacation Bible School. She was also a HOBY Community Leadership Workshop nominee.

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Amanda Jane Cooper is Glinda, foreground, and Jessica Vosk is Elphaba in this year's tour production of "Wicked." Photo by Joan Marcus

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Dustin Mele Memorial Concert

The best local musicians are coming together again to play at the 4th Annual Dustin Mele Memorial Concert which kicks off at Revolution Hall, Saturday, March 4 at 6 p.m. Page B5



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A Wicked' homecoming

Actor, Ballston Spa native Anthony Festa comes home in Broadway musical's return to the Proctors' stage

By MICHAEL HALLISEY

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SCHENECTADY — "[I] really wish Anthony Festa could sing," Amanda Jane Cooper mused on her Twitter account last January. No one suspected any ill intentions from the "Wicked" actress. She followed her statement with "JK OH MY GOSH AMAZING SOUND CHECK."

She is, after all, Glinda, the "good witch."

Cooper attached a brief video featuring Festa alone on stage, belting out Journey's "Don't Stop Belivin'." The song was a cinch for the now 28-year old Ballston Spa native to sing. Prior to making the cast of the touring production of "Wicked," he was doing his own Steve Perry for audiences in "Rock of Ages" every night. But, the song couldn't be more apropos for him today.

When "Wicked" returns to Proctors Theatre for a 16-show engagement starting Wednesday, March 1, Festa will make his hometown debut on its storied stage.

"It's really cool," said Festa, a 2006 graduate of Ballston Spa High School. "My dad used to take me to

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shows when I was younger. The

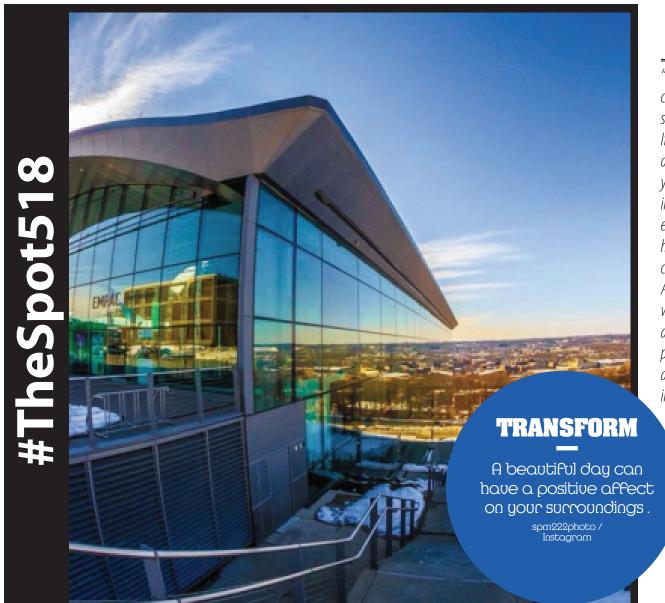
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Anthony Festa is a

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"The guy on the subway can sing. Everybody can sing. Everybody can sing. It's not about that. It's about what makes you you. Why is that interesting and why does everybody need to see and hear that. That's what's cool about what we do. And how much more we can continue to learn and dive more into our *psyche and into becoming* an individual that is so interesting to watch."

> — Anthony Festa, Broadway actor



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Roger Waters of Pink Floyd adds Albany as an additional stop to his "Us + Them" tour for Sept.

ALBANY — Due to overwhelming demand, eleven new dates have been added to Roger Waters North American "Us + Them" tour, including a stop at the Pepsi Arena on Saturday, Sept. 23.

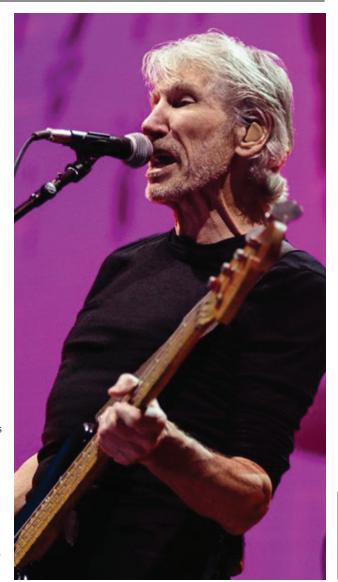
"We are going to take a new show on the road, the content is very secret," said Roger Waters. "It'll be a mixture of stuff from my long career, stuff from my years with Pink Floyd, some new things. Probably 75 percent of it will be old material and 25 percent will be new, but it will be all connected by a general theme. It will be a cool show, I promise you. It'll be spectacular like all my shows have been."

The tour already promises to features songs from Pink Floyd's most popular albums, "The Dark Side of the Moon," "The Wall," "Animals" and "Wish You Were Here."

Waters' live performances are renowned as immersive sensory experiences featuring high class, state-of- the-art audio visual production and breathtaking quad sound. This new tour promises to be no exception, following months of meticulous planning and visionary craft, it will inspire crowds with its powerful delivery to take the audience on a musical journey.

Tickets are on sale now. For information, visit rogerwaters.com.

Roger Waters on guitar. Photo from Roger Waters / Facebook



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Talk with Ron Brown Thursday, March 2, National Museum of Dance

SARATOGA SPRINGS — The National Museum of Dance will host a Talk and Demonstration with Artistic Director and Choreographer Ron Brown on Thursday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

This event is free. To make reservations call (518) 584-2225 x3001. For more information call (518) 584-2225 or email info@dancemuseum.org.

Hannaford's Kidz Expo Saturday, March 4, at Empire State Plaza

ALBANY — Nick Jr. stars Peppa Pig and her brother, George will be featured along with Curious George at this year's Kidz Expo, Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Empire State Plaza.

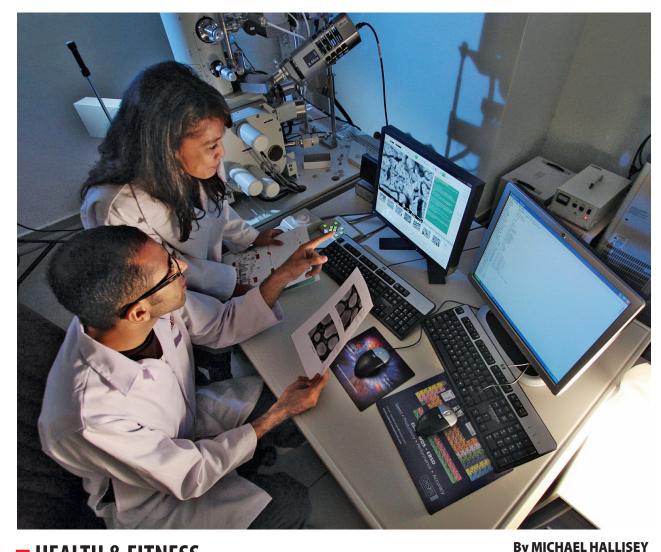
More than 100 vendors are scheduled to attend, including performances by Dance Dimensions, a display of exotic reptiles, a roaming railroad and a toddler zone. Music, games, face painting and bounce rides will also be on hand to round out a full day of fun and family entertainment.

For information, call (518) 486-1873 or visit empirestateplaza.org.

CORRECTION

In the Feb. 15 edition of our *Spotlight on Business* supplement, Upstate Wine & Spirit owner Todd Yutzler's title was reported incorrectly.





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quicker than others because our immune systems are different. Because of examples like this, it is still a question as to who and why a neurodegenerative disease develops in any one person.

"The example I give, when you crack open a raw egg, that gelatinous, white part of the egg, that's a properly folded protein," said Dr. Anne Messer, principal investigator at the Neural Stem Cell Institute in Rensselaer. Messer's everyday vernacular involves nucleotides, deoxyribonucleic acid and protein (though, not the kind you digest). Our bodies produce proteins, manufactured by our own unique DNA structure, which determines are individual traits. It's why you have blue eyes. It's what you can blame for having your father's nose. "Now you fry the egg, and that white portion turns into a solid mass, that's the proteins misfolding on account of the extreme heat. Now imagine on a very micro scale, that you normally have this tiny bit or normal, gelatinous, moving protein. And, then something happens. Not high heat, but other parts of the biochemistry goes wrong, or a toxin is introduced, and suddenly what's inside yourself is more like that cooked egg white."

Messer is a pioneer in the field of engineered antibody technologies, and their use towards treating Huntington's and Parkinson's disease. She has published more than 100 papers on genetics, mechanisms and therapeutics for neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative diseases, including papers in Nature, Nature Genetics, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Molecular Therapy, and major neuroscience journals.

Last September, Messer was a speaker at the World's Parkinson's Congress in Portland, Or. "There were 4,000 people affected by Parkinson's

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there, in one convention center," she said. At the Portland convention, Messer said she spoke in front of 1,000 people. Her ability to speak in front of large groups is not a challenge for her. Ask a question about her research, and a confident response immediately follows. Speaking one-onone with someone afflicted with Huntington's, she said, bypasses the research and the papers, and goes straight to the heart.

Huntington's, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's are all neurodegenerative diseases — illnesses the effect the brain, impacting one's ability to move, talk, and sometimes leading up to mood swings and memory loss. Ultimately, each disease leads to dementia, and death. In many cases, these diseases are passed down genetically. In the case of Huntington's disease, a 2015 paper published in Neurologic Clinics stated that 10 percent of patients contracted the illness through the outside environment. A person whose mother or father has Parkinson's disease has a 50/50 chance of developing it as well. Because patients ultimately lose their sense of freedom, and sense of self, the subject matter is scary.

Messer's research, and those of her peers, is shedding light on the unknown aspects these diseases. Becoming more aware of the root cause, so methods of treatment are created for those who develop symptoms.

"Basically, there's a concept that is becoming increasingly important," said Messer. "That the reason our brains breakdown in different ways, in different diseases, is because the proteins that normally keep them healthy, misfold. So, the quality control mechanism that allows everything to be manufactured in an orderly and correct fashion, begins to breakdown —

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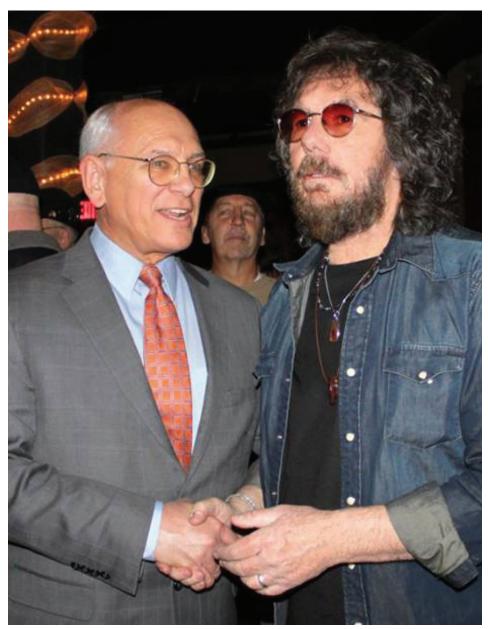
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PICK OF THE WEEK Annual memorial concert returns

TROY— The best local musicians are coming together again to play at the 4th Annual Dustin Mele Memorial Concert kicks off at Revolution Hall, Saturday, March 4 at 6 p.m.

Dustin Mele was the son of Joe Mele, a vertan of more than 40 years on the local music scene. Dustin committed suicide in 2013, and the family has since thrust the topics of depression and suicide prevention out into the open to raise money.

The first three concerts have been credited as top musical events of the year in the Troy Record and drew more than 1,800 people including Congressman Paul Tonko and Troy city officials. The concerts raised \$23,000 to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's (AFSP) suicide awareness and prevention programs, which in turn, named The Dustin Mele Memorial Concert one of its top fundraising teams in upstate New York.

According to the event's Facebook page, the list of bands include: Emerald City, Ernie Williams Tribute Band with Jeremy Walz; Off the Record Trio featuring Bill Harrison; Tony Perrino's Killer B with Pete Sweeney, Lucas Ruedy, Matt Hatfield, Tom Murphy, Trish Anderson, Dave Max, Chris Busone, Todd Hanhurst, Kenny Hohman and Lori Friday; Kyle Bourgault Band; Matt Mirable Band with Frank Daley.

Dustin's friends and family believe that with erasing the stigma of depression and making proper mental health care more easily available, lives can be saved. AFSP has been able to bring this awareness and lobby on their behalf. Suicide is at epidemic proportions and touches more and more lives and families every day.

Proceeds are to go towards AFSP's annual Capital Region Walk for R.I.T.A., which is the leading fundraiser for AFSP's suicide prevention initiatives in this area; as well as Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club, and Companion Animal Placement Program (CAPP).

For those who are unable to attend the concert, but would still like to donate, visit http://afsp.donordrive.com/participant/ DustinMele.

Congressman Paul Tonko (left) and Joe Mele shake hands at last year's concert. Photo from Dustin Mele Memorial Concert / Facebook



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FRIDAY March 10, 2017 | 9 pm SKELETON KEYS TREY AFTER PARTY

SATURDAY March 11, 2017 | 9 pm LAST DAZE DUO w/s/g TWO GUYS

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Night: Maroon 5 at the Times Union Center

ALBANY — Pop superstars Maroon 5 are set to perform at the Times Union Center on Tuesday, March 7. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. concert. R. City will open the performance.

Maroon 5, born and bred in Los Angeles, with their catchy hook, soaring vocals, and signature sound, have solidified their position as one of pop music's most enduring artists. It captured its first of three Grammy Awards as "Best New Artist" of 2005 and have gone on to sell more than 17 million albums worldwide. Maroon 5's releases have also gone gold and platinum in over 35 countries. The band is currently on tour in support of its latest release, "V."

Tickets, which range from \$30.50 to \$126 each, are still available. To purchase, either call the Times Union Box Office at (518) 487-2000 or Ticketmaster Chargeby-phone at (800) 745-3000, or buy online at www.ticketmaster.com.

For more details, including driving directions and parking information, visit www.timesunioncenter-albany.com.



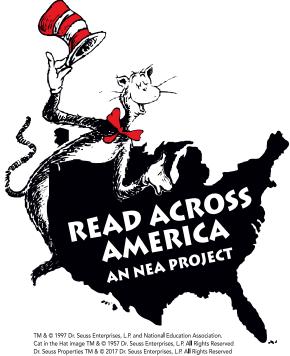
Photo courtesy Maroon 5 Facebook page

Day: Dr. Seuss Read-a-thon at Five Rivers

DELMAR — Head over to Five Rivers Environmental Education Center for this Saturday, March 4, to not only explore environmental topics, but also mark Read Across America Dav as a family! Follow along as we read some classic children's books by Dr. Seuss, including "Yertle the Turtle,""The Lorax," and "Sneeches," among others. Attendees will not only have the opportunity to draw their own Seuss-like creature, but also have the chance to meet the Cat in the Hat! The celebration of all creatures strange and silly begins in the Guided School Program classroom in the Visitor's Center at 10 a.m. Program is expected to run for 90 minutes. Admission is free and registration is not required.

For more information, call (518) 475-0291 or visit www. dec.ny.education/1835.html. Five Rivers Environmental

Education Center is located at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.



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MARCH 11 The Drunken Hearts Parish Public House 8 pm

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MARCH 24 John Brown's Body w/s/g Dr. Jah & the Love Prophets The Hollow Bar & Kitchen 8 pm

MARCH 31 Start Making Sense - Saratoga Springs, NY Putnam Den 8:30 pm

APRIL 7 Magic Beans w/ Teddy Midnight The Hollow Bar & Kitchen 8 pm

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APRIL 27 The Kitchen Dwellers The Hollow Bar & Kitchen 8 pm

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Newberry Music Hall

Every Fri: DJ Frankie Ramos (Latin Night) 9 p.m.

Thur: Karaoke | 10 p.m.

One Caroline Street

1 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.

Wed: The Masters of Nostalgia

Thur: **Rodeo Barons** | 9 p.m.

O'Slattery's Irish Pub

318 Delaware Ave., Delmar. (518) 439-5634

Tue: DJ Trivia | 7 p.m.

Parish Public House 388 Broadway, Albany. (518) 365-0444

Stephen Stewart | 8 p.m.

Panza's

Fri: TooMuchTooFast | 8 p.m.

Tue: Silver Arrow Band | 7 p.m.

510 NY Rte. 9P (on Saratoga Lake), Saratoga Springs. (518) 584-6882

Sunday: Charles Cornell Trio | 7 p.m.

Sat: Empty Mansions, Michaela Lane,

Wed: Dan Sherwin 6:30 p.m.

Fri: Graham Tichy Trio 9 p.m. Sat: The New Standard 9 p.m.

388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.

304 Lark St., Albany. (518) 463-9004

Nanola

Thur: Hot Club of Saratoga Trio | 7 p.m.

Sat: Joe Gitto & Dan Wancyk | 6:30 p.m.

2639 US Rte. 9, Malta. (518) 587-1300

CLUBS

9 Maple Avenue 9 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs. www.9mapleave.com Fri: Rick Rosoff Quartet | 9 p.m. Sat: Brian Patneaude Quartet 9 p.m.

Albany Elks Lodge 25 S. Allen St., Albany. Fri: Alan Thompson Little Big Band

(swing dance) 8 p.m. **Albany Rail Yard** 1118 Central Ave., Albany. 518) 489-2990 Every Wed: Salsa Night | 8:30 p.m. Sat: Diva and Dirty 8 p.m.

Aperitivo 426 State St., Schenectady. (518) 579-3371 Tue: Jecco | 5:30 p.m.

Arthur's Market 35 N. Ferry St., Schenectady. (518) 382-1938 Every Thur: Edith's Amazing Jam 6 p.m.

Athos 1814 Western Ave., Albany. (518) 608-6400 Fri: Patricia Dalton Trio | 7 p.m.

Bier Abbey 613 Union St., Schenectady. (518) 388-3597

Sun: Giroux Brothers Quartet | 10 a.m. **Black Cat Ale House** 25 White St., Cohoes. (518) 238-3445 Every Fri: **DJ** | 8 p.m. Sat: Rod Choppy | 8 p.m.

Caffè Lena 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. (518) 225-0882

Thur: The Bombadils | 7 p.m. Fri: Karen Savoca and Pete Heitzman 8 p.m

Sat: Rain on a Conga Drum: The Songs of Townes Van Zandt | 8 p.m. Sun: The Barefoot Movement | 7 p.m. Every Mon: **Open Mic** 7 p.m.

Carney's Tavern 17 Main Street, Ballston Lake. (518) 280-7959 Every Thur: **Matty Finn** | 6 p.m. Fri: Herb Carter 7:30 p.m. Sat: **Rich Thomas** | 7 p.m.

Castle Street Café 10 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. (413) 528-5244

Fri: Robs Kelly & Putnam, Jeff Stevens & Jay Bradley | 8 p.m. Sat: Peg & Bill Delany | 7 p.m.

Centre Street Pub 308 Union St., Schenectady. (518) 393-2337 Thur: Josh & Justin | 7 p.m. Fri: Rat Tail Jimmy 9 p.m.

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ARTSCALENDAR



Something 'Wicked' this way comes

Amanda Jane Cooper, left, stars as Glinda while Jessica Vosk plays Elphaba in the national touring production of the Broadway blockbuster "Wicked." Both witches fly onto Proctors mainstage today through March 12. For performance times and ticket information, visit www.proctors.org. Photo by Joan Marcus

Sat: Annie in the Water 9 p.m. **City Beer Hall** 42 Howard St., Albany. (518) 449-2337 Every Sat: 90s Dance Party | 11 p.m.

Club Helsinki

405 Columbia St., Hudson, (518) 828-4800 or helsinkihudson.com Fri: Rhiannon Giddons & Dirk Powell 9 p.m

Daily Grind 46 Third St., Troy. (518) 272-8658 Sun: Sheiks of Third Street | 12 p.m.

Dolce Vita

1727 State St., Schenectady. (518) 357-3324 Every Fri & Sat: Music and Dancing with Randy Loren | 5 p.m.

Dukes Chophouse

Rivers Casino, 1 Rush St., Schenectady. (518) 579-8850 or riverscasinoandresort. com/dining/dukes Thurs: Lecco Morris | 5:30 p.m. Fri: **Dylan Perillo** | 5:30 p.m.

ACE TO ST. PATRICK'S

Eden Cafe 269 Osborne Rd, Loudonville. (518) 977-3771 Fri: Justin and Areli 7:30 p.m. Sat: Bryan Edwards | 7:30 p.m.

Emack & Bolio's 366 Delaware Ave. (518) 512-5100 Fri: Randall Mauger | 7 p.m. Sat: Emerald Dawn | 7 p.m. Every Tue: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

Fuze Box

12 Central Ave., Albany. (518) 703-8937 Fri: Exhuman: Battle Royale | 9 p.m. Sat: The Business, Mentally ILL, Reddi, Ken3tic 9 p.m.

Gaffney's 16 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs. (518) 587-7359 Every Tue: Open Mic w/ Rick Bolton

8 p.m.

Grappa '72 818 Central Ave., Albany. (518) 482-7200 Wed & Thur: Hamilton Street Jazz

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The Happy Cappuccino 1 Crossgates Mall Rd., Albany. (518) 313-7423 Every Fri: Jecco | 12 p.m.

The Hollow Bar + Kitchen 79 N. Pearl St., Albany. (518) 426-8550 Thur: Slothrust, lan Sweet | 9 p.m.

Fri: Electric Guest, Chaos Chaos

9 p.m **Hudson River Music Hall** 10 Maple St., Hudson Falls.

(518) 832-3484 Every Wed: Open Mic | 7 p.m. Sat: Songwriter's Showcase with Doug Irving | 7 p.m. Sun: Led Sabbath | 3 p.m.

J.J. Rafferty's 847 New Loudon Rd., Latham. (518) 783-6800 Every Fri & Sat: DJ Billy 9 p.m.

Lanie's Café 471 Albany-Shaker Rd., Loudonville, (518) 438-5005 Every Tue: Dan Sherwin | 6 p.m.

The Low Beat 335 Central Ave., Albany (518) 432-6572

Inch Band 8 p.m. Sun: Ice Cream, The Rechordurovs |7 p.m.

McGeary's 4 Clinton Square, Albany. (518) 463-1455 Every Wed: Best Damn Open Mic Ever with Mother Judge | 7:30 p.m. Every Sun: Blues Jam | 7:30 p.m.

Merry Monk Saratoga 84 Henry St., Saratoga Springs. (518) 584-6665

Moon & River Café

Sat: Harry Pellegrin | 6 p.m.

Every Wed: The Deadbeats | 10 p.m. Sat: Mail the Horse, Viking Moses,

Sun: Hot Club of Saratoga | 12 p.m.

115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady. (518) 377-5100 Thur: **Running the River** | 7 p.m.

Mouzon House 1 York St., Saratoga Springs. (518) 226-0014

The Parting Glass 40 Lake Ave, Saratoga Springs. (518) 583-1916 Wed: Irish Celtic Session | 7 p.m. Fri: Kids Open Mic with Rick Bolton (8-18 yrs) | 7 p.m. Sat: Big Medicine 9 p.m.

> Pauly's Hotel 337 Central Ave., Albany. paulyshotel.com Fri: El Silver Cabs | 8:30 p.m. Sun: After the Fall, Posers, Prison, Ellen & The Degenerates | 7 p.m. Every Mon: Blue Monday Blues Jam

> > 8 p.m. Prime at Saratoga National 458 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs.

(518) 583-4653 Every Sun: Joe Sorrentino Trio (Jazz brunch) | 10:30 a.m. Provence

Stuyvesant Plaza, 1475 Western Ave., Albany. (518) 689-7777 Fri: Pat Viglucci & Jazz Connection 6 p.m.





Sat: **Christine Spero Trio** | 6 p.m. **Putnam Den** 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs. (518) 584-8066 Thur: **The Deadbeats** | 8:30 p.m. Fri: **Anvil, Night Demon, Graveshadow** | 9 p.m. Sat: **Gratefully Yours, Mister F** | 10 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub 150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. (518) 235-5858

Every Thur: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m. Fri: **The Schmooze** | 9 p.m. Sat: **Road to Galway** | 7 p.m. Every Sun: **Maurizio Russomanno** | 4 p.m.

Savoy Taproom 301 Lark St., Albany. (518) 599-5140 Fri: Ryan Leddick Trio | 9 p.m.

Speakeasy 518 42 Howard St., Albany. (518) 449-2332 Every Mon: **Joe Finn** | 8 p.m.

Stockade Inn 1 North Church St., Schenectady. (518) 346-3400

Thur: Tommy Verrigni Trio | 7 p.m. Troy Kitchen

77 Congress St., Troy, (518) 268-0068 Every Fri: **DJ Lounge** | 11 p.m.

Twisted Vine 384 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. (518) 439-3241

Fri: The Standard Clams | 7 p.m. Upstate Concert Hall 1208 NY 146, Clifton Park.

(518) 371-0012 or upstateconcerthall.com

Thur: Josh Abbott Band | 7 p.m. Sat: Ja Rule | 7 p.m. Sun: Pierce the Veil | 6 p.m. The Van Dyck 237 Union St., Schenectady. (518) 348-7999 Tue: Keith Pray's Big Soul Ensemble | 9 p.m.

Waterworks Pub

76 Central Ave., Albany. (518) 465-9079 Thur: **DJ Shawn Gillie** | 11 p.m. Fri: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m. Sat: **DJ David Barna** | 10 p.m. Mon: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

Wishing Well Restaurant 745 Saratoga Rd., Wilton. (518) 584-7640

Sat: **Rob Aronstein** | 6 p.m. **Yono's** 25 Chapel St., Albany. (518) 436-7747 Sat: **Hamilton Street Jazz Duo** | 6:30 p.m.

MUSIC

Old Songs Open Mic Sign up to play for a 15 minute set. Wed., March 1, 7:30 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. \$3 cover charge. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

Tommy Emmanuel with special guest Joe Robinson The legendary acoustic guitarist has a professional career that spans five decades. Wed., March 1, 7:30 p.m. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 State St., Troy. Tickets: \$19 - \$29.(518) 273-0038 or

www.troymusichall.org.

Chad Eby

Saxophonist and highly sought after arranger. Part of the School of Music's Guest Artist Festival. Thurs., March 2, 7:30 p.m. Taylor Auditorium, Schenectady County Community College, 78 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Free. sunysccc.edu.

Lee Rehs: EP Music Premiere Young Noble Gentlemen present a black tie event featuring this passionate R&B and pop vocalist whose voice was birthed in the confiner of a Thailand refuse

in the confines of a Thailand refugee camp. Sat., March 4, 6 p.m. The Linda, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$49.99. (518) 465-5233 or www.thelinda.org.

4th Annual Dustin Mele Memorial Concert

Lineup includes Scotty Mac & Bill Harrison Band with Luke McNamee; Ernie Williams Tribute Band with Jeremy Walz; Emerald City, Tony Perrino's Killer B; Kyle Bourgault Band and Matt Mirable Band with Frank Daley. Sat., March 4, 6 p.m. Brown's Revolution Hall, 425 River St. Troy. \$10; proceeds to benefit American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club, and Companion Animal Placement Program (CAPP.) www.facebook.com/Dustin-MeleMemorial.

Dar Williams

Idiosyncratic songwriter who writes folk songs from a unique, often insightful perspective. Sat., March 4, 7:30 p.m. GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets \$26 or \$40 (gold circle). (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Schenectady Symphony Orchestra

"Caprice." Program features Suite No. 1 in C Major by Johann Sebastian Bach along with works by Jacques Ibert, Gustav Holst and Ottorino Respighi. Sun., March 5, 3 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets \$15.

(518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Clearwater Benefit Concert Hosted by Wanda Fischer, featuring Pete Seeger classics performed by Betty and the Baby Boomers, along with Nite Train, Bounce-back Reggae Band, Jazz by The Duo, Elizabeth Straton and 3 Quarter North. Sun., March 5, 4 p.m. The Linda, WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: Adults, \$35; children ages 12 and younger, \$10. (518) 465-5233 or www.thelinda.org.

St. Paul & The Broken Bones Blazing mating of '60s soul fire, daubed with latter-day influences like Sly Stone, David Bowie, and Prince, on tour in support of its latest recording "Sea of Noise." Aaron Lee Tasjan will open. Sun., March 5.8 n m. Hart Theatre. The Eng. Empire

5, 8 p.m. Hart Theatre, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$35 and up. (518) 473-1845 or www.theegg.org. **Evans-Lev Piano Duo**

Mark Evans, and Gili Melamed-Lev, renew their partnership performing works by Debussy and Phillip Lasser, along with Schubert's Fantasy in F minor and a piano four-hand version of Brahms' String Sextet in B-flat major. Part of the School of Music's Guest Artist Festival. Mon., March 6, 7:30 p.m. Free. Taylor Auditorium, Schenectady County Community College, 78 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Free. sunysccc.edu.

Maroon 5

The band's catchy hook, soaring vocals, and signature hybrid rock/R&B sound, have solidified their position as one of pop music's most enduring artists. R. City will open. Times Union Center, 51 S. Pearl St., Albany. Tues., March 7. Doors at 6:30 p.m.; show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30.50 to \$126. (518) 487-2000, (800) 745-3000 or www. timesunioncenter-albany.com.

Sarah Jarosz

Gifted multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, and vocalist is on tour in support of her Grammy-winning fourth recording. Singer/songwriters Kieran Kane and Rayna Gellert will open. Thurs., March 9, 7:30 p.m. Swyer Theatre, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets \$29.50. (518) 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Garth Brooks World Tour

with Trisha Yearwood Husband and wife American country singers make a three-night stop in the Capital District as part of their international tour. Daily, Fri., March 10 through Sun., March 12. Doors at 6 p.m.; concert at 7 p.m. Times Union Center, 51 S. Pearl St., Albany. Tickets \$74.98 each. (518) 487-2000, (800) 745-3000 or www. timesunioncenter-albany.com.

Alexis P. Suter Band with

The Andrew Wheeler Duo Powerful and unique five-piece ensemble

blends the lines between blues, soul and

rock music. Fri., March 10, 8 p.m. The Linda, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$15. (518) 465-5233 or www.thelinda. org.

Pentaedre

Quintet will perform works by Ligeti, Mozart/Carpentier, Lussier, Mozart/Lussier and Taffenel. Presented by the Friends of Chamber Music. Sat., March 11, 7:30 p.m. Kiggins Hall, Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave. Troy. Tickets: \$25; \$15 for students. (518) 833-1874 or www.friendsofchambermusic.org.

Cosy Sheridan

and Sloan Wainwright

An exciting evening with two richly talented, award-winning singer-songwriters. Sat., March 11. Doors at 7 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Education Center, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$24 or \$35. (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Dan Evans

Internationally known mountain dulcimer player and highly accomplished acoustic guitarist. Sat., March 11, 8 p.m. Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 State Route 43, Sand Lake. Tickets: Adults, \$18; Children 18 and younger, \$10. (518) 674-2007 or www.SCLA-CTP.org.

Lucy Kaplansky

Blending country, folk and pop styles, she has the unique ability to make every song sound fresh, whether singing her own originals or covers. Sat., March 11, 8 p.m. The Linda, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$20. (518) 465-5233 or www. thelinda.org.

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THEATER

An Iliad

Obie Award-winning adaptation spins the familiar tale of gods and goddesses, undying love and battles of The Trojan War. CapitalREP. Fri., March 10, through Sun., April 2. Shows: Daily, Tuesdays through Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Fridays, 8 p.m., Saturdays, 3 and 8 p.m. and Sundays, 2 p.m. 111 N. Pearl Street, Albany. Tickets: \$20 to \$50. (518) 445-7469 or capitalrep.org.

Godspell

A timeless tale of friendship, loyalty and love based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Presented by Park Playhouse at The Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. March 4 through 12. Shows: Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m; Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: Adults, \$25; students (age 18 and younger) \$15. (518) 465-4663 or palacealbany.org.

One Woman Sex in the City:

Comedic whirling dervish Kerry Ipema will bring everyone's favorite characters to life as they brunch, banter, argue, support each other and swoon over men and Manolos. Thurs., March 9, 7:30 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$30 advance, \$35 day of show. (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Skin Deep

A large, lovable, lonely-heart, named Maureen Mulligan gives romance one last shot on a blind-date with sweet awkward Joseph Spinelli. They were set up on the date by Maureen's sister Sheila and her husband, Squire, who are having problems of their own. With Maureen particularly vulnerable to both hurting and being hurt, the time is ripe for all these unspoken issues to bubble to the

surface. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Rd., Latham. Through March 25. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Special matinee Saturday, March 4 at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com

Wicked

This Broadway sensation looks at what happened in the Land of Oz from a different angle. Shows: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday 3/2: 7:30 p.m.; Thursday 3/9 and Fridays: 8 p.m.; Saturdays: 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sundays: 1 and 6:30 p.m.; special matinee performance Thurs. March 2, at 1:30 p.m. Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$38 to \$153. (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

COMEDY

The Funny Bone

Bo Dacious, March 1, 7:30 p.m., \$12. Jeff Dye, March 2, 7:30 p.m., \$15; March 3, 7:30 and 9:45 p.m., \$18; March 4, 7 and 10 p.m., \$18; and March 5, 7 p.m. \$15. All shows are 21+. Crossgates Mall, 1 Crossgates Mall Road, Guilderland. (518) 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com.

The Comedy Works

Ted Alexandro, March 2, 7:30 p.m., \$10 (show only) or \$29.95 (dinner + show); March 3 and 4, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.; \$25 (show only, advance), \$49.95 (dinner + show, advance); prices for both packages increase \$5 if purchased the day of show. Open Mic, March 2, 9 p.m.; sign ups begin at 7 p.m., free to attend or participate. 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. (518) 275-6897 or the comedyworks.com.

Proctors

The "Irish Comedy Tour" featurs Irish-American comedians: Derek Richards,

Mike McCarthy, Damon Leibert, and Derrick Keane. Some mature content. Fri., March 10, 7:30 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$30. (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

The Egg

Lisa Lampanelli, comedy's loveable Queen of Mean. Mature audiences only. Sat., March 11, 8 p.m. Hart Theatre, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$39.75. (518) 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Stand-up comedy legend Marc Maron in "The Too Real Tour." Sat., March 11, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 State St., Troy. Tickets: \$29 - \$34. (518) 273-0038 or www.troymusichall.org

DANCE

Pauline Boudry/ **Renate Lorenz**

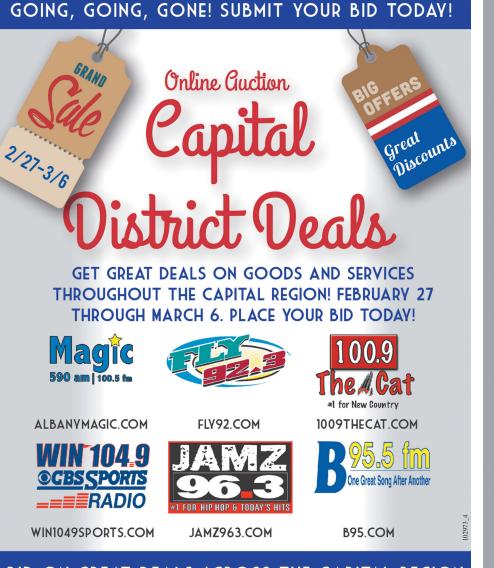
Pair of Berlin-based artists will introduce a program of videos by themselves and others, providing context for and insight into their new project. Wed., March 1, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$6. Theater, Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 8th Street and College Ave., Troy. (518) 276-3921 or tickets.empac.rpi.edu.

Community Barn Dance

Fun, simple dances from the U.S. and around the world. For every age and ability. Music by Tamarack; Paul Rosenberg will call. Saturday, March 4, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. \$8 per person, children 12 and younger, free. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company

ESDC has created a new performance, "At Any Given Moment," in relation to Olpalka



BID ON GREAT DEALS ACROSS THE CAPITAL REGION

Gallery's current exhibit, "Gravity + Light: Caroline Ramersdorfer | Sculptures 1985 - 2016, set to music by Evelyn Glennie. The premiere of this work, along with readaptations of current works "Aguria" and "Tumble" for the gallery space, Fri., March 3, at 6:30 p.m. and Sun., March 5, at 3 p.m. Olpalka Gallery, Sage College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 292-8607 or olpalka.sage.edu.

Ronald K. Brown/Evidence

Choreographer Brown's troupe, Evidence, will perform the Afro-Cuban inspired "Why You Follow,""On Earth Together" — a celebration of the music of Stevie Wonder and "March" set to a speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fri., March 3, 8 p.m. Hart Theatre, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$28. (518) 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

FAMILY

KIDS! Storytime For children and their parents/ caregivers. Fri., March 3, 10:30 a.m.

Northshire Bookstore, 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. (518) 682-4200 or www.northshire.com.

Hannaford Kidz Expo

Featuring "Storybook Fun with Curious George" along with all sorts of entertainment, information, activities and fun for children of all ages! Sat., March 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Albany. Free. (518) 486-1873 or

www.empirestateplaza.org. Dr. Suess Read-A-Thon

Mark Read Across America Day with books and projects inspired by Dr. Seuss. Sat., March 4, 10 a.m. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Rd., Delmar. Free. (518) 475-0291 or www.dec.ny.gov/education/1835.html.

returns to the Hall!

LUNASA

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SUNY POLY CMOST

Animal Spotlight: Learn more about the museum's interesting inhabitants during this hands-on activity. Wed., March 1 and March 8 at 3:30 p.m. 250 Jordan Rd, Troy. Free with paid admission (\$5 per person, ages 2+). (518) 235-2120 or www.cmost.org.

Ice Skating at the Empire State Plaza

The ice rink at the Empire State Plaza will be open (weather permitting) for free ice skating daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (note that rink maintenance is performed between 3 and 4 p.m.). Skate rentals are available on site; there is a \$3 charge for children's stakes and a \$4 charge for adult skates. Photo ID is required for rental. winter.empirestateplaza.org.

FILM

Cameraperson

Exposing her role behind the camera, documentary cinematographer Kirsten Johnson reaches into the vast trove of footage she has shot over decades around the world. Unrated. Running time: 122 mins. Thursday, March 2, 6:30 p.m. Olpalka Gallery, Sage College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 292-8607 or opalka.sage.edu.

Tenacious D in the Pick of Destiny

Join Jack Black and Kyle Gass for the hilariously over-the-top musical origin story of the greatest band of all time... Tenacious D! Presented by It Came From Schenectady. Rated R. Runnng time: 93 mins. Thurs., March 2, 7 p.m. Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$9 adults; \$6 students w/ID. (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Once in a Lifetime (Les Heritiers)

A dedicated history teacher gives her multicultural classroom a unique assignment: a national competition on the theme of child victims of the Nazi concentration camps. Initially, the project is met with extreme resistance until something dramatically changes the students' attitudes. Part of the Jewish Film Festival. Unrated. Running time: 105 mins. Discussion led by Shelley Shapiro, director, community relations, Jewish Federation NENY, follows. Sat., March 4, 7 p.m. Schenectady JCC, 2565 Balltown Rd., Schenectady, Admission: \$10. (518) 377-8803 or www. schenectadyjcc.org.

A Very Long Engagement Second installment of the World War I

film series presented by the Schenectady County Public Library and the Schenectady County Historical Society in conjunction with SCHS's World War i-themed exhibit. Rated R. Running time: 133 mins. Mon., March 6, 5:30 p.m. Swanker Board Room, Central Library, 99 Clinton St., Schenectady. Free. (518) 374-0263 ext. 3 or librarian @schenectadyhistorical.org.

Laura

In one of the most celebrated 1940s film noirs, detective Mark McPherson (Dana Andrews) investigates the murder of Madison Avenue executive Laura Hunt (Gene Tierney). Not rated. Running time: 88 Minutes. Tues., March 6, at 3, 5, and 7 p.m. Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$5. (518) 346-6204 or www. proctors.org

Search and Destroy

A two-bit entertainment promoter with dreams of becoming a movie producer attempts to raise cash for his first project in



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Ellis, a leader in several social justice

groups, will discuss his Feb. 2017 trip to

Palestine and Israel. Wed., March 1, 7

p.m. Bethlehem Public Library,

451 Delaware, Ave., Delmar. Free.

Geology of the Catskills

Between mountains to the east and a

broad shallow sea to the west, learn more

old rocks of today's Catskills were formed.

Q&A session follows. Part of the "2016-17

Brain Food for the Curious" lecture series.

Tues. March 7, noon. Huxley Theater, New

LITERARY

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Sign up begins at 7 p.m., followed by

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mum for each poet. All styles welcome,

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sive profanity or vulgarity. Wed., March

1, Northshire Bookstore, 424 Broadway,

Saratoga Springs. \$5. (518) 682-4200 or

York State Museum, Empire State Plaza,

222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free. (518)

474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.

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Saratoga Spa State Park. The theme for brary — Delaware Branch, 331 Delaware this year's fundraiser is inspired by the Ave., Albany. (518) 463-0254. rich culture and mystique of Morocco,

sometimes referred to as "the land of the

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Evolution and specialty cocktails and

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ity. Tickets are available online at spac.

org. Proceeds will support classical and

Enjoy the park trails at night, under the

light of the nearly-full Worm Moon. The

walk will cover about two miles of fairly

easy terrain. Please dress appropriately

for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes.

Campfire and refreshments to follow.

Registration required by phone. Fri.,

March 10, 6:30 p.m.; walk will start

ny.gov/parks/146/

Winter Market

greenmarket.org.

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Park, 1 Schodack Island Way, Schodack

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Veteran Meet-Up

Join us for free coffee every Tuesday. All veterans welcome. 6 to 8 p.m., Saratoga Coffee Traders, 447 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. (518) 884-4999 or www.VeteransPeerConnection.org.

Social Night Potluck at CoG

Every Tuesday night, we gather with food and conversation. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is needed. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tech Valley Center of Gravity, 30 3rd St., Troy. (518) 279-7863 or www.tvcog.net.

Geeks Who Drink

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

EXHIBITS

Albany Institute of History and Art "New to the Collection," and " Captured Moments: 170 Years of Photography from the Albany Institute," through May 21; Plus ongoing exhibits. 125 Washington Ave.,

this satire of the hustling and big money "Wicked Mohawk Valley," a dossier of of Hollywood. Rated R. Running time: 90 some of the most notorious and mins. Fri., March 10, 7:30 p.m. Page Hall, unbelievable criminal cases in the region's University at Albany Downtown Campus, history. Sat., March 4, 2 p.m. Mabee Farm Historic Site, 1100 Main St. (Route 5S), 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-Rotterdam Junction. \$5. (518) 887-5073 or www.schenectadyhistorical.org.

Ann Sayers

Long-time Shaker Heritage Society volunteer will read from and sign copies of her new book, "Their Name is Wicks: One Family's Journey Through Shaker History." Shaker Meeting House, 25 Meeting House Rd., Colonie. Sat., March 4, 2 p.m. \$5 donation. (518) 456-7890 or visit shakerheritage.org.

Diane Ackerman

The author, poet and naturalist will read from and discuss her 2007 bestseller "The Zookeeper's Wife." Tues., March 7, 8 p.m. Clark Auditorium, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst/ webpages4/programpages/cfs.html#. WK9fjiMrJph.

Megyn Kelly

Bethlehem native, Albany Law School graduate and NBC News personality will sign copies of her book, "Settle for More." Thurs., March 9, 6 p.m. Gymnasium, Albany Law School, 80 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 445-2311 or www.albanvlaw.edu.

EDUCATION History and Genealogy

Resources at the state Library Tour highlights include genealogies, local

histories, church records, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) records, United States and New York State Census records, newspapers on microfilm and

city directories. Thurs., March 2, 3 p.m. New York State Library, 7th floor. New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free, 15 participant limit. Registration required. www.nysl.nysed.gov/programs/.

Dance Talk/Demonstration

Artistic Director and Choreographer Ron Brown – and members of his company Evidence – will discuss and demonstrate how music and spoken word is chosen to create their works. Thurs., March 2, 7 p.m. Studio 2, School of Arts Studios, National Museum of Dance, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. Please RSVP at (518) 584-2225 ext. 3001.

Exhibit Walk-Through

Caroline Ramersdorfer will lead a tour through her exhibit Fri., March 3, 5:30 p.m. Olpalka Gallery, Sage College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 292-8607 or olpalka.sage.edu.

Essential Vocal Techniques

Baritone Dan Evans will lead a two-hour workshop for singers, focusing on not only learning how to project their voices in such a way that they will not get damaged, but also how to sustain their breath and how to listen carefully to sing in tune. Sat., March 11, 2 p.m. Registration required. Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 State Route 43, Sand Lake. Tickets: \$21.40 each, inc. fees. (518) 674-2007 or www.SCLA-CTP.org.

Gallery Talk

Take a guided walk through the galleries with a member of the Clark's education team. Saturdays at 1 p.m. through May The Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu.

MISCELLANEOUS

Secret Stockade Discover the secrets of Schenectady's historic Stockade section during a walking tour of the historic district, which includes lunch at Arthur's Market, a peek inside an 1820's home and a visit to the

Schenectady County Historical Society's Museum and Library. Wed., March 1, 11 a.m. Tickets: \$20, available at www.schenectadvhistorical.org/walkingtours, via phone at (518) 374-0263 ext. 4 or email curator@schenectadyhistory.org.

12th Annual Warmth of Wine

Wine tasting event hosted by Umbrella of Colonie, the home maintenance program of Colonie Senior Service Centers. Thurs., March 2, 6 to 8:30 p.m. The Century House, 997 New Loudon Road (U.S. Route 9),Latham. www.colonieseniors.org. Proceeds will help income challenged seniors pay their heating bills.

24th Annual Sleep-a-thon

Homeless Action Committee will hold its annual fund raiser at Townsend Park on Friday, March 3, from 5 to 11:45 p.m. Join people who are homeless, community members and elected officials in the Park, located at the intersection of Central and Washington avenues with Henry Johnson Blvd. in downtown Albany for at least one hour to raise funds. Proceeds will house homeless people and help HAC's Outreach Van. For pledge sheets or to donate, call HAC, 426-0554, or visit www.homelessaction.com

SPAC's Winter Ball: "Passport to Morocco"

Saratoga Performing Arts Center's Junior Committee is pleased to present its popular Winter Ball on Sat., March 4 at 7 p.m. at the Hall of Springs, located within

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Albany International Airport Gallery

"Cloudlands," featuring structures and images by Naoe Suzuki, Edward Mayer, Julie Evans, Susan Meyer, Dana Filibert, Joshua Field and Gina Ruggeri. Through July 31; Albany International Airport, Watervliet Shaker Road, Colonie. (518) 242-2241 or arts@albanyairport.com.

Albany Medical Center: Community Endocrine Gallery

"The Art of Photography," featuring photos by Marty Bannan, Don Cooper, John Elliott, Richard Endres, Jean Finley, Harvey Gurien, George Guarino, Dave Higgins, Gary Larsen, Jeff Perkins, Max Tiller and Larry White. Through March 3. 1365 Washington Ave., Albany. (518) 489-4704

Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center

"National Natural Landmark." The sand dunes are also the focus of this new special exhibit. The exhibit will quide you through the extraordinary world of the dunes from formation to impacts on the current landscape. Through June 30. 195 New Karner Road, Colonie. (518) 456-0655 or albanypinebush.org.

Arts Center

of the Capital Region "Vantage Point: Ben Schwab + James Thacher," paintings which focus on each artist's unique use of scale and perspective; and "Unearthed: Mandi Coburn + Grace Tatara," a combination of paintings, ink drawings and metal work, both through March 18; 265 River St., Troy. (518) 273-0552 or artscenteronline.org

The Clark Institute "Japanese Impressions: Color Woodblock Prints from the Rodbell Family

Collection," includes works by Katsushika Hokusai, Utagawa Hiroshige, Kawase Hasui and Kiyoshi Saito; through April 2; Also **"Thomas Schutte: Crystal,"** the artist's first full-scale architectural work in the U.S., through Oct. 9. Upcoming: "An Inner World" and "Looking North and South;" both open March 5. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www. clarkart.edu.

Clement Art Gallery

Paintings by Robert Bootier. Through March 29. Free. Weekdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 201 Broadway, Troy. (518) 272-6811 or clementart.com

Collar Works

"Informal Language," paintings, sculptures and installations by emerging artists Nadine Beauhamois, Danny Ginsburg, Kelsev Renko and Christine Snyder. Through March 18. 621 River St., Troy. www.collarworks.org.

The Hyde Collection

"Marking the Moment: The Art of Allen Blagden," works surveying the career of the distinguished American contemporary realist painter. Through April 16. Also "Lorna Bieber: Forces of **Nature**," photo murals and montages which reinterpret the natural world as an ethereal and poetic place. Through May 14. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. (518) 792-1761 or www.hydecollection.org.

Mabee Farm Historic Site

"Changing Waters: The Story of the Mohawk River," through April 2017. Also, "Seasons on the Farm: The Plein Air Works of Deborah Angilletta," paintings of the historic property by last year's artist-in-residence. Through Spring 2017. Admission: Self-guided, \$5; tour and exhibits, \$8. Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1100 Main St. (Route 5S), Rotterdam Junction. (518) 887-5073 or www.schenectadyhistorical.org.

miSci

"Tinkering: Bring Out Your Inner Engineer," a hands-on exhibit from the San Francisco Exploratorium, through May 17. Also "Discover Butterflies," featuring hundreds of native butterflies fluttering around in an indoor butterfly house. Through April 23. Plus ongoing exhibits. 15 Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. 382-7890 or www.miSci.org.

National Museum of Dance

"Art in the Foyer," annual fine art series features photographs from renown photographer Paul Kolnik. Also, "50 Years at SPAC," "The Dancing Athlete," "A Tribute to Dancers in Film," and "2016 Hall of Fame inductees Patricia Wilde and Gregory Hines." Plus other ongoing exhibits. 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. 584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org.

New York State Museum

"Ice Ages in New York State," a new long-term exhibit examining the landscape and animals of that time period; "The People's Art: Selections from the Empire State Plaza Art Collection," on display through Sept. 3; Plus ongoing exhibits. Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. (518) 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.

Opalka Gallery

"Gravity & Light: Caroline Ramersdorfer, Sculptures 1985-2016," works which harness light and the material's innate properties. Through March 5. Free. Tues. - Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; weekends noon to 4 p.m. Sage College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. 292-8607 or opalka.sage.edu.

Sand Lake Center for the Arts "Averill Park Central School District **Student Art Show,**" highlighting the artistic development and achievements mastered by students in grades 1 through 12. Through March 31. Free. Opening Reception: Sun., Mar. 5, from 1 to 5

p.m. Open during performances and on Wednesdays until 6 p.m. Free. 2880 State Route 43, Sand Lake. (518) 674-2007 or www.SCLA-CTP.org.

Saratoga Arts

"Fractured Lives" by Jennifer Duke Antsey and "Faces" by Benjamin Sugarman. "120° Intercollegiate Art Regional," opens March 4. 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. (518) 584-4132 or www.saratoga-arts.org

Saratoga Automobile Museum

"Rolling Bones Hot Rods," featuring hot rods built by Ken Schmidt and Keith Cornell's Rolling Bones Hot Rod Shop in Greenfield Center; "Lorraine Murphy:

Photography," images of automotive subjects combining dynamic angles and soft curves; "Stu Eichel: Auto Paintings," artist's second showcase featuring 29 new pieces; all through March 24. Plus ongoing exhibits. 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. saratogaautomuseum.org.

Saratoga Clay Arts Center "Beyond the Surface," works by Jessica Putnam-Phillips. Closing reception, Sat. March 18, 5 to 7 p.m. 167 Hayes Road, Schuylerville. saratogaclayarts.org.

Schenectady County Historical Society Museum and Library "Together Until the End: Schenectady in World War I," through 2017. Plus ongoing exhibits. Admission: \$5. Weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. (518) 374-0263 or www.schenectadyhistorical.org.

Schick Art Gallerv "2017 Juried Skidmore Student **Exhibition,**" through March 5. Saisselin Art Building, Skidmore College, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. www. skidmore.edu/schick.

Tang Teaching Museum "Janine Antoni & Stephen Petronio: **Entangle,**" three collaborative works which combine action, video and installation: "Rope Dance," through March 19, "On the Table," April 6 through 30, and "Honey Baby," May 13 through July 16. Also, "Sixfold Symmetry: Patters in Art and Science," an exhibition of contemporary and historical art, artifacts and material culture, featuring collaborations with faculty members from multiple departments, and "Elevator Music 32: Desa, Kala, Patra," featuring a Balinese

Gamelan angklung. Both through March 12. Plus "Liz Collins — Energy Field," a long-running installation created as a lounge and social space for visitors and students, through Aug. 31. Skidmore College, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. tang.skidmore.edu

University Art Museum

"Conor Backman: A Clock and Map Minute," a solo exhibition featuring paintings, assemblages and sculptures completed within the last five years. Also, "Dave McKenzie: An Intermission," which explores how images remain a valuable tool for us to address basic questions about our place in the world. Both through April 1. University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. 442-4035.

University Club

Solo exhibition of paintings by Artist in Residence Ed O'Connell, through April 28, 141 Washington Ave., Albany. (518) 463-1151 or www.universityclubalbany.com.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Burnt Hills Oratorio Society Recruiting singers for a performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" on May 19 at Skidmore College's Zankel Music Center. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School. 88 Lakehill Road, Burnt Hills. Info.: www.BHOS.us.

Mabee Farm Historic Site

Seeking artists, crafters and vendors for its CanalFest (July 15), Arts & Crafts Festival (Aug. 26) and Fall Foliage Festival (Oct. 15). Info: 887-5073 or www.schenectadyhistorical.org.

Saratoga Arts

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Saratoga Arts invites artists to schedule a month-long exhibit as part of its Art in Public Places program. Exhibitions are held monthly at a variety of locations throughout the Saratoga region, including Saratoga Arts Member's Hall Saratoga Arts Reception Area Gallery Saratoga Springs Train Station (bimonthly site), Saratoga Springs Public Library, Saratoga Springs Visitor's Center, Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, and The Brookside Museum, Ballston Spa (July-Oct. only) To schedule your exhibit, please contact Emma Huneck, Exhibitions Coordinator, at ehuneck@saratogaarts.org with your top two choices of location and month. Art in Public Places exhibitions are scheduled on a first-come. first-serve basis. For more information about the Art in Public Places program, visit www.saratoga-arts.org/exhibitions/ publicplaces.

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. Info.: email mlekd@verizon.net.



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animals and still life. Rembrandt, The "Hudson River School" Painters and John Singer Sargent have had an influence on me as an artist. Featuring Saratoga Springs, Lake & Track Views "Where Picture Framing is an Art" 201 Broadway, Troy, NY (on Monument Square) 518 272-6811 • clementart.com 103006

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By MICKEY SPELVIN news@spotlightnews.com

CULINARY ARTS

he sudden snap of warm weather conjured thoughts of grilling red meat in the backyard. And, though the grill isn't ready for use, and the weather is certain to bounce back to reality soon, we can still prepare ourselves a nice beef brisket.

Of course, when you're looking for a wine to pair with a beef brisket, you certainly want to go red. In this case, the mood strikes for a merlot. By the time you read this, the cold winds will make their return, and that puts me in the mood for a merlot.

If you're looking for a few side dishes, there's little need to stretch out the imagination. Go with some smashed potatoes and sugar snap peas — if you can find them. After all, it's still winter.

Ingredients — Serves four

5-6 pounds of beef brisket 2 large white onions one teaspoon Montreal grill seasoning one teaspoon garlic salt one teaspoon onion powder one tablespoon black pepper 1–1/4 cup beef broth one tablespoon butter

2 tablespoons canola oil

Directions

Pre heat oven 325°F. Coat beef with all seasonings (both sides), add beef broth into a roasting pan, add beef brisket, cover with foil and bake for four hours. In a saute pan add butter, olive oil, sliced white onions and saute them 30 minutes until caramelized. Slice brisket, use the juices from baking with one tablespoon corn starch on high heat to make the gravy, add caramelized onions and serve.

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CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 19 Run, Capricorn, run! You've done more than your fair share already. Leave it to others to finish. A truce is reached at work, making for smiling faces.

AQUARIUS

January 20– February 18 Riveting tales make for a fun workweek. Enjoy the revelry while it lasts, Aquarius. Loose ends are tied up at home, and the event planning begins.

PISCES

February 19 – March 20

A major cleanup takes place at home, and items thought lost are recovered. Celebrate with a night out, Pisces, and make plans not to let it happen again.

ARIES

March 21 – April 19

Take it easy, Aries. What you see isn't necessarily what you're going to get. A handshake is not enough to seal a deal. You need a contract, a good contract.

April 20 – May 20 Trust must be earned, Taurus. You have a long way to go to get where you need to be with a friend. Kind gestures bring joy to a senior's heart.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 21 You're in, but are others? Find out before you step up your game, Gemini. A friend could use a pick-me-up. Flowers might do the trick, but lunch would be better.

CANCER

June 22 – July 22

Creative Cancer. Your ability to see outside of the box will come in handy this week at a treasured event. You might even get a promotion out of it.

LEO

July 23 – August 22 Frustration reaches a fever pitch at the office, and you have two choices, Leo. You can turn a deaf ear or plan something fun to break the tension.

March 2017 Week 1

VIRGO

August 23 – September 22 Everywhere you go this week, you will feel like you are being tested. Don't worry, Virgo. You will pass with flying colors. A reward could be in order.

LIBRA

September 23 – October 22

Ease up, Libra. Not everyone can go at your quick pace. Give your coworkers room to breathe and time to solve their piece of the puzzle.

SCORPIO

October 23 – November 21 Stop kidding around, Scorpio. A matter at home requires your attention. Focus on what needs to be done and get it done ASAP.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 – December 21 Sagittarians can be fickle, and you will prove that point time and time again this week. Be careful that your indecision does not ruffle too many feathers.

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CULINARY ARTS

Annual Irish Soda competition

ALBANY — The Irish American Heritage Museum holds its fifth annual Maureen Farrell McCarthy Amateur Irish Soda Bread Competition on Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in The Hogarty Family Exhibit Hall and The Trustco Bank Gallery at the museum, on 370 Broadway.

The museum's competition is named in the memory of the late Maureen Farrell McCarthy. A museum trustee and native of Crookhaven, Ire., McCarthy was an original judge at the 2013 inaugural competition.

First prize is \$300 in each of two categories provided with the support of contest sponsors Schuyler Bakery (www.schuylerbakeryinc.com), Bountiful Bread (www.bountifulbread. com), Zachary's Pastry Shoppe (www.zacharyspastryshoppe.com), 2SheaCatering (www.2sheacatering.com), American Kerry Cattle Society member and retired NYS Assemblymember Bob Reilly and Mike Reilly (Integro Group Insurance, www.integrogroup.com). Further, the Museum is partnering with Panera Bread ("Bagel Bag" – 13 bagels plus two tubs of cream cheese each month for a year-\$180) and Price Chopper & Market 32 (\$100 gift card) that are providing second and third place prizes in each contest category. This year each entrant will receive a commemorative Fifth Anniversary T-shirt!

The annual amateur competition to celebrate Irish heritage and culture in March around St. Patrick's Day is a day highlighted with Irish music, an open tasting of entrants' soda breads, and immersion in Irish culture, culminating in Irish Theatre at 7 p.m. Professional chefs will judge the amateur entrants with awards being presented to first, second and third place winners in each category. Winners must be present at the awards ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. Parking on the streets around the museum is free on weekends; please do not park in the private lots behind the museum.

Saturday, March 4, is Irish Soda Bread Contest Day At Irish American Heritage Museum. The timeline of events is as follows:

10 a.m. to noon Entrants submit their Irish Soda Breads in either or both of two categories: (1) Irish Traditional White Flour Soda Bread, or (2) Family-Style (or as many like to say, "the anything-goes category").

11:30 a.m. Irish Road Bowling Demonstration, at the museum (dates from 17th century).

1:00 p.m. Irish American Chef Harold Qualters: Brief history of Irish Soda Bread, followed by a Demonstration of Baking a traditional Irish Soda Bread (from early 18th century).

1:30 p.m. Tastings! Visitors and entrants taste all soda bread entries and vote for their "People's Choice Award."

2:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony: Winners must be present. First place in both categories: \$300; second place in both: Panera Bread "Bagel Bag" – 13 bagels plus two tubs of cream cheese each month for a year (\$180 value); third place in both: \$100 Price Chopper Gift Card; "People's Choice Awards" winners: Irish Cuisine Cook Book.

7:00 p.m. A Night of Irish Theatre! Two one-act plays presented at the museum under the direction of actor and director Steven O'Connor: Lady August Gregory's "Spreading the News" and George Bernard Shaw's "How He Lied To Her Husband." These performances are funded in part by Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs Emigrant Support Programme. Before the performance, the director will provide historical background for each play. Admission: \$5 museum members, \$10 non-members. (Also presented on Friday, March 3, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m.)

For information, call the museum at (518) 427-1916 or visit www.irish-us.org.

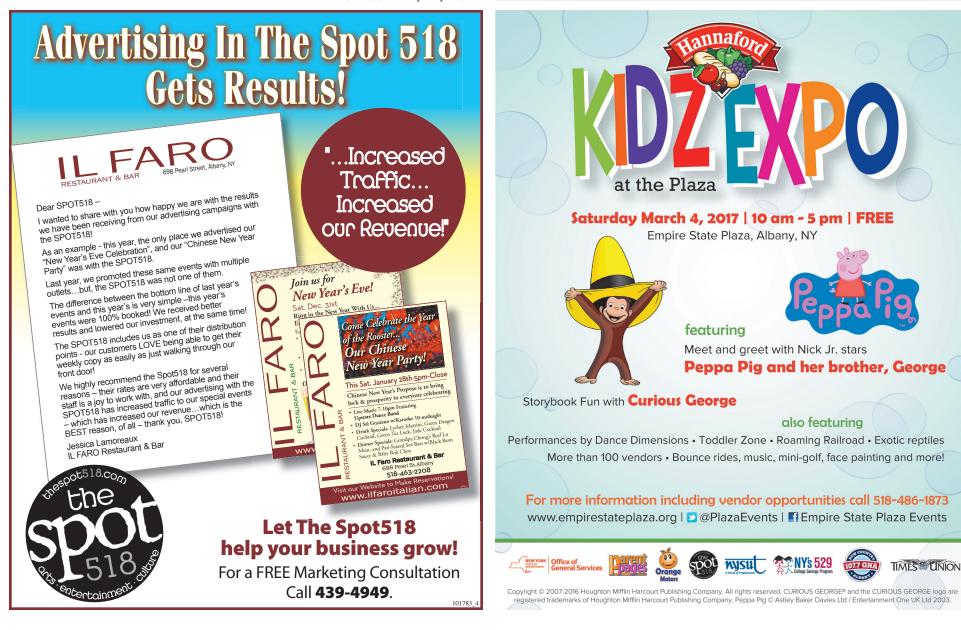
All welcome: Entrants, visitors of all heritages

he annual Irish Soda Bread Competition has attracted entrants from all over the northeast – New York's Capital District, the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys, The North Country – and New England. The museum's staff and Board of Trustees welcome everyone regardless of heritage to a wonderful cultural event and hope this competition inspires people to learn about a very unique part of Irish culture and life, especially as we approach St. Patrick's Day when interest in all things Irish peaks.

Rules & Entry Form

Official rules, judging criteria and an entry

form can be obtained at the museum's website at http://www.irish-us.org or by calling the Museum at (518) 427-1916. The museum is dedicated to the mission of telling the stories of the contributions of the Irish people and their culture in America and inspiring individuals to examine their own heritage.



MUSIC REVIEW

Overkill's 'The Grinding Wheel'

By STEVEN SMITH

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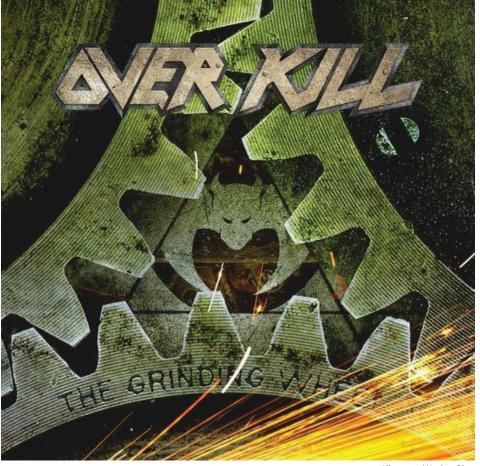
t is only the second month of 2017 and it's already showing this is the year for thrash!

With Kreator's "Gods Of Violence" and Sepulutura's "Machine Messiah" released

in January, both are perfect examples why the genre will never go down without a fight. Now it is time for another thrash/ speed heavyweight to show the spirit of cheap beer and denim is still alive. I am speaking of course of the mighty Overkill with its latest album, "The Grinding Wheel,' released via Nuclear Blast. Time

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to give this giant a well deserved review.

Being the eighteenth studio album from Bobby "Blitz" and the boys, it is safe to say these veterans of the genre know what makes the name Overkill so great. A great follow up from "White Devil Armory" (released 2014 via Nuclear Blast), this album has its brand of metal written all over it. The groove aspects of D.D. Verni (bass guitar) and Derek Tailer (rhythm guitar) gives the album many memorable tracks. The most dominant tracks on the album showcasing the band's type of approach are the tracks "Come Heavy" and "Red, White and Blue." With "Blitz" vocals, you will find yourself singing along while the general public just stares at you. Let them stare! You are a thrasher. These tracks just keep you bobbing your head more than a headbanger from "Brütal Legend." It is called heavy metal.

Another key element of this album are the '80s classic thrash riffs that makes you wanna toss your friend in the circle pit while you hold his beer. You totally got it dude! The single off the album, "Our Finest Hour," is the powerhouse staple that drives the aggression from start to finish Album art / Nuclear Blast

on this shred-tastic release. The machine gun style drumming of Eddy Garcia, always keeping up the groove and the pace of the song, is like a kick in the jaw. Every snare and cymbal hit sounds as if a storm is coming over the horizon. You might as well get a mouth guard while listening to it. It is a a non-stop ride of pure danger, but we know you love the abuse.

There are so many tracks on this work of art which which will keep you windmilling for days. It is safe to say this album will constantly be blasted by those who are thirsty for the glory days of American thrash.

Prepare those neck muscles.

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MUSIC REVIEW Thievery Corp's 'Temple of I & I'

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ob Garza and Eric Hilton, better known as the electronic duo, Thievery Corporation, have been genre-blending their way from upbeat dance halls to groovy lounges for more than two decades.

Its new album, "The Temple of I & I" presents two middle-aged music-heads redefining its sound once again. While its last album, "Saudade," took the group to Brazil to gather ideas from its bossa nova upbringing, Temple drops the two off on the beautiful beaches of Jamaica in search of inspiration from a higher power.

The roots rock reggae feel can be found immediately as "Thief Rockers" treats listeners to its first hit and much like featured artist Zee's lyrics indicate, the sound has also "got the magic ganja, gonna make your head spin." The delicate mix of ambient-dub with Jamaican vocals sets the vibe for the remainder of the hour-long Caribbean vacation.

Thievery Corporation is known for eliciting talent from hip-hop to trance backgrounds, and in its new album, they discovered Kingston's own singer and MC, Racquel Jones. "Letter to the Editor" is the first of two tracks she appears on and her fast paced flow glides well with the disco-dub beat. Long-time collaborator, Mr. Lif, uses his lyrics to tackle worldwide socioeconomic conditions in "Ghetto Matrix." After a highly political 2016, this protest-tronic piece fits into early 2017 with unfortunate ease. "It's a complex plan that keeps us confined," can be easily said about political interest in Jamaica as well as here in the states and around the world.

Our nation's capitol is where Thievery Corporation calls home and in tracks like "Weapons of Distraction," "Road Blocks," and Mr. Lif's second appearance, and"Fight to Survive," there are signs of revolt and reaction to injustices from the duo and the supporting artists. While The Temple of I & I could serve as a good sit-down and smoke a joint album, it also works as a stand up and raise a fist mix.

"Strike the Root," showcases a Thievery Corporation regular, Notch Howell, singing over a dub beat with a horn section that sounds reminiscent to the Star Wars "Force Theme." "Let The Chalice Blaze" is a timeless track from these electronic kingpins that would fit nicely on to any one of its eight studio albums. The Temple of I & I may be one of its wordiest releases to date, but this instrumental track brings new and old Corp. fans to a safe space.

In reference to the record's title, Hilton explains, "It is a place of worship that exists only in our imagination." While the album sounds uniquely different from previous releases, there is the central theme of consciousness and self-reflection that melodically finds its way into most of its work. The eclectic arrangement of varying themes and sonic journeys give each listener a chance to enter one's own temple.

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IN BRIEF

Tommy Emmanuel with Joe Robinson at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

TROY — Tommy Emmanuel will perform with special guest Joe Robinson at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. at 30 Second Street in Troy.

Two-time Grammy nominee and one of Australia's most respected musicians, Emmanuel calls his unique technique of playing guitar "finger style," using all ten fingers like the way a pianist plays piano. Twenty-five-year-old and fellow Australian Robinson is a guitarist and singer/songwriter with a unique fusion of vocally based rock, blues, jazz and R&B.

Tickets are \$29 or \$39. For more information or to buy tickets call (518) 273-0038 or visit www.troymusichall.org.



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SHOW REVIEW **Going Back in Time** with Christopher Lloyd

By PETE MASON nysmusic.com

SCHENECTADY — Confession: I used to mow the lawn while listening to a cassette of the Back to the Future soundtrack. There's all the great Huey Lewis and the News a pre-teen could ask for, plus that score that brought you right back to Hill Valley. I could step back (or ahead) in time with one of my favorite movies, and thanks to Marty (who had a "Sports" poster in his room), became a Huey Lewis fan overnight. So when Christopher Lloyd was announced to hold a viewing and conversation with an audience at Proctors Theater, naturally this was a can't miss event for myself and nearly 2000 other Doc Brown fans.

Before the Doc came out, we were treated to some film trivia and the full movie beforehand. Having seen the other two movies in the series nearly as many times as the original, revisiting the original, devoid of time-twisting and altering events from the sequels was like seeing the film for the first time. When the film ended and the curtain lifted, two chairs and a small table were on the stage, to which Lloyd was welcomed by the audience with a standing ovation.

He shared with the audience general thoughts on the film, as well as responded to audience submitted questions. He recounted that people who have met him over the years have told him that the movie was a life-changing event, shifting their careers towards science, engineering, physics and the like. But the movie may never have had the iconic Doc Brown without giving the script a second look while on location in Mexico City. When he met with director Robert Zemeckis shortly thereafter, they discussed the role, who Doc was and what he would look like. Lloyd revealed that Doc's look, particularly his hair, was derived from seeing an animated, white haired conductor at a performance of Gustav Holst's "The Planets."

With regard to the casting of Michael J. Fox, after six weeks of filming with Eric Stoltz as Marty, Lloyd recalled the recasting led to "chemistry that was automatic between us. He was perfect, and it worked out." Among the three films, his favorite was the finale of the trilogy, partially due to his love of westerns



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and gaining a love interest in the film. He wishes that not only were true hover boards around today but also that big apparatus Doc is wearing on his head when he first meets Marty in 1955, as well as Mr. Fusion for the conservation aspect.

Stepping away from "Back to the Future," Lloyd began to discuss other iconic roles, including one that he said he would love to play for the rest of his life, Uncle Fester, from The Addams Family, the comic of which he was a fan of at at early age, and spoke highly of co-star Raul Julia, remarking he was both 'intelligent and gracious.' On "Taxi," he played Reverend Jim Ignatowski, initially a one-off appearance where he would marry Latka Gravas (Andy Kaufman) to a prostitute so that Gravas could remain in the country, but he ended up being a recurring character, and cited the 'Yellow Light' scene as one of his personal favorites. Kaufman, he said, "went to the beat of a different drummer" and could be irritating and odd on the set because that's who he was. Lloyd said he loved the 1998 biopic "Man on the Moon."

A theater actor originally, Lloyd said it felt like home to him. He ended up in two or three musicals as well, including

singing at 1976 Tony Awards. Theater led to One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, and eventually to Back to the Future, and the rest is movie history.

Lloyd still sees Fox and will meet up with him for a benefit soon for his foundation to promote Parkinson's Research. Speaking of his friend, "He is so brave, he has so much courage and he does not stop. He just keeps going." He used an example of the episode of "Curb Your Enthusiasm" where Fox appeared as himself, and used his Parkinson's as an excuse to the ire of Larry David. "I admired him being able to do that scene."

Finally, when asked if he could go back in time, what advice would you give yourself. Given that he was recently married just before Christmas to a woman he had lived with for 12 years, and being married four times prior, he said "I wish I had more wisdom about who I hung out with prior."

If only there was time to change the past...

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Governor Andrew Cuomo / Flickr

Cuomo releases his Spotify playlist

ALBANY — Governor Andrew Cuomo presented a personal playlist of his off of the popular music streaming service Spotify last month.

The presentation was part of a press conference held last month to announce Spotify's plans to move its United States headquarters to 4 World Trade Center.

More than a 1,000 new jobs is said to be created as Spotify continues to expand into a 378,000 square-foot office space in the new Fumihiko Maki-designed building owned by Silverstein Properties. Spotify is currently headquartered in Manhattan's **Midtown South**

Included on the playlist are a variety of born-in-New York artists – a fair amount of Billy Joel, some Lady Gaga, Tony Bennett, the Ramones, Jay Z, Alicia Keys, Lou Reed, Pete Seeger and Wild Adriatic. The songs represent the state and popular, agreeable picks without being too controversial. You could call this 'Dad rock' but that would be insulting to Dad Rock. What's missing are NY artists Talking Heads, Goo Goo Dolls, Rick James, 10,000 Maniacs, Cab Colloway. Listen to his selections at on.ny.gov/Spotify.

> — Pete Mason nysmusic.com



CONCERT REVIEW Formula 5 brings birthday banger

By ALYSSA LADZINSKI & ERIN REID COKER nysmusic.com

HUDSON FALLS — Formula 5 tore the roof off of Hudson River Music Hall during Saturday night's show with tasteful licks, genre-spanning improvisation and favorable cover choices. Doubling as lead guitarist Joe Davis' quarter of a century birthday bash, festivities rolled through the night with approving cheers from an evergrowing fanbase and supportive family and friends, as well as musical bust outs and, equally as important, celebratory cake.

Welcomed into a cozy, 17-yearold building with art history oozing out of its Hudson Falls walls, visitors quickly poured in and found themselves at home. The 100-person capacity venue allowed its show dwellers to bring coolers stocked with beverages, creating a BYOB party for the masses. The gig opened up with "Excalibur" which offered some live-tronica tuneage and glitchy grooves from Matt Richards on the keys with a stop and go technique, reminiscent of Lespecial. For anyone that wasn't already fully enchanted, the third song of the night, Dire

Strait's "Money for Nothing," had all dancing on foot, complete with hard-hitting on the drum kit by Greg Marek. Bass whisperer James Woods, who also recently had a birthday on Feb. 8, took the reigns during "Come Along" with a killer bass line as they made eye contact with one another and informed the crowd they'd be heading off stage for a quick break.

A fifteen minute intermission ensued for well-deserved refueling with a Formula 5, chemistry-themed dessert, some of which was offered to the crowd during set two. Following a performance of "It Goes..." and debuting the track "Figure Out A Feeling," they continued tradition in delivering original and innovative shows to their fans. "The Birch Tree," the penultimate track of the night that made its debut at Connecticut's B.R.Y.A.C just last week, came as an emotional tribute to Davis' father who recently passed away. As the second set rolled on, so did the covers. Lively jams swept over, from Don Henley's "Dirty Laundry," complete with a tease of Talking Heads' "Crosseyed and Painless," to a funky encore of Jeff Beck's 1975 hit, 'Thelonious.'

Another treat found its way to

the crowd when Davis manned the mic to reveal their "All Points North" album release gig at Putnam Den is slated for April 15 with support from The Other Brothers. Amid their current tour, the band will wrap up a leg across the Northeast area before launching out to Ohio, Colorado and ending in Vermont at the famed Nectar's for an April Fools Day gig.

The group reconvened once more for another cover-the fourth and final of the night. This time, they brought Steely Dan's "Hey Nineteen" to the forefront of the stage to wrap up the night for an extremely satisfied Hudson River Music Hall crowd.

It's apparent Formula 5 has previously shared the stage with a number of aficionados on the scene like Dopapod, Tauk and Kung Fu. Davis, Woods, Marek and Richards have been featured on multiple festival lineups, with the most recent announcement of Disc Jam 2017 acting as the latest notch on their belt. Maybe it was the birthday bounce in their step, their eagerness to play for a home crowd or simply the energy propelling through the quartet on their current winter tour but their stage presence and eyeopening talent found a packed crowd

From page B4 ... Unraveling the 'midfolded' brain

sometimes with aging, sometimes with bad genes, and sometimes with toxic exposures or even when the immune system has gone awry."

"Approaches that can help to clear this misfolded protein would be one direction, those are more therapeutic. There are some suggestions that we can actually harness the immune system in active ways. I harness it by engineering antibodies, but it is possible, in theory, to harness it to almost do a vaccine approach. If you get some of these bad proteins, you immune system will go, 'oh, this is almost like an invading virus, we'll get rid of it.' And, that is one of the concepts people are working on."

Stem cell research has grabbed headlines over the past decade. Initially over the morality of the process in recovering stem cells — fetal cells that have yet to decide what to become, whether it be a skin cell, a brain cell, or any other piece of the puzzle that is your body. But, the ability to nudge stem cells into becoming what is needed, has produced far reaching developments in medicine.

"You have to temper the hope with realism," said Messer. Her research into engineering a person's immune system to counteract neurodegenerative diseases is "much more futuristic," she said. "But, the way technology is moving, there is a lot more hope than there was five, ten years ago."

cheering, whistling and twirling to the tunes of the night. Davis' 25th trip around the sun was one for the books.

If you've slept on catching these guys on tour so far, be sure to make the trip to the Den on April 15 for a Capital Region throw down with some hypnotizing Formula 5 content.





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From page B1 ... A 'Wicked' homecoming

first show I saw was "Annie" when I was like seven or eight. "Annie" made local headlines in 1999, as it featured another Ballston Spa talent in the featured role — Brittny Kissinger. "That was my first show, and I've seen countless of shows after that. It's what I do."

Festa's parents introduced him to theatre, taking him to shows at Proctors, which in turn spilled over into performing with the Schuylerville Community Theater when he was 12 years old. In a production of "Oliver," Festa said he was bit by the acting bug.

"I realized when I could move the audience, and transport them, send a message out there... people would listen," said Festa. "You can change people's viewpoints and that's when I was like, 'Wait a minute. This is cool. This is what I want to do."

Over the past eight years, Festa has appeared in a handful of shows. His cast credits include the aforementioned "Rock of Ages," and an off-Broadway production of Jon Hartman's and Damon Intrabartolo's Bare: A Pop Opera."

Festa said he'll never forget performing before 2,500 people in his London debut as Tony in the Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein musical, "West Side Story."The actor described the "empowering" feeling of professing his love to the audience as he sung his solo of "Maria."To share a story, persuade the audience to think, to conjure a feeling, Festa said are intoxicating powers. "It's a drug I've been addicted to now since I was 12 years old, and professionally, the past eight years," said Festa. "The power to hone everybody in and have them listen to you. To tell a story that means something, a story that can move somebody and make them feel something they never felt before. That's why I do what I do."

Wicked

"Since 2009, Winnie Holzman's and Stephen Schwartz's "Wicked" has told an alternative fact version of the "Wizard of Oz."The story guides audiences through the life of Elphaba, known in the original MGM Studios' 1939 film as the "Wicked Witch of the West." Audiences re-learn the the familar story through a different perspective, and in the process, is taught a lesson.

"It's a positive, complex relationship between these two women. It's rarely depicted in entertainment," said Festa. "And, it's about not judging someone on first impressions. I think it examines a lot about what it means to do good. And, my God, if that is not poignant right now, with what's going on in the world today, then I don't know who you are."

Festa said "Wicked" Director Joe Montello expressed his desire to keep the musical relevant to current events. "Wicked" was written shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, and Festa said he believes those events had an impact on the storyline, especially towards people who look differently than others. In 2017, the challenge of race relations continues to occupy headlines. But, Festa said there's also the need to question those in power. "Wicked' is a world of fantasy, but

the situations that come from out of that world is real," said Festa. "The importance of questioning authority and not taking what readers tell us at face value."

Homecoming

This week, Festa returns home to play the same stage Kissinger performed on as that little red-headed girl; his first taste of the theatre.

"I get butterflies in my stomach. Of course, I do," said Festa, when asked if he was anxious about his return. "I mean, if I don't, I don't know if I should be doing what I'm doing. Does that make any sense?" He explained how the anxious feeling serves as a "pleasant" reminder of his lot in life. "Every time I [perform at] any venue. I've performed at some pretty amazing venues that are just truly inspiring. But, yeah. I get butterflies in my stomach, all the time. All the time. And, definitely for Proctors. Proctors holds a very special place in my heart."

Festa prepared for his return by blasting the news through a Facebook announcement to his high school friends. Best friends, and friends he hasn't heard from in years, shared their words of excited anticipation, including his music and chorus teacher, Valerie Lord. "She's always been a big advocate [of mine]," he said.

The actor's homecoming will be topped off in the best way an "Italian boy" knows how. He comes back home to family, where his sister recently made him an uncle. And, Festa exclaimed, "I get mama's meatballs!" But, his return unfortunately has a touch of the bittersweet. His father died from cancer in 2015. He's still present in Festa's thoughts.

"[My father,] if he was around right now, he would be running around that town, telling everyone, 'My son's gonna be at Proctors," he said.

Festa will appear as part of the cast ensemble on this tour. The young actor has a Zen like approach to a career full of potential.

"I'm always learning, and always will be — always growing," said Festa. It's going to have its ups and downs. Everybody's career is going to be a different career. And, everyone in this business is at a different point. Everyone is at a different part of their journey. And, you have to remember that and not compare, and not to get jealous. You're doing this for yourself, your reasons. You want to connect to people. You want your message to be heard, and you have your own, unique ability. Define that unique ability. Hone into that."

"The guy on the subway can sing. Everybody can sing. Everybody can sing. It's not about that. It's about what makes you you. Why is that interesting and why does everybody need to see and hear that. That's what's cool about what we do. And how much more we can continue to learn and dive more into our psyche and into becoming an individual that is so interesting to watch."

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Tickets are \$6. For more information or to buy tickets call (518) 276-3921 or visit empac.rpi.edu/events.

Tom Ellis lecture at the Bethlehem Public Library

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