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Sectional Champs

BC boys basketball take Sectional honors for first time since '72

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GLENS FALLS — Old fashioned teamwork and hard nose defense are why the Bethlehem boys basketball team are sectional champs for the first time since 1972.

The No. 3 seed Eagles beat the top seed Raiders from Colonie 57-45 at the Glens Falls Civic Center on Saturday, March 4, in a game that was closer than the final score of 57-45.

Senior point guard Matthew Riker led the Eagles during the championship game by going 8 of 10 from the field and a perfect 4 of 4 from the line for a game high 20 points. Senior Hayden Thompson had 15 points for the Eagles and grabbed a dozen rebounds while sophomore Michael Ortale chipped in 14 points and had four rebounds.

But, it was just Riker's turn to step it up. Ortale was named tournament MVP, but through the entire 21-3 season the Eagles didn't have a steady go-to guy, or one offensive powerhouse defenders can hope shut down and expect a win. All year long, it was a total team effort and even the guys who

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It's been more than 40 years since members of Bethlehem Central's boys basketball team have hoisted up the Sectional Championship trophy — 1972, to be exact. The team travels to Onondaga to take on Liverpool in regionals this weekend.

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A familiar face returns to the Capital District, to call Cohoes Music Hall home.

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EDUCATION

Principal loses her battle with cancer

Colleagues, parents share fond memories of A.W. Becker Elementary School's Tricia Carlton

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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SELKIRK — A.W. Becker Elementary School Principal Tricia Carlton died Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston after an eight-month battle with T-cell lymphoma. She was 52.

Carlton was appointed principal of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk elementary school in April 2014 to replace then-retiring principal Claudia Verga.

In a letter to the school district, RCS District Superintendent Robert Libby expressed having a "heavy heart" before announcing Carlton's death to local parents.

"In her brief time with us, she touched many lives throughout the Becker community, as well as around the district," stated Libby. "She was known for her vibrancy and enthusiasm for her work. She was a fully dedicated professional who kept the best interests of our students, parents and staff in mind. She will be deeply missed."

Carlton was a lifelong educator, having started her career as an elementary teacher in East Greenbush after earning a master's degree in elementary education from Lesley College in Cambridge, Mass. She

ultimately advanced to assistant principal of that district's middle school.

After four years, she was promoted to the principal position at Bell Top Elementary. Before accepting her role at A.W. Becker, just a few miles away from her Delmar home, she served as principal of Berlin Elementary School in Rensselaer County.

Sandra Foyt, a mother from the Bell Top school community, described Carlton as "inspirational" as she shared her memories on social media.

"I'll always remember that she was a visible and friendly presence at the elementary school, welcoming and encouraging parents to volunteer," stated Foyt. "Her focus on a healthy lifestyle was



Tricia Carlton

Photo courtesy of Sandra Foyt via Facebook

inspirational, and I know that my kids appreciated the salad bar that she brought to the school. The memory that sparks the biggest smile, however, was in 2006 at the annual Halloween parade. Nine teachers were lined up representing planets, including the recently out-of-work Pluto. And Tricia Carlton was there as the sun."

Patricia Ann Johnson Carlton was born in Amsterdam in 1964, where she started her life excited about all it had to offer, not allowing anything to slow her down. She wanted to share her knowledge and passion for life with others, ultimately pursuing work in the field of education as a teacher, a goal from her childhood, and then an administrator. As the principal of A.W. Becker Elementary school, she made it her priority to know each child's name and something about them. She was an inspiration to those around her professionally and personally. Her lifetime desire to be a mother was realized with the birth of her two children, her greatest gifts, and opening her heart to two stepchildren, with seemingly room to spare. Showing the deepest gratitude and kindness with every interaction, extending even to her pets and other worldly creatures.

An insistent traveler, Tricia had traveled around the globe and could never get

enough of other cultures the people and the beautiful scenery. Her children had passports at an early age, with the hopes they would never be left to expire. Yearly pilgrimages to the beach, whether Cape Cod or Florida, were mainstays which rejuvenated her as she looked further ahead at another big trip. The next destination was to be Italy in celebration of remission from the terrible illness of cancer. The planning will continue for this pilgrimage in celebration of her life.

The daughter of Molly Sontag and Ralph Johnson, she is survived by them; as well as her husband, David Caso; her children, Dylan and Melana Carlton; stepchildren, Sam and Ben Caso; Johnson siblings, Lois, Robert, Cathy, Betsy, David, Theresa and Annie; nieces, Nina, Lilly, Chloe, Jaya and Frances; nephews, Liam, Daniel and his wife, Libby; Scott Carlton, father of Dylan and Melana and his wife, Kathy. Calling hours were held Saturday, March 4, at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Memorial donations in her name are welcome to the following organizations, 5 Rivers Environmental Center, friendsoffiverivers.org, or the ACLU, aclu.org.

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■ EDUCATION

Teach-In

Invited by a student-run organization, Zephyr Teachout addresses students and faculty at Bethlehem Central High School

By **ALI HIBBS**
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DELMAR — Zephyr Teachout, the Fordham law professor who literally wrote the book on corruption in American government, is writing a new book — this time, about patriotism. Talking to a library full of Bethlehem High School students and faculty on Tuesday, Feb. 28, she said that losing two political races and witnessing the recent chaos in our nation's capital hasn't diminished her enthusiasm for the best ideals this country represents.

"My idea of patriotism," she said, noting that her opinion on the topic does not represent an ironclad truth, "is that we love and honor the best ideas of our country and we have a special obligation to the people

in this country and, as citizens, to be a part of — on a daily basis — rebuilding the country that we live in."

While the majority of Teachout's talk that evening was focused on the problems of money and corruption in government, she also encouraged students to become involved in the political process and eventually consider running for office. "It's worse than you think," she said of the level of corruption they could expect to encounter. "At the same time, politics is one of the most fun, interesting, strange, complex, eccentric things you will ever do."

"Professor Teachout's presentation and visit on Tuesday,

opened my eyes to the extent of the current corruption that is occurring in our state government as well as within the federal government," said Bethlehem senior Sophie Ayers, president of Students for Peace and Survival (SPAS), the student-run organization that invited Teachout to come speak. Ayers said that Teachout inspired her to believe that she could make a difference, "and advocate for the ideas and policies that I would like to see."

Teachout spoke at length about the Emoluments Clause in Article I of the U.S. Constitution, which states that no person holding federal office can take presents or payments from foreign governments. She enumerated four ways in which she feels President Donald

Trump is in violation of that clause, which, until the Trump administration, has rarely been invoked and has never been considered by any Supreme Court.

"They were really worried about corruption," she said of the original framers of the U.S. Constitution. "One of their biggest fears was that foreign countries would use their leverage to try to influence American trade policy."

Teachout said that Trump is compromised by his ties with the Chinese government, who rent space in Trump Tower. "That contract is going to be renegotiated in 2019," she said, "and the Chinese government is going to be in a position to make our president richer or poorer." The foreign dignitaries and ambassadors that stay in his hotels represent another violation of the emoluments clause, said Teachout, as well as his television shows, which are often purchased by foreign governments.

"And the fourth way that our president is getting payments from foreign governments," she said, "is that the Trump organization has development projects all over the world: In

India, in Saudi Arabia, in China, in Turkey. And in all of those countries, the government can either deny permits or allow permits and that's worth a lot of money."

Teachout also spoke in favor of campaign finance reform and overturning the Citizens United decision handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as her opposition to monopolistic corporations and her views on the fundamentals of free markets.

According to Connor Chung, SPAS treasurer and coordinator of its speaker series "Our Community Our World," speakers are brought in to speak to students and faculty members about once a month, and have included Albany County District Attorney David Soares and Times Union Editor Rex Smith.

"SPAS looks for speakers who reflect our club's understanding of the importance of getting students involved and engaged when it comes to matters of equality and social justice," Chung explained, noting that there is no budget to pay these speakers — they volunteer their time and expertise.

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Zephyr Teachout speaks with Bethlehem students on Feb. 28.

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Teachout, during the Q&A portion of her talk, called the conversation "fascinating."

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■ COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Legislature expected to approve \$60 million nursing home project

Members will also vote on measure to expand styrofoam ban to include both chain, independent restaurants

By ALI HIBBS
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ALBANY COUNTY – The county legislature is expected to vote March 13 on a \$60 million renovation and expansion of the Albany County Nursing Home (ACNH) that would upgrade and modernize the facility, a significant capital improvement project that County Executive Dan McCoy was expected to discuss during his State of the County address on Monday, March 6.

The facility is currently licensed for 250 beds. The project would build a single-floor addition to the nursing home and relocate 125 beds in the new space, resulting in a significant increase in the number of private – or single-bed – rooms for residents, and higher bed-occupancy rates. Plans also include making the nursing home on Albany-Shaker Road wheelchair accessible, remodeling existing resident rooms, upgrading bathrooms and common areas, installing a new fire-alarm system and buying new furnishings.

ACNH was in questionable circumstances just five years ago, losing \$12 million a year according to McCoy. Last year, it was a mere \$4 million in the red and expects to end 2017 with approximately \$2 million in its coffers.

McCoy, who, early in his first term as county executive, fought with legislators to privatize the nursing home — a step that has been taken by at least 15 municipalities in New York, with varying results — has since changed his tune and commended the current director of ACNH, Larry Slatky, for making some tough decisions that allowed for such a rapid recovery. The transition wasn't exactly smooth — employees and unions balked at some of the changes Slatky

"While most counties moved to privatize or close their nursing homes, the Albany County Legislature chose to invest, and now nursing home residents, as well as county taxpayers, are seeing returns on that investment. This project continues our commitment."

Raymond Joyce, Albany County Legislator (D-13)

made, such as his decision to temporarily deny employees their previous alternate weekends off in an effort to save on overtime and outside contracting.

The Social Services and Audit and Finance committees voted last week to support the project and designate the Albany County Legislature as lead agency for determining the potential environmental impact of the plans.

The project requires approval from both the full Legislature, which will likely take the vote on March 13, and the state Department of Health (DOH).

According to Legislator Paul Burgdorf (R-23), a member of the Social Services Committee, support for the project is widespread and the measure is likely to be approved. "When the county made the decision, I think back in 2012, not to lease the nursing home, everybody knew that a major upgrade was necessary," he said. Burgdorf explained that the upgrades would also bring the building into compliance with state laws and keep the building viable for the next 25 years.

"We already have \$20 million bonded in the capital plan," he said, adding that [ACNH Director Larry] Slatky told the committee he expects the state will reimburse the county for 75 to 85 percent of the project cost through Medicaid/Medicare funding.

"While most counties moved to privatize or close their nursing homes, the Albany County Legislature chose to invest, and now nursing home residents,

as well as county taxpayers, are seeing returns on that investment. This project continues our commitment," said County Legislator Raymond Joyce (D-13), who commented that he "could write a book" on the fight to retain control of the nursing home. "The work planned for our nursing home will improve both clinical and ancillary services, resulting in better quality of care for our residents. The addition of 100 beds and private rooms at the facility will improve our competitiveness and help raise daily occupancy rates which will additionally increase operating revenues at the home."

Expanded polystyrene ban

In addition to the ACNH renovation, legislators are also expected to vote on a law that would expand a 2013 ban on the use of polystyrene products — often called styrofoam — to include all food service establishments in Albany County, rather than just chains with more than 15 locations.

In a letter sent to the Legislature on Feb. 28, 10 small local businesses expressed support for the expanded ban.

"As small business owners in Albany County, we believe the safety of our customers takes precedence over all else, and have all made a commitment to not use toxic plastic foam," wrote the owners of Cider Belly, Berben & Wolff's, New World Bistro and others. "We take pride in the quality of the food and drink we serve, and prefer to present it

in a healthier and less wasteful way. We are also cognizant of the fact that this unnecessary waste never biodegrades. And due to the overwhelming attendance at public meetings by your constituents, who have taken time out of their day to speak out against this waste, we feel the public strongly supports getting rid of plastic foam.

"Contrary to what chemical lobbyists have been saying, this material is toxic, it is not recyclable, it clogs our landfills, ends up in our waterways, and hurts wildlife. Polystyrene products are made out of petroleum, and benzene and styrene, the last two which are known to cause cancer, according to the American Cancer Society."

County Legislator Chris Higgins (D-5), who introduced the legislation last year, noted that a lot of grassroots organizing has shown how supportive residents in the county are of expanding the current ban on foam. He said that he hopes "all this advocacy will help persuade other legislators about the benefits of expanding the law due to the harmful effects styrofoam has on people's health as well as on the environment."

While Albany is the only county in the Capital District with a ban, it is one of more than 100 municipalities nationwide to pass some sort of restriction on polystyrene products. New York City passed an ordinance in 2015 that banned all types of polystyrene foodware and foam packaging peanuts, while the City of Glen Cove, N.Y., passed an ordinance banning all types of polystyrene foodware at restaurants almost 30 years ago, in 1988. Albany County lawmakers initially passed the law in an effort to reduce the amount of non-biodegradable trash in the county's waste stream and reduce the stress on quickly-filling local landfills.

The law does not apply to raw meat, poultry or seafood sold to be cooked at home.

Characterizing the proposed legislation as divisive, Burgdorf said that he will be voting against the measure for three reasons. "There is no public health official who has said styrofoam will hurt you," he said. "Not the state Department of Health, not the EPA, not the American Cancer Society." Noting that local hospitals use polystyrene products, Burgdorf said that there's no reason to believe the material is dangerous.

Additionally, he said, styrofoam is lighter than paper products and can be recycled and kept out of rapidly-filling landfills like the one in Colonie. He also expressed concern that the ban would only remove approximately 2 percent of polystyrene products from the county, and would put an unfair financial burden on smaller businesses. He noted the law would even apply to non-profits that serve the county's neediest populations and said that he was unsuccessful in an attempt to amend the law to recuse those agencies.

"Industry has relied on a false argument that safer, healthier practices mean the end of business," said Caitlin O'Brien, environmental health associate at Environmental Advocates of New York. "It's simply not true, as small business owners across Albany County can speak to firsthand. We thank and applaud these restaurants for taking a stand in support of the Legislature's polystyrene ban at all food establishments. No one knows what makes for a good business better than these folks. Let's listen to their expertise and build on the county's track record of environmental and public health leadership!"

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■ STATE GOVERNMENT

New freshwater fishing regulations effective April 1

DEC establishes new, modified regulations for various fish species, methods of take

ALBANY — New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos has announced that new freshwater fishing regulations will go into effect April 1, 2017.

“New York State is known for fantastic freshwater sport fishing opportunities,” said Seggos. “These regulatory changes will help maintain these opportunities and enthusiasm for the sport.”

The modifications to the sport fishing regulations are the result of a two-year process that included biological assessment, discussions with anglers and a formal 45-day public comment period. DEC used public input to finalize the changes. These regulations will be published in the 2017-18 Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide that will be available at all license sales vendors and on-line this month.

Highlights of the new regulations include:

- Adjustments to existing walleye regulations in various waters throughout the state, including measures to protect spawning walleye and conservative minimum harvest size and creel limits in waters where managers are trying to establish self-sustaining populations of this popular sport fish. Regulations have also been liberalized for two waters where successful management has resulted in increased walleye abundance, Chautauqua

Lake (Chautauqua County) and Franklin Falls Flow (Essex County);

- Modifications to DEC Region 7 Finger Lakes rules to increase survival of rainbow trout, brown trout, and Atlantic salmon and to create a greater balance between these species and lake trout;

- Allowing ice fishing in some waters and restricting the number or use of devices used for fishing through the ice (including, but not limited to hand line, tip-up, tip down, etc.) in other waters to protect self-sustaining populations or limit fishing pressure;

- Simplification of the black bass regulations in Lake Erie by compressing the three existing seasons into two while expanding opportunities to use live bait and harvest one large bass per day during a special season;

- Greater protection for northern pike in the St. Lawrence River due to the declining abundance of spawning adults and poor recruitment of young-of-year fish in the Thousand Islands region;

- Relaxing of special regulations for trout and Atlantic salmon for various waters in DEC Region 5 (Adirondack Region) due to poor survival; and

- Multiple updates to clarify existing regulations.

For a summary of the regulations changes, visit DEC’s website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/109353.html>.

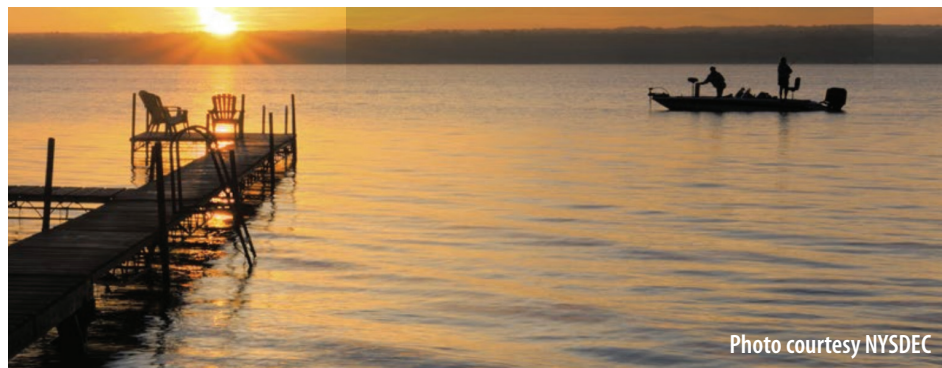


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■ COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Arrests

Bethlehem Police

Chanda Dewey, 28, of Delmar, was arrested just after midnight on the morning of Thursday, Feb. 23, after police reportedly observing her driving erratically, with no functioning license plate lamps. During the traffic stop, Dewey allegedly smelled of alcohol and failed field sobriety tests. She was charged with two misdemeanor DWI charges and given a ride home by a Bethlehem officer. She is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on March 21.

Randall Oneil, 56, of Albany, was arrested at 6:26 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 20, after police responded to reports of an accident near Herrick Ave. on Delaware Ave. in Delmar. After allegedly admitting to consuming three beers and one shot of vodka in the hour before he drove his car, Oneil allegedly failed field sobriety tests and was taken into custody. A chemical blood test allegedly showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.18 percent. He was subsequently charged with three counts of DWI, all misdemeanors, and a traffic infraction. Oneil was scheduled to return to court this week.

Guilderland Police

Sara Neff, 38, of Voorheesville, was arrested on Friday, March 3, after reportedly receiving a call from employees at McDonald’s on Western Ave., stating that they believed Neff had been drinking alcohol in the establishment and had

driven away with a small child in the car. Officers stopped her on Church Road after reportedly observing her operating the car erratically. She allegedly failed field sobriety tests and was taken into custody and her son, who was in the back seat of the vehicle, was turned over to his father at the scene of the arrest. Neff allegedly refused to take a breathalyzer test and was subsequently charged with a DWI, an aggravated DWI under Leandra’s Law, drinking on a public highway, endangering the welfare of a child, and two traffic violations. She was processed, released to her husband and ordered to return to Town of Guilderland Court at a later date.

■ IN BRIEF

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COMMUNITY

Project Runway goes green

The library's popular fashion design and sewing challenge for teens gets a new twist this year: Participants are required to alter discarded clothing or create an outfit using recycled materials.

Teens are invited to design and create an original look over the course of six weeks, culminating in an Earth Day fashion show to highlight their talents.

Sewing machines and a serger will be available at each session, but sewing machine knowledge is not necessary to participate. Librarian Tori Russo, an accomplished seamstress in her own right, will be on hand for advice and troubleshooting.

Come to as many sessions as you can. Trade ideas with your fellow designers or pick up some tips to help you make your vision a reality.

Signup is required, and



attendance at the March 11 introductory session and the April 22 fashion show is mandatory. If you can't make it, contact Tori attori@bplteens.org or 439-9314 ext. 3034.

Project Runway sessions take place on the following dates: Saturday, March 11, at 3 p.m. (introduction); Friday, March 24, at 3:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 6, at 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 19, at 10:30 a.m.; and Saturday, April 22, at 3 p.m. (fashion show).

Paws to Read

Dogs make great listeners. They don't interrupt or snicker if you stumble over your sentences. They have infinite patience, and they adore a kind word and

some attention. It is these traits that make them such great nonjudgmental book buddies for kids in grades 1-5 who'd like a little practice reading aloud, a skill that can build self-confidence and expand vocabulary.

A canine visitor will be stopping by the Children's Place in the library on Thursday, March 9, to listen to some stories during our two Paws to Read sessions. Drop in any time between 3:45 and 4:45 p.m. and bring a favorite book or borrow one of ours to read to a gentle dog. No signup required. A second Paws to Read session is scheduled for Thursday, April 27.

Board candidate information Nominating petition forms and informational packets are available at the library information desk for one open seat on the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees. The seat

holds a full term of five years, which begins in July. Incumbent and board president Mary Redmond will be seeking re-election.

The election and budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 16, from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School.

Other upcoming events

All events are free and take place at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For more information, call 439-9314 or visit bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Friday, March 10 Music & Movement

Combining songs, instruments, dancing, learning and fun, 10 a.m. Children age 3-6 attend by themselves in the Story Room, while babies and toddlers attend with a caregiver in the community

room.

Sunday, March 12

Sunday Cinema
Watch "Arrival" (Paramount, PG-13, 116 min.) starring Amy Adams as an expert linguist investigating a mysterious alien presence, 2 p.m.

Monday, March 13

DayBooks
Discuss "The Bishop's Wife" by Mette Ivie Harrison, 1:30 p.m. Copies are available at the information desk. Large-print audio and downloadable copies may be available.

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

Tuesday, March 14

Chess Club
Try your hand at chess with our teen volunteers. All experience levels welcome, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For kids in grade K-5. Sign up for one or all sessions.

Fingerknitting: Link Scarf

Make a link scarf using just your fingers and some yarn. Bring two different skeins of color-coordinated bulky yarn. No experience necessary, 6-8:30 p.m. Sign up online or call.

Thursday, March 16

Lego Club
We supply the Legos; you supply the imagination. Build structures and make friends, 4 p.m. For kids and families.

Listening Parties: Women's History Month Music

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Acoustic Doorways

The Library's Acoustic Doorways Concert Series kicks off Friday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at Grace Methodist Church in Ravena.

Keyboardist Alan Thompson and local percussionist Brian Melick will get your feet moving for an evening of Contra Dance and great music! Adults, \$10; Children, \$5. Tickets are available at the Library and at the door the night of the concert.

Teen Gaming

On Tuesday, March 14, at 6 p.m., play games on our big screen or play tabletop games like chess or GO. All are welcome!

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Celebrate Saint Patty's Day with Art Lab on Thursday, March 16, at 2 p.m.

— Carol Melewski
RCS Community Library

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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



MICHAEL ORTALE

It's hard to pick one member of the Bethlehem boys basketball team, but sophomore Michael Ortale was named the Section II, Class AA tournament's MVP. He had a solid 14 points, four rebounds and two assists against Colonie and, perhaps more importantly, held Bryce Waterman to just six points.

■ ONLINE



GALLERIES

Check out spotlightnews.com for more photos of the Bethlehem boys basketball team and its fans as well as and other sports action from around the Capital District.

To the regionals



Top: Matthew Riker drives to the basket between two Colonie players.
Bottom: Ryan Murray lays one in at the Glens Falls Civic Center

Photo by Jim Franco/Spotlight News

From page 1 ... Sectional Champs

ride the pine get some credit. "It depends on the game," said Coach A.G. Irons after the championship game about the team's star player. "It's what makes us as good as we are because you can't focus on one guy and think if you shut one guy down it's over. There is no unbelievable player here, but there are a lot of guys who know how to play."

Colonie is bigger and more athletic, but the scrappy Bethlehem squad played a hard nosed man-to-man defense that Riker - who also grabbed four rebounds and had three steals - said is the reason for the Eagles win. He held his counterpart, the speedy Colonie point guard Will Aybar, to just four points.

He also echoed the "team" philosophy encouraged by the coaching staff.

"We believe five guys working together is a lot better than one guy trying to steal the show. We don't have a super star. We feed off each other," he said. "It was an absolute team effort, including the guys on the bench. They pushed us hard yesterday and the day before and all year. We wouldn't be there without them."

Bethlehem led after the first quarter 12-8, and by a bucket, 24-22, at the half. Colonie worked its way to a four-point lead with 2:48 in the third and seemed to have the momentum, but Bethlehem went on a 7-2 run to take a one-point lead into the fourth quarter and then outscored Colonie 15-4 in the final eight minutes of play.

Brendan Mulson had 16 to lead Colonie, and standout junior Isaiah Moll had 14 points and grabbed 11 boards.

"They may not have the most talent but hats off to them. They hit shots and they played hard like they always do," said Moll. "They don't have the most talent and Ryan Murray and Hayden

(Thompson) they aren't big guys, but they still take the ball to the basket and finish strong. I respect them a lot."

Murray, who had 23 points against LaSalle in the semi-finals, had six points in the championship game and four rebounds, said Colonie is his favorite team to play.

"It was a great game. They push us so hard every time we play them," he said. "I can't point to one play. Our defense stepped it up and we play team basketball and it works."

Colonie Coach Ken Dagostino said his squad didn't stick to the game plan, and instead of working the ball around and getting a number of players involved in the offense they took quick, poorly selected shots.

"Bethlehem is a good team. I don't want to take anything away from them. They are extremely well coached and the senior trio of Riker, Murray and Thompson are as good as any in Section II," he said. "But we didn't share the ball well. We didn't feel comfortable the whole game."

Colonie is a young squad, though, and will only lose two starters to graduation. Dagostino said he hopes the returning players will learn how hard it is to play in a championship game, but also said the 19-4 season should not be defined by the loss.

"It's harder to get there than to win that one game," he said. "As much as you want to win that game, it doesn't take away from the body of work we did all season long."

Bethlehem will play the Section III champions from Liverpool at Onondaga Community College on Saturday, March 11.

"Our chances are decent," said Irons. "We play very hard. We are a group of kids that doesn't back down. Colonie has some stud athletes and we push through and didn't back down."



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LEGAL NOTICE

12 Ocean Partners LLC Filed 7/12/16 Office: Albany Co SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address Purpose: all lawful Ad#142556

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is 2070 DELAWARE TURNPIKE, 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 located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 86 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12203.
6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.
7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. D-145027

LEGAL NOTICE

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

1. 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 located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 86 North Allen

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Street, Albany, NY 12203.

6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.
7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. D-145023

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is 86 NORTH ALLEN 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 located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 86 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12203.
6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.
7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. D-145010

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: BEH partners, LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/26/2017. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 624 Ave M, Brooklyn, NY 11230 . Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#143132

Notice of Formation of BEMUS POINT DNYF, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 03.01.17. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o The LLC, Couch White, LLP, 540 Broadway, PO Box 22222, Albany, NY 12201-2222. Purpose: Any lawful act. D-145612

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LLC. The limited liability company name is BiNex Solutions LLC.; Articles of Organization were filed with the secretary of state January 23,2017; LLC's office to be located in Albany County; The secretary of state has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served; the post office to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon it is: 4 Holbrook Way, Delmar NY 12054; Purpose: Any lawful activity Ad#143647

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Notice of Formation of BINGHAMTON (EAST MAINE) DNYF, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 03.01.17. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, Couch White, LLP, 540 Broadway, PO Box 22222, Albany, NY 12201-2222. Purpose: any lawful act. D-145613

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Bonacquisti Holdings, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 5, 2017. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to The LLC, 98 Niver Street, Suite 200, Cohoes, New York 12047. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. Ad#143565

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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 Northport, NY 11731. Purpose: General. Ad#142350

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

Name: Burger Ventures Albany LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 2/14/17. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 2080 Western Avenue, Suite 115, Guilderland, NY 12084. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. D-144217

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: Albany County. The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, New York 11228 D-144871

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CAMPBELL DONUTS LLC

On 3/1/17, Articles of Organization of Campbell Donuts LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability

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company is located in Albany County. The SSSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is Campbell Donuts LLC, 1676 New Scotland Rd, Slingerlands, NY 12159. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. D-145568

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CAPITAL PROPERTY RENOVATIONS, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/09/2017. Office loc: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 24 Montgomery Street, Cohoes, NY 39100. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. D-145212

Notice of Formation of CONKLIN DNYF, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 03.01.17. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, Couch White, LLP, 540 Broadway, PO Box 22222, Albany, NY 12201-2222. Purpose: any lawful act. D-145614

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Cozy Living Home Inspection Services, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on February 24, 2017, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 12 Kenlyn Drive, Albany, New York 12205, which shall be the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. D-145590

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY 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 of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Nigro Companies, 20

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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

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Corporate Woods Blvd, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#143833

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

Name: CPEG Malta, L.L.C. Articles of Organization 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 process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Nigro Companies, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. D-144573

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF D & D MOTORSPORTS 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 SSSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is 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

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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 served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Emmanuel Dayan, c/o David Dayan Rosenman, 470 Lenox Ave., Apt. 14N, NY, NY 10037-3034. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 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 location is in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail a copy of Process to the LLC, at 1 Winners Circle, Suite 140, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 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

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY 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 agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Goldman Attorneys PLLC, 210 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, NY 12203. D-144758

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Notice of formation of GaryM Enterprises LLC, a limited liability company. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State 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. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Ad#D-144055

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JA Management, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/18/17. 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, 5864 Veeder Rd, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-145320

Notice of Formation of L&X Associates, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/16/17. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 90 State Street, STE 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-144482

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF AN LLC: Lash Dolls By Amanda, LLC

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 31, 2017. Office location is in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail a copy of Process to the LLC, at 3008 Morgan Court, Schenectady, NY 12306. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. D-145292

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION The name of the limited liability company is Monzonite Masonry & Stone, LLC. The Articles of Organization were

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filed with the NYS Department of State on December 8, 2016. The county in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The secretary of the State of New York has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be 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, Westerlo, NY 12193. The LLC is formed to carry on and conduct any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York. Ad#143554

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

Name: LJC27, L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 2/23/17. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Nigro Companies, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. D-144995

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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 process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 182 Birch Hill Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560. Purpose: General. Ad#142351

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"Notice of Formation of an LLC: Morris Forensic Consulting, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 6, 2017. Office Location: Albany County. The SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Shannon L. Morris, 314 New Salem Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186." Ad#142682

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:10 PM, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application submitted by Sandra Zelka, CFO, Curtis Lumber Co., Inc. on behalf of Curtis Lumber, 12 Grove Street, Delmar for area variance(s) located at 363 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. The Applicant is proposing to add signage to a pre-existing nonconforming sign that does not meet the Town's Zoning Code requirement under Article VI, Section 128-59,

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Signs, K. Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals D-145606

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:20 PM, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application submitted by Michael Caruso on behalf of Carthon Builders LLC for area variance(s) located at 133A Kenwood Avenue, Delmar. The Applicant has constructed a deck that exceeds the maximum lot coverage allowed and does not meet the rear yard setback requirement under Article XIII, Section 128-100 of the Town's Zoning Code. Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals D-145608

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application submitted by Eloise Briere for area variance (s) located at 48 Herrick Avenue, Delmar. The Applicant is proposing the construction of an entryway door on a pre-existing deck that does not meet the Town's Zoning Code requirement for minimum front yard setback under Article XIII, Section 128-100, Schedule of Area, Yard and Bulk requirements, A. Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals D-145609

NUSSBAUM CHIROPRACTIC PLLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/1/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 121 Everett Rd., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Chiropractic. D-144146

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NZA VENTURES LLC,

Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/2016. Office loc: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 645 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12206. Reg Agent: Johnson Hashim Din, 645 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. D-145211

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

Name: PARADISE EG-NM LLC. Articles of

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'An Aliad' at the Capital Rep Theatre

Enjoy "An Iliad" at Capital Repertory Theatre 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 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 your 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 available at the at library

Now 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.

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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 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.

STAR program

Homeowners may be eligible for a school property tax relief on their primary residence only. The STAR credit or

exemption applies only to the school district tax, not to other property taxes.

To receive a new STAR credit, you must register with NYS Tax & Finance at 457-2036 or at www.tax.ny.gov.

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

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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 Washington 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, Cohoes, New York 12047. Purpose any lawful activity. D-144756

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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12, 2014; LLC's office to be located in Albany County; the secretary of state has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served; the post office to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon it is c/o Gregg Biche, 160 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054; Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Ad#142564

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Notice of Formation of 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 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, 199 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054; Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Ad#143045

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RADology, LLC a domestic Limited Liability Company organized under the laws of New York whose Articles of Organization were filed on February 2, 2017 with the New York Secretary of State. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to 8 Wolfert Avenue, Menands, NY 12204. New York Office Location: Albany County. Purpose: All lawful activities. D-144158

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Construction Management Services for the Bethlehem Public Library Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Renovation Bethlehem Public Library is accepting Request for Proposals for Construction Management Services for HVAC renovations to Bethlehem Public Library located at 451 Delaware Avenue in Delmar, N.Y. Copies of the detailed Request for Proposals (RFP) can be obtained at the library or on the website at www.bethlehempubli

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bethlehempubli.bethlehempubli.org. The RFP describes the scope of the work to be completed and the expected content of the responses.

Proposals will be received until March 17, 2017 at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Please provide one paper copy of your proposal along with one electronic copy as a single .pdf. Electronic files can be emailed to director@bethlehempubli.bethlehempubli.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 Library. Bethlehem Public Library reserves the right to reject any or all RFPs.

Please address any questions about the project to: Geoffrey Kirkpatrick, Director, (518) 439-9314, director@bethlehempubli.bethlehempubli.org.

Responses to written questions received will be issued in addenda to the document, which

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will be posted to the library's website at www.bethlehempubli.bethlehempubli.org. D-144762

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It's about more than the score

Sports have long been used as metaphors for life lessons. The emotional ups and downs that come with victory, and ultimately, defeat. The notion that, no matter the odds, and no matter how big your opponent appears to be, never lose faith in your ability; perhaps above all else, do your best, and never give up.

These lessons are learned on our Little League and Pop Warner fields from when our children are barely strong enough to hold up a bat, or fill out a football helmet. Watching kids struggle to grasp the basic tasks of each sport is a form of entertainment you won't find in the Major Leagues. So, to find your child, or your local high school team excel beyond their peers into the higher echelon of the amateur levels, it allows for a sense of familial and community pride.

High school sports provides each child a conduit into self confidence and the importance of developing a strong work

ethic, just as much as the classroom or auditorium for academics and the arts. There are those who would argue, and have valid points to back themselves. The focus on winning develops an emphasis on cheating, on eliminating the weaker player, on placing too much value on the wrong emotional traits.

Truth be told, those same concerns can be argued in any environment, from the corporate world to the classroom. There are always opportunities to learn about the consequences from bad behavior. If our schools are to assist our children in developing themselves into full-rounded adults, sports should always be an option.

This past week our community was treated to the spoils of hard, individual efforts from high school teams that excelled beyond their peers. Achieving the opportunity to earn a championship trophy, and retain the lifelong memories to follow. These are the days each player learns the benefits of playing as a team.

The pride that follows when wins are associated with the name of their hometown scrolled across his or her chest. Where they see the respect in the eyes of other teams and towns people as they walk upon the court. No one sees a surname on the back of the jersey. They see the colors, and the school name. And, what follows next is the sense of responsibility to act as a good example for your hometown.

This week, we congratulate our high school scholastic athletes after Bethlehem and Colonie, two schools we cover week in and week out, played each other for a Section II, Class AA championship. Win or lose, the memories from this season will stay with you forever. Cherish them, and take with you the lessons learned from a successful season.

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WHAT HAPPENED FIVE YEARS AGO ...

A look back at the county's nursing home

ALBANY COUNTY — Five years ago, the county was in dire financial straits. During his first State of the County Address on March 5, 2012, Albany County Executive Dan McCoy said, in no uncertain terms, 2012 would bring dramatic fiscal challenges. Borrowing to keep the county running and the future of the county nursing home were both mentioned in the speech.

"We have two issues at play: a structural deficit in 2012 and a potential gap going into the 2013 budget," said McCoy. "The reality is the county is close to running out of money."

At the time the Albany County

Nursing Home was losing and estimated \$12 million a year and repeated efforts to address the issue had failed. During his address, McCoy laid out four choices for the future of that facility.

"Keep running things the way they are, which means we build a new facility and run it. We professionalize with an outside management company. We are exploring the option of a public benefit corporation. Public-private partnership — transfer the license to a qualified third party," he said.

Michael Breslin, McCoy's predecessor, had attempted to tackle the nursing home issue several times during the final years of his administration and, each

time he pushed for selling or privatizing the nursing home, he was rebuffed by a legislature staunchly in favor of keeping the facility under county control.

Following a highly publicized battle, the legislature ultimately opted to retain control of the nursing home and invest in improvements. "We hired an experienced director, decreased operating costs by millions of dollars a year and raised more revenues through better billing," said Legislative Majority Leader Frank Commisso Sr. in a recent press release announcing the intention of the county to invest \$60 million in the renovation and expansion of the facility.

The dramatic turn-around of the Albany County Nursing Home is one of the major reasons, according to McCoy and many county legislators, is the reason the county has been able to stabilize and increase the budget without raising taxes in recent years. In 2012, the county budget was approximately \$560 million and carried an 8.7 percent property tax increase. The proposed executive budget for 2017 is \$652 million and will not raise the property tax rate, cut programs or utilize reserve funds. Some residents will even see a slight decrease in their tax bill — about \$5 for an average \$150,000 home.

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■ COMMUNITY

Y pool groups build social community

The Bethlehem YMCA is the community center of our town. It's a place where you will almost always run into friends and neighbors, catch up with other families, and maybe join for a workout, a class, a skate or a swim. Being a focal point for building a stronger community is one of the many beautiful things about our Y.

Wolfgang Wehmann has a terrific view of how people come together at the Y. As a lifeguard and swim instructor, Wolfgang is a fixture at the Y. His smile and genteel manner help him make a special connection with YMCA members and he appreciates those who come to the Y primarily for social interaction.

"For a lot of people, they are coming to the YMCA for social reasons, especially the elderly. There's one lady who



comes in the morning, greets everyone, and she participates in the aquatic wellness program. She is always speaking with people; they exchange recipes, talk with each other and sometimes they go for a walk at Five Rivers," Wolfgang said.

"We have what I call the men's club that comes in the late morning," he said. "Six or seven men, they don't swim or work out, they just sit in the whirlpool, discuss stuff. Then they go in the instructional pool, and talk further. They are happy. If one does not come, they care what happened. They come to the Y together and sometimes they go out together for breakfast

after."

"In the locker there are many discussions. Politics, but always in a civilized manner. A lot of teasing, but they are so happy. One man comes with his radio and he plays big band music. I asked him why he does that. He said he just wants to show others how good the music is. That's his mission, to let others know about the Big Band era and the good music they made."

"It's almost a total spectrum. Parents come with their children. They sit together and talk, sometimes with people they didn't know before. They build friendships and soon they are inviting children to each other's parties."

"Another member brings food in for the life guards. That's her purpose. They know I like to cook and they bring in recipes to discuss."

Wolfgang's passion for swimming developed as a respite activity, when his wife had Parkinson's.

"She had Parkinson's for 34 years. I cared for her for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I snuck in swimming. When she died, I became a life guard to ensure that the instructional pool could remain open for the children."

Watching the daily goings-on at the Bethlehem YMCA pool is a long ways away from Wolfgang's childhood, growing up in Berlin in 1945 at the end of World War II, when he experienced the horrors of war.

"There's a lady cuts out newspaper clips about Germany for me and we discuss history for half an hour or longer," said Wolfgang, who came to the United States from Germany in the early

1970's. "She is a former history teacher and she loves to share her knowledge."

Wolfgang says the groups that meet together at the Y pool are like families and have a great concern for each other.

"People should know how caring the majority of the people in the pool are," he said.

"A mother comes in with a handicapped child; they make room for her so she can swim with her child. It's infectious."

"The YMCA is the center of the town, the community; you have it all right there. If I wasn't lifeguarding, I would miss it," Wolfgang added.

The pool is a microcosm of the Y and of our town. You can find similar gatherings, conversations, and fellowship in the Y lobby, the spin room, exercise studios, rink and

wellness area.

The YMCA is not just for physical health, but also for mental and spiritual health. It is for developing social responsibility, a stronger community and building a better us.

— Mark Hansen

■ IN BRIEF

Megyn Kelly at Albany Law

ALBANY — Megyn Kelly will visit Albany Law School, Thursday, March 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the DeMatteo Gymnasium at 80 New Scotland Ave. in Albany.

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“No matter where one stands on political issues, we can all agree that a system in which our politicians are beholden to a select few is a recipe for disaster,” he said. “That is why we decided to invite Professor Teachout — she is nationally recognized as a (if not the) leading voice when it comes to money and accountability in politics. We are incredibly grateful that she was willing to spend the time she did — including the unplanned additional 45 minutes of Q and A!”

“Ms. Teachout’s visit really increased my awareness on what happens behind closed doors in the political world,” said

senior Jana Bergere, SPAS secretary. “She made me realize I need to hold my politicians accountable and how grassroots efforts are a major part of this. All the students in the room, including myself, became inspired to push for change in the status quo now and in the future.”

After speaking for approximately half an hour, Teachout opened up the floor for questions.

One of the first questions, asked by a student named Kevin, was about how to navigate a “post-truth society” where “alternative facts” and the echo chambers of the internet can make

it difficult to discern objective truth. “It’s a very complicated, hard question,” she said. “Some of it has to do with supporting public education, understanding that history in schools plays an incredibly important role.”

Ultimately, she said, “As citizens, you have an obligation to spend time seeking out truthful information about your local and national politics. It’s not just going to land in your lap.”

Teachout commended the students for their thoughtful questions and evident passion. “I believe that public education is the infrastructure of democracy,” she said. “You can’t separate the two.”



From left to right: Jessica Weimer (teacher/advisor), Sophie Ayer, Connor Chung, Zephyr Teachout, Jana Bergere and Preya Krishna-Kennedy (teacher/advisor).

Photo by Joe Ellen Gardner, BCSD

Gala raises more than \$15K for library

By ALI HIBBS

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ALTAMONT — In 2007, the Altamont Free Library was located in the basement of the Key Bank building at 105 Park Street. That was the year the library began holding its annual gala to raise funds for the renovation of the historic Altamont Train Station, where it now resides.

The Altamont Free Library was established and chartered with the State of New York on July 1, 1916. Over the years, it has had a variety of addresses:

From its founding until January 1919, it was located at the Sturges property at 109/111 Maple Avenue.

It moved next door to the Van Aernam property for just two years before moving again in 1921 to rooms in the former Hallenbeck — currently Fredendall — Funeral Parlor on Heldeberg Avenue. In 1925, growth in membership and the library’s collections



Back row, from left: Rep. Paul D. Tonko, Altamont Free Library Director Joseph Burke, Altamont Free Library Board President Christine Carpenter, Assemblymember Patricia A. Fahy and Altamont Mayor Jim Gaughan pose with volunteers from Guilderland High School during the Library’s 10th annual gala.

Photo courtesy of Altamont Free Library

necessitated a new home; This time the library moved to the former Beebe Harness Shop at 119 Maple Avenue until the sale of that property brought about the library’s relocation to the back of an adjacent building. When the Post Office was completed in 1961, space became

available in the Lainhart Block and the library moved again in February 1962.

On Nov. 19, 1972, ceremonies were held to celebrate the library’s move to its location at Key Bank.

According to the library’s director, Joe Burke, the library had outgrown

our 2012 move into the Altamont Train Station, our forever home.”

Each year, the library honors a member of the Altamont community who has contributed to it — and to the library in particular. This year, it was a group of women called the Train Station Quilters who have, over the past ten years, donated several masterwork quilts for fundraising raffles, raising thousands of dollars for the library. They have done a number of other charitable projects, including the 2015 Million Pillowcase Project for children in foster care and the construction of a quilted covering for the Orsini Flag at the Homefront Cafe.

“This year’s gala went incredibly well,” said Burke. “We were totally sold out and had to add additional tables to an already packed room to accommodate everyone who wanted to attend. Overall, we had about 180 guests. As far as how much we raised, we’re still figuring that out as

the bills for decorating and catering are still coming in, but it would be a fair assumption that it will be more than \$15,000 and possibly as high as \$18,000. For an organization with an annual budget of just over \$160,000, that’s a lot.

“We use that revenue to support our collections and programs and to maintain our historic structure. We are listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, so repairs to the building can often cost quite a bit more than similar repairs to more modern buildings.”

Since 2007, said Burke, the library has continued many of the traditions that began during that inaugural fundraising effort: an annual chicken barbecue, a sponsorship drive for holiday decorations and the gala.

“The gala offers not only an opportunity for us to raise some money,” he said, “it’s also a huge community event that folks look forward to all winter.”

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Lord Electro

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It was a fun day at the Empire State Plaza, Saturday, March 4, and we captured a few images to share.

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Bring on the laughs

Comedy Works to call Cohoes Music Hall home, three acts already signed

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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COHOES — After having been a staple in Albany's comedy entertainment scene for the previous 35 years, Tommy Nicchi picked up his Comedy Works brand in 2016 and moved it up to Saratoga Springs. As he recalled the move last week during a press conference to announce the new partnership between the Comedy Works in Cohoes Music Hall, Nicchi said, "We would only come back for the right reason. And, this building is the right reason."

Less than a year after it was announced Cohoes Music Hall was making its return as a viable entertainment hub under the Palace Performing Arts Center Inc., the storied music hall continues to build partnerships that will ensure its lights will remain on.

Palace Executive Director Holly Brown announced

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Cohoes Mayor Shawn Morse, flanked by Palace Theatre Executive Director Holly Brown and Comedy Works owner Tommy Nicchi, announces the newly minted partnership between the comedy group and Cohoes Music Hall. Photo by Michael Hallisey / TheSpot518



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GROUCHY?

— Stuck at home with nothing else better to do but complain? You need to get out more.

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— Dana Owens, Albany native illustrator on a possible turn to music



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The three-day festival will feature approximately 25 bands at ten different venues throughout the Capital District from Thursday, April 27 to Saturday, April 29.

Tickets are on sale now through Cohoes Music Hall and the Palace Theatre.

Indian Ledge Music Group made the announcement Thursday, March 2. The MOVE Music Festival is an indie rock festival featuring acts throughout downtown Albany. During the day, it provides educational round table discussions allowing performers to learn

advice from industry experts. At night, it draws in an estimated 5,000 music lovers, giving them a chance to see some of the best music in the region. Music genres include rock, pop, Americana, alternative, hard rock, soft metal, EDM and fusion.

Cohoes Music Hall, The Hangar, Stout, The Hollow, Fuze Box and Parish Public House are named venues this year.

— Michael Hallisey




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Gone West

Creator of local comic strip 'Smallbany' takes his craft to Cali

By ALI HIBBS

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“You never know where a potential opportunity can come from,” said Dana Owens. On the phone from California where he just relocated from Albany, Owens talked about the trajectory of his artistic career and how he landed in San Diego with his girlfriend, Robyn Filkins.

When Owens and Filkins, who also an artist, made the decision to visit San Diego — to paint a mural for a friend while he is out of the country — they had no idea when they might return home. Now, they're not sure if they ever will.

“At least, not any time soon,” said Owens, who celebrated his 32nd birthday on Sunday. The founder of DanaToons, Inc. and creator of Smallbany comics, a former resident of the Albany Barn and one of the original founders of The Machine: A Creative Co-Op, Owens has spent the last five years making a name for himself as a popular artist here in the Capital District. He said he feels it's time for him to broaden his horizons.

He also said that he and Filkins have grown fond of the southern California weather and living near the ocean.

After only a month on the west coast, Owens has just finished illustrating his third book; a local paint store has approached him about referring mural work; he's been talking to an LA television writer about a new animated series; and he's about to design the logo for a side band reunion project with members of Uncle Kracker and Lynyrd Skynyrd. “He said he stumbled across my website and digs my style,” he said of Uncle Kracker's lead guitarist Mike Adkins. “They're looking for someone to design the logo for a reunion show and, if it goes well, he said they might get back together.”

Owens is also auditioning to be the lead singer for a west coast funk band.

“I can sing and play a couple of instruments,” he said. “And I'm goofy-looking, which helps. But, also, I'm a really decent designer/illustrator. So I want to do all kinds of stuff on stage — maybe some projection stuff, and I make these giant caricature heads on plywood that would be really fun. I also know how to screen print and put together merchandise for a band. They seemed really interested.”

For most of his life, said Owens, “Things have always just popped up. It's usually not intentional. And I kind of just

go with the flow. It's gotten me into this mindset where you where a potential lead can come from. Meeting some random person on the street can lead to a big gig.

“The ultimate goal,” he said, “is to just get involved with as many different things as possible and live off my talents and

skills.”

Even with the various projects Owens is working on, he and Filkins have had to get day jobs to pay the rent. She just found a job working at Sprouts, an organic grocery store across the street from where they are living and Owens began a part-time gig at Pizza Hut on Friday. When they're not working, playing or exploring their new home, Filkins and Owens are completing the mural they flew out there to paint. It's the second mural the couple has painted together — the first is at the School of Rock in Latham.

“She hasn't had the chance to fully establish herself as an artist yet,” Owens said of Filkins. “But she has the talent. It

takes a while for an artist to find their language and she's definitely starting to do that.”

The mural at School of Rock, painted after the school's new general manager, Jesse Calhoun, reached out to Owens, depicts an energetic concert scene. “He contacted me on Facebook and said ‘Hey man, I've been starting at this blank wall and think it needs some color on it.’” Completed in January, just before the couple flew to California, the mural is one of several large Owens works that can be seen around the Capital District. He painted the murals upstairs at Hollywood Cafe on Larks St. in Albany; the one in the lobby of Madison Theater on Madison Ave.; two staircase murals at Newberry Music Hall in Saratoga; and the sign hanging above the Beer Diviner Tap Room in Troy. He has done work for the City of Albany and local businesses, produced a music video for the Troy Holiday Flea Market, and done work for several political events.

“I was always drawing,” said Owens. “There were always cartoons on everything.” Admitting that he “wasn't the best student” academically, he said there have been many who have been supportive of his artistic talent throughout his life.

“I was very, very fortunate when I was younger,” he said. “My grandmother was one of my driving inspirations. She always told me I was going to be an artist and I was going to be famous. You know Jewish grandmothers. She would take me to visit all these art galleries.”

It was because of his maternal grandmother, who was a volunteer at the Saratoga Arts Council, Owens said, that he was the youngest artist to appear in a juried show there. She was disappointed when he dropped out of Illustration/Graphic Design school at Sage College in 2005. After working a series of odd jobs and flirting briefly with a career in truck driving, he told her he was returning to school in 2010 — just before she became terminally ill. “She got a chance to kind of see me doing my thing before she passed away,” he said.

After graduating from the University at Albany with a Fine Arts degree five years ago, Owens used a small inheritance from his grandmother to found The Machine: A Creative Co-Op, the nonprofit artistic collective that made its home on Lark Street in Albany for three years. It was about seven months after The Machine opened when an ad Owens placed on craigslist — soliciting help with his accounting — was answered by someone associated with the Albany Barn and Academy Lofts, a low-cost artist residence and arts incubator located in Arbor Hill.

“So I went down there and saw the place while it was still under construction. I applied and they got back to me a few

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Albany native Dana Owens is illustrator and creator of *Smallbany*, an online comic strip focused on life in Albany. It's one example of the many projects Owens has a hand in lately.

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Lord Electro performing at Rustic Barn Pub last April.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Lord Electro is all 'Business'

The local funktronic band's CD release party at The Hollow on Friday

ALBANY — Y'all ready for this? Lord Electro, Albany's funktronic trio, is releasing a CD and is celebrating the occasion at The Hollow in Albany, Friday, March 10, at 8 p.m.

Dan Gerken, Steve Mink and Jordan LeFleur are children of the '90s. They've developed a reputation as having an affinity towards all things from that decade, with songs heavily inspired by iconic themes from ESPN's "Jock Jams," or a song named in homage to actor Wesley Snipes. Their penchant for the nostalgic music of new jack swing combined with the funk from the disco sounds of Studio 54, garners the attention of fans across different demographics.

"Business," the band's newest album, is already available on iTunes (re-released, Tuesday, March 7).

Fink said the band is "very excited" about the upcoming release party, which will also feature Normal Instruments and Solaris.

The band's Facebook profile explains their idea to make a predominantly improvisational live elec-

tronic band. To aid in this effort, it stores several live recordings in an archive.

The band is currently touring in support of its new album. Future shows include the Dinosaur Bar-

B-Que in Troy on March 24, the Putnam Den in Saratoga Springs on April 8 and a closing out date in Troy on April 29 at the Rustic Barn.

— *Michael Hallisey*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Overkill

Thursday, March 9, at Upstate Concert Hall

CLIFTON PARK — Overkill will perform at Upstate Concert Hall on Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at 1208 New York 146 in Clifton Park.

Overkill is an American thrash metal band that formed in 1980 in New Jersey. Amorphis, Nile, Swallow the Sun and Winter's Burden join them.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$26 in advance and \$30 on the day. For more information or to buy tickets call (518) 371- 0012 or visit upstateconcerthall.com.

Skeleton Keys

Friday, March 10, Dinosaur Bar-B-Que

TROY — Skeleton Keys will perform at Dinosaur Bar-B-Que on Friday, March 10 at 9 p.m. at 377 River Street in Troy.

Skeleton Keys is a keyboard-centric, electronic exploration of the Grateful Dead, featuring Alex Mazur.

For more information or to buy tickets call (518) 308-0400 or visit www.dinosaurbarbque.com.

IN BRIEF

The Masters of Nostalgia at One Caroline Street

SARATOGA SPRINGS — The Masters of Nostalgia will perform at One Caroline Street, Wednesday, March 8 at 8:30 p.m.

Dave Pedinotti and band perform classic rock and folk tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s, such as Neil Young, Van Morrison, Bob Dylan and The Band.


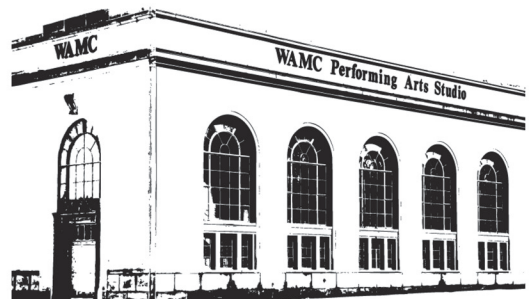
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The Deadbeats at the Low Beat

ALBANY — The Deadbeats will perform, Wednesday, March 8 at 10 p.m. at the Low Beat at 355 Central Ave.

Founded in 1993, the Deadbeats play the music of The Grateful Dead, Phish, The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Bob Marley, Janis Joplin and more.


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NIGHT: Garth Brooks with Trisha Yearwood

ALBANY — Garth Brooks, 2016 Country Music Awards Entertainer of the Year and the number one selling solo artist in U.S. history, will appear at the Times Union Center for three nights this weekend — marking the first time he has performed in Albany in 20 years.

Brooks' integration of rock and roll elements into the country genre has earned him immense popularity; he is the only artist in music history to have released seven albums that achieved diamond status in the United States.

Following two successful world tours in the 90s, Brooks took a 13-year hiatus from touring and recording after he and his college sweetheart, songwriter Sandy Mahl filed for divorce in 2000.

After getting remarried to country singer Trisha Yearwood in 2005, Brooks gradually came out of retirement and, in December 2013, he announced plans for a third world tour with his new wife. Beginning in

September 2014 in Illinois, it launched in support of his 2014 studio album, *Man Against Machine*.

As of this month, the tour is on its seventh leg, having covered cities throughout the United States and Canada, and has shattered records for the most concerts in a single tour. High demand has prompted multiple concerts to be added in each city, with Brooks performing two shows per night in some cases.

Jon Bream of the *Star Tribune* described the concert as, "all about Garth being Garth, being humble and hammy, sincere and silly, romantic and rowdy — and making the fans believe that he's having as much fun as they are."

After an eight-concert run

in Houston, Chris Gray of the *Houston Press* summarized the concert, saying, "Combine raw adrenaline, effortless showmanship, grade-A musical smarts, flawless execution, and enough heart to power the CenterPoint substation."

Don't miss the dance, Brooks fans. This weekend will be your last chance to catch The Garth Brooks World Tour with Trisha Yearwood in New York. Concerts will take place at the Times-Union Center at 51 S. Pearl St. in Albany on March 10, 11 and 12 at 7 p.m.; tickets are available on ticketmaster for \$65.73.



DAY: A Collaborative Cartooning Workout with Ira Marcks



TROY — A comic jam is a collaborative workshop. A bunch of artists of all ages and skills get together and draw comics!

It's a drop-in event and you can contribute to an existing project or develop your own. It is about using your imagination with other creative people. It's fun for artists of all ages and no previous experience

is necessary! Drop in for a few minutes or stay for the whole time, it's up to you.

Ira Marcks is a Troy-based cartoonist and author. For a time he was a regular contributor to Hugo Award Winning sci-fi/fantasy magazine, *Weird Tales*. Ira's work has earned him a collaboration with Vimeo founder, Jake Lodwick, an interview

in the PBS series 'A House for Arts' and a thoughtful blog post from comic theorist and *Understanding Comics* author, Scott McCloud. Ira self-published two books; *Witch Knots*, and *The Aquarium Drift*. In 2012 he shared his teaching work at the National Art Education Convention. For more information, go to <http://iramarcks.com/workshops/>.

Comic Jam with Ira Marcks will take place at the Troy Public Library, at 100 2nd St. in Troy, from 1 to 4 p.m. and admission is free. Please make reservations by calling the library at 274-7071 or register online.



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Fri: **Fresh** | 7 p.m.

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Sat: **Michael Panza, Charles Cornell Trio** | 7 p.m.

The Parting Glass
40 Lake Ave, Saratoga Springs.
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Sat: **Andy Black, William Control, Palaye Royale** | 7:30 p.m.

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MUSIC

Old Songs African Drum Class
Instructed by John Dickson. Wed., March 8, 7:30 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. \$15. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

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. \$29.50. (518) 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day a wee bit early with traditional Irish music. Thurs., March 9, 7:30 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. \$25. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.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.

Joe Jencks, Si Kahn and Maria Dunn
Trio of songwriters will perform a concert featuring songs of hope, courage, love and triumph. Fri., March 10, 7:30 p.m. Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. \$23. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

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. \$15. (518) 465-5233 or www.thelinda.org.

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

Cosy Sheridan and Sloan Wainwright
An exciting evening with a pair of 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. \$24 or \$35. (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Everest Rising with Mark Baptiste
Performance is part of the Howlin' at the Moon Americana Music Series. Sat., March 11, 7 p.m. Mabee Farm Historic Site, 1100 Main St. (Route 55), Rotterdam Junction. \$5. (518) 887-5073 or www.schenectadyhistorical.org.

Red Barrat
Brooklyn-based ensemble led by percussionist Sunny Jain performs a high energy, gut-busting fusion of jazz, world-beat, hip-hop, rock, and funky go-go rhythms. Proceeds to benefit the activities of the Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union. Sat., March 11, 7:30 p.m. Swyer Theatre, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$25. (518) 473-1845 or www.theegg.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. \$20. (518) 465-5233 or www.thelinda.org

Pickin' & Singin' Gatherin'
A sing-around for the whole family. Sun., March 12, noon to 4 p.m. Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. \$15. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

Kitchen Jazz
Vocalists Richard Genest and Sylvie Briber are backed by Dave Kitchen on guitar, Jim Connelly on bass and Norm Ainslie on drums for a repertoire including vocals and instrumentals by Cole Porter, jazz standards and Joni Mitchell. Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m. Pruy House, 207 Old Niskayuna Rd., Latham. Free; RSV required. (518) 783-1435

Triskele
Albany-based, all female band performs traditional Celtic music with a unique interpretation focused on harmonies and reviving the Gaelic language. Part of the Music @ Noon Concert Series. Tues. March 14, noon. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 State St., Troy. Free. (518) 273-0038 or www.troymusichall.org.

High Kings
Ireland's Folk Band of the year, performs traditional and original Celtic music, showcasing their incredible versatility and skills as multi-instrumentalists and vocalists, and appear in support of their latest recording "Grace & Glory." Tues. March 14, 7:30 p.m. Swyer Theatre, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$34. (518) 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Old Songs Irish Slow Session
Friendly, repertoire-building opportunity with a focus on traditional Irish music with Hilary Scrauf. Wed., March 15, 7:30

p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. \$4. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

TobyMac
Grammy-award winning Christian recording artist brings his "Hits Deep Live Tour" to the Capital District. Thurs., March 16, 6:30 p.m. Times Union Center, 51 S. Pearl St., Albany. \$15 to \$69.75. (518) 487-2000, (800) 745-3000 or www.timesunioncenter-albany.com.

St. Patrick's Day Party with Hair of the Dog
Raise a pint with the Capital District's favorite Irish band. Thurs., March 16, 7:30 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$30. (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Saratoga Sings at the Cinema
A screening of Tim Robbins' 1999 film "Cradle Will Rock" which fictionalizes the true events that surrounded the development of Marc Blitzstein's historic work, which will be revived during Opera Saratoga's 2017 Summer Festival. Sat., March 18, 2 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Free. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/saratoga-sings-at-the-cinema-a-free-screening-of-cradle-will-rock-tickets-32281645270?aff=PalaceWeb

Young Musicians Forum Concert
Ivan Gusev, piano, graduate student at Mannes College of Music, plays Schubert, Chopin, Mendelssohn and Mussorgsky. Sat., March 18, 2 p.m. Reception to follow. Schenectady County Library Niskayuna Branch, 2400 Nott St. E, Niskayuna. Free, donations welcome. (518) 210-0975.

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ACROSS

1. During
5. Physicians, surgeons, et al.
9. Practice
14. Pink, as a steak
15. Its quarter says "Birthplace of Aviation Pioneers"
16. Charity, often
17. Funeral establishment involving cremation
19. Exams
20. Victorian, for one
21. Ceiling
23. Takes a seat
24. Frameworks to get to another level of a building
28. Golf ball support
29. Transport to Oz
30. Character
32. "Aladdin" prince
33. A local resident
36. Kindly disposition
43. Cancel
44. Density symbol
45. Classic theater name
48. Act of ceding
52. "Tarzan" extra
53. Inward curvature of the legs
56. "The Turtle" poet
58. Toni Morrison's "___ Baby"
59. Ring bearer, maybe
60. Less cordial
62. Long, narrow, wooden sled
67. Job
68. Almond
69. Biblical birthright seller
70. Mails
71. Brawl
72. ___ terrier

DOWN

1. Parenthesis, essentially
2. Fold, spindle or mutilate
3. Anger
4. Abase
5. Weak-minded old person
6. "Look here!"
7. About
8. Nutritious beans
9. "Silent Spring" subject (abbrev.)
10. Some deer
11. Undisturbed
12. A, B or C
13. Rent payer
18. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
22. Pasta choice
24. Aria, e.g.
25. Beethoven's "Archduke ___"
26. Baked, in Bologna
27. Aforementioned
29. What "it" plays
31. Big ___ Conference
34. Away
35. Jalopy
37. Chain letters?
38. Adam's apple spot
39. Bond, for one
40. Ashtabula's lake
41. Like show horses
42. "My boy"
45. Loses it
46. Cochise, for one
47. Cut
49. Barely make
50. Catch
51. A twilled woolen fabric
54. Movie about cowboy life
55. Small, bulbous plants with showy spring flowers
57. Drove
61. ___ gestae
63. "My man!"
64. Inquire
65. "Uh-uh"
66. "So ___ me!"

Answers on Pg. B21

Lunasa
Internationally acknowledged as the finest traditional Irish instrumental outfit of recent times, with inventive arrangements and bass driven grooves which have pushed the genre into surprising new territories. Sat., March 18, 8 p.m. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 State St., Troy. \$34. (518) 273-0038 or www.troymusicall.org.

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. \$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. Through March 12. Shows: Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. 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. \$30 advance; \$35 show day. (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Our Town 360: a New Media Theatrical Experience
RPI Players present a re-imagined

production of Thornton Wilder's classic for contemporary audiences. Daily, Thurs. March 9, through Sat., March 11, 8 p.m. Goodman Studio One, EMPAC, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 110 8th St., Troy. Free. www.empac.rpi.edu

Shrek Jr.: The Musical
Presented by the O'Rourke Middle School Drama Club. Fri., March 10 at 7 p.m. and Sat., March 11, at 2 and 7 p.m. Richard H. O'Rourke Middle School, 173 Lakehill Rd., Burnt Hills. \$9, available online at www.showtix4u.com.

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. \$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: Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday: 8 p.m.; Saturday: 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday: 1 and 6:30 p.m. Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$38 to \$153. (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

COMEDY

The Funny Bone
Joe Machi, March 9, 7:30 p.m., \$12; March 10, 7:30 and 10 p.m., \$16; March 11, 7 and 9:45 p.m., \$16; and March 12, 7 p.m. \$12. **Pump & Dump**, March 15, 7:30 p.m., \$30. **Dee's Kids**

Benefit, March 16, 7:30 p.m., \$20. **Shawn Wayans**, March 17, 7:30 and 10 p.m., \$30; March 18, 7 and 9:45 p.m., \$30; All shows 21+. Crossgates Mall, 1 Crossgates Mall Road, Guilderland. (518) 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com.

The Comedy Works
Ryan Hamilton, March 9, 7 p.m., \$10 (show only) or \$29.95 (dinner + show); March 10 and 11, 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. **Pete Dominick**, March 16, 7 p.m., \$10 (show only) or \$29.95 (dinner + show); March 17 and 18, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.; \$25 (show only, advance), \$49.95 (dinner + show, advance); prices for both packages increase \$5 if purchased on show day. **Open Mic**, Thursdays at 9 p.m.; sign ups begin at 7 p.m., free to attend or participate. 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. (518) 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com.

Palace Theatre
Brian Regan, the unique comic whose materials are relatable to multiple generations of fans and revered by other comedians as the best in the business, performs stand-up. Fri., March 17, 8 p.m. Palace Theater, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$35.75, 39.75 and \$49.75. (518) 465-4663, (800) 745-3000 or palacealbany.org.

Proctors
The "Irish Comedy Tour" features 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. \$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. \$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.troymusicall.org

FAMILY

Albany Visitors Center
Children's Star Sighting. Interactive program exploring the stars, planets, comets and constellations in the night sky. Geared toward children ages 3 through 7 and their families. Sat. March 18, 11 a.m. 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany. \$3 per seat. (518) 434-1217 or www.albany.org/visitors-center.

Empire State Plaza
The ice rink at the Empire State Plaza will be open (weather permitting) for free ice skating daily through Sunday, March 12, 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.

Northshire Bookstore
KIDS! Storytime. For children and their parents/caregivers. Friday, March 10, and Friday, March 17, 10:30 a.m. 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. (518) 682-4200 or www.northshire.com.

Proctors
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood Live! Donning his familiar red sweater, Daniel takes the audience on an interactive musical adventure as he and his friends explore the vibrant world of their much-loved Neighborhood. This live theatrical production filled with singing, dancing and laughter will warm the hearts of multiple generations! Tues., March 14, 7 p.m. Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$20 to \$75. (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

SUNY POLY CMOST
Animal Spotlight: Learn more about the museum's interesting inhabitants during this hands-on activity. Wed., March 8 and March 15 at 3:30 p.m.

Sensory Play: Head to the GE Junior Discovery Room for hands-on sensory science activity. March 9 (Handprint Helpers) and March 16 (Discovering Green), at 10 a.m. 250 Jordan Rd, Troy. Both programs free with paid admission (\$5 per person, ages 2+). (518) 235-2120 or www.cmost.org.

Tang Teaching Museum
Family Saturdays foster multigenerational creative cooperation through looking at artwork, discussing it, and engaging in a hands-on art activity. Most programs run from 2 to 3 p.m. and include a tour of a specific exhibition. On Sat. March 11, after looking at Grace DeGennaro's paintings of patterns of dots in "Sixfold Symmetry: Pattern in Art and Science," participants will then create their own dot paintings using Q-tips as paintbrushes for watercolor patterns. On Sat., March 18, in honor of it being Saint Patrick's weekend, attendees will make all kinds of artwork out of green materials! Collages, sculptures, relief work (kind of 2 1/2D), will be created out of paper, fabric, wire, beads, straws, craft foam, and more. Programs best suited for children ages 5 and older accompanied by an adult companion. Materials are provided. Free; reservations required by calling the Visitor Service Desk at (518) 580-8080. Skidmore College, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. tang.skidmore.edu.

FILM

Curvee Girls
Well known WNYT anchor Elaine Houston will screen her latest docu-story, in which she looks at the issue of fat-shaming or body-shaming. This 20-minute film has opened a whole new discussion on

how women view their bodies and how sometimes they themselves are the victims and perpetrators of this female bashing. A panel discussion with Houston, Bre Richardson, who appears in the film, and Samantha Pittman, Curvention media and production coordinator, immediately follows the film. Wed., March 8, noon. Stockade Building, Room 101. Schenectady County Community College, 78 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Free. sunysccc.edu.

Film Hawk
Documentary feature chronicles the remarkable life of Bob Hawk, the legendary film and theater guru whose assistance was vital to the careers of Kevin Smith (Clerks), Edward Burns (The Brothers McMullen) and numerous others. Benita Zahn will moderate an audience Q&A following the screening. Wed., March 8, 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$10. (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org. All proceeds will support the Upstate Independents Filmmakers Network (UIFN) and Capital Cinema Cultural Exchange (CCCE), two leading non-profit organizations which benefit and encourage independent filmmakers in northeastern New York.

Search and Destroy
A two-bit entertainment promoter with dreams of becoming a movie producer attempts to raise cash for his first project in this satire of the hustling and big money of Hollywood. Rated R. Running time: 90 mins. Fri., March 10, 7:30 p.m. Page Hall, University at Albany Downtown Campus, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst/webpages4/programpages/cfs.html#WK9fjMrJph.

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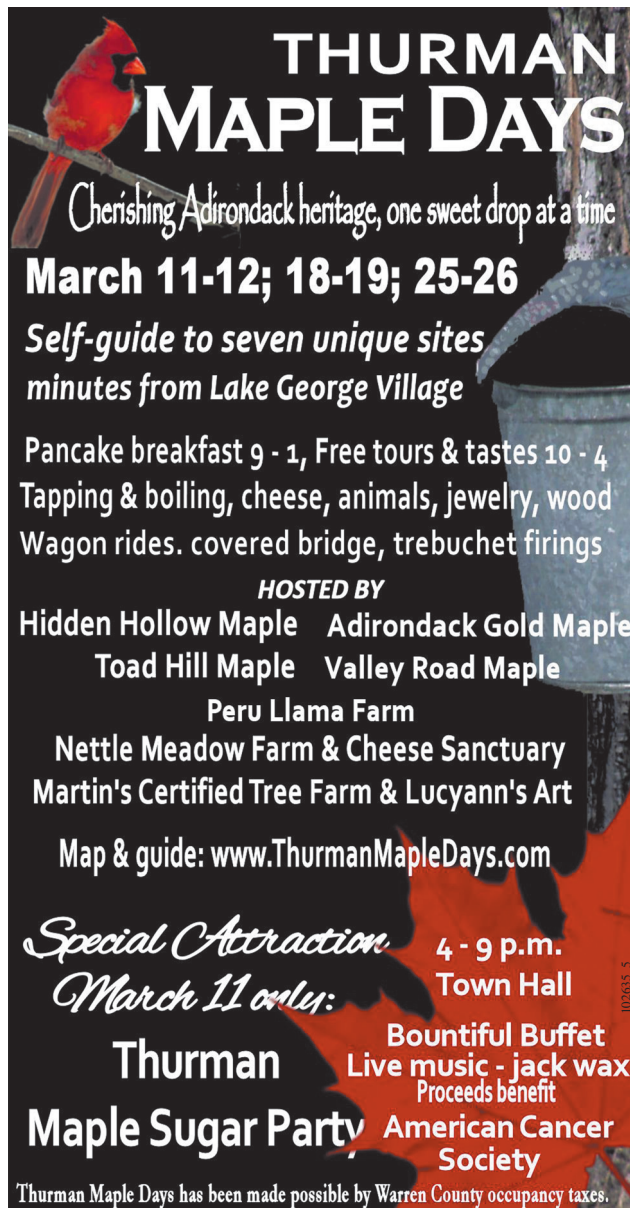
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The Big Sleep
 Private investigator Philip Marlowe is hired by a wealthy man to help resolve the gambling debts of his wild young daughter. Assistance is provided by the man's older daughter, who implies that the situation is darker and more complex than it might first seem. Adapted by William Faulkner from Raymond Chandler's novel. Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall star. Not rated. Running time: 114 minutes. Mon., March 13, 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$5. (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

The Sting
 Paul Newman and Robert Redford star in this 1973 film set in Chicago in Sept. 1936, in which a young con man seeking revenge for his murdered partner teams up with a master of the big con to win a fortune from a criminal banker. Rated PG. Running time: 129 mins. Part of the Citizen's Bank Movie Series. Mon., March 13, 7 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$5. (518) 465-4663 or palacealbany.org.

Do Not Resist
 The directoral debut of Detropia cinematographer Craig Atkinson takes stunning look at the current state of policing in America and a glimpse into the future. March installment of the Food for Thought series, featuring food samples from Honest Weight Food Co-op, music by Jack Empie, and an open panel discussion. Thursday, March 16, 7 p.m. The Linda, 339 Central Ave., Albany. \$8. (518) 465-5233 or www.thelinda.org.

LECTURES

After 2016 – Should Women Be Allowed to Vote?
 Longtime journalist Rosemary Armao will speak about women's suffrage. Part of the Friends of Pruyn House Speaker in the House lecture series. Wed., March 8, 7 p.m. Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Rd., Latham. Free; reservation required. (518) 783-1435.

LITERARY

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.albanylaw.edu.

Writers workshop,
 Bi-weekly writers' get together. Eat, drink, schmooze and share, but, mostly write. Like mad. With a focused productivity participants find gratifying and surprising. Thurs., March 9. Potluck/schmoozing at 6 p.m., followed by writing from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and sharing from 8:30 to 9 p.m. Tech Valley Center of Gravity, Quackenbush Building, 30 3rd St., downtown Troy. Free. www.tvcog.org

Votes for Women
 Biweekly reading and discussion series invites participants to delve into the history of the Women's Rights movement through the readings of biographies, historical documents and fiction with Dr. Jennifer J. Thompson Burns. Participants will meet every two weeks on Tuesdays, March 14 through May 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Branch of the Troy Public Library, 100 Second St., Troy. Free; pre-registration required. For more information about the series dates and acquiring books, call (518) 274-7071 or visit www.thetroypublibrary.org.

CANstruction 2017

Sixteen design teams will create giant, playful structures made entirely out of canned goods using the theme "Go Team!" Visitors are invited to bring canned goods and place them in bins next to their favorite structures to help them win the People's Choice Award. All cans will be donated to The Food Pantries for The Capital District. Open daily, Tuesdays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through March 22, Fourth Floor Terrace, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave, Albany. www.capitalregioncanstruction.com

Guided Moonlit Walk

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 promptly at 7 p.m. Schodack Island State Park, 1 Schodack Island Way, Schodack Landing. (518) 732-1087 or <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/146/>

Basketweaving workshops

Learn how to create a Saratoga Tote Basket (March 11) or a Williamsburg Basket (March 25) with instructor Beverly Cornelius. Mabee Farm Historic Site, 1100 Main St. (Route 55), Rotterdam Junction. Cost: \$85 plus materials fees. (518) 887-5073 or www.schenectadyhistorical.org.

Ninth Annual Capital Region Wine Festival 2017

Sample a wide variety of exceptional red, white, and sparkling wines along with restaurant samples, various vendors, a live auction and more. Sat., March 8, 1 p.m. Proctor's, 432 State St., Schenectady. Three levels of admission: Designated Drivers, \$25; Grand Tasting Affair, \$50; and Club Grand Vin, \$100 (limited to 100 patrons). Must be 21+ to attend. For more information, contact Molly Tocin at (518) 382-3884, ext. 187.

Third Annual Collar City KiltFest!

Early day family events and outrageous KiltRun 5k give way to a City Wide Crawl as the sun starts to set. The fun begins Sat., March 18, at 9 a.m.; KiltRun 5K starts at 1 p.m. at the intersection of River and Second streets. Various locations, downtown Troy. Additional details and race registration at kiltrace.com.

Albany Wine and Chocolate Festival

Celebrate and sample great wine and sweets from around the Empire State along with plenty of other treats! Sat., March 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. or 5 to 8 p.m. The Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany Shaker Rd., Loudonville. Admission: \$25 for wine samplers; \$10 for designated drivers and minors. Information and tickets available at wineandchocolatefestivals.com/events/albany.

WWE Live: Road to Wrestlemania

Catch your favorite WWE Superstars, including Luke Harper vs. WWE Champion Bray Wyatt; John Cena vs. AJ Styles in an Albany Street Fight and Intercontinental Champion Dean Ambrose vs. Baron Corbin vs. The Miz. Dolph Ziggler, WWE Women's Champion Alexa Bliss and Becky Lynch are also scheduled to appear. Sat., March 18, 7:30 p.m. Times Union Center, 51 S. Pearl St., Albany. \$23 to \$103. (518) 487-2000, (800) 745-3000 or www.timesunioncenter-albany.com.

Schenectady Greenmarket Winter Market

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

Delaware Community Farmers Market

Offering local, fresh-picked fruits, vegetables, herbs, eggs, jams, and baked goods for sale in the branch parking lot. Tuesdays, 4 to 7 p.m., Delaware Branch, Albany Public Library, 331 Delaware Ave., Albany. (518) 463-0254.

Together Tuesday

Tuesday nights in Eden Café are set-aside for groups to have a time of team building. Become part of a movement. Our groups have found that they often can get more accomplished out of the office than in. Eden provides a safe non-alcoholic environment where trust can be fostered. Tuesdays, 4:30 to 9 p.m., 269 Osborne Road, Loudonville. (518) 977-3771.

Veteran Meet-Up

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

Social Night Potluck at CoG

Every Tuesday night, we gather with food and conversation. Free. 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

"In Motion: The African-American Migrant Experience," through March 26; **"Captured Moments: 170 Years of Photography from the Albany Institute,"** through May 21; and **"Wampum World: An Art Installation by Renee Ridgeway,"** through June 18. 125 Washington Ave., Albany. (518) 463-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

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 Pine Bush Discovery Center

"National Natural Landmark"
 The sand dunes are also the focus of this new special exhibit. The exhibit will guide 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. Upcoming: **"The Art of Seed: Hudson Valley Seed Co."** and **"Troy River City, Living with Water in Troy,"** both opening on March 31. 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; **"Looking North and South: European Prints and Drawings, 1500-1600,"** an exploration of the exchange between artists working in the



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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 Beauharnois, Danny Ginsburg, Kelsey 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
"Discover Butterflies," featuring hundreds of native butterflies fluttering around in an indoor butterfly house. Through April 23. **"Tinkering: Bring Out Your Inner Engineer,"** a hands-on exhibit from the San Francisco Exploratorium, through May 17. 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 Folklore Society
"Farm and Field: The Rural Folk Arts of the Catskill Region," black and white photographs by Benjamin Halpern which document and showcase the rural folk arts rooted in the agricultural heritage of New York State. 129 Jay St., Schenectady. (518) 346-7008 or www.nyfolklore.org.

New York State Museum
"Ice Ages in New York State," a 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.

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. Open during performances and on Wednesdays until 6

p.m. Free. 2880 NY Route 43, Sand Lake. (518) 674-2007 or www.SCLA-CTP.org.

Saratoga Arts
"120° Intercollegiate Regional," a juried fine art exhibition for students attending an accredited college or university located within 120 miles of Saratoga Springs, Troy, or Glens Falls (Main Gallery). Through April 21. Also **"Fractured Lives"** by Jennifer Duke Antsey (Reception Gallery) and **"Faces"** by Benjamin Sugarman (Member's Hall Gallery). 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. (518) 584-4132 or www.saratoga-arts.org.

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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.

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; **"Inhabited Landscapes: Bougault's Algeria,"** a series of large, panoramic landscapes of Algeria, created during the late-19th and early-20th centuries by the French photographer Alexandre Bougault, through April 23; **"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. (518) 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.

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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
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. For more information about the program, visit www.saratoga-arts.org/exhibitions/publicplaces. To schedule your exhibit, e-mail Emma Huneck, exhibitions coordinator, at ehuneck@saratoga-arts.org with your top two choices of location and month. Exhibitions are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Clean Eating

Chef Bill's Self-Sufficient Meatloaf

By **STACEY MORRIS**
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CULINARY ARTS

This updated spin on an old classic is so named because it is literally the most moist and tasty meatloaf I've ever had. As in, you don't need to adorn it, squirt it, or ladle it with anything. It's that good. Of course, a little fresh black pepper makes everything a little more elevated. If you're feeling it, there's a gluten-free gravy option below, but truly, this meatloaf stands on its own.

Chef Bill's cooking philosophy revolves not only around flavor, but practicality. This is a large recipe, so if you're cooking for a crowd, you're set. We make this when it's just the two of us because a massive meal made means one less meal prep during the rest of the week.

Ingredients

- 3 pounds of ground beef (93 percent lean — preferably grass-fed)
- 3 eggs, beaten
- ¾ cup high quality barbecue sauce (with maple if possible)
- 1 4-ounce package of Trader Joe's Creamy Goat Cheese
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 cup gluten-free breadcrumbs
- 1 ½ teaspoons mustard powder

- 1 tablespoon oregano
- 1 ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup French's Crisp Fried Onions, blitzed in a food processor
- ½ cup French's Crisp Fried Onions
- grapeseed or light olive oil for frying onion and garlic

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a medium sauté pan, lightly sauté the chopped onion and garlic until glassine, not caramelized. Remove from heat and let cool for a few minutes before scraping into large mixing bowl. Add all other dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Thoroughly mix in ground beef, breadcrumbs, beaten eggs, Worcestershire, and pulverized French's onions until well blended. Spray a rectangular baking dish with non-stick spray and dump meat mixture onto it. Form into the shape of a loaf, centering it in the middle of the pan. With a pastry brush or fingers, brush loaf with additional barbecue sauce. Sprinkle remaining French's onions onto the top of the loaf. Bake for approximately 90 minutes, or until it registers 165°F degrees at center with a meat thermometer.

Gluten-Free Mushroom Gravy

Ingredients

- 2 heaping tablespoons corn starch
- 1 tablespoon butter or oil
- 1 quart beef stock, heated
- ½ to 1 pound sliced mushrooms
- ½ stick unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme

Directions

In a large skillet, melt half-stick of butter over medium heat and add sliced mushrooms. Let cook for about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, heat butter or oil in a large saucepan over medium heat and then add corn starch. Whisk into a paste. Add heated beef stock and bring to a simmer, whisking vigorously until mixture begins to thicken. Once it's thickened to a gravy texture, lower heat and add mushrooms and thyme. Salt and pepper to taste. Pour over meatloaf slices.

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HOROSCOPES

March 2017
Week 2

CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 19

A big to-do is in the works, and you will have to go all out. Call in the troops if needed, Capricorn. This is not yours to plan and yours alone.

AQUARIUS

January 20– February 18

A crisis at home comes to a quick end, thanks to the arrival of guests. Who knew how helpful a few extra hands could be. Show your gratitude, Aquarius.

PISCES

February 19 – March 20

The news is good, but it may not seem like it at first. Be open to the idea, and you will be benefit, Pisces. Travel plans are nixed by that special someone.

ARIES

March 21 – April 19

Drop it, Aries. There is nothing more to discuss. Silence speaks louder than words anyway. A home improvement project finishes with a flourish.

TAURUS

April 20 – May 20

Alone time is hard to come by these days, as more and more requests come in. Steal some if you have to, Taurus. You deserve a break from the action.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 21

Darn, Gemini. Just when it looked like everything was going to go according to plan, you hit a snag. Luckily for you, the fix is super easy.

CANCER

June 22 – July 22

Pipe down, Cancer. You've said too much as it is. Give someone else a chance to speak. A trend makes it way into your home, much to the chagrin of your family.

LEO

July 23 – August 22

Stop it, Leo. You've beat around the bush long enough. Get to the point. Rejection is always a possibility, so you have nothing to fear.

VIRGO

August 23 – September 22

Some things are better than others, Virgo, but don't let on at a celebration. Be grateful for all that you receive, even the most unusual of gifts.

LIBRA

September 23 – October 22

Take, take, take. It seems like all a young friend does is take, and it is up to you to set them straight. Be nice but firm, Libra. A shopping trip relieves tension.

SCORPIO

October 23 – November 21

Phase 1 is nearly complete. Make sure you are ready to start Phase 2. Friend doesn't want to help? No problem, Scorpio. Another dear fiend does.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 – December 21

You can make a fuss all you want, Sagittarius, but it won't get you anywhere. To ensure you reach your goal, you will need to be diplomatic.

■ IN BRIEF

Our Town at EMPAC

TROY — EMPAC will present “Our Town” on Thursday, March 9, Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11 at 8 p.m. at EMPAC’s Goodman Studio One at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at 110 8th Street in Troy.

The production is a re-imagining of Thornton Wilder’s American theater classic, chronicling our inability to fully appreciate moments of our lives before they pass us by. Using new technologies, this production will reinvigorate this play for contemporary audiences by incorporating a responsive gesture-based interactive system for actors to control commissioned artworks projected on a large-scale.

Admission is free. For more information or to register call (518) 276-3921 or contact @union.rpi.edu.

Moonlit Walk at Schodack Island State Park

SCHODACK LANDING — There will be a Guided Moonlit Walk held at Schodack Island State Park on Friday, March 10 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at 1 Schodack Island Way in Schodack Landing.

Participants will enjoy the park trails at night, under the light of the nearly full Worm Moon with a walk covering about two miles of fairly easy terrain. Check in is from 6:30 to 7 p.m. at the program. Refreshments will follow with a campfire. Participants are asked to dress appropriately for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes.

Registration is required. Call the Park at (518) 732-1087 to register. For more information visit parks.ny.gov.

Si Kahn, Joe Jencks, and Maria Dunn at Old Songs

VOORHEESVILLE — Si Kahn, Joe Jencks, and Maria Dunn will perform at Old Songs on Friday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at 37 South Main Street in Voorheesville.

Spanning styles and generations, Kahn, Jencks and Dunn bring together diverse perspectives into a unified presentation that invites people to sing, laugh, heal, and be inspired to celebrate their own journey.

Tickets are \$23 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. For more information or to buy tickets call (518) 765-2815 or visit oldsongs.org.

Irish Comedy Tour at Proctors

SCHENECTADY — The Irish Comedy Tour is visiting Proctors on

Friday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at 432 State Street in Schenectady.

Detroit native Derek Richards; Boston-born Mike McCarthy; Nova Scotia’s Damon Leibert; and from Inchicore, a suburb of Dublin, Ireland Derrick Keane make up this group of Irish American comedians.

The show contains Mature Content. Tickets are \$30. For more information or to buy tickets call (518) 346-6204 or visit www.proctors.org/events.

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Tai chi: The martial art practiced in slow motion

By **RONDA ADDY**
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Tai chi quan, or tai ji quan as it is sometimes known, is on its way to becoming one of the most popular forms of exercise in the world. Tai chi is a form of qi gong that combines movement with breath. It is also a form of martial arts with movements that have applications toward self-defense. While qi gong is used specifically for healing and general health, tai chi is a group of movements that promote health as well as provide some offensive/defensive techniques.

Tai chi gives you the benefits of aerobics without the dangers of joint damage. The endorphin rush is similar to running. A 20-minute or more workout provides someone with the same benefits as running for 20 minutes but with less stress on the heart and less damage to the joints. Tai chi teaches balance, which reduces the number of falls especially

Benefits of tai chi

- Full aerobic benefits
- Less stress
- Produces pain suppressing endorphins
- Healthier immune system
- Lower blood pressure, both systolic and diastolic

among participating senior citizens. Falling is the sixth leading cause of death among senior citizens.

Tai chi is one of the oldest forms of martial arts, dating over 1,500 years. The tai chi of today was started by Zhang San-Feng. Zhang wanted some form of self-defense to protect himself as he traveled across China. Because he was 70 years old, he needed something that would work against stronger and faster opponents. His solution was to concentrate on four basic principles: calm against action, soft against hard, slow against fast and single against a group. According to Zhang, if fighting does not include these four principles, it is not tai chi combat.

When practicing tai chi the emphasis



is on posture and breathing which are important to proper body positioning. The back is straight with the head held erect. Vision is focused straight ahead but sometimes follows the hands' movements. Breathing is deep and relaxed. The joints of the arms are relaxed, with the shoulders sunk and elbows slightly flexed.

Tai chi is rooted in the feet, issued through the legs, controlled through the waist and expressed through the hands. The main energy center in the abdomen, called the t'an t'ien (pronounced don chien), is where all the moves originate. Practitioners of tai chi work from a low center of gravity, softening the knees and using only the amount of energy needed to execute movements.

Another important part of tai chi is the concept of yin and yang, two opposing types of energy. Yin is calm and static, while yang is active and dynamic. Chi flows only when these two forces are in balance. The chi refers to the vital force of energy that is said to flow through the meridian channels of the body. Regular practicing of tai chi helps the body's meridians stay open and flowing with chi.

Tai chi's early roots are steeped in folklore and imagination. It is believed that an ancient Taoist priest had a dream about a rattlesnake and a crane in combat and was therefore inspired to create the first movements of tai chi. Regardless of how tai chi started, it has grown into something that the Taoist priest and those early practitioners would never believe.

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■ CONCERT REVIEW

Dishing out 'Catfish Blues'

ZZ Top serves good ol' rock 'n' roll at Proctors

By **STEVEN STOCK**
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SCHENECTADY — If you want to see a fine-tuned machine in action, there's no need to visit Washington, D.C. — just catch ZZ Top on their current tour. The power trio delighted a packed house at Proctors Sunday night with ninety minutes of blues, boogie and good old-fashioned rock 'n' roll.

Formed in Houston in 1969, ZZ Top has managed to stay relevant for nearly five decades by incorporating stylistic changes while remaining true to their bluesy southern roots. Their Worldwide Texas Tour of '75-'76 boasted 75 tons of equipment and props on a Texas-shaped stage, with a live buffalo and a longhorn steer flanking the band, some buzzards and a few rattlesnakes. In the eighties the three sharp-dressed men embraced the MTV aesthetic whole-hog, with a series of hit videos that featured prominent synthesizer riffs.

The current tour is more of a stripped-down affair. Aside from breaking out white fur-adorned guitar and bass for "Legs" and a few tongue-in-cheek attempts at choreographed leg kicks, the band kept the focus Sunday night firmly on the music itself, and Billy Gibbons' tasty guitar work and gruff vocals proved more than sufficient to hold everyone's attention.

ZZ opened with "Got Me under Pressure," Frank Beard's well-miked drums dominating the cavernous and loud sound mix. Gibbons' terse clipped guitar work manages to say a lot with very few notes, as exemplified by the subsequent "Waitin' for the Bus" and "Jesus Just Left Chicago" from the band's breakthrough "Tres Hombres" album. By the time ZZ Top launched into "Gimme All Your Lovin'" the crowd was downright delirious.

The template for rock power-trios was established in '66 and '67 by Cream and the Jimi Hendrix Experience, and Gibbons' earlier band The Moving Sidewalks toured with Hendrix ("taught us about half of anything we know" is how Gibbons put it). An impressed Jimi gave Gibbons a pink Fender Stratocaster, and cited him as a favorite during an appearance on the "Tonight Show." Returning the favor, ZZ Top paid homage to Hendrix at Proctors with a rowdy version of "Foxy Lady" followed by a slinky rendition of "Catfish Blues," a Robert Petway song that Jimi later reinvented.

These were followed by a rather more unlikely cover version, Merle Travis' "Sixteen Tons," a holdover from the band's 2014 live performances with English guitar legend Jeff Beck. And then it was back to the hits: "Cheap Sunglasses," "Sharp Dressed Man," "Legs," "LaGrange" and "Tush" in quick succession.

Gibbons isn't really a great singer by any conventional measure — he's got a limited range and he's not likely to sustain a note like Tony Bennett. He is, though, akin to a weather-beaten character actor; inhabiting the songs, bringing them to life with a gruff, plain spoken and with an appealing delivery. Bassist Dusty Hill took over vocal duties for a couple of well-received numbers, including the closing romp through Elvis Presley's "Jailhouse Rock."

■ IN BRIEF

One Woman Sex in the City at Proctors

SCHENECTADY — TJ Dawe and Kerry Iperna present "One Woman Sex and the City: A Parody on Love, Friendship and Shoes" on Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at 432 State Street in Schenectady.

The show brings the characters to life as they brunch, banter, argue, support each other and swoon over men and Manolos.

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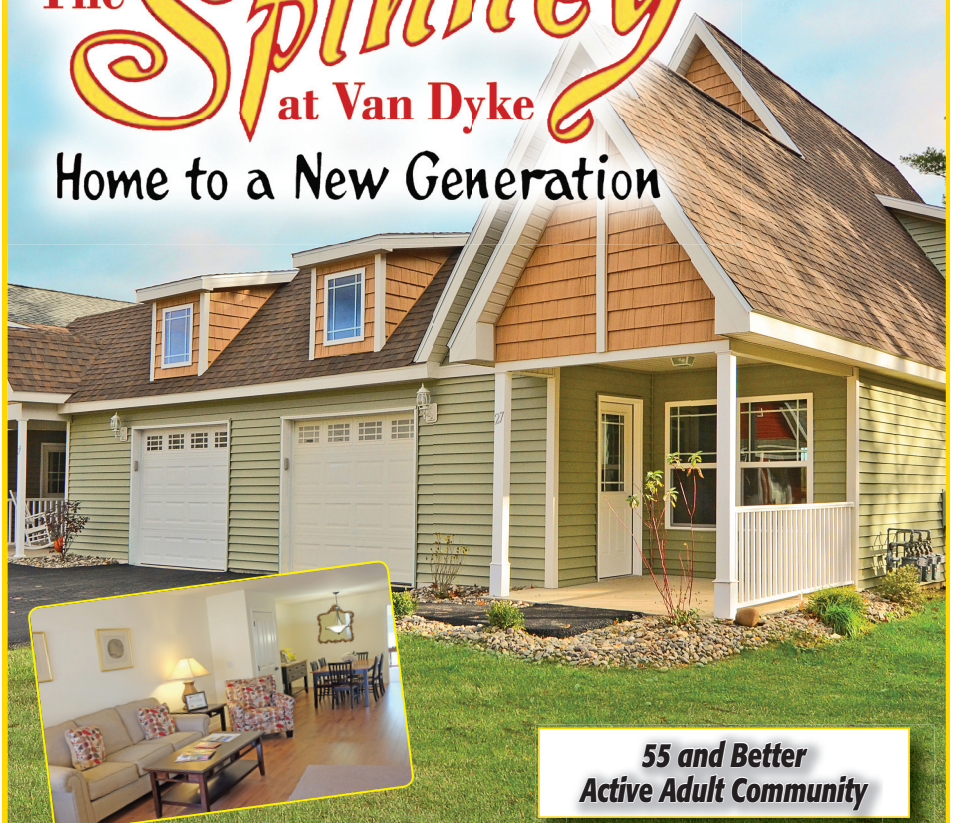
A multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, and vocalist, Jarosz got her start as a child prodigy and attended the New England Conservatory of Music. Singer/songwriters Kieran Kane & Rayna Gellert will open the concert.

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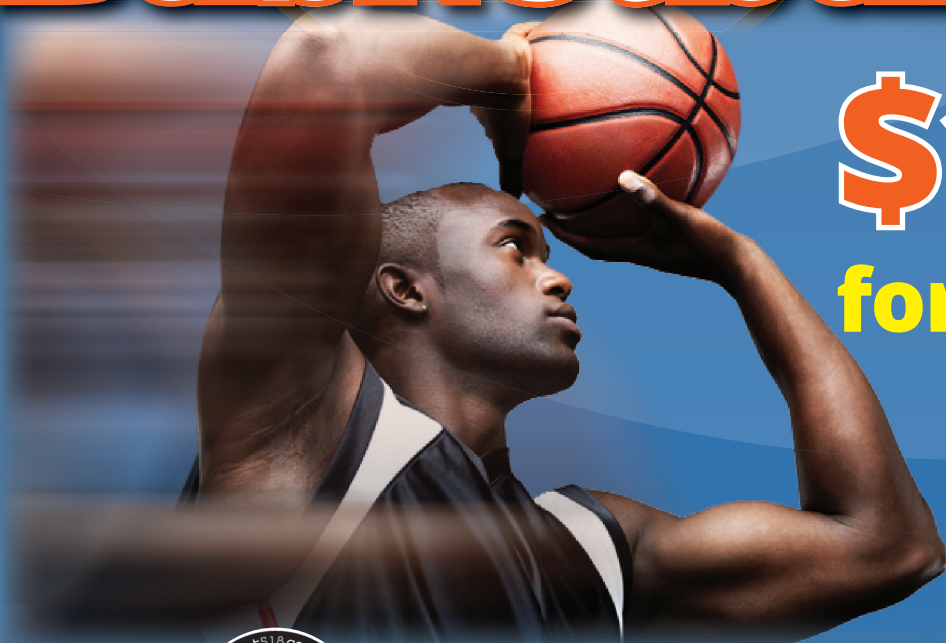
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■ CONCERT REVIEW

Emmanuel serves 'incredible' night

By DAVID DECKER
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TROY — When a performer, in essence, calls a time-out on stage and refers to the mojo of the room he is playing, declares how excited he is to be there by further stating, “this is going to be an INCREDIBLE night” – that’s one thing. However, when that performer is also justifiably able to lay claim to being one of the best acoustic guitarists in the world, it’s a safe bet the audience should immediately “buckle up”, as they’re assuredly going to be in for one amazing ride.

That’s exactly what happened Wednesday, March 1 when Tommy Emmanuel stormed the stage of the Troy Music Hall. He stopped to make sure all of those in attendance knew he was completely aware of the historical significance of this awe-inspiring venue; citing the years this glorious treasure was constructed (1871 - 1874), also noting the year of its inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places (1989)...then, he immediately proceeded to tear the roof off of the place.

Let me just say, if you’ve never seen Emmanuel perform, you should fix that, as you have no idea what you’re missing.

To say he is a disciple of Chet Atkins (one of his greatest influences - having written, recorded and performed with him) only paints part of the picture. He is a virtuoso, utilizing an incredibly intricate style of finger picking on his acoustic guitar that is so accomplished, one can hardly believe what they are seeing and hearing. Yet, he does so with such a sense of whimsical delight - a looseness, mixed with a sense of spontaneity and surprise - that the audience can’t help but experience a full range of emotions throughout his performance. It was playfully frantic, stunningly beautiful, ridiculously complex,

joyously simple, explosively dynamic, serenely transcending, and percussive, yet peaceful – all the while, changing tempos and moods at the drop of a dime.

Emmanuel, in essence, is a one-man band. There were times when I closed my eyes during his performance, where I wouldn’t have been the least bit surprised when I re-opened them, if I had seen a percussionist, a bassist, a rhythm guitarist and a lead guitarist on stage...but, no – it was only Emmanuel, so obviously loving every minute...every note - while delighting in the near-capacity crowd’s reaction to his diverse 22-song set.

He adeptly delivered several original compositions, ranging from songs such as “Mr. Guitar,” written for Chet Atkins / Blood Brother, which was dedicated to an organization, “Guitars for Vets” - a group of 2,000 volunteer guitar teachers who “share the healing power of music with our nation’s heroes” / “The Tall Fiddler” – inspired by and dedicated to master fiddler, Byron Berline...a song which he also demonstrated to the audience how to play – I say “good luck, folks” / and, “Angelina” – a beautifully optimistic, upbeat song written for his daughter.

Interwoven seamlessly between those, were stunning renditions of a variety of well-known classics, such as: “Saturday Night Shuffle”, “Blue Smoke,” and “Cannonball Rag” (Merle Travis), “Guitar Boogie” (Arthur Smith), “2B or Not 2B” and “Smokey Mountain Lullaby” (Chet Atkins), “Over the Rainbow” (my previous favorite rendition of this song was by long-time, regional favorite, the late Bert Sommer), and “Michelle” (The Beatles – which he indicated he plays “only to help out a couple of starving songwriters from Liverpool, England”).

The highlight of the night was a five-

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the partnership, Thursday, March 2, along with three scheduled acts to start later this month.

"Comedy Works will bring a regular series of comedians to a 'Comedy Works at the Cohoes Music Hall' series," said Brown.

Nick DiPaolo kicks off the series Saturday, March 25. The next act features former WWE wrestler, and Glens Falls native, "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan on Saturday, April 22. And, on Saturday, May 13, Gilbert Gottfried will take to the Cohoes stage.

Nicchi said he sent photos of the music hall to management firms before making calls out to comedians. The aesthetics of the venue, and its relative close proximity to New York City — where many such acts call home — made for an easy sell.

"We made three phone calls out, and got these three acts," said Nicchi.

The Comedy Works comes back to the greater Capital District with stiff competition. In 2015, the Funny Bone Comedy Club established business in

Crossgates Mall. It, too, brings a steady stream of regional and national acts to its stage. However, the partnership between the Palace, Albany's Park Playhouse, the Comedy Works and Cohoes Music Hall, promises both a constant and eclectic stream of entertainment.

The Comedy Works is no stranger to bringing national names to the Capital District. Aziz Ansari famously flew into Albany and immediately took to the Comedy Works stage on what was the anchor leg of an eight-hour marathon stretch of performances in August of 2015.

Brown said she hopes to see at least one live comedy event at the Cohoes Music Hall each month through the new partnership.

Cohoes Mayor Shawn Morse expressed his gratitude for the positive affect Albany's performing arts group has had on his city.

"The Palace Theatre has certainly exceeded our expectations," said Morse, who added that more than 7,000 patrons have visited the revitalized hall since the partnership was announced last September. "And, [it] has become our economic engine that drives success to our downtown."



'Godspell' at Cohoes Music Hall

COHOES — The classic rock musical "Godspell," performed by students in Albany's Park Playhouse II training program, kicked off at Cohoes Music Hall last weekend. The production continues through until Sunday, March 12. Tickets for "Godspell" are on sale now at the Cohoes Music Hall Box Office, the Palace Theatre Box office, or by calling (518) 465-4663.

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IN BRIEF

An Iliad at CapRep

ALBANY — An Iliad will be performed at CapRep from Friday, March 10 through Friday, April 2 at 111 North Pearl Street in Albany.

An original and immediate narrator whose knowledge cuts across time spins the tale of gods and goddesses, undying love and battles of The Trojan War.

Tickets start at \$20. To buy tickets call tickets by Proctors at (518) 445-7469. For more information visit capitalrep.org.

Vocals workshop at Sand Lake Center

AVERILL PARK — Dan Evans will visit the Sand Lake Center for the Arts on Saturday, March 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at 2880 NY 43 in Averill Park.

Evans is a highly accomplished acoustic guitarist, who also plays finger-style mountain dulcimer. Participants will learn to project the voice in such a way that it will not be damaged, how to sustain breath, and how to listen carefully to sing in tune. He will perform a concert at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for those under 18 for the Concert only, and \$20.00 for the workshop only. For more information or to buy

tickets call (518) 674-2007 or email info@slca-ctp.org.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Party at Patrick's Pub

WATERVLIET — Patrick's Pub will host a St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 11 at 9 a.m. at 606 3rd Ave. in Watervliet.

The Pub will provide safe transportation to and from the parade in Albany via the Giddy Up. Irish drink pairings and Miller Lite specials will be featured all day.

Breakfast, a t-shirt, music and a ride are included for \$25. Participants should stop by to reserve their seats. For more information call (518) 238-3687 or visit facebook.com/events.

Search and Destroy Screening at UAlbany

ALBANY — The UAlbany Spring 2017 Classic Film Series Presents Search and Destroy on Friday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Page Hall in the Downtown Campus of UAlbany at 135 Western Ave. in Albany.

The film follows a two-bit entertainment promoter with dreams of becoming a movie producer as he attempts to raise cash for his first project in this satire of the hustling

and big money of Hollywood.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information call (518) 442-5620 or visit www.albany.edu.

Marc Maron at Troy Music Hall

TROY — Marc Maron: The Too Real Tour comes to Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on Saturday, March 11 at 8 p.m. at 30 Second Street in Troy.

Maron is the creator and star of IFC's critically acclaimed show Maron and host of the insanely popular podcast WTF with Mark Maron. He has appeared on many television talk shows, including David Letterman, Craig Ferguson, Jimmy Fallon, Jimmy Kimmel, Seth Meyers, Charlie Rose, Conan O'Brien and Bill Maher.

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

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KIDZ DAY

The 12th Annual Kidz Expo had everybody at the Empire State Plaza on Saturday, March 4. Disney princesses and some nefarious looking characters from Star Wars were all there. Go to spotlightnews.com/spotted for more photos.

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From page B17 ... 'Incredible' night

The highlight of the night was a five-minute segment late in the set, where he literally used his guitar as a drum kit – playing a mind-blowing drum solo on his acoustic guitar. Yes – that’s what I said...he played a drum solo...on his acoustic guitar! It was an act of accomplished musicianship that catapulted the performance (as well as the audience) to a frenzied crescendo, transcending comprehension to such a degree, that if we had launched right through the roof and off the planet, nobody in the audience would have been surprised. It was utterly breathtaking.

Emmanuel protégé, 25-year old fellow Australian Joe Robinson, kicked off the evening with a very well received 7-song opening set – the perfect setup for what was to follow. Mixing a

variety of well-known standards such as Misty (Erroll Garner), while adding a 4-song medley which included, Isn't She Lovely and Superstition (Stevie Wonder), Robinson also doled out a few jaw-dropping originals. "Smokin' Joe" was the winner of the 2008 season of Australia's Got Talent, and in 2010 was named "Best New Talent" in Guitar Player magazine's Readers Poll. On this night, Robinson's looping skills were flawless, his electric tone was sheer bliss, adding stunning harmonic-laden riffs on his acoustic – and at one point, even played two guitars at once. He joined Emmanuel on-stage for the final three songs of the main set. Robinson is an extraordinary young talent – most certainly keep an eye out for whenever he next plays within driving distance... you won't want to miss him!

Dave Decker is musician who calls the Capital District his home. He is also a sales representative for Spotlight Newspapers.

From page B4 ... Gone West

weeks later," he said. "I was the ideal resident. Not only was I a minority, but I was also an established aspiring artist in the area with a budding business."

One of the first tenants to move into the Barn, Owens received a good amount of exposure during his time there. He did live painting at events, produced designs for fundraisers and promotional

materials, was featured on the news and even met Susie Essman, from "Curb Your Enthusiasm," when she requested a tour of the space.

"It's a really good thing that they're doing," he said of the Barn. "It really benefits all parties involved."

When asked if his recent move was the end of Smallbany, Owens answered, "No. No, no, no, no, no." He said that he hopes to have a friend take over the bulk of administration on his Facebook page, while he would continue to produce all of the illustrations. "I still follow a lot of things

IN BRIEF

The Masters of Nostalgia at One Caroline Street

SARATOGA SPRINGS — The Masters of Nostalgia will perform at One Caroline Street in Saratoga Springs on Wednesday, March 8 at 8:30 p.m.

Dave Pedinotti and band perform classic rock and folk tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s, such as Neil Young, Van Morrison, Bob Dylan and The Band.

For more information visit onecaroline.com.

The Deadbeats at The Low Beat

ALBANY — The Deadbeats will perform on Wednesday, March 8 at 10 p.m. at the Low Beat at 355 Central Ave. in Albany.

Founded in 1993, the Deadbeats play the music of The Grateful Dead, Phish, The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Bob Marley, Janis Joplin and more.

For more information call (518) 432-6572 or visit www.thelowbeat.com.

Open Mic Night at Hudson River Music Hall

HUDSON FALLS — Musician/composer Jonathan Newell of the bands Across the Pond, The Jonathan Newell Band and Better Off Led will host Wednesday Open Mic Night on Wednesday, March 8 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Hudson River Music Hall at 10 Maple Street in Hudson Falls.

Sound, lights and a listening space will be provided for participants and listeners.

Sign up is at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$3. For more information, call (518) 832-3484.

Open Mic Night at McGeary's

ALBANY — Mother Judge hosts Open Mic Night on Wednesday, March 8 at 8:30 p.m. at McGeary's Irish Pub at 4 Clinton Square in Albany.

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