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TOP STORY

No Taxation for Preservation

Bethlehem not yet authorized to levy property tax to pay for open space preservation programs

By ALI HIBBS
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ALBANY — On June 19, the New York state Assembly passed legislation, sponsored by Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy (D-109), which would allow the Town of Bethlehem to establish a dedicated open space conservation fund and, if the town so chooses, levy a property transfer tax of no more than 2 percent to deposit into that fund.

Two days later, the Senate version of the bill, sponsored by Senator Neil Breslin (D-44), advanced to the Rules Committee, it never advanced to the floor for a vote before end of session.

Since the open spaces conversation was formally reopened last fall, the biggest pushback has thus far been a widespread perception, mostly on the part of large landowners, that the effort to conserve open spaces will inevitably infringe on property rights. With the passage of the Assembly bill, however, critics have questioned whether the board was forthcoming enough about the possibility of implementing an additional tax.

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Proposed legislation that sits and waits at the State Capitol could have allowed for a property transfer tax paid upon the sale of a home. That town tax would have gone towards an open space conservation fund.

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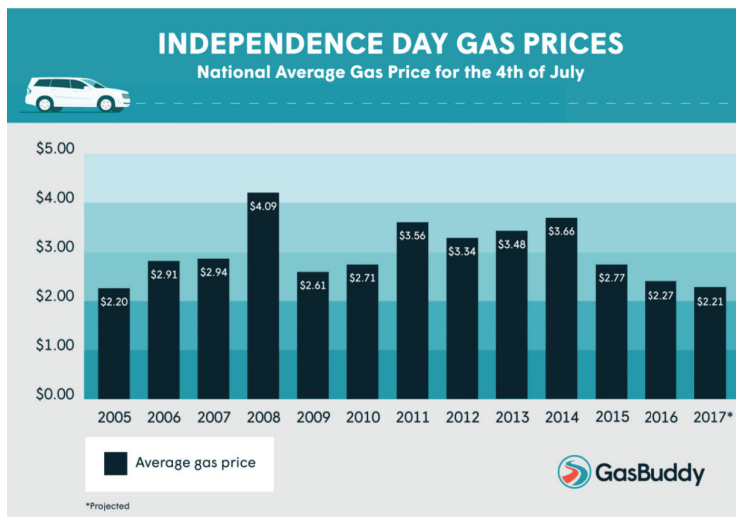
By JIM FRANCO
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CAPITAL DISTRICT
— During the July 4 weekend, gas prices were the lowest since 2005, according to GasBuddy, a crowdsource based company that monitors gas prices in real time.

At an average of \$2.21 per gallon, it is well under the 10-year average of \$3.14.

“It’s thrilling to see gas prices falling just in time for the most-traveled summer holiday. Perhaps we can finally get rid of the myth that gas prices go up for the holiday,” said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy senior petroleum analyst.

In addition, for the first time since GasBuddy began monitoring and analyzing gas prices 17 years ago, the price for a gallon of regular gasoline on July 4 is lower than a gallon on New Year’s Eve.



Graphic courtesy of GasBuddy.com

Six months ago, on average, a gallon of regular cost 12 cents higher than what is projected for July 4, while over the last decade, the national average has been as much as \$1.04 per gallon higher on July 4 than on Jan. 1.

“Most importantly, motorists

are getting a well-deserved break at the pump after years of high summer gas prices,” DeHaan said. “This is like Christmas in July, instead of seeing fireworks at the pumps like we saw just a few short years ago.”



Let the construction (and delays) commence

DELMAR — Motorists driving along Delaware Avenue in Delmar last week got a taste of what is to come as contractors made final preparations to begin a massive improvement and enhancement project, which includes the replacement of a water main, the construction of new sidewalks, crosswalks, curbing and on-street parking spaces, topped off with a fresh coat of pavement.

Beginning today, motorists are advised that traffic may be limited to one lane and one direction on weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

For the latest information about the project and detours, call 439 4955 ext. 0 or visit www.townofbethlehem.org/803/Planning-and-Design.

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■ TOWN GOVERNMENT

Meredith withdraws from highway supervisor race

Town's Democratic committee reopens search, asks initial challenger to resubmit resume

By **ALI HIBBS**
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BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Democratic Committee (BDC) began soliciting resumes from qualified residents interested in running for the position of town highway supervisor after current Supervisor Brent Meredith announced that he will be leaving his position to take a job at the University of Albany in Facilities Management.

Due to the timing of the announcement, interested candidates were informed they must submit their resumes no later than Monday, July 3.

(This article previously appeared online at www.spotlightnews.com.)

Dan Morin, the only other candidate to interview with the committee before it initially endorsed Meredith in May, said he was confused that its members were still looking, much less that they were going to require him to re-submit his resume, which he has refused to do. "I already interviewed back in April," he said.

Morin, who ran against Meredith in the last Highway Supervisor election, said, "I'm running like I did last time. I went out and got my own signatures.

"I'm already going to be on the line," he said. "I was going to primary Brent [Meredith]. And, what I don't understand is why they're looking for somebody else when I'm already going to be on the

line." BDC Chairman Jeff Kuhn said that they decided to start the vetting process over when Meredith, the incumbent, made the decision to not run. "There are people who may be qualified but decided not to run against Brent because he was the incumbent and they felt he was doing a good job. Now that it's an open race, there may be others who decide they want to run and we want to give them a chance to come forward."

Under state law, when a designated nominee declines his or her party's endorsement, the decision of who to run on that ballot line then falls to a committee within the larger committee, individuals who were named when the initial petitions were filed. In this case, that would be Kuhn, 1st Vice President Dan Coffey and 2nd Vice President Pam Skripak. Kuhn said they do intend to consult with the party-at-large during the decision-making process.

Morin, who has been campaigning on his 12 years working at the town's highway department to improve and maintain local streets and roadways, said that he feels his experience with the department makes him uniquely qualified to serve at its supervisor. He said that he was inspired to run the first time because he felt the department was "not managed to a very good standard and I felt that I could make a change."

To effectively run a

department, said Morin, you have to understand the work, the people and the dynamics. "You can't just come from the outside," he said.

At this point, he doesn't know what's going to happen or even if the committee will be able to find anyone to run against him in the primary. Either way, he said he will continue to run his campaign.

According to Supervisor John Clarkson, Meredith will remain in his position until Sept. 7, after which a replacement appointed by the Town Board will take over for the duration of his term. The board, which could either appoint an existing town employee or bring in someone new, will consider its options over the summer, he said.

"Brent's contributions have been many, and his steady hand and strong management and engineering skills will be

missed," said Clarkson. "The new sidewalks on Krumkill Road, Maple Avenue and Feura Bush Road would not have been possible without his willingness and ability to manage Highway Department resources carefully; he also built our sidewalk maintenance and replacement program, which is already making major improvements in areas like New Scotland Road, Delaware Avenue, Adams Street and Herber Avenue. All of this was accomplished while carrying on the myriad other Highway Department responsibilities, including street paving, snow removal, brush and loose leaves pickup, and all of the civic/beautification projects including street trees, baskets and flags, town events and holiday displays. Bethlehem also has the best recycling program and compost operation in the Region, which Brent has helped expand."



Bethlehem Highway Super Brent Meredith will serve his last day on Sept. 7

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"The Bethlehem Democratic Committee is grateful to Brent for his excellent service to our town and for stepping up to seek election in 2013 when the Highway Superintendent position was vacant," said Kuhn in a joint announcement released with Meredith. "We wish him well in his next professional endeavor at SUNY Albany."

"I have enjoyed serving the residents of Bethlehem

over the past two terms and am proud of the work that my talented and dedicated team at the Highway and Parks Department accomplished to improve the quality of life in Bethlehem," said Meredith, thanking residents, the BDC and department employees for their support during his time in office. "It has been my privilege to lead the Highway and Parks Department's efforts to maintain our high quality road network, to build new sidewalks and refurbish existing sidewalks throughout Town, install traffic calming measures to make our streets safer, expand town services like expanded access to our compost facility, improve the Parks with new facilities and playgrounds, continue our excellent service in leaf and brush pickup, and ensure safe roads through our services like snow removal."

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■ POLICE, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

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DELMAR — Witnesses say that was followed by a crackling sound and the discovery that a utility pole on Kenwood Avenue splintered just before rush hour on Wednesday, June 28. Traffic was rerouted while National Grid service crews worked to replace the pole and restore power to the nearly 300 nearby residents affected by the unexpected power outage. Power was restored by 6:30 that evening.

Michael Hallisey/Spotlight News



Photo by Michael Allen

Surveillance video from Apple store released

By **JIM FRANCO**
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ALBANY – Albany County District Attorney David Soares has released video of the chaos that occurred inside the Apple Store in Crossgates Mall when Tasheem Maeweather shot a gun off in the hallway on Nov. 12, 2016.

The video shows four different angles of people scrambling to the back of the store and hiding under the large tables used to feature the Apple products.

Maeweather was sentenced to up to seven years in prison on June 23 after a jury convicted the 20-year-old of reckless endangerment on May 5. He was acquitted of

the more serious crimes of attempted murder and possession of a weapon.

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ALBANY — The Hamilton Street Jazz Company will perform at Grappa 72 on Wednesday, July 5 and Thursday, July 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at 818 Central Ave. in Albany.

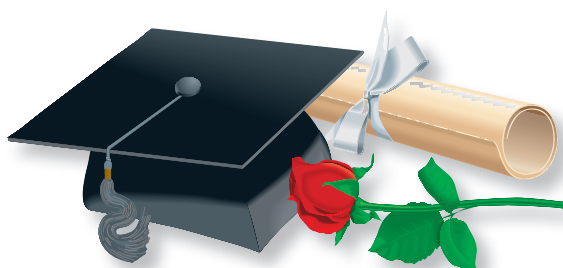
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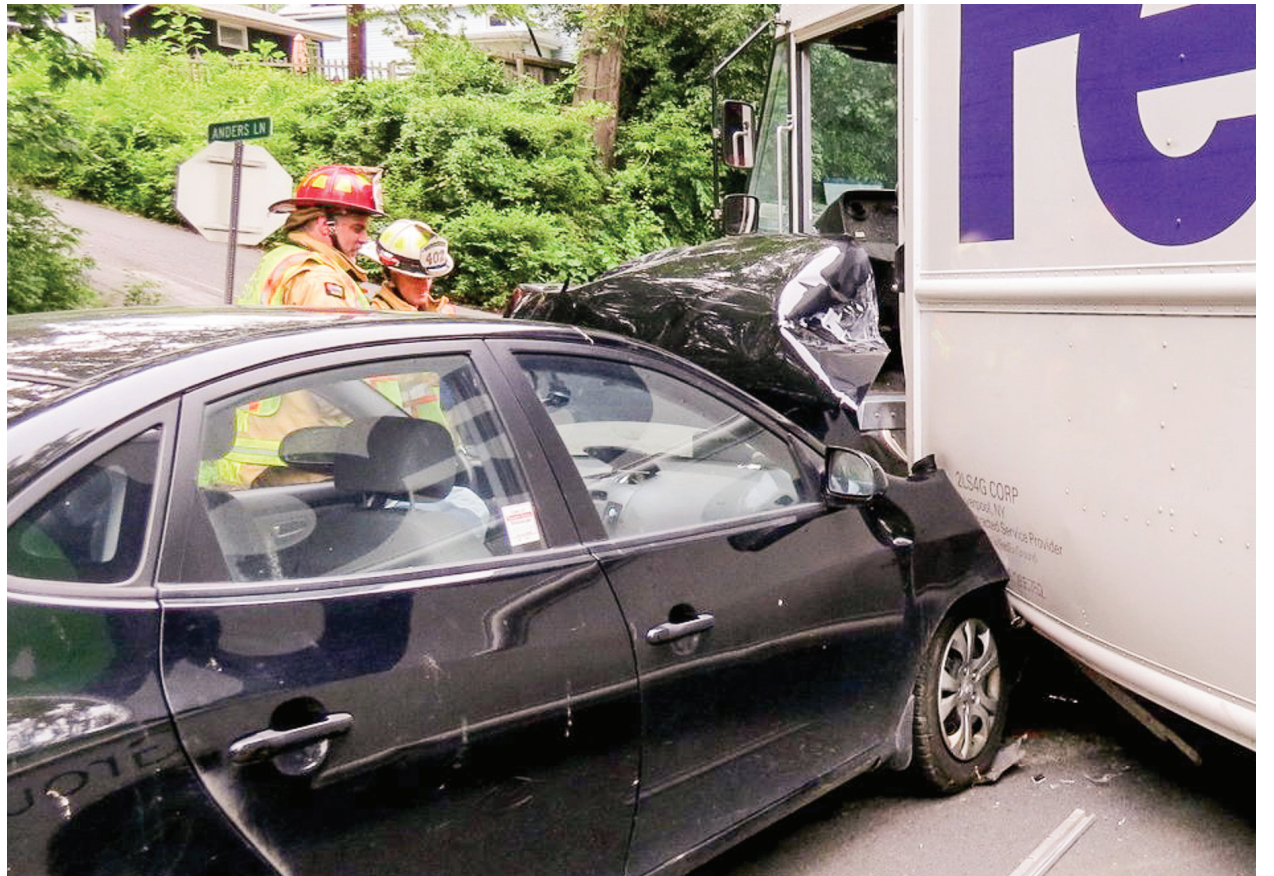
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■ POLICE, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS



Top and above: Members of the New Salem, Berne, East Berne fire departments along with Albany County Paramedics, State Police and State Park Police worked to rescue a woman from the Indian Ladder Trail at Thacher Park Sunday afternoon.

Photos courtesy Tom Heffernan, Sr.



Deliveries suspended

A FedEx delivery truck was t-boned at the intersection of River Road and Route 144 on Thursday, June 29. The driver of the truck was not wearing a seatbelt and the door was open when the accident occurred. Upon impact, the truck's driver was thrown from his vehicle and landed on the hood of the car that hit him. Both drivers were transported to area hospitals. Bethlehem Police continue to investigate factors leading up to and the actual cause of the crash.

Photo and caption courtesy Tom Heffernan, Sr.

Woman hit by falling rock In Thacher Park

NEW SCOTLAND — The call came in around 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, July 2 — a woman on the Indian Ladder Trail in Thacher Park had reportedly been injured by falling rocks. Preliminary reports indicate that a piece of the rock ledge broke away striking the woman in the head. The extent of her injuries is currently unknown, and she may have broken an ankle as well. She was transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital. The woman was around 55-60 years of age.

The New Salem Fire Department was assisted by Departments from Berne and East Berne, as well as Albany County Paramedics, New York State Police, and New York State Park Police. The Park Police are handling the investigation.

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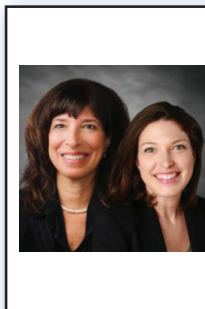
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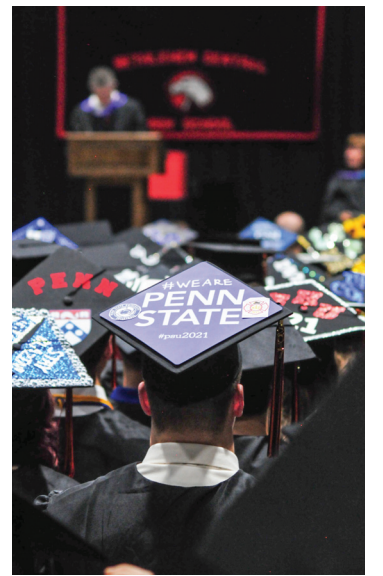
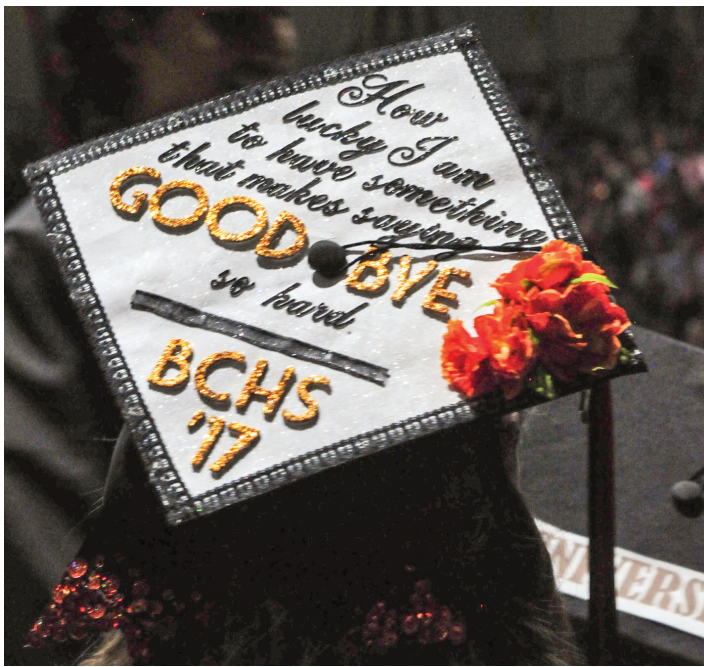
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PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Dynasty at the Bethlehem Y

BETHLEHEM — Zack Clayton, the hometown boy, upset Tyler Vincent in a cage match on Saturday, July 1, to win the Dynasty Championship belt.

The two were the feature match, or it could have been the draw of the cage, at the Bethlehem YMCA that drew nearly 500 people.

Other wrestlers in the Dynasty lineup included Andrew Anderson, Kenny Roberts, Furio Falcone, Bull Hightower, Big Jim Anderson, James Drake and Tracer X. Kacee Carlisle and Allison Jade also squared off in the female match.

Special guest in front of the standing room only crowd on the Y's ice rink was Gregg "The Hammer" Valentine.

The wrestlers wooed the crowd with flying leaps off the ropes onto the adversary, throwing opponents out of the ring and into the turnbuckles and, in the case of Clayton's win over Vincent, handcuffed rivals to the metal cage before pummeling him with punches.

All of it done with a theatric flare and more than the occasional interaction with the rambunctious fans.

Clayton, the muscular young man who graduated from Bethlehem, was the odds on fan favorite over Vincent. It's unclear if there will be a rematch when the troupe travels to Rome, NY, on July 29.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 165 Remsen Street, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 6, 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: 241 Remsen Street, Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: For any lawful purpose D-156376

Notice of formation of 1SMART Services, LLC, a domestic limited liability company, the purpose of which is to engage in any lawful activity. Articles of Org. were filed with NY Secretary of State ("NYSS") on June 23, 2017. Offices are located in Albany County. NYSS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS shall mail service of process to 1SMART Services, LLC, c/o Sean Martin, 10 Harding Avenue, Latham, NY 12110. The LLC shall exist in perpetuity unless dissolved by its member (s). D-156639

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
NAME: 4 BAB LLC
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on JUNE 2, 2017.
Office location: 19 British American Boulevard, Town of Latham, County of Albany, State of New York.
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For any lawful purpose. D-155412

Notice of formation of 462 ASR LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on May 24, 2017. Office located Albany County. SSNY has been designated for the service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to 6633 Joanna Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33919. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-155680

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shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Elizabeth Mahoney, 1 Washington Street, Glens Falls NY 12801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-154653

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On 06/14/17, Articles of Organization of Arista Equestrian, LLC were filed with the SSSNY. 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 Arista Equestrian, LLC, 49 Upper Wedgewood Lane, Voorheesville, NY 12186. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. D-156067

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
Pursuant to Section 505 and 1526 of the Real Property Tax Law
Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, has completed the final assessment roll for the current year and that a copy is available at the office of the Assessor at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY where it may be seen and examined by any interested person beginning on July 1st.
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Notice of Formation of AuClaire Electrical LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/10/2017. 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: 46 Menand Rd Menands NY 12204. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-153702

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Name: Automotive Lift Accessories, LLC. Application for Authority filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 6/1/17. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Leslie M. Apple, Esq., One Commerce Plaza, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. D-154642

LEGAL NOTICE
The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, was adopted on the 21 st day of June, 2017 and the validity of the obliga-

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tions authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Bethlehem Central School District, Bethlehem, New York is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of the law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. /s/Brittany Barrett
District Clerk
The following is a summary of said bond resolution:

1. The title of the bond resolution is: **BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 21, 2017 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (1)AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$1,595,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF THIRTEEN (13) LARGE AND TWO (2) SMALL SCHOOL VEHICLES AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$1,595,000, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND (2) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT AS AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF FINANCING SAID ACQUISITION.**

2. The bond resolution, among other things, authorized the Bethlehem Central School District, Bethlehem, New York (the "School District") to acquire thirteen (13) large and two (2) small school vehicles (the "Purpose") as such vehicles were generally described in the resolution and as they were generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the School District at the School District meeting duly held on May 16, 2017.

3. The estimated maximum cost of the Purpose is not to exceed \$1,595,000. The resolution authorized the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes of the District in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,595,000 pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-A of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law").

4. The period of probable usefulness of the specific objects or purposes for which the bonds authorized by the bond resolution are authorized to be issued is

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five (5) years, within the limitation of Section 11.00(a)(29) of the Law. 5. The bond resolution also authorized the School District to finance the Purpose by entering into an installment purchase contract as defined in Section 109-b of the General Municipal Law. The bond resolution summarized hereby is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the School District Business Office located at 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. D-156890

Notice of Formation of Bolt Realty Group, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4/24/17. 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: 30 Mercer Street, Albany, NY 12203 Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-154234

Notice of formation of BSI Realty & Capital Advisory, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/22/17, office: Albany County, SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process (SOP) to Registered Agent Inc. @ 90 State St. STE 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Registered Agent Inc. is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State St. STE 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose is any lawful purpose. D-156496

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Name: Bush Controls, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 6/22/17. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to P. O. Box 38259, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. D-156409

NOTICE ON FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Name: Connor's Care Landscaping, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State's Office on June 21, 2017. Office location: Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of the process to the Limited Liability Company at 125 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. D-156767

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
Name: Crown Towing & Recovery Service, LLC - Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 14, 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, 93 Bridge Street, Selkirk, New York 12158. Purpose: any lawful purpose. C-156627

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: DB Property Development LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 26, 2016. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC: 241 Remsen Street, Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: For any lawful purpose D-156385

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that license registration ID number v317002534h for beer/or wine has been applied for by the undersigned restaurant to sell beer/or wine under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at Eden Cafe 269 Osborne Rd., Loudonville NY for on premises consumption. D-156028

Notice of Formation of Empire Neuropsychological Services, PLLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 8th 2017. 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: PO Box 536 Delmar NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-156190

FADE 2 FAMOUS LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/5/17. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 59-63 56th Rd., Apt 2L, Brooklyn, NY 11378, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-154700

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is GVW, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 5/30/2017. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent

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of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is PO Box 121, Glenmont, NY 12077. D-154246

Notice of Formation of Hoyt Electrical Contracting LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/16/17. 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: 1018 New Scotland Rd, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-156835

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
Name: IDS 915 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 13, 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 40 Beaver St., Albany, NY 12207. D-155609

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is Izzy Properties LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 22, 2017. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 715 Waldens Pond Road, Albany, New York 12203. D-151916

Notice of formation of J & J Enterprizes LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on May 23, 2017. Office located Albany County. SSNY has been designated for the service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to 26 Dogwood Lane, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-155679

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Jungle Lass LLC.
Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/31/2017. 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, 22 East Wiggand Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: any lawful activity. D-154005

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Notice of Formation of Kate Jenna Holding, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 19, 2016. 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: PO Box 1223 Albany, NY 12201. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-154809

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
Name: KENSINGTON DHC LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Department of State, June 14, 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 Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. D-155616

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
Name: KENSINGTON DRI LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Department of State, June 19, 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 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. D-156109

KINGS COUNTY BARBERS LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/30/17. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 59-63 56th Rd., Apt 2L, Brooklyn, NY 11378, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-155171

Notice of Formation of Kleinke's Glensmere Farm LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 5th 2017. 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: 96 Kenwood Ave, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-153262

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
Name: LDFT IV LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, May 16, 2017. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process

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against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. D-153860

LEGAL NOTICE
MARK HENRY HEMMERDINGER. This is a formal notice that Albert B. Hemmerdinger died 12/8/2016. You are entitled to information about his estate. Please contact Anthony Smith at: smithworks13@gmail.com D-154917

Notice of formation of LIGHTHOUSE HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC.
Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on April 27th, 2017, office location: Albany County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail service of process (SOP) to Registered Agents Inc. @ 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, Registered Agents Inc. is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, purpose is any lawful purpose. D-153085

MAGNA TRANSPORTATION LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/15/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 207 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11211, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-155791

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Majestic Mission LLC.
Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/31/2017. 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, 22 East Wiggand Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: Any lawful activity. D-154002

Notice of Formation of Metabomb Design LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/24/15. 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: 22 Dutch Village Apt 3L Albany, NY 12204. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-155890

NOTICE PURSUANT TO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206
NAME OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY IS: New Vision Homes LLC; DATE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS: May 10, 2017; COUNTY OF WHICH THE OFFICES OF THE COMPANY ARE LOCATED: Albany; DESIGNATION OF PROCESS: THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK has been designated as

IN BRIEF

Sunday Night Jam at McGeary's

ALBANY — The Capital Region Blues Network will host a Sunday Night Jam at McGeary's on Sunday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m. at 4 Clinton Square in Albany.

The host band will play an hour set, followed by the open jam. Everyone gets to play a 3 song set. There is always a drum kit, bass amp, 2 guitar amps, and full PA.

\$5 donations are highly encouraged.

For more information call (518) 463-1455 or visit www.mcgearyspub.com.

Joe Sorrentino Trio Jazz brunch at Prime at Saratoga National

SARATOGA — Prime at Saratoga National will host the Joe Sorrentino Trio jazz brunch on Sunday, July 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 458 Union Ave in Saratoga Springs.

For more information call 583-4653.

Service Industry Night at Albany Railyard

ALBANY — Albany Railyard will hold a Service Industry Night at Albany Railyard on Monday, July 10 from 8 p.m. to close at 1118 Central Ave. in Albany.

During the event, anyone in the bar, restaurant, hotel, hospital, or fitness industries will receive 25% off their

entire check (plus a guest), with exclusive drink specials, free giveaways, and a great atmosphere.

For more information call (518) 650-6499 or visit www.albanyrailyard.com.

Dan Sherwin at Lanie's Cafe

LOUDONVILLE — Dan Sherwin will perform at Lanie's Cafe on Tuesday, July 11 at 471 Albany-Shaker Road.

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agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE COMPANY WITHIN THIS STATE TO WHICH THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL MAIL A COPY OF PROCESS AGAINST THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY IS: 670 Watervliet Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110; THE PURPOSE OF THE BUSINESS IS: to engage in any lawful act or activity which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Limited Liability Company (LLC)

1. The name of the LLC is: NEWPORT 8445, LLC
2. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of the State of New York (SSNY) is: 05/24/2017

3. The office within New York State the LLC is located in is Albany County.

4. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: NEWPORT 8445, LLC 17 RIDGE ROAD DELMAR, NEW YORK 12054

5. The specific date upon which the LLC is to dissolve is: NONE
6. The purpose of the business of the LLC is: any lawful business of purpose.

D-153736

NORTHSIDE BK LLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/26/17. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 36 Hausman St., 2nd Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11222, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

The name of the LLC is One Love Altamont, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 6/14/17. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any law-

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ful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is PO Box 767, Altamont, NY 12009. D-155522

Resolution No. 2017-29 RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 28th day of June 2017, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined to conduct an annual Paving Program as agreed to in the Section 284 Agreement with the Superintendent of Highways, and

WHEREAS, the Town purchases asphalt to conduct the annual Paving Program, and

WHEREAS, the Town intended to bond a portion of the purchase of said asphalt for the annual Paving Program, and

WHEREAS, the Town will eliminate the need to bond a portion of the purchase of said asphalt in 2017 by using funds from the Highway Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said asphalt will not exceed \$85,000; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the Highway Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete the purchase of said asphalt for the annual Paving Program as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$85,000 and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the

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Highway Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$85,000 in said reserve fund; and This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.

The foregoing resolution was presented for adoption by Councilman VanLuven, seconded by Councilman Wagoner and approved with the following vote:

Ayes - Supervisor Clarkson, Councilwoman Becker, Councilman VanLuven, Councilman Wagoner
Nays - none
Absent - Councilwoman Sasso
D-156992

SAN JOSE CHELSEA LLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/30/17. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 8064 59th St., Glendale, NY 11385, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Schuyler Commons LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 2, 2017. Office location: 14 Corporate Woods Blvd., Suite 100, City of Albany, County of Albany, State of New York. 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, 14 Corporate Woods Blvd., Suite 100, Albany, NY 12211. For any lawful purpose. D-153477

Notice of Formation of Scotco Partners, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 12, 2016. 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: PO Box 8604 Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-154811

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

Name: Serenity Real Estate Team, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 6/7/17. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to P. O. Box 1011, Latham, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. D-155042

SKYHIGH TRAMPOLINE LLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/24/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Sharon Freestone CPA, 20 Thomas Ave., Liberty, NY 12754. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-154785

Notice of Formation of SMAGALA ENTERPRISE LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 14, 2017. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to served against the LLC to 7 Bridge Avenue, Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-156497

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS - SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ALBANY - TD BANK, N.A.

successor by merger to Banknorth, N.A., Plaintiff, against MAHADAYE KHAN, if living, and if they are dead, and any and all persons who are husbands, wives, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of each of them, who may be dead, and their respective husbands, wives, heirs, devisees, and successors in interest with respect to the real property being foreclosed and described in the complaint in this action, all of whom, and whose names and residences are unknown to plaintiff, ABASALI KHAN if living,

and if they are dead, any and all persons who are husbands, wives, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of each of them, who may be dead, and their respective husbands, wives, heirs, devisees, and successors in interest with respect to the real property being foreclosed and described in the complaint in this action, all of whom, and whose names and residences are unknown to plaintiff, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, and "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants-Index no. 900440/2016. Plaintiff designates ALBANY County as the place of trial situs of the real property. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); In the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Albany County is designated as the place of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for

the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Help for Homeowners in Foreclosure New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Summons and Complaint You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. Sources of Information and Assistance The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at (800) 342-3736 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov>. Rights and Obligations YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you

choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law. Foreclosure Rescue Scams Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. We are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Richard Platkin, A.J.S.C. dated March 9, 2017 and filed June 20, 2017. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 98 Henry Johnson Blvd. Albany, NY 10940 Dated: February 27, 2017 Duane Morris LLP, Brett Messinger, Esq., Patrick J. Holston, Esq., Matthew T. Burrows, Esq. 1540 Broadway New York, NY 10036-4086- Telephone: +1 (212) 979-1963 D-156834

Notice of formation of The Spinney at Ballston Lake, LLC, a domestic limited liability company, the purpose of which is to engage in any lawful activity. Articles of Org. were filed with NY Secretary of State ("NYSS") on June 5, 2017. Offices are located in Albany County. NYSS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS shall mail service of process to The Spinney at Ballston Lake, LLC, c/o Morgan Ruthman, Esq., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar NY 12054. The LLC shall exist in perpetuity unless dissolved by its members. D-154789

Notice of formation of Whiteshore Settlements, LLC, a Foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/09/2017. Office location: County of Albany. URS Agents, Inc. is designated as agent for service of process at One Commerce Plaza, Suite 805A, Albany, New York 12210. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-156152

Notice of formation of WSL REALTY LLC

On 06/14/17, Articles of Organization of WSL Realty LLC were filed with the SSNY. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The SSNY 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 SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is WSL Realty LLC, 1676 New Scotland Rd, Slingerlands, NY 12159. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. D-156066

Organization of Train HD, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 4/13/17. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC for whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 265 Osborne Road, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any Lawful. D-154909

Notice of formation of Van Hoesen Station, LLC, a domestic limited liability company, the purpose of which is to engage in any lawful activity. Articles of Org. were filed with NY Secretary of State ("NYSS") on June 5, 2017. Offices are located in Albany County. NYSS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS shall mail service of process to Van Hoesen Station, LLC, c/o Morgan Ruthman, Esq., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar NY 12054. The LLC shall exist in perpetuity unless dissolved by its members. D-154789

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Notice of formation of WSL REALTY LLC

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Organization of Train HD, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 4/13/17. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC for whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 265 Osborne Road, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any Lawful. D-154909

Notice of formation of Van Hoesen Station, LLC, a domestic limited liability company, the purpose of which is to engage in any lawful activity. Articles of Org. were filed with NY Secretary of State ("NYSS") on June 5, 2017. Offices are located in Albany County. NYSS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS shall mail service of process to Van Hoesen Station, LLC, c/o Morgan Ruthman, Esq., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar NY 12054. The LLC shall exist in perpetuity unless dissolved by its members. D-154789

Notice of formation of Whiteshore Settlements, LLC, a Foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/09/2017. Office location: County of Albany. URS Agents, Inc. is designated as agent for service of process at One Commerce Plaza, Suite 805A, Albany, New York 12210. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-156152

Notice of formation of WSL REALTY LLC



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

What we learn from baseball

The hot, summer sun has a way of turning the soft infield dirt of a baseball diamond into the consistency of pottery. The natural clay cut into the lush, green grass of a well manicured field will harden if left unattended. Baseball players are raised to recognize the quality of a field; assess the dips, the pits and all of its imperfections. Despite the clean, 90-degree angles present at every baseball field, there lies something that can cause a well-executed play to go awry.

This Fourth of July weekend went without an event this area has grown accustomed to seeing each year. An Old-Time baseball game featuring how the game was first played more than a century ago, complete with ungodly wool uniforms and no fielding gloves. Often times an announcer would present hometown

heroes with comical stories, and equally funny jabs at opposing players visiting from out of town. A good time, rolled into a package that reminded people of what the world was once like.

Baseball, after all, was a poor man's sport. It was played in vacant lots throughout the country by kids and working men alike. It was a fun and cheap way to pass the time (and a way for betting men to gamble, too). In its purest form, it's a children's game played in the setting of a green lawn under the watchful gaze of family, friends and community. Somewhere, ideas of how the game is played, who should be able to play it, and when, got convoluted by a litigation-happy world preoccupied by finger pointing and an inflated sense of entitlement. When kids do this, they pick up their ball and go home, only to come back out to play

the next day. When adults do this, it has a larger impact with more lasting results.

It wasn't long ago that one adult used to spend his summer afternoons on a baseball field with scores of neighborhood kids. Fifty kids lost in a monstrous game involving line-ups three times the size of a regulation game. So what if the rules of the game said only nine on the field? No one cared. They all played along with total disregard of who hit when, and who played where. The only absolute to those summer days was that each game started at noon. That same man would later be pushed out of a coaching position based on the letter of a loosely enforced rule. The summer games, gone. His impact on the neighborhood kids that loved him, gone. (He'd go on to win elsewhere.) Yet, another part of his legacy was attached to an organized summer baseball

league. It, too, disappeared, remerged, and disappeared again just recently — something about the rules, again.

It's early July and the Old Time baseball game is gone. The field remains in use and tended for at Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Town Park. How it will stand up to the hot, summer sun will depend. If baseball teaches anyone anything is that it is a simple game. The surroundings in which it is played can be more difficult. Once you have a place to play, and the people around you who want to play, it goes along without much effort. But, neglect the environment, the soil hardens and the field becomes more difficult to play upon. Fail to rake it, water it, mow it — take care of it — you lose it. You'll later find it's nearly impossible to get it back to how it was.

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2012

Posting food service inspection results

ALBANY COUNTY — A new law that went into effect in July 2012 requires the more than 1,300 restaurants in the county to post health inspection reports in plain view under a Food Service Establishment Rating System (FSERS). Spearheaded by County Legislator Chris Higgins (D-5), the amendment to the Albany County Sanitary Code was an effort to elicit the best service from area restaurants while educating the public.

"I consider myself to be a huge consumer advocate and this is a great piece of legislation to help consumers make more educated decisions when they go out to eat," said Higgins, who was also a 109th Assembly district candidate at the time.

Prior to the legislation, restaurants either passed or failed health inspections by the county Health Department. Now, a rating system modeled after the one

used in New York City gives out grades of excellent, good, fair or unsatisfactory.

To prevent placing a financial burden on the county, the new rating system was rolled out gradually, taking about a year before being full implemented. Restaurants that fail to clearly display the inspection results are subject to a \$100 fine.

According to information from the county Health Department, inspectors look at sanitation (cleanliness, hand washing areas, gloves, hairnets, storage areas, etc.); food preparation (cooking, freshness of food, food protected in storage, holding and cooling temperatures, refrigeration, etc.); and service and general facility issues (presence of valid permit, presence of vermin, floors/walls in disrepair or dirty, choking poster present, etc.).

Because so many aspects of the establishment and operation are analyzed, Rozak said the reasons for a specific rating can vary. That means just because a restaurant is classified "fair" doesn't mean it's hazardous to eat there, and just because a restaurant is called "excellent" doesn't mean everything is perfect.

"There could be critical violations and non-critical violations. ... There could be cleaning liquid or materials right next to where food is stored," said Rozak. "It's really a matter of trying to get everyone on the same page and saying we want everyone to be at excellent and that's the standard that everyone should strive for."

Restaurants that score an "excellent" are allowed to choose between two window notices to display. Restaurants that score "good" can schedule a re-inspection within two weeks to try to reach "excellent."

Restaurants that consistently fall under "fair" or "unsatisfactory" despite multiple re-inspections could be at risk of being shut down.

"For restaurant owners, this is their livelihood and it is in their best interests to comply and not to have to go through (multiple inspections)," said Rozak.

Higgins said he met with the Restaurant and Tavern Association while developing the law to find a common ground.

Late last month, Higgins noted how successful the program has been. "I think the public appreciates knowing how sanitary a restaurant is right at the point of entrance. At the end of the day, providing this information to folks is a simple win-win for businesses that exceed the guidelines and those consumers who want to know this information."

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COMMUNITY

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This all-ages event will also feature community coloring tables, storytimes, and popular storybook characters Biscuit and Pete the Cat. Keep score or just keep it casual; when there's miniature golf at the



library, everyone's a winner!

Regular library services will be limited on the day of the event. This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Teens in grades 6-12 can enjoy their very own Mini-Golf Tournament the night before. On Saturday, July 8, from 6:30-8 p.m., there will be a teens-only after-hours competition for fun and prizes. Sign

up and permission slip required. (Visit www.bethlehempublib.org or call 439-9314 to register.)

It's showtime!

Who doesn't want a little more drama in their life? Our very own teen volunteer drama troupe, AKA the Drama Llamas, will present a Puppet Show and Storybook Theatre for kids and families, Tuesday, July 11, from 4-4:30 p.m. Expect a super fun, interactive show from these talented teens. A second

performance is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 17, from 4-4:30 p.m.

Enjoy some jazz at the library

Coming up next in our Evenings on the Green summer music series is The Jazz Connection on Wednesday, July 12, at 7 p.m. This six-piece ensemble will perform jazz standards, ballads and blues from the 1920s to the present. Evenings on the Green concerts are always free and appropriate for all

ages. Concerts will move indoors if it rains.

Featuring Five Rivers

Our Friends at Five Rivers have been hard at work building a better world – recently unveiling their new eco-friendly visitors center, which includes a green roof, geothermal heating and cooling, in addition to many other environmentally sound design features.

The library is teaming

up with these longtime environmental educators for a number of programs this summer – some of which will take place at Five Rivers.

First up is a program celebrating the master builders of nature – beavers. On Wednesday, July 12, from 10 a.m.-noon, you're invited to meet us at Five Rivers to learn about all the ways beavers have an impact on the environment. The "Busy Beavers at Five Rivers" program is for kids and families.

— Kristen Roberts

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During the Oct. 13 Town Board meeting at which "Open Space Preservation Discussion" first appeared on the agenda, however, board members appeared to take the idea of personal property rights seriously and reiterated numerous times that any participation on the part of any landowner would be strictly voluntary. It is a position they have maintained throughout initial conversations, and leading up to preliminary open space planning phases currently underway.

At the October meeting, Supervisor John Clarkson noted that a large portion of Kleinke's Farm on Kenwood Avenue is currently under consideration for development, saying he knew that would be of concern to some town residents. Other than merely offering the owners a conservation easement exemption, he suggested the town might want to explore other programs as well, naming a few he had already mentioned.

He then asked whether the town should consider raising funds to bankroll easements and other ways of compensating landowners, acknowledging that it was a line had not yet been crossed. "The reason I think we should discuss and think about it is because it's something we hear from residents. They have suggested to me, to you, 'Why don't we start a fund? How about looking at raising funds from the community?'"

"I think we need to do a serious

exploration of funding mechanisms that we, as a town, can tap to either build a fund or open the door to resources," added Town Board member David VanLuven, an ecologist who is running for Town Supervisor. VanLuven, who has had experience working with open space conservation in other communities, specifically mentioned agricultural landowners who might be interested in continuing to farm their land but feeling financial pressure to sell to developers instead. Having "state, federal and private dollars to help," he said, might be able to help those farmers stay in their homes.

Conservation and agricultural easements, said VanLuven, are essentially a way of compensating private landowners for maintaining something of value to the whole community.

"If it's something we value," he said, "we should be willing to pay for it."

During what became a lengthy conversation among all the board members that first evening, VanLuven offered to "run point" on identifying potential funding and viable programs, but before the night was over, Clarkson had already suggested exploring the open space preservation fund/transfer tax option, which he said the state has extended to 11 other municipalities.

While he wasn't yet clear on how much revenue might be produced or how the fund and tax might be implemented, Clarkson did say that he had already spoken to Fahy about introducing the legislation in the Assembly, which she did more than three months later.

Under the legislation, A03028A in the Assembly and S3526A in the Senate, the

town would have received authorization to establish a "community preservation fund" and to establish a local real estate transfer tax, up to 2 percent, to contribute to the fund, which would not have been permitted for transfer or usage beyond the preservation of open space and activities dedicated to such. There was also a provision regulating how any additional funds are to be disbursed in the event that the fund is dissolved.

During subsequent meetings at which open spaces preservation was discussed, in November, February, May and June, the conversation focused on the citizen committee on open space preservation, the hiring of a consulting firm, values mapping, and citizen outreach. While property rights were also a core topic of conversation, comparatively little mention was made of potential revenue sources.

"This was not done sneakily," said Jim Foster, a Republican candidate for Town Board who has been critical of [the lack

of?] transparency in town government. "I've seen some misinformation out there that there was no discussion about this and it's simply not true."

That being said, Foster continued, "I agree with David VanLuven that, if we think it's important, we should pay for it. However, what I disagree with is forcing people to pay for something though a tax that they may not necessarily believe is the best way to deal with an open spaces issue."

Foster said that he has "more respect for the generosity of Bethlehem residents," and that he would prefer to see open space programs funded by donations or through non-profit organizations.

While VanLuven seemed uncertain whether the legislation would be re-introduced during the next legislative session, and even less so whether it would be able to pass, he reiterated his conviction that landowners should be compensated for the preservation of lands enjoyed by all.

County not quite comfortable with conservation effort

Legislators to revisit vote on July 10

ALBANY — During last month's legislative meeting, county legislators failed to pass a law that would grant county property tax exemptions to residents of Bethlehem who take advantage of the town's conservation easement exemption program. On July 10, they will once again consider the issue, which caused a bit of a kerfuffle during the June meeting.

Over the objections of some lawmakers, Chairman Sean Ward sent the bill back to the legislature's finance committee for review at the earlier request, he said, of several fellow caucus members. While Legislator Bill Reinhardt moved to override Ward, the vote was defeated 23-16.

Members who wanted to vote on the law characterized it as, essentially, a home law issue with virtually no impact on other county taxpayers.

— Ali Hibbs



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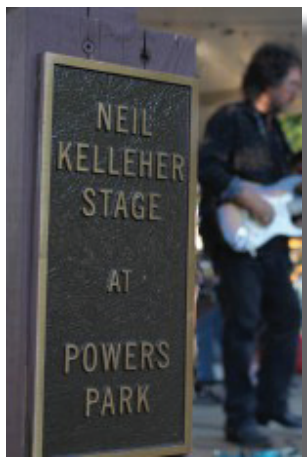
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The 518 is Uber cool

Ridesharing arrives to the Capital District

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ALBANY — Juxtaposed with The Olde English Pub and Pantry as a backdrop, politicians and business folk alike were still beaming over the launch of ridesharing services at a press conference organized by The Capital Region Ridesharing Coalition on Thursday, June 29.

Just several hours earlier, Uber and Lyft officially launched operations at one minute after midnight.

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WELCOME TO THE 21ST CENTURY

Vic Christopher, right, greets NYS Assemblyman John McDonald before a press conference to introduce Uber to Albany.

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— Matt Baumgartner, Capital Region Ridesharing Coalition, co-chairman

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Nine Pin now at Bow Tie

Alcoholic beverage now available in upstate locations

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"We were thrilled when Bow Tie approached us about serving Nine Pin at their upstate theaters," said Alejandro del Peral, co-founder and cider maker at Nine Pin Cider Works. "We're proud to collaborate with Bow Tie to have theatergoers enjoy drinking New York apples before the movie,"

Nine Pin's signature products use a blend of apples from Samascott Orchards in Kinderhook. The line of dry sparkling cider was first introduced several years ago, and has since flourished in recent years



through a statewide initiative to support and promote craft micro breweries. Joe Masher, the chief operating officer for Bow Tie Cinemas, said the partnership is an example of how the theater chain attempts to pair with local businesses.

"At Bow Tie Cinemas, we are

always looking to expand our craft beverage selection to best serve all of our customers," said Masher. "Our goal is to partner with local producers because we want to support the communities that we are a part

of. We think moviegoers are going to be very excited about being able to purchase Nine Pin at our theaters."

For more information about Nine Pin and where it can be found, visit ninepincider.com.



WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Skidmore Jazz All-Stars

Zankel Music Center — Thursday, July 6

SARATOGA SPRINGS — The Skidmore Jazz All-Stars will perform at the Zankel Music Center on Thursday, July 6 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at 815 N Broadway in Saratoga Springs.

The Skidmore Jazz Institute has been providing opportunities for young musicians to study with world-class jazz artists for 30 years. The group features Jon Faddis (trumpet), Jimmy Greene (tenor saxophone), Michael Dease (trombone), Bill Cunliffe (piano), Vic Juris (guitar), Rufus Reid (bass) and Dennis Mackrel (drums).

For more information call (518) 580-5321 or visit www.skidmore.edu.

The Dance Collective Presents "She"

Proctors Theatre — Friday, July 7

SCHENECTADY — The Dance Collective will present "She" at Proctors on Friday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m. at 432 State Street in Schenectady.

The Dance Collective provides performance opportunities for female dancers and choreographers to collaborate in diverse performance settings. "She" highlights the work of various female choreographers and dancers from across the United States, conveying themes of empowerment, strength, and more.

Tickets are \$17.50 in advance and \$22.50 the day of. For more information or to buy tickets call (518) 346-6204 or visit www.proctors.org.

Paul Green's Rock Academy

The Hollow Bar + Kitchen — Saturday, July 8

ALBANY — Paul Green's Rock Academy will perform the Music of Frank Zappa featuring Ike Willis at the Hollow on Saturday, July 8 at 8 p.m. at 79 North Pearl Street in Albany.

The Paul Green Rock Academy is a performance based, interactive music school. Willis was the lead singer and guitarist for Frank Zappa from 1979 to 1988.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information or to buy tickets call (518) 426-8550 or visit www.thehollowalbany.com.

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"We can sit around and say we don't like it, but you know what, it was happening anyway."

— Kathy Sheehan,
Albany Mayor,
on opponents to
ridesharing services

From page B1 ...

The 518 is Uber cool

One by one, Uber drivers dropped off each of the speakers in a loosely organized procession to demonstrate the ease of travel. One such car carried a New York state vanity plate spelling out "knuckleheads," the irony of which was not lost on a few members of the media who gathered for the press conference. That may just be the word young urban professionals would call local politicians for seemingly dragging their feet to allow the new wave of livery service in upstate New York. But, in the end, it was those politicians who sang the benefits of having one of the swiftest growing industries in the country.

"Ridesharing has been a long time coming and I'm very proud to have been a part of the process of getting it here," said Matt Baumgartner, co-chair, Capital Region Ridesharing Coalition, and owner of the Olde English Pub and Wolff's Biergarten. "Whether you're going out to dinner, or getting home from the bar, it's reassuring to know that there is now a safe

and convenient transportation option out there."

The coalition, composed of businesses, residents and community leaders, have spent the past three years pushing for the legalization of ridesharing. The ease of transportation is purported to help increase local tourism, decrease drunk driving instances and create flexible job opportunities. The coalition has long lobbied for ridesharing for its convenience and potential to attract more traffic to downtown venues

Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, a longtime supporter of the initiative, said the cultural shift to ridesharing speaks to a change in economics driven by technology. The internet-dependent service has grown in popularity in larger metropolitan areas at a pace that has left some skeptical about its practical use.

"We can sit around and say we don't like it, but you know what," said Sheehan, "it was happening anyway." The mayor explained her concern for an Albany without ridesharing services present in other locations. Despite efforts to rebrand the Capital District as Tech Valley, Sheehan said prospective professionals traveling through Albany International



Airport felt as if they were in the Stone Age. “We weren’t greeting our visitors in a very positive way.”

Frustrations came to a virtual head last June when Christopher took to Twitter to call out New York state Assemblyman Phil Steck for being what he viewed as an obstacle. After a three-day barrage of tweets, Steck explained the wish to establish a regulating body, and an effort to lower insurance for ridesharing drivers. Those concerns, however, did not make him an obstacle. He was co-sponsor to a bill introduced by fellow Assemblyman John McDonald that would have named the Capital District Transportation Authority the regional regulating body.

“I’m very happy with it, at the end of the day,” said Steck. The legislation signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo ultimately named the state Department of Motor Vehicles as the regulating body. Conversely, cab driving services are regulated by individual municipalities. As a result, ridesharing services have been available in New York City, but nowhere else within the Empire State. Having the state, as opposed to 62 different cities each governing rules of service, will benefit both customer and proprietor, said the legislator. It will be easier for drivers to remain compliant. The present law also forces drivers to adhere to state human rights law — making it unlawful for drivers to discriminate. “I think we did what was necessary to smooth out some of the rough edges in these type of services,” said Steck.

Once the clock struck past midnight, the moment both Uber and Lyft’s licenses with the DMV were in effect, Christopher



“This new form of transit is gonna change the way we get around, introducing a new culture of connectivity to our area.”

— Vic Christopher,
Capital Region
Ridesharing Coalition
co-chairman

stood roadside in downtown Troy with smartphone in hand, hailing for a ride through an Uber app. Within minutes, his ride arrived.

“Thousands of people here in the Albany area have signed up to drive with Uber — across the state over 50,000 people have signed up to drive,” said Carlie Waibel, a spokesperson for Uber. Proponents for the new industry see the potential for additional jobs and supplemental income.

Legislatures also believe the alternative transportation option will discourage more people from driving drunk, supported by a joint campaign between Uber and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. That campaign cites that 1,800

drunk related crashes were prevented in the state of California since Uber’s launch in 2012. However, scientists from the University of Southern California and Oxford University found no such correlation between ridesharing services and drunk driving prevention in a study published last June in *American Journal of Epidemiology*.

There is also a question over the potential increased traffic of suburban residents coming into Albany, Schenectady and Troy. The prospect of riders not having to worry about finding a place to park, or having to pay for parking, could persuade suburbanites to return to downtown venues for entertainment. In 2015, the Pew Research Center found 15

percent of ridesharing service users reside in the suburbs, compared to 21 percent who live within a city in the United States. However, with the Capital District often described as a giant suburb anchored by multiple cities, those numbers could increase. The same Pew Research report found 26 percent of users earn \$75,000 or more, and 65 percent already own a car.

“It’s been fun working with the members of the Capital Region Ridesharing Coalition, and tonight we celebrate,” said Vic Christopher, co-chair, Capital Region Ridesharing Coalition. “This new form of transit is gonna change the way we get around, introducing a new culture of connectivity to our area.”

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■ PICK OF THE WEEK

Better than Austin

Plenty of free concerts to choose from within the Capital District

CAPITAL DISTRICT — The 8th Annual Dana Park Concert Series launches Monday, July 10 with a performance by New York's 7th Squeeze.

The 7th Squeeze's signature collision of rock, pop, soul and R&B delivers a sound that is unique and memorable. This high-energy band delivers rock that stomps, vocals that sizzle and an excitement that blows the roof off. They have shared the stage with Halestorm, Jane's Addiction and Alice in Chains; the new album puts them front and center.

Vocal powerhouse Nick Horace, a two-time Top Dog winner at the famed Apollo Theatre, brings his velvet voice and impressive range to 'Wicked Game' and is a performance not to be missed. The band also features Jesse Sample as lead guitar and songwriter, Tim 'the Witchdoctor' Brosnan on percussion and Gary Ljungquist on bass.

It's the first of eight shows scheduled for the little park on the corner of Delaware and Madison avenues is Albany. Year after year it has featured

some of the best local bands. This year, the line-up continues to do the same with appearances by Last Daze, The Further Unsound, C.K. Flach, and Sly Fox and the Hustlers.

Powers Park

Another favorite concert series is at Powers Park in Lansingburgh.

Last December, the concert series was reportedly canceled as the City of Troy continues to deal with fiscal unrest. That news changed just a few months ago through a grassroots effort.

The free concert series begins with a performance by Bluz House Rockers on Saturday, July 8 at 6 p.m.

Bluz House Rockers is the first of eight weekly concerts over the summer. Performances are to include Jacamo, Cryin' Out Loud, Al Bruno Emerald City, the School of Rock, Troy Music Academy and Rocks Music Studio.

C.K. Flach, who recently opened for Albany's MOVE Music Festival with a performance at Cohoes Music Hall, will play at Dana Park on Monday, Aug. 7.

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■ NIGHT AND DAY



Sam Roberts Band / Facebook

◀ NIGHT: Sam Roberts Band

ALBANY — Juno Award-winning the Sam Roberts Band continues the At The Plaza Capital Concert Series on Wednesday, July 12 at 5 p.m.

The Canadian-based rock band earned is on tour promoting its sixth and newest studio album, "Terraform."

The Sam Roberts Band hails from Canada, where it earned the equivalent of a Grammy Award in 2007, bringing home a Juno for Video of the Year for the single,

"Bridge to Nowhere."

"Bridge to Nowhere" was the second release from the band's critically acclaimed "Chemical City." The album's first release, "The Gate," earned No. 1 billing on Canadian Radio.

Opening for the Sam Roberts Band is the Rechorduroys.

The concert is free at the Empire State Plaza. For information, go to empirestateplaza.org.

DAY: Friday Walk and Talk at Albany Pine Bush

ALBANY — The Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center will host a Friday Walk and Talk on Friday, July 7 from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Madison Avenue Pinelands trailhead in Albany.

Participants are invited to take a break from their day and join for a one-hour

hike along the trails of the Madison Avenue Pinelands. Pre-registration is required for all events. Registration can also be made in advance of the program at the Discovery Center reception desk.

The walk is free. For information or to register call (518) 456-0655.

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9 Maple Avenue
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Fri: **New Regime** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **John Savage Quartet** | 9 p.m.

Albany Elks Lodge
25 S. Allen St., Albany.
Fri: **Crazy Feet** (1st Friday swing dance) | 8 p.m.

Albany Rail Yard
1118 Central Ave., Albany. (518) 489-2990
Every Wed: **Salsa Night** | 8:30 p.m.
Sat: **Fun House** | 8 p.m.

Athos
1814 Western Ave., Albany. (518) 608-6400
Fri: **Mike Dimin** | 7 p.m.

Black Cat Ale House
25 White St., Cohoes. (518) 238-3445
Every Fri: **DJ** | 8 p.m.

Caffè Lena
47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 225-0882
Fri: **Jonathan Edwards** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Happy Traum, Del Rey** | 8 p.m.
Every Mon: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

Carney's Tavern
17 Main St., Ballston Lake. (518) 280-7959
Every Thur: **Matty Finn** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **E.J. Hopeck** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Jim McArdle** | 7:15 p.m.

Carson's Woodside Tavern
57 NY-9P, Malta. (518) 584-9791
Thur: **Rick Rourke** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Nate** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Dos Amigos** | 7 p.m.

Castle Street Café
10 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass.
(413) 528-5244
Fri: **Robb Kelly & Putnam, Jeff Stevens & Jay Bradley** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Armen Donelian Trio** | 8 p.m.

Centre Street Pub
308 Union St., Schenectady.
(518) 393-2337
Thur: **Jecco Trio** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **The Deadbeats** | 9 p.m.
Every Mon: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m.

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

Daily Grind
46 Third St., Troy. (518) 272-8658
Every Sun: **Sheiks of Third Street** | noon

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

Eden Cafe
269 Osborne Rd., Loudonville.
(518) 977-3771
Fri: **Network Jam** | 4:30 p.m.
Sat: **Blue Wilder** | 7:30 p.m.

Emack & Bolio's
366 Delaware Ave., Albany. (518) 512-5100
Fri: **Midnight Society** | 7 p.m.

ARTS CALENDAR



Nickelback looks to 'Feed the Machine'

The Canadian rockers are on tour in support of their new release. Catch them, along with Daughtry and Shaman's Harvest at SPAC on Monday, July 10. For tickets call (800) 745-3000 or visit livenation.com.

Facebook.com

Sat: **Gross & Hart** | 7 p.m.
Sun: **Deb Cavanaugh** | 7 p.m.
Every Tue: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

The Fountain Restaurant
283 New Scotland Ave., Albany.
(518) 482-9898
Fri & Sat: **Skip Parsons' Riverboat Jazz Band** | 9:30 p.m.

Fuze Box
12 Central Ave., Albany. (518) 703-8937
Fri: **FATA MORGANA: DJs Velloct, R3CLU23 & Mechno Sferatu, with Hunter** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **80s Night** | 9 p.m.
Wed: **Paper Trail, Before I Had Wings, Strengthen What Remains, Revenge Season** | 7 p.m.

Gaffney's
16 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 587-7359
Every Tue: **Open Mic w/ Rick Bolton** | 8 p.m.

Grappa '72
818 Central Ave., Albany. (518) 482-7200
Every Wed & Thur: **Hamilton Street Jazz Company** | 6:30 p.m.

Hamlet and Ghost
24 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.

(518) 450-7287
Every Wed: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 7 p.m.

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

The Hollow Bar + Kitchen
79 N. Pearl St., Albany. (518) 426-8550
Sat: **Paul Green's Rock Academy, feat. Ike Willis** (Frank Zappa covers) | 8 p.m.

Hudson River Music Hall
10 Maple St., Hudson Falls. (518) 832-3484
Every Wed: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

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

The Low Beat
335 Central Ave., Albany. (518) 432-6572
Every Wed: **The Deadbeats** | 10 p.m.
Thur: **Odd Body, Katie Louise, Clare Promise, Sage Success** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Jallie the Giver, Fultime 101, Young Rashad, MikeyIV** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Fivefooter** | 8 p.m.
Mon: **Downstairs Work** | 6 p.m.

Lucky Strike Social
1 Crossgates Mall Rd., Albany.
(518) 556-3350
Sat: **Ken3tic, Rome Thrasher, Hazeyy, BassBullets, G-Wiz, K-Stylz, Moshington, Chatter, Grime Reapers,** more | 8 p.m.

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

Mouzon House
1 York St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 226-0014
Every Thur: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 7 p.m.
Every Sat: **Joe Gitto & Dan Wancyk**

Newberry Music Hall
388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.
(877) 565-3849
Thur: **Country Night** | 7 p.m.
Every Fri: **DJ Loco Lopez (Latin Night)** | 9 p.m.

Oh Bar
304 Lark St., Albany. (518) 463-9004
Thur: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

One Caroline Street
1 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 587-2026
Every Wed: **The Masters of Nostalgia** | 8:30 p.m.
Fri: **Mike Jenkins and The Fat Ties** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **North and South Dakotas** | 9 p.m.
Sun: **Jazz Jam** | 7 p.m.
Mon: **Bunnies for Mondy** | 10 p.m.
Tue: **Caroline Cotter and Neha** | 9 p.m.

On The Patio
Rivers Casino, 1 Rush St., Schenectady.
(518) 579-8850
Thur: **Diva and the Dirty Birds** | 5 p.m.
Sat: **Kick Band** | 4 p.m.

O'Slattery's Irish Pub
318 Delaware Ave., Delmar.
(518) 439-5634
Wed: **Joe Gorman** | 6:30 p.m.
Thur: **Dan Sherwin** | 6:30 p.m.
Fri: **Playin' With Fire** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Geo Doody** | 8 p.m.

Parish Public House
388 Broadway, Albany. (518) 365-0444
Wed: **Silver Arrow Band** | 8 p.m.

Pauly's Hotel
337 Central Ave., Albany. paulyshotel.com

Wed: **Jigsaw Youth, Hate Club** | 8 p.m.
Thur: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Virus of Ideals, Virtue Falls, Kill All Betrayers** | 8:30 p.m.
Every Mon: **Blue Monday Blues Jam** | 8 p.m.
Wed: **Future States, Donkng, Kevin Gadani** | 8:30 p.m.

Prime at Saratoga National
458 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 583-4653
Every Sun: **Joe Sorrentino Trio (Jazz brunch)** | 10:30 a.m.

Putnam Den
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 584-8066
Thur: **Half Step** | 10 p.m.
Fri: **Cousin Earth, Bella's Bartok, Sarah Blacker & Aaron Katz** | 9 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub
150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. (518) 235-5858
Every Thur: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **The Kyle Bourgault Band** (Country fest after-party) | 10 p.m.

Sake Japanese Steakhouse
611 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham.
(518) 785-7215
Sat: **Ted Perry Trio** | 7:30 p.m.

Salt & Char
453 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.
(518) 450-7500
Sun: **Hot Club of Saratoga** | Noon

Savoy Taproom
301 Lark St., Albany. (518) 599-5140
Thur: **Savoy Soul Club** | 9 p.m.
Fri: **Ryan Leddick Trio** | 6 p.m.
Sun: **The Hill Hollow Band** (bluegrass brunch) | 10 a.m.

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

Troy Kitchen
77 Congress St., Troy. (518) 268-0068
Thur: **Jeff Nania Group** | 7 p.m.
Every Fri: **DJ Lounge** | 11 p.m.

Upstate Concert Hall
1208 NY 146, Clifton Park.
(518) 371-0012 or upstateconcerthall.com
Sun: **Blackbear** | 8 p.m.

The Van Dyck
237 Union St., Schenectady.
(518) 348-7999
Wed: **Keith Pray's Big Soul Ensemble** | 9 p.m.

Van Slyck's at Rivers Casino
1 Rush St., Schenectady. (518) 579-8800
Wed-Sun: **DJ Joey Dino** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Erin Harkes Band** | 10 p.m.
Sat: **The Breakdown** | 10 p.m.

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

Wishing Well Restaurant
745 Saratoga Rd., Wilton. (518) 584-7640
Fri & Sat: **Rob Aronstein** | 6 p.m.



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MUSIC

Adam Ezra Group
Contemporary indie-folk-rock band known for its smart, well written lyrics, tight musicianship and exciting live performances. Made in The Shade at The Egg, Wed., July 5, noon. Outdoor stage adjacent to The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Free. www.theegg.org

The British Invasion Experience
Tribute band will play songs from a variety of English groups that changed the face of music forever. Great Mutations will open with its melodic, carefully crafted rock/pop songs. Rockin' on the River, Wed., July 5 at 5 p.m.; rain or shine. Riverfront Park, River and Front streets, Troy. Free. (518) 279-7997 or www.downtowntroy.org

Scotia-Glenville Pipe Band
Pipe and drum music performed by members of the Northeast's only competing, juvenile pipe band. Freedom Park Concert Series, Wed., July 5, 7 p.m.; rain or shine. Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, next to Jumpin' Jacks, Scotia. Free. www.freedomparkscotia.com/schedule

Alex Torres & His Orchestra
This 12-piece orchestra will kick off the concert series with its unique blend of Afro-Caribbean rhythms. Wednesday Night Series, Wed., July 5, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheater, Shepard Park, Canada Street, Lake George. Free. www.lakegeorgearts.org

Old Songs Open Mic
Sign up to play for a 15 minute set. Wed., July 5, 7:30 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. \$3. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org

Skidmore Jazz All-Stars
Concert features Jon Faddis, Jimmy Greene, Michael Dease, Bill Cunliffe, Vic Juris, Rufus Reid and Dennis Mackrel. Performance is part of the Skidmore Jazz

Institute 2017 Concert Series. Wed., July 5, 8 p.m. Ladd Concert Hall, Arthur Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Adults, \$8; seniors, \$5. (518) 580-5321 or www.skidmore.edu/zankel

Jecco
Lecco Morris on keyboard and Jeff Nania on tenor saxophone make up this jazz, funk and original fusion duo. Jazz on Jay Concert Series. Thurs., July 6, noon. Jay Street Pedestrian Mall, Schenectady. (Rain location: Robb Alley at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady). Free. (518) 573-2922 or www.facebook.com/JazzOnJay/

Big Sky Country
High energy performance of modern country music. Rock the Block, Thurs., Jul. 6, 6 p.m. Canal Square, 72 Remsen St., Cohoes. Free. www.cohoes.com

Georgie Wonders Orchestra
Versatile ensemble plays the big band sounds from the 1930s and 1940s, and music from the 1950s, 60s and 70s too. Performance kicks off this year's Anjo Construction Summer Concert Series. Thurs., July 6, 6:30 p.m., rain or shine. The Crossings Park, 580 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville. Free. (518) 456-2136

North and South Dakotas
Quartet brings its unique Northeast Y'alternative to Concerts in the Park, Thurs., July 6, 6 p.m. Wiswall Park, Front St., Ballston Spa. Free. (518) 885-2772 or www.ballston.org

The Tim Olsen Band
Pianist/composer will perform original compositions as well as classic jazz. Niskayuna's 2017 Summer Concert Series. Thurs., July 6, 7 p.m. Gazebo, Town Offices, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna. Free. www.niskayuna.org/community-programs.

Skeeter Creek
Popular local modern country band performs. Guilderland Performing Arts Center. Thurs., July 6, 7:30 p.m.; rain or shine. Tawasentha Park, 188 NY Route 146, Guilderland. Free. (518) 456-3150.

Jon Batiste & Stay Human
Former Jazz Institute participant is

seen nightly with his band on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert. Thurs., July 6, 8 p.m. Ladd Concert Hall, Arthur Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. \$30; proceeds benefit the Skidmore McCormack Jazz Scholarship. (518) 580-5321 or www.skidmore.edu/zankel

Jazz Institute Student Concert
Performance features participants in this year's Skidmore Jazz Institute. Fri., June 7, 1 p.m. Ladd Concert Hall, Arthur Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. (518) 580-5321 or www.skidmore.edu/zankel

West End Blend
Funk/soul band pays homage to the genre's throwback sounds while adding its own distinct vibe and flair. Glens Falls bassist Bobby Dick opens. Bands and Brews, Fri., July 7; opener at 6 p.m.; headliner at 7:30 p.m. Amphitheater, Shepard Park, Canada Street, Lake George. Free. www.fridaysatthelake.com

Three Quarter North
Local Americana/Bluegrass band performs during the annual Canal Days celebration at the Schoharie Crossing State Park in Fort Hunter. Sat., July 8; sets currently scheduled to start at 1 and 3 p.m. Free. (518) 439-7749 or www.threequarternorth.com

Bluz House Rockers
6-member band continues to deliver with a repertoire covering the gambit from Sinatra to the Allman Brothers. Powers Park Concert Series, Sat., July 8, 6 p.m. Powers Park, 420 Second Ave at 110th St., Lansingburgh. Free. www.facebook.com/powersparkconcerts

Diva & the Dirty Boys
Albany-based quintet will perform rock and blues from the 1960s and more. Freedom Park Concert Series, Sat., July 8, 7 p.m.; rain or shine. Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, next to Jumpin' Jacks, Scotia. Free. www.freedomparkscotia.com/schedule

The Steel Wheels
Quartet headlines an afternoon-long concert featuring American folk music. Western Den, Honeysuckle and Twisted Pine will also perform. Caffè Lena at SPAC

series. Sun., July 9, noon. Gazebo Stage, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Free. (518) 584-9330 or www.spac.org

Sirsi
The Boston Globe sums this rock and soul duo up best: "Little band, big sound." Performing Arts at the Commons, Sun., July 9, 7 p.m.; rain or shine. Clifton Commons, 7 Clifton Commons Blvd., off Vischer Ferry Road, Clifton Park. Free. (518) 371-6667 or www.cliftonpark.org

Three Quarter North
Enjoy an evening of traditional music by this local Americana/Bluegrass band. Howlin' at the Moon Americana Music Series. Sun, July 9, 7 p.m. Mabee Farm Historical Site, 1100 Main St. (Route 55), Rotterdam Junction. \$5. (518) 877-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org.

Sharon Shannon
Superstar Irish accordionist/fiddler makes a rare U.S. appearance to share her new African-inspired release, Sacred Earth. Irish singer/songwriter and guitarist John Doyle opens. Music Haven Concert Series, Sun., July 9, 7 p.m. Agnes McDonald Music Haven Stage, Central Park 500 Iroquois Way, Schenectady (Rain site: Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady). Free. Musicavenstage.org

The Music Company Orchestra
Sixty-piece volunteer community orchestra will play a wide range of classical and pops pieces. Performance is part of the 2017 free summer concert series at Freedom Park. Sun, July 9, 7 p.m.; concert takes place rain or shine. Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, next to Jumpin' Jacks, Scotia. Free. www.freedomparkscotia.com/schedule

New Kids on the Block
Go back in time with The Total Package Tour, featuring the three of the top acts from the late 80s/early 90s. Boston boy band best known for its hits "Hangin' Tough" and "Step by Step" headlines with special guests choreographer turned singer Paula Abdul and Philadelphia's R&B vocal group Boys II Men. Sun., July 9, 7:30 p.m. Times Union Center, 51 North Pearl

Street, downtown Albany. Tickets start at \$29.95 to \$199.95. (800) 745-3000 or www.timesunioncenter-albany.com/new-kids-block.

The 7th Squeeze
Young yet polished band delivers its trademark sound fueled by its signature collision of rock, pop, soul and R&B. With Jessica Jenks (alt rock/electronic dance music) and Eric Lewis (rock jazz). Dana Park Concert Series. Mon., July 10, 5:30 p.m. Dana Park, Delaware and Madison avenues, Albany (Rain location: Lionheart Pub, 448 Madison Avenue, Albany). Free. www.RalphRenna.com.

Nickelback
One of the most commercially successful Canadian rock bands tours in support of its newest release, Feed the Machine. Daughtry (American rock band) and Shaman's Harvest (hard rock) will also perform. Mon., July 10, 6 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Lawn tickets start at \$25; amphitheater tickets start at \$45 to \$195; Platinum ticket packages also available. (800) 745-3000, livenation.com or in person at the SPAC Box Office.

Decoda Chamber Music Ensemble
The first-ever Affiliate Ensemble of Carnegie Hall dedicated to bringing meaningful musical experiences to audiences around the world. Tues., July 11, 7:30 p.m. Ladd Concert Hall, Arthur Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Adults, \$8; seniors \$5; students free. (518) 580-5321 or www.skidmore.edu/zankel

Pink Martini
A stylish and sophisticated blend of jazz, classical, and old-fashioned pop, this eclectic "little orchestra" draws inspiration from around the world. Tues., July 11, 8 p.m. Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. \$36 to \$101. (413) 528-0100 or www.mahaiwe.org/PinkMartini2017

Hot Club of Saratoga
The area's premier gypsy swing ensemble. Live at the Jazz Bar series. Tues., July 11,

9:30 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Free; no ticket required. (518) 584-9330 or www.spac.org

Beg, Steal or Borrow
Bluegrass and newgrass inspired by the classic "Old & In the Way." Made in The Shade at The Egg, Wed., July 12, noon. Outdoor stage adjacent to The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Free. www.theegg.org

Saintseneca
American folk band known for its diverse range of acoustic instrumentation combined with more contemporary elements. Upstate indie folk pop duo The Sea The Sea will open. Rockin' on the River, Wed., July 12 at 5 p.m.; rain or shine. Riverfront Park, River and Front streets, Troy. Free. (518) 279-7997 or www.downtowntroy.org

Sam Roberts Band
Montreal, Canada-based rock and roll band. Troy's own The Rechordoroys will open with its wide of variety classic rock covers. Part of the Summer at The Plaza Capital Concert Series. Wed., July 12, 5 p.m. Empire State Plaza, downtown Albany. Free. (518) 474-4759 or summer.empirestateplaza.org

Toga Boys
Duo composed of Gravity's Justin Joyner and Bad Chaperones' Steftan Schechter will perform your favorite songs with top-notch vocal precision. Malta Summer Concert Series. Wed., July 12, 6 p.m. Malta Community Center, One Bayberry Drive, Malta. Free. (518) 899-4411 or maltaparksrec.com

Jade
Enjoy music from the 1950s and 60s. Food from Swifty's Restaurant & Pub available for purchase. Pruy House Concerts in the Barn presented by the Friends of Pruy House. Wed., July 12, 6:30 p.m. Pruy House Complex, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham. Adults, \$5; children ages 12 and younger, free. (518) 783-1435.

The AudioStars
Kinetic four-piece band delivers know 'em by heart classics with an energy and passion that get the party started and

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- ACROSS**
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 - Alpine transport (hyph.)
 - Grammar topic
 - Length x width, for a rectangle
 - Lady Macbeth, e.g.
 - Not lost
 - Driven by a certain fuel
 - Correct, as text
 - Subjugate
 - Worthless
 - "___ moment"
 - "lck!"
 - Solvent
 - Delay
 - "God's Little ___"
 - Great time
 - Relating to a prophet
 - "Jurassic Park" girl
 - Lad
 - Brewer's non-alcoholic product (2 wds)
 - ___-Wan Kenobi
 - Bauxite, e.g.
 - Brooklyn's ___ Island
 - Part of the intestine
 - Bakery buy
 - ___ Day
 - Attack suddenly
 - M-1, for one
 - Decay
 - Pay
 - Talk about
 - Fiber of a Philippine plant
 - Kind of element
 - Catlike carnivorous mammal
 - Western blue flag, e.g.
 - A-line line
 - Gawk
 - Cabinet div.
 - Hawaiian tuber

- DOWN**
- Clip
 - "Pumping ___"
 - After-dinner selection
 - Hound shouts
 - A stand for a hot plate
 - Drag
 - A pint, maybe
 - Cabernet, e.g.
 - ___ manual
 - Indian turnover
 - Ancient greetings
 - Multiple age groups of families (abbr.)
 - Christian Science founder
 - One with extreme enthusiasm for something
 - Motherless calf in a cattle herd
 - Flirtatious glance
 - Threadbare
 - Brothers' keeper?
 - "La Traviata" mezzo
 - Cake part
 - Rodeo sight
 - Renaissance fiddle
 - Deposed leader, perhaps
 - Corrupt
 - Freight unit
 - Content
 - Excluded from society
 - Someone that tracks down missing property
 - Druid, e.g.
 - About to explode
 - Bursae
 - Slightly (2 wds)
 - ___ lamp
 - Big bore
 - Waste product of protein metabolism
 - Antares, for one
 - Jerk
 - Free from, with "of"
 - "___ we having fun yet?"

Answers on Pg. B17

keep it going. Freedom Park Concert Series, Wed., July 12, 7 p.m.; rain or shine. Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, next to Jumpin' Jacks, Scotia. Free. www.freedomparkscotia.com/schedule

Lindsay Lou & the Flatbellies

Eclectic Americana that embodies the soul of a good jam or late night pickin' session with a unique sound drawing from soul, blues, folk, jazz and a bit of techno beat. Wednesday Night Series, Wed., July 12, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheater, Shepard Park, Canada Street, Lake George. Free. www.lakegeorgearts.org

Michael Benedict and Jazz Vibes

Noted jazz percussionist and vibraphone player performs with his Jazz Vibes ensemble. Jazz on Jay Concert Series. Thurs., July 13, noon. Jay Street Pedestrian Mall, downtown Schenectady. (Rain location: Robb Alley at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady). Free. (518) 573-2922 or www.facebook.com/JazzOnJay/

The Funky Meters

Quartet featuring The Meters' founders Art "Poppa Funk" Neville (keyboards) and George Porter Jr. (bass) bring their blend of funk, blues, and dance grooves with a New Orleans vibe to town. Albany-based Wurliday (soul-funk) will open. Alive at Five, Thurs., July 13, 5 p.m. Jennings Landing, 1 Quay St., Albany. (Rain location: Coming Preserve Boat Launch, Colonie and Water streets, Albany.) Free. (518) 434-2032 or www.albanyevents.org

Bleeker

Canadian rockers who musically cross pollinate the swagger of The Rolling Stones with a psych-tinged groove. A pair of Albany-based bands will open: modern pop trio Northern Faces and indie rock/upbeat post-punk quintet Stellar Young. Brown's Summer Sessions, Thurs., July 13, 5 p.m. Outdoor stage behind the Troy Taproom, 417 River St., Troy. Free. Brownsbrewing.com/event.

E.B. Jeb

Authentic Southern Rock. Rock the Block, Thurs., July 13, 6 p.m. Canal Square, 72 Remsen St., Cohoes. Free. www.cohoes.com

Emily Teller

Saratoga acoustic rock singer/songwriter will perform favorites from the 1960s to now. Concerts in the Park, Thurs., July 13, 6 p.m. Wiswall Park, Front St., Ballston Spa. Free. (518) 885-2772 or www.ballston.org

Holly McCormack

Albany-native turned singer/actress will perform selections from the American Songbook. Anjo Construction Summer Concert Series. Thurs., July 13, 6:30 p.m., rain or shine. The Crossings Park, 580 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville. Free. (518) 456-2136.

The Art D'echo Trio

Pianist Dave Gleason, bassist Mike Lawrence and drummer Pete Sweeney, will perform a mix of classic jazz standards and original compositions. Niskayuna's 2017 Summer Concert Series. Thurs., July 13, 7 p.m. Gazebo, Town Offices, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna. Free. www.niskayuna.org/community-programs.

Decoda Chamber Music Ensemble

New York-based chamber collective dedicated to bringing meaningful musical experiences to any and all audiences by exploring creativity, community, and identity through live performances and thoughtful methods of engagement. Upbeat on the Roof, Rooftop, Tang Teaching Museum, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Thurs., July 13, 7 p.m. Free. tang.skidmore.edu

Hans Tutschku

Spatial Audio Summer Workshop participant will present four multi-channel electronic compositions arranged for a large array of loudspeakers. Thurs., July 13, 7 p.m. Concert Hall, EMPAC, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 110 8th Street.

Adults \$18; seniors, students \$13. (518) 276-3921 or tickets.empac.rpi.edu

Guilderland Town Band

Kathleen Ehlinger conducts the band in the second of its three summer concerts at the Guilderland Performing Arts Center. Thurs., July 13, 7:30 p.m.; rain or shine. Tawasentha Park, 188 NY Route 146, Guilderland. Free. (518) 456-3150.

Broadway in the 1930's

The '30s were extraordinary years on Broadway, where jazz, classical and popular music intertwined to create some of the most memorable and beloved shows of the 20th century. Features members of Opera Saratoga's acclaimed Young Artist Program. Fri., July 14, 7:30 p.m. Spa Little Theatre, Saratoga Spa State Park 19 Roosevelt Dr., Saratoga Springs. Ticket prices start at \$40 to \$80. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org

Kim Buckley

Award-winning folk singer/songwriter from Altamont. Penny Lane Summer Concerts, Sat., July 15, 5 p.m. American Cancer Society Hope Club, 1 Penny Lane, Latham. Free. (518) 469-8931.

Soul Sky

Great bluesy rock and roll band featuring Mark Emanatian, Jeremy Walz, Josh Bloomfield and Steve Aldi will be joined by special guests Joe Lowery and Sonny Speed. Blues Night, Powers Park Concert Series, Sat., July 15, 6 p.m. Powers Park, 420 Second Ave at 110th St., Lansingburgh. Free. www.facebook.com/powersparkconcerts

Jeanne O'Connor & the New Standard

Skillful and soulful reinterpretations of the music written by the great songwriters of the 1960s and 1970s. Freedom Park Concert Series, Sun., July 15, 7 p.m.; rain or shine. Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, next to Jumpin' Jacks, Scotia. Free. www.freedomparkscotia.com/schedule

Memories of Elvis

Starring Elvis tribute artist Patrick Johnson featuring the Raised on Rock Band. Sat., July 15, 7 p.m. Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$25 to \$30. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org.

Hot Club of Saratoga

The Capital District's premier gypsy swing ensemble performs as part of the Freedom Park Concert Series, Sun., July 16, 7 p.m.; rain or shine. Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, next to Jumpin' Jacks, Scotia. Free. www.freedomparkscotia.com/schedule

Amadou & Mariam

Afropop pioneers perform in support of their latest single, "Bofou Safou." Ghanaian artist Jojo Abot opens with her Afro-Hyno-Sonic sound. Music Haven Concert Series, Sun., July 16, 7 p.m. Agnes McDonald Music Haven Stage, Central Park 500 Iroquois Way, Schenectady (Rain site: Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady). Free. Musichavenstage.org

The Moody Blues

The band will perform all of the tracks from its second album, "Days of Future Passed," to mark its 50th anniversary. Sun. July 16, 8 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Amphitheater tickets only; prices start at \$40.50 to \$145; Platinum and Moody Blues Merchandise ticket packages also available. (800) 745-3000, livenation.com or in person at the SPAC Box Office.

THEATER

Moonlight and Magnolias

Ron Hutchinson's comedy tells the story of how movie producer David O. Selznick, screenwriter Ben Hecht and formidable director Victor Fleming collaborate to develop a blueprint for one of the most successful films of all times. Through Sun., July 9. Shows: Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 and 7:30 p.m. (no

2 p.m. show on 7/1); Sundays, 2 p.m.; Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m and Thursdays, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Oldcastle Theatre Company, 331 Main St., Bennington, Vt. Adults, \$41.36; students, \$13.41 (prices inc. fees). (802) 447-0564 or http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2919650

Ragtime

Park Playhouse presents this soaring, epic and culturally-important musical based on E.L. Doctorow's award-winning novel, which chronicles the lives of three different families from three different worlds at the start of the 20th Century in pursuit of the American Dream. Runs through Sat., July 29. Shows, daily, Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. (weather permitting). Please note: This historically accurate musical contains racial language that some parents may find unsuitable for young children. Lakehouse Amphitheater, Washington Park, Albany. Table seats, \$24; center section, \$18; side section, \$16; free lawn seating available first come, first serve. (518) 434-0776 or visit www.parkplayhouse.com/ragtime.

Falstaff

A man of many appetites, the lecherous Falstaff can't resist his favorite vices: food, wine, and women - and not necessarily in that order! Music by Giuseppe Verdi; Libretto by Arrigo Boito; sung in Italian w/English supertitles. Thurs., July 6, at 7:30 p.m., Mon., July 10 and Sat., July 15 at 2 p.m. Spa Little Theater, 19 Roosevelt Dr., Saratoga Springs. Starting prices range from \$50 to \$95. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org

Zempre Et Azor

One of the earliest operatic adaptations of the classic Beauty and the Beast story, combines beautiful melodies with enchanting dance music in a fairy-tale for audiences of all ages. Opera Saratoga's new production will be directed by James Ortiz, whose innovative use of elaborate puppetry has been compared to the legendary Jim Henson. Sung in French w/

English supertitles. Sat., July 8, and Fri., July 14 at 2 p.m. Spa Little Theater, 19 Roosevelt Dr., Saratoga Springs. Starting prices range from 50 to \$95. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org

Saturday Night Fever

Break out your bell-bottom pants and boogie shoes for this disco inferno of a show with sizzling dancing and The BeeGees biggest hits such as "Stayin' Alive," "Night Fever," and "More Than A Woman." Runs Thurs., July 6, through Sun., July 23. Shows: Thursdays, 2 and 8 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., Saturdays, 4 and 8 p.m.; Sundays 2 and 7 p.m.; and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Presented by The Mac-Hadyn Theatre, 1925 State Route 203, Chatham. Adults: matinee: \$33; evenings, \$30; Children ages 12 and younger accompanied by adult, \$15; prices do not include fees. (518) 392-9292 or www.machadyntheater.org/ticket-information.

Mamma Mia

Put on your platforms and boas and join the 54 million people all around the world who have fallen in love with this story filled with ABBA's greatest hits! Runs Fri., July 7 through Sun., Aug. 13. Shows: Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (through Aug. 3, then 8 p.m. through Aug. 10; 2 p.m. Wednesday matinees run July 12 through Aug. 2.) Capital REP, 111 North Pearl St., Albany. \$25 to \$70; limited availability for some dates. (518) 445-SHOW (7469) or tickets.proctors.org

The Cradle Will Rock

In Steeltown, USA, everything and everyone can be bought - at least that's what Mr. Mister thinks. An allegory on corruption and corporate greed both timely and timeless, its biting humor and brazenness is as impactful now as it was when it premiered on Broadway in 1937. Book and Lyrics by Marc Blitzstein. Performed in English. Sun., July 9, at 2 p.m., Tues., July 11 at 2 p.m., Thurs., July



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13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sun., July 16 at 2 p.m. Spa Little Theater, 19 Roosevelt Dr., Saratoga Springs. Starting prices range from \$50 to \$95. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org

Legally Blonde: The Musical
Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down, however, when her boyfriend dumps her so he can start getting serious about his life and attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle uses her charm to get into Harvard Law. At school, she struggles with peers, professors and Warner Huntington. With the help of Paulette and Emmett, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world. Presented by Consortium Actors. Runs Thurs., July 13 through Sun., July 22. Shows: Daily, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. Beaudoin Theater, Foy Hall, Siena College, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville.

Adults, \$20; seniors and students, \$15. Partial proceeds from ticket sales to benefit Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research and Screening. (518) or www.consortiumactors.com/showevents/

Fiddler on the Roof
The Not So Common Players present their adaptation of the Tony award winning musical which touches audiences around the world with its humor, warmth and honesty. Set in the village of Anatevka, the story centers on Tevye, a poor milkman and his five daughters. Runs Fri., July 14 through Sun., July 23. Shows: Daily, Thursdays through Sundays at 8 p.m. Show held rain or shine. Clifton Commons, 7 Clifton Commons Blvd., off of Vischer Ferry Road, Clifton Park. Free. (518) 371-6667 or www.cliftonpark.org

Weekend of One Acts
Soul Rebel Performance Troupe will present four, one-act plays featuring drama, comedy, monologues and stand-

up comedy. Fri., July 14, and Sat., July 15, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sun., July 16 at 4 p.m. First Congregational Church, 405 Quail St., Albany. \$12. (518) 833-2662.

Register
Original work by Michael C. Mensching. Presented as the 2017 Playwright's Showcase. Sun., July 16, 3 p.m. Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany. Free; seating available first come, first serve. (518) 462-1297 or www.albanycivictheater.org

COMEDY

The Comedy Works Saratoga Springs Boston Comedy Festival Stand-Up Contest: Preliminary Rounds: Wed., July 5, and Thurs., July 6 at 7, 8, and 9 p.m., \$5; **Semi-Final Round:** Fri., July 7 at 7 and 9 p.m., \$10; **Final Round:** Sat., July 8, 8 p.m., \$15 (show only) or \$39.95

(dinner + show). **Jim McCue, "Boston's King of Crowd Work,"** will blend his thought provoking material and uncanny improv skills with a style that encourages audience participation. Thurs., July 13, 7 p.m., \$10; Fri., July 14, and Sat., July 15, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.; Advance, \$15 (show only) or \$39.95 (dinner + show). *Note: Prices for the Friday and Saturday night shows above increase \$5 if purchased on show day.* **Open Mic,** every Thursday 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

The Funny Bone Doug Stanhope, the shocking, brutally honest, and very, very funny comedian whose material ranges from true-life graphic perversion to volatile social criticism. Wed., July 5, 7:30 p.m., \$35. **Vic DiBitto** churns his energy, honesty and humanity into nonstop laughter at a frenetic pace. He's been called a cross between Rodney Dangerfield and Ralph Kramden. Thurs., July 6, 7:30 p.m., \$17. **Michael Winslow,** known for his roles in films including the Police Academy series and "Spaceballs" turns ordinary noises into the extraordinary. Fri., July 7, 7:30 and 10 p.m., Sat., July 8, 7 and 9:45 p.m., and Sun., July 9, 7 p.m., \$20. **John Morgan,** The Ragin' Cajun is a sweet as a honey-glazed ham and as hot as a Tabasco chili pepper! Thurs., July 13, 7:30 p.m., \$12; Fri., July 14, 7:30 and 10 p.m., and Sat., July 15, 7 and 9:45 p.m., \$15, and Sun., July 16 All shows 21+. Crossgates Mall, 1 Crossgates Mall Rd., Guilderland. (518) 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com

DANCE

New York City Ballet: All American
Program features "Fearful Symmetries," "The Times Are Racing (SPAC Premiere)" and "Stars and Stripes." Wed., July 5, and Fri., July 7, 8 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Amphitheater tickets start from \$30 to \$100; lawn tickets are \$26. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org

New York City Ballet: All Balanchine
Program features Allegro Brillante, Tarantella, Swan Lake and Stravinsky Violin Concerto. Thurs., July 6, 8 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Amphitheater tickets start from \$30 to \$100; lawn tickets are \$26. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org

The Dance Collective: "She"
Experience contemporary dance in a contemporary setting! Relax and have a drink while this diverse group of artists entertains you. Fri., July 7, 7:30 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Advance, \$17.50, increases to \$22.50 on performance day. (518) 346-6402 or tickets.proctors.org

New York City Ballet: All Balanchine
Program features Allegro Brillante, Tarantella, Swan Lake and Stravinsky Violin Concerto. Sat., July 8, 2 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Amphitheater tickets start at \$35 to \$50; lawn tickets are \$15. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org

New York City Ballet Gala
All Richard Rodgers program features performances of Carousel, Thou Swell, Slaughter on 10th Avenue. Sat., July 8, 8 p.m. SPAC. Amphitheater tickets start at \$55 to \$125; lawn tickets are \$55. Gala dinner and performance combination packages also available. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org

New York City Ballet: All Robbins/Chopin
Program features Dances at a Gathering and The Concert. Tues., July 11, and Thursday, July 13, at 8 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Amphitheater tickets start from \$30 to \$100; lawn tickets are \$26. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org

New York City Ballet: 21st Century Choreographers
Program features Jeu de Cartes, along with SPAC premieres of new works by Justin Peck and Alexei Ratmansky. Wed., July 12, 8 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Amphitheater tickets start from \$30 to \$100; lawn tickets are \$26. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org

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María Volonté and Mavi Díaz & Las Folkies
Enjoy a night of tango orchestra as María Volonté and Mavi Díaz & Las Folkies make their debut appearance at the National Museum of Dance. When speaking about Volonté, The Guardian writes she is "an intriguingly versatile and original Argentinian singer and songwriter; she can mix an intimate treatment of tango classics by the great Astor Piazzolla with echoes of late-night jazz and Latin-Blues fusion." Fri., July 14; doors at 7 p.m. followed by performance at 7:30 p.m. Riggi Theater, National Museum of Dance, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. \$25 per person. (518) 584-2225 or www.brownpapertickets.com/eent/295857

New York City Ballet: Balanchine Short Stories
Program features La Sonnambula, Prodigal Son and Firebird. Fri., July 14, and Sat., July 15, at 8 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Amphitheater tickets start from \$30 to \$100; lawn tickets are \$26. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org

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FAMILY

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

Sing Along with The Muppet Movie
IBEX Puppetry leads the audience of cheering, singing fans to renew their Rainbow Connection with our fleecy friends who started it all. It's full of interactive surprises—and children and adults alike are urged to yell out famous lines, dance in the aisles, and of course, sing along. Fri., July 7, 11 a.m. Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. Free. (413) 528-0100 or www.mahaiwe.org

Family Saturday: Splendid Serpents
We will look at the group of Serpent Drawings in the exhibition If I Had

Possession Over Judgement Day: Collections of Claude Simard, then create our own fantastic serpents out of curly chenille, colored bubble wrap, pipe cleaners, beads and more. Suitable for children ages 5 and older accompanied by an adult. Sat., July 8, 2 p.m. Tang Teaching Museum, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free admission, materials provided; reservations required at (518) 580-8080.

Sing
Koala Buster Moon produces the world's greatest singing competition in the hopes that he can return his beloved theater to its former glory. Rated PG for some rude humor and mild peril. Presented as part of the Free Family Movie Series. Sun. July 9, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Free. (518) 346-6402 or www.proctors.org

Stories & Art in the Park
Interactive storytime for pre-schoolers with arts and crafts activities hosted by Albany Public Library, City of Albany Dept. of Recreation, Albany Bar, and WMHT PBS Kids. Mondays, July 10, through Aug. 14 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Washington Park Playground, Albany (Rain location: Washington Avenue Branch, 161 Washington Ave, Albany). Free. (518) 427-4300 or www.albanypubliclibrary.org

Kung Fu Panda
Po the Panda (voiced by Jack Black) works in his family's noodle shop and dreams of becoming a kung-fu master. His dream becomes a reality when, unexpectedly, he must fulfill an ancient prophecy and study the skills with his idols, the Furious Five. Po needs all the wisdom, strength and ability he can muster to protect his people from an evil snow leopard. Presented as part of the Summer In The City Free Movie Series. Tues., July 11; fun and activities at noon, film begins at 1 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 463-4663 or palacetheatre.org

Children's Star Sighting
Interactive program exploring the stars, planets, comets and constellations in the night sky. For families w/children ages 3 to 7. Sat., July 15, 11 a.m. Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany. \$3 per seat. (518) 434-1217 or www.albany.org/visitors-center

Kids Day
Kids Day is this area's "kid-centric" outdoor event. Nowhere else can children enjoy an array of favorites such as live music, the Two by Two Zoo, Touch a Truck, face painting, bounce rides, puppet shows, arts and crafts, balloons, and more all in one place. Don't miss the opportunity to meet PJ Masks, everyone's favorite mystery-solving heroes as they pose with children and families for photos and give super hugs. On the main stage, catch one of today's most popular characters, Pete the Cat, in a fun, high-energy, interactive live performance. Part of the Summer at The Plaza event series. Sat., July 15, noon to 5 p.m. Empire State Plaza, downtown Albany. Free. (518) 474-4759 or summer.empirestateplaza.org

Pop-up Programs
Explore special and ongoing exhibits throughout the museum followed by an educational activity. Topics include Museum Mystery Tours, People of the Longhouse, Birds and Mammals and more. Part of the Summer at the Museum Series. Dates and times vary; weekly schedules will be posted to the museum's website and social media pages on Monday afternoons. Open Tuesday through Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

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Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival
Festival features performances by more than 40 award-winning bluegrass bands including The Del McCoury Band, the Jerry Douglass Band, and Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky, on five separate stages, along with workshops, an emerging artist showcase, dancing, children's performances, the Bluegrass Academy for Kids, camping, jam sessions, food, crafts and more. Thurs., July 13 through Sun., July 16, Walsh Farm, 1 Poulitney Road (off Greene County Route 22), Oak Hill. Individual day passes are \$80 per person per day. Information and tickets at greyfoxbluegrass.com/festival/

Schenectady County SummerNight
Bring the whole family to downtown Schenectady for a summer evening of fun and entertainment. Live music from Blues Traveler, tasty food, summer games, the Annual Celebrity Cannoli Eating Contest and fireworks. Fri., July 14, 5 to 10 p.m. Various venues on near State Street (Route 5), downtown Schenectady. Free. www.SchenectadyCounty.com

CanalFest
Celebrate the vibrant canalway culture of Schenectady County and the bicentennial of the Erie Canal. Enjoy live music, games, canal-themed crafts, free ice cream, along with guided bicycle tours of the Erie Canal and walking tours of the historic Mabee House. Also features blacksmithing and cooking demonstrations inspired by the Erie Canal, along with pony rides, a petting zoo and birds of prey. Sat., July 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mabee Farm Historical Site, 1100 Main St. (State Route 55), Rotterdam Junction. Free admission. (518) 887-5073, curator@schenectadyhistorical.org or schenectadyhistorical.org/canalfest/

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FILM

The Grass is Greener
An English Earl (Cary Grant) and his wife (Deborah Kerr) are down on their luck to the point of allowing tourists to take guided tours of their castle. When a Texas oil tycoon (Robert Mitchum) visits, he takes a liking to more than the house. Not rated. 105 minutes. Wed., July 5 at 7 p.m., Thurs., July 6 and Sat., July 8 at 4:30 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$5. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org.

Arabesque
An Oxford professor of ancient hieroglyphics (Gregory Peck) is recruited to break a code in order to help expose a plot against a prominent politician. Is the beautiful Yasmin (Sophia Loren) there to help or hinder. Wed., July 5 and Thurs., July 6 at 2 p.m., and Sat., July 8 at 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$5. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org.

Charade

A beautiful woman (Audrey Hepburn) finds herself falling for a dashing man (Cary Grant) on a skiing holiday in the French Alps. Upon returning to Paris, she learns her husband has been murdered and may have left an ill-gotten fortune behind. Joined by her new friend, she is soon pursued by several men desperately seeking his fortune. But why does her new friend keeps changing his name? Wed., July 5 at 4:30 p.m., Thurs., July 6 at 7 p.m. and Sat., July 8 at 2 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$5. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org.

Hair!

Straight arrow Claude Hooper Bukowski (John Savage) leaves the family farm in Oklahoma for NYC where – on his way to the Army recruitment center – he meets a free-wheeling group of Central Park hippies and is rapidly indoctrinated into the youth subculture. Rated PG for nudity, profanity, drug use and frightening/intense scenes. 121 minutes. Mon., July 10, 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$5. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org.

The Falsettos

A hilarious and poignant look at a modern family revolving around the life of a gay man Marvin, his wife, his lover, his soon to be bar mitzvahed son, their psychiatrist, and the lesbians next door. Originally created under the specter of the AIDS crisis, this timely musical about middle class family dynamics manages to remain bouyant and satirically perceptive even as it moves towards its heartbreaking conclusion. Presented by The Lincoln Center Theater. Wed., July 12 at 7 p.m. and Sat., July 15 at 2 and 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$15. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

LITERARY

Writers workshop

Bi-weekly writers' get together. Eat, drink, schmooze and share, but, mostly write. Thurs., July 13, at 6 p.m., Tech Valley Center of Gravity, Quackenbush Building, 30 Third St., Troy. Free. www.tvcog.org

Poetry Reading

Poet Karen Skolfield will read at the Robert Burns statue. Wed., July 15, 7 p.m. Presented by Hudson Valley Writers Guild and the Poetry Motel Foundation. Washington Park, Albany (Rain site: Social Justice Center, 33 Central Ave., Albany). Free. (518) 482-0262 or dwlcx@earthlink.net

MISCELLANEOUS

Secret Stockade

Discover the secrets of Schenectady's historic Stockade section during a walking tour of the historic district, which includes lunch at Arthur's Market, a peek inside an 1820's home and a visit to the Schenectady County Historical Society's Museum and Library. Wed., July 5, 10 and 11:30 a.m. Tickets: \$20, available at www.schenectadyhistorical.org/walking-tours, via phone at (518) 374-0263 ext. 4 or email curator@schenectadyhistory.org.

July Craft Fair

Explore the booths of dozens of local and regional artisans. Play games and participate in activities for kids of all ages in the Family Activity Tent. Enjoy the sounds of live music, stroll the bountifully blooming heritage herb garden, and learn about the history of the Watervliet-Shaker site with guided tours at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Fair food and pie will be available for purchase. Sat., July 8, and Sun., July 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shaker Heritage Society, 25 Meeting House Road, Albany. Admission: \$4 per person; SHS members active military/veterans and children ages 17 and younger, free; proceeds to benefit the society's education and preservation programs. (518) 456-7890 or www.shakerheritage.org

Troy Flea

An ever-growing, hip, outdoor summer/fall market featuring a rotating slate of more than two dozen vintage and craft vendors combined with live music and food vendors. Held rain or shine on the second and fourth Sundays (July 9 and July 23) of the month through Sunday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Troy Riverfront Park, River and Front streets, downtown Troy. Free admission. (518) 308-8304 or www.troyflea.com

23rd Annual Secret Gardens Tour

This self-guided tour of 11 private, outstanding gardens in and around Saratoga Springs. The featured gardens are a mix of styles and sizes, in both sun and shade, sure to inspire garden lovers of every level. Presented by the Soroptimist International of Saratoga County. Sun., July 9, 11 a.m. To 5 p.m. Advance tickets, \$20; increases to \$25 day of tour (if available). Proceeds benefit the organization's local and global efforts to improve the lives of girls and women. Soroptimistssaratoga.org/events/secret-garden-tour

Magicians' meeting

Capitaland Conjurers, the local group of The Society of American Magicians, Assembly #24, invites adults age 18 and older with any interest in the art of magic, including performance, history, collecting or pure entertainment for a fun evening. Tues., July 11, 7:30 p.m. S.W. Pitts Hose Co., Old Loudon Road, Latham. www.SAM24.org

Delaware Community Farmers Market

Offering local, fresh-picked fruits, vegetables, herbs, eggs, jams and baked goods. Tuesdays, 4 to 7 p.m. through November. Delaware Branch, Albany Public Library, 331 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free to attend. (518) 432-0516 or DelawareAreaNA@gmail.com

Together Tuesday

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

Veteran Meet-Up

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

Social Night/Potluck/Open House

Every Tuesday night, we gather with food and conversation. Free. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tech Valley Center of Gravity, 30 Third 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.

Jewish Schenectady:

A walking tour
Discover the origins of Jewish Schenectady, learn of notable Jewish community members, and the history of local Jewish congregations. So, get your torches up and come for a mahalaki! Thurs., July 13, 6 p.m.; meet at the Schenectady County Historical Society Library and Museum, 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. \$8, registration required.

Albany Star Sighting

Interactive program identifies stars, planets, comets and constellations in the night sky and the tools/techniques for becoming an amateur astronomer. Best for skywatchers 8+. Sat., July 15, 1 p.m. Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany. \$3 per seat. (518) 434-1217 or www.albany.org/visitors-center

EXHIBITS

Albany Institute of History and Art

Continuing: 2017 Exhibition by Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region.

Established in 1936, this annual, juried exhibition pays tribute to the talented artists working within a 100-mile radius of the Capital District. Through Sun. Sept. 3; also "Spotlight: Eric Canal" which marks the bicentennial of the project's ground breaking; through Aug. 20. Plus ongoing exhibits. Hours: Wed.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs.: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. and Sat.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun.: noon to 5 p.m. Admission: Adults, \$10; seniors/students (w/ID), \$8; children ages 6 to 12, \$6; children 5 and younger, free. 125 Washington Ave., (518) 463-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

Albany International Airport

Continuing: "Cloudlands," structures and images by Naoe Suzuki, Edward

Mayer, Julie Evans, Susan Meyer, Dana Filibert, Joshua Field and Gina Ruggeri, through July 31. Open daily: 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Free admission. Gallery, third floor, 737 Albany Shaker Rd., Latham. (518) 242-2241 or arts@albanyairport.com

Arts Center of the Capital Region

Upcoming: Fence Select, featuring works chosen from the 52nd Annual Fence Show by this year's juror, Michael Oatman, and "Art Quilt Immersion" featuring Barb Allen's pictorial quilts meant to invoke personal memories in the viewer. Both open Sat., July 22 and run through Sat., Aug. 26. 265 River St., Troy. Open Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., noon to 4 p.m. Free admission. (518) 273-0552 or artscenteronline.org

Basilica Back Gallery

New: "The Bright Future Group Show", which brings Downtown New York art veterans David Aron and Jack Walls together with younger artists, Simeon Amstutz, Elbert Perez, Becca Van K, Louise Smith, and Martin Katzoff, for an exploration of the location as muse. 110 South Front St., Hudson. Free. info@basilicahudson.org

Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum

Continuing: "Bethlehem 100 Years Ago" takes a particular look at what our town was like during World War I. Military memorabilia will also be featured. Presented by the Bethlehem Historical Association. Through Tues., Oct. 31. Open Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. 1003 River Road, Selkirk. Free. BethlehemHistorical.org

The Clark Art Institute

Continuing: "Picasso: Encounters", which explores the artist's interest in and experimentation with large-scale printmaking throughout his career; through Aug. 27; also "Orchestrating Elegance: Alma-Tadema and Design,"

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which offers new insight into the artist's Greco-Pompeian style music room for Henry Gurdon Marquand's New York mansion; through Sept. 4.; **"An Inner World,"** features seven exceptional genre paintings by Dutch artists working in or near the city of Leiden in the 17th century, through Sept. 17; and **"Thomas Schutte: Crystal,"** the artist's first full-scale architectural work in the U.S., through Oct. 9. Plus permanent collection. Open Tues. through Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: Adults, \$20; children 18 and younger, free. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.darkart.edu

The Hyde Collection

Continuing: To Distribute and Multiply: The Feibes & Schmitt Gift marks the opening of The Hyde's first gallery dedicated to Modern and Contemporary art with 40 abstract and nonrepresentational works selected from Warren Feibes and the late James Schmitt's collection donated to the museum last year. Plus permanent exhibitions. Open: Tues. through Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun., noon to 5 p.m. Admission: adults, \$12; seniors (60+), \$10; children/students (w/ID)/active military and their families, free. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. (518) 792-1761 or www.hydecollection.org

Mabee Farm Historic Site

Continuing: "Four by Four," features the creative vision of four artists, Deborah Angilletta, John Morrette, Tim Prendergast and Maureen Sausa, in four sets of four paintings, each based on a photograph. The resulting exhibition paintings showcases each artist's individuality in using an ordinary photograph as the point of departure for his or her work, changing the images and making them uniquely his or her own. Through Tues., Oct. 31. Open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1100 Main St. (State Route 55), Rotterdam Junction. Admission: \$5 per adult for self-guided access; or \$8 for a combined tour and access to exhibits;

children and students (w/ID) free. (518) 887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org

Mandeville Gallery

Continuing: "Branding the AfroFuture" by Stacey Robinson. Multimedia work discusses "Black Utopias" as spaces of peace away from colonial influence by considering Black protest movements and the art movements that document them. Part of the Art Installation Series, through March 2018 at the Schaffer Library Learning Commons. Union College, 807 Union St., Schenectady. Free. (518) 388-6004 or muse.union.edu/mandeville/home

miSci

Continuing: MRI: Examining the Human Body; explore the science behind a landmark medical imaging system developed right here in the Capital District. Plus ongoing/permanent exhibits. Open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 15 Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Adults (13+), \$10.50; seniors (65+), \$9; children (3-12) \$7.50. Additional \$5/person charge for planetarium show. (518) 382-7890 or www.miSci.org.

National Museum of Dance

Continuing: "National Museum of Dance and Hall of Fame - Celebrating 30 Years," and **"Art in the Foyer: Design for Dance,"** highlighting the costume sketches of design and dance historian Malcolm McCormack; also **"The Dancing Athlete,"** **"50 Years at SPAC,"** Hall of Fame Inductees Patricia Wilde and Gregory Hines. Plus ongoing exhibits. Open daily, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Adults, \$6.50; seniors/students (w/valid ID) \$5; children ages 4 to 12, \$3; children ages 3 and younger, free; Free admission for all on Tuesdays. (518) 584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org

New York State Museum

Continuing: "A Spirit of Sacrifice: New York State in the First World War," featuring artifacts, images, posters and documents from collections at the Museum, State Archives, State Library and other cultural institutions. Through June 3, 2018. Also, **"The People's Art: Selections from the Empire State Plaza Art Collection,"** through Sept. 3; and **"Hudson Valley Ruins,"** through Dec. 31. Plus ongoing exhibits. Open Tuesday through Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free admission; suggested donation of \$5/person or \$10/family. (518) 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

Pine Hills Branch

Albany Public Library
Continuing: "Illustrated," showcases illustration as a medium, featuring more than 80 works by more than a dozen artists, with a special focus on illustrators, Meg Sodano and Cara Hanley of Albany, and Marie Beebe of Chatham. Through Sat., Oct. 28. Open Mondays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, noon to 5 p.m. Free. 517 Western Ave., Albany. (518) 482-7911 or www.albanypubliclibrary.org/locations/pine-hills/

Saratoga Arts

New: 10x10, annual show featuring work created by artists of all ages and abilities, including works created by participants of the Saratoga Arts' Visual Arts Summer Camp Program (Main Gallery). Through Sat., Sept. 2. Opening reception on Sat., July 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. **Continuing: Paintings by Susan Beadle** (Reception Gallery) and **Unfurled** by Karen Cummings (Members' Hall Gallery). 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. Open weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (518) 584-4132 or saratoga-arts.org

Saratoga Auto Museum

Continuing: "The Gavel: Cars of the Saratoga Auto Auction," which takes a look at the history, process, popularity and potential of automobile collecting along with **"Auto Sketches by Robert Selkowitz,"** and **"Photography by Michael DiPlecco,"** through Sept. 17. Plus ongoing exhibits. 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. saratogaautomuseum.org

Saratoga Clay Center

New: "Everything's fine" (Schacht Gallery), a solo exhibition by the center's artist in residence, Allora McCollough, who uses ceramic materials and mixed media to create narratives about overcoming challenges in life. Opens with reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sat., July 8. Through Wed., Aug. 2. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 167 Hayes Rd., Schuylerville. Free. (518) 581-2529 or saratogadayarts.org

Schenectady County Historical Society

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

Tang Teaching Museum

Continuing: "The Young Years," celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Skidmore Jazz Institute by featuring recently acquired works of art which reflect various aspects of both the Institute and of its founder, Don McCormack. Through Sun., Aug. 27. **"If I Had Possession Over Judgement Day: Collections of Claud Simard,"** featuring art and objects from across centuries and continents, through Sept. 24. **"Janine Antoni & Stephen Petronio: Entangle,"** collaborative works which combine action, video and installation: **"Honey Baby,"** through July 16. Also,

"Elevator Music 33: Up = Out: A Sun Ra Mixtape," featuring seven tracks from the artist, through Aug. 27, and **"Liz Collins — Energy Field,"** a long-running installation created as a lounge/social space for visitors and students, through Sept. 10. Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. tang.skidmore.edu

University Art Museum

New: Sara Greenberger Rafferty: "Gloves Off" a collection of recent video, sculpture and photography that furthers the artist's ongoing fascination with domesticity, the body, consumer culture, fashion, violence and stand-up comedy in a kaleidoscopic view of contemporary culture on the edge, and **Cameron Martin: Abstracts,** a new body of non-objective paintings that address current generative roles for abstraction by an artist best known for his large scale, photographically based landscape paintings. Through Sat., Sept. 9. Uptown Campus, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Summer hours (through Tues., Aug. 29): Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. (518) 442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Albany Barn

Seeks visual art submissions utilizing any time of printmaking, including etching, engraving, woodcut, lithography, etc. for its upcoming "Impressive: perspectives in printmaking" exhibit. The artists' reception will be held Friday, August 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. at The Barn (56 Second St., Albany) in conjunction with the city-wide First Friday arts walk. Show runs through Fri., Aug. 28. Submissions will be accepted via e-mail only to gallery@albanybarn.org through Fri., July 21, and must contain the word "Impressive" in the subject line, include the number of pieces being submitted for consideration with title, medium, dimensions, and price in the body and have high resolution photos of work clearly labeled to coincide with submission information. Artist will be notified by Monday, July 24, and must deliver ready to hang/show works no later than Mon., July 31. (518) 935-4858 or albanybarn.org/news/exhibitions

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). (518) 887-5073 or www.schenectadyhistorical.org.

Saratoga Arts

Art in Public Places
Artists are invited to schedule a month-long exhibit as part of this program. For details, visit www.saratoga-arts.org/exhibitions/publicplaces. To schedule an exhibit, e-mail ehuneck@saratoga-arts.org with your top two choices of location and month. Exhibitions are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Art in the Park

Painters, photographers, ceramicists, sculptors, printmakers, silversmiths, and others are invited to exhibit and sell their work in beautiful Congress Park on Sat., Sept. 16. This year's event will also include prizes, a Kidz Art Zone, live music and food vendors. Registration fees: \$65 for Saratoga Arts members; \$75 for non-members. Application available at saratoga-arts.org/exhibitions/artinthepark. For more details, call (518) 584-4132 or e-mail ehuneck@saratoga-arts.org. Applications are due no later than Fri., Sept. 1.

Thursday Musical Club

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

HOROSCOPES

July 2017 Week 1

CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 19

Nope, Capricorn. You don't have to act at the drop of a hat, not for a fair-weather friend anyway. Do what you can when you can and let them make do.

AQUARIUS

January 20– February 18

Can you cut the mustard, Aquarius? Ask yourself that before you hop onboard. A restoration gets off with a bang, thanks to a dear old friend.

PISCES

February 19 – March 20

Egomaniac you are not. A loved one, on the other hand, is very much one. Use it to your advantage at an upcoming event, Pisces. A mystery is solved.

ARIES

March 21 – April 19

Freedom comes at a price. Make sure you honor those who have paid that price, Aries. Heartfelt appreciation is required at an upcoming event.

TAURUS

April 20 – May 20

Opportunities abound. What are you waiting for, Taurus? A gift of cheer comes from an unusual source. Be sure to return the favor one day.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 21

History has proven time and time again that you cannot count on that person who always insists on helping. Plan around them, Gemini. A date is changed.

CANCER

June 22 – July 22

You are barking up the wrong tree, Cancer. Take off your blinders so you can see what is really at fault. Then and only then will you be able to resolve the issue.

LEO

July 23 – August 22

Don't be shy, Leo. Your idea is excellent, the best thing since sliced bread. Present it and be prepared for many good things to come your way.

VIRGO

August 23 – September 22

Keep your eye on the ball, Virgo. You're so close to finishing. An argument erupts among close friends. Don't choose sides. It will be over before you know it.

LIBRA

September 23 – October 22

Time is precious, Libra, so stop playing around. A queen bee is challenged. Prepare for some fireworks. An answer is delivered as expected.

SCORPIO

October 23 – November 21

Relax, Scorpio. You've been burning the midnight oil for far too long now. Take a break and go someplace fun where you can unwind and recharge.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 – December 21

Yikes, Sagittarius. You have a need to fill, but it isn't going to be cheap. Better start saving now, and the best way to do that is to revise your budget.

■ CULINARY ARTS



Food & Vino

Tourtiere

By **MICKEY SPELVIN**

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Last week's recipe and pairing honored our Fourth of July holiday. This week, though we honor our neighbors to the North with a homage to Canada Day.

Canada Day is not the anniversary of its independence, but it marks the moment in which each of the provinces united under English rule to form what is the Canada we all know today. And, though they already celebrated (July 1), we can't help but share a traditional dish from Canada paired with our choice of wine.

Ingredients

- 1 lb of lean ground pork
- 1 tsp cornstarch
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3/4 cup chicken stock or water
- 1 stalk celery, finely chopped
- 1 large carrot, finely chopped
- 1 large baking potato, peeled and diced
- 1/4 tsp ground pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 tsp dried savory
- 1/4 tsp dried rosemary
- 1/4 tsp grated nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- salt to taste
- 1 pie crust (9" unbaked deep dish crust with top)
- 1 egg yolk mixed with 1 tbsp water for brushing top pie crust
- 1 egg white for brushing unbaked pie crust

Directions

Mix the ground pork with the cornstarch and a generous pinch of salt. Heat the oil in a non stick pan until hot and brown the pork on medium high heat until no longer pink (break up the meat as you brown it, so it will not be lumped together). Drain off the fat. Return the pork to the pan, add the garlic and onion and stir fry for 5 minutes. Add all the vegetables and spices, chicken stock or water and cook until the vegetables are just soft. Salt to taste. Set the filling aside to cool.

Preheat the oven to 425°F. Brush your unbaked pie crust with the egg white to prevent the crust from getting soggy. Fill the pie shell with the cooled filling. Top with top crust; cut a few slits in the top crust for steam to escape. Brush the top crust with the egg yolk and water mixture. Bake for 15 min on the bottom rack of the oven, then reduce the heat to 375 F and bake for another 25 min until the crust is golden. Serve warm.

Pairing

Robert Mondavi 'Napa' Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

Robert Mondavi Winery — California

It's unfair to describe this dish as simply as a meat pie, because the resulting flavor is far from simple. So, we've paired it with this red from Robert Mondavi. The hints of blackberry and wild berry compliments the dish so well. But, should you choose to grab a beer, stick to the theme and go with something from Labatt's or Molson.

■ IN BRIEF

Jazz on Jay: JECCO Trio

SCHENECTADY — The JECCO Trio will perform as a part of the Jazz on Jay concert series on Thursday, July 6 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the Jay Street Marketplace on Jay Street in Schenectady.

JECCO is the core unit – Jeff Nania on saxophone and Lecco Morris on keyboard – of a jazz, funk and originals fusion duo, also performing as a trio and quartet with featured regional players.

Admission is free. For information call (518) 573-2922 or visit www.albany.com.

Jallie the Giver at the Low Beat

ALBANY — Jallie the Giver will perform at the Low Beat on Friday, July 7 at 8 p.m. at 335 Central Ave. in Albany.

The local hip-hop and rap artist will be joined by Fultime101, Young Rashad and Mikeyiv.

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

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MUSIC REVIEW

Left Shark inspired

Katy Perry's 'Witness' was initially ambitious, ultimately lacking

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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Katy Perry has long seemed to be on an endless ascending roller coaster, yanking a plethora of awards, lodging eight number one singles on the Billboard Hot 100, providing rambunctious music videos and

wearing increasingly outlandish outfits. But could her latest album, "Witness," released on June 9, be her coda?

Its pre-release had been teased with awkward appetizers since its first three singles all fail to really make an impact on popular culture, something that Perry's past singles typically excel at. Lead single "Chained to the Rhythm" felt like it was met with a lower-than-expected turnout despite its political and eye-opening message, only peaking at number four on the Hot 100, the first time a lead single

of hers failed to hit the top spot. After announcing in February that "Witness" would be a "purposeful pop" album, this confident-sounding disclaimer is seemingly abandoned when the next two singles, "Bon Appétit"—this collaboration with hip hop group Migos being obsessed with literally cheesy and sexualized food metaphors—and "Swish Swish"—a more promising partnership with rapper Nicki Minaj about shady insults—both have merely charted outside the Top 40.

Beginning with the album's title song, a mellow rattling permeates this entry, compact with a catchy chorus and a haunting bridge, being one of the many songs that prominent producer Max Martin helped contribute for the album. Without truly getting too upbeat, it was a satisfying introduction for the album, ending with whistles, leading the listener straight into "Hey Hey Hey." This sounds slightly harsher and bolder, Perry singing about perception as she speaks out against people who view her as "fragile like a Fabergé" or "a little baby." Despite its empowering message, the song can't help but feel repetitive and glacial in pace, possibly making one wish there was a fast-forward button.

"Roulette" begins with a 1980s-esque instrumental, conjuring up ideas for a potential music video where Perry is driving down a highway in the night, with the windows down and at full speed. It is reminiscent of English synth-pop act La Roux's songs, "Bulletproof" and the Grammy-nominated "In For the Kill." Its lyrics deal with wanting to let go of one's uptight lifestyle and taking risks with a lover instead. The album's third single and fourth track is "Swish Swish," a collaboration with Nicki Minaj which oozes insults and slams towards an unknown hater. Viewed as a diss track, it alludes to the public feud between Perry and fellow pop singer Taylor Swift. Perry ironically is inferior here as Minaj dominates with her infectious verses like "Swish swish, aww, my haters is obsessed" and "All that fake love you showin' couldn't even disguise you."

"Déjà Vu" sounds like a mid-tempo disco number, concerning how her lover is insensitive, boring and lacking any

passion. But like its message, this song overstays its welcome, perfectly summed up with the lyric, "I think we're running on a loop." It also is an example of one of Perry's signature patterns where Perry uses seemingly random and peculiar similes in her lyrics, epitomized by "Your words are like Chinese water torture." The next entry, "Power" is yet another empowering letter to the listener, Perry singing about how important it is to put oneself first and practice self-confidence. Adorned with a gorgeous electronic production by British musician Jack Garratt, one can feel charged up from its lyrics like "You can't clip my wings, can't wilt my flowers / Stole my time but I make up the hours."

"Mind Maze" is a disenchanting experience as it is filled with AutoTune and processed vocals, sounding unoriginal and glacial simultaneously. Its universal lyrics, concerning self-doubt, partially make up for it though. "Miss You More" switches gears, being a soaring ballad about a past relationship or crush which Perry believes would not have worked out anyways, and yet she still misses him: "We were a match, but not a fit / We were a dream, unrealistic / We didn't lose, we didn't win." This heartfelt song showcases how Perry is willing to expose her more vulnerable side, making it a present worth cherishing.

The familiar "Chained to the Rhythm" which features Jamaican singer Skip Marley, grandson of Bob Marley, then floods one's ears. Its lyrics are like a speech about how the public needs to wake up and be aware of the looming dangers around them—corrupt politicians, complacency, the unfortunately genuine threat of war. One of the album's highlights is "Tsunami" in which Perry beckons her lover to be bold and take risks with her to amp up the passion. If one listens closely, one can faintly hear the distant crashing of waves and seagulls. After "Bon Appétit," "Bigger Than Me" dazzles the listener with light pulsating production like a generic pop number, Perry singing about finding one's purpose in life and self-improvement. "Save as Draft" and "Into Me You See" are each about the opposite ends of romance, the

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■ TELEVISION REVIEW

Role reversal

OITNB stumbles in new season, still offers powerful messages

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Netflix's monstrous blockbuster "Orange is the New Black" returned on June 9 after a year-long wait but its fifth season spans only three days. Since premiering in 2011, the question of whether the show can maintain quality and longevity has become more pressing—it does have a safety net since it has been renewed for two additional seasons though.

Immediately starting where season four left off, a rush of catharsis permeates the season premiere when inmate Dayanara Diaz (Dascha Polanco) shoots Thomas Humphrey (Michael Torpey), the disturbing correction officer (CO) who had terrorized several inmates prior. The season begins in a rather shambolic manner as the shooting inspires inmates to riot and the COs are held captive. Sending Litchfield Penitentiary into a form of a "Twilight Zone" episode, certain inmates literally don the COs' uniforms and treat them like prisoners while the COs can only whimper for mercy. Exuding dark

humor, the COs' ill-treatment does open up numerous eccentric sight gags: the COs involuntarily performing in a faux talent show for the inmates, intentionally not given access to restrooms and forced to play games with the eccentric Suzanne "Crazy Eyes" Warren (Uzo Aduba).

This CO-inmate role-reversal poses the ultimate question: can the inmates unite as one?

Answer: Um no.

Racist remarks are constantly exchanged and the inmates remain divided in terms of their agendas and beliefs. Inmates of Latin American backgrounds specifically are called out and the continued appearance of the white supremacist inmates, including Brandy Epps (Asia Kate Dillon) and Helen Van Maele (Francesca Curran) quickly became tiresome with their frequent slams and downright negative dispositions.

The comedy is infectious though, particularly with the characters of Cindy "Black Cindy" Hayes (Adrienne Moore) who perpetually offers sassy one-liners and the dynamic duo of Marisol "Flaca" Gonzales (Jackie Cruz) and Blanca Flores (Laura Gomez) who mischievously gives many inmates makeovers. The season's humor delicately balances against its more pronounced drama.

Only two things kept the initially-



chaotic season relatively grounded: the memory of Poussey Washington (Samira Wiley) and its powerful commentary on corruption within the prison system. Certain inmates grieve differently: Washington's girlfriend Brook Soso (Kimiko Glenn) wants to memorialize her and Tasha "Taystee" Jefferson (Dannielle Brooks) outright demands justice and

wants Washington's murderer, CO Baxter Bayley (Alan Aisenberg), arrested.

Taystee is the season's greatest character as her determination is heartbreakingly juxtaposed with her grief over Washington, her late best friend. Being so driven by her emotions and sense of

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Role reversal

morality makes viewers empathize and express their support like binge-watching cheerleaders.

One of the season's highlights was when Soso helped create a memorial for Washington by transforming a few hallways into a makeshift library, adorned with multitudinous novels, alluding to Washington's love for reading. Witnessing Taystee's emotional breakdown

upon seeing the library emphasized that the inmates are genuinely still human beings dealing with turbulent emotions regarding their place in the prison, life and Washington's murder. Unlike the stigma against prisoners by the general society, Soso and Taystee clearly want all the inmates, particularly Washington, to not be seen as expendable individuals, and their past ill-treatment

by COs and Washington's death further fuel that mindset.

Taystee also wants to fight the corruption that has been evident in the prison system, advocating for better educational, nutrition, health and reform programs, believing that impoverished and non-white people can easily fall into a baiting cycle of crime and imprisonment. This was embodied in the fifth episode, "Sing It, White Effie" where in flashbacks, to-be-imprisoned Janae Watson, (Vicky Jeudy)—who attends public school

and is not affluent—is disturbed by how a prestigious prep school she toured was featuring an all-white production of "Dreamgirls." Back in the present, she and Taystee realize that fellow inmate Judy King, a white celebrity oozing fame and fortune, should not be their spokesperson, deducing they should not hide behind a white person to fight their battles.

Villainy was expressed through the character of Desi Piscatella (Brad William Henke), whom Galina "Red" Reznikov (Kate Mulgrew) targets after she finds out that he had killed an inmate at another prison. Flashbacks this season are sadly brief and viewers often are left to fill in the blanks themselves, hence Piscatella's flashbacks, which reveal a past forbidden affair with a male inmate, are not enough to justify his horrific actions.

This harks back to how much psychology plays in this show as viewers continually find out how their personal lives led to their arrival at Litchfield (regardless of being an inmate or CO) and how the inmates handle

dilemmas (like whether to force Dayanara to surrender for shooting Humphrey). Piscatella's storyline also speaks volumes of how corrupt the prison system is as he, despite committing murder, got away with it and was still hired at Litchfield.

The show's conscious treatment of racism, sexism, white privilege, corruption, social stigma, greed and homophobia is altogether astounding, making it a highly-complex and emotionally-driven show, even in its fifth season. Its huge and diverse cast impeccably deal with all these issues individually but this also brings up one of the show's sad realities that viewers have to accept—certain characters come and go. While Washington is the obvious example, this season saw the presumed exits of Dayanara and Sophia Burset (Laverne Cox), the latter appearing more sporadically over the years.

It seems the inmates can never win, the season finale ending with almost every inmate surrendering as the prison is raided by armed officers—a tragedy for Taystee as she'd fought

hard for justice and reform. While the risk of having this season's events occur over three days pays off, it also has a downfall as it ends without revealing what will happen in the long run, making this season feel like a mere transitional one.

But many inmates still maintain that they want to be viewed as human beings, not animals, being one of the show's core messages. Epitomized in the finale, ten inmates, including Chapman, Taystee and Red, hold hands, maintain their dignity and willingly surrender, the screen fading to orange as they await their unknown fates.

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Left Shark Inspired

former about losing it and the latter about embracing a lover whom Perry feels comfortable and protected with.

Perhaps the greatest treasure this album offers is "Pendulum," an uplifting anthem about self-confidence and good karma, bejeweled with a crescendoing piano-led background and a gospel choir, harking back to Perry's own Christian

upbringing. Its bridge particularly deserves recognition as the sounds of a synthesizer, actual applause and lyrics like "And there is no need to worry, the pages keep on turning / And it goes on and on, comes all the way around" altogether are sufficient for a quick pick me up. The powerhouse song culminates with a climactic chorus, populated by appreciative

ad-libs and the choir racing to the finish line with Perry for an explosive conclusion.

Overall, "Witness" does a satisfactory job in entertaining the listener with lyrics of self-growth and romance but mainly lacks Perry's original "purposeful pop" message. Whether it could dramatically impact American pop culture remains to be seen but it certainly is a reward for her patient fans who had to wait since 2013's "Prism."

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Scotia-Glenville Pipe Band at Freedom Park

SCOTIA — The Scotia-Glenville Pipe Band will perform at Freedom Park on Wednesday, July 5 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 5 Schonowee Ave. in Scotia.

The Pipe Band is the only competing Juvenile Pipe Band in the Northeastern United States, offering bagpipe lessons and drum lessons in a comfortable, youth-centered environment.

For more information call (518) 374-1071 or visit www.freedomparkscotia.com.

Alex Torres and His Latin Orchestra at Shepard Park

LAKE GEORGE — Alex Torres and his Latin Orchestra will perform at Shepard Park on Wednesday, July 5 at 7 p.m. at 1 Amherst St. in Lake George.

Alex Torres and his Latin Orchestra have been playing a mix of Afro-Caribbean rhythms such as Salsa, Merengue, Cha-cha, Bomba, Plena and Latin Jazz at festivals and venues for over 30 years.

Admission is free. For more information call (518) 668-2616 or visit www.lakegeorgearts.org.

Adam Ezra Group at The Egg

ALBANY — The Adam Ezra Group will perform on Wednesday, July 5 at 12 p.m. at The Egg in the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

Ezra leads this contemporary indie-folk-rock band known for smart, well written lyrics, tight musicianship and exciting live performances.

Admission is free. For more information call (518) 473-1845 or visit www.theegg.org.

Open Mic at Old Songs

VOORHEESVILLE — Old Songs will host an Open Mic Night on Wednesday, June 5 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at 37 South Main St. in Voorheesville.

Participants can walk in and sign up to play for 15 minutes. Local performer Kate Blain will host.

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