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TOP STORY

ART seeks artist

Muralist wanted for first ART project on the rail trail in Delmar

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BETHLEHEM — In late 2016, a group of Bethlehem community members gathered, brought together by Town Board member Julie Sasso and the owners of Our Daily Eats, Paul and Caroline Barrett, to discuss bringing art to the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail.

The Barretts had been inspired by the Philadelphia Mural Arts program while visiting the city and approached Sasso about a similar idea for the new Rail Trail.

Forming a volunteer committee known as Art on the Rail Trail (ART), its members have spent the past eight months working to implement the public art project in Bethlehem. They have partnered with the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, which leases and manages the trail between Slingerlands and Voorheesville, and received approval from the Town Board.

ART has identified several benefits of creating public art along the Rail Trail, including: improved quality of life; beautifying the trail during all seasons; and a sense of community ownership. The first proposed art installation will be a mural on the corner of Adams St. and Hudson Ave. in Delmar.

Members of ART have been reaching out to local businesses and residents to build sponsorships, community support and public awareness for the project. The committee is now looking to hire an artist to paint the mural.

In late June, an open house was held at 90 Adams Street for any interested applicants. ART said they are specifically interested in those who have experience in public art, mosaics, and murals, and are hoping to hire an artist who lives in the Capital District in an effort to support local community members. More specifically, they will favor proposals which incorporate the themes of connectivity and movement.

Applications are due by end of day on July 31, and must be submitted through The Arts Center of the Capital Region's website. Applicants can also find application instructions by visiting the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy's website or by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/rail-trail-delmar>.

Throughout the month of August, up to three finalists will be selected and a public presentation will be made. The committee is prioritizing transparency in the selection process, and will welcome community members who would like to voice opinions on the different proposals. By mid-October, the mural is expected to be complete and there will be an unveiling ceremony.

To stay informed, follow ART on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram (search for Art on Rail Trail). More information can also be found on the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy's website: www.mohawkhudson.org.

CULTURE



Time Lapse

Young documentarians capture urban blight on video and seek out community leaders on how to fight it

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Local teams paired up against one another in a local championship tournament this weekend.

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■ TOWN GOVERNMENT



Fostering communication

Bethlehem Town Board Republican candidate Jim Foster talks about his background, his views on town government and his decision not to run for supervisor

By ALI HIBBS
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BETHLEHEM — Two years ago, Republican challenger Jim Foster lost to Democratic incumbent John Clarkson by a mere ten votes in the race for Bethlehem town supervisor.

Even so, he will not be seeking the office again this fall, even after Clarkson announced earlier this year that he feels his time serving as supervisor has come to a logical end and he will not be pursuing re-election.

Citing career and family obligations, Foster has instead chosen to run for a seat on the Town Board, a position that would allow him to continue working at the Albany law firm he's been with for more than a year and which he feels has

invested considerable resources in his professional success. (The town supervisor position would have required a full-time commitment.)

His decision, said Foster, should not indicate diminished concern for the direction and decisions of town government. "My view is that I don't necessarily need to be in the top position to have a positive influence," he said. "It all comes down to wanting to make a difference and wanting to make a change."

Today, Foster lives in Delmar and practices law with the Corporate Group of Couch White, LLP in Albany. He sits on the Advisory Council of the Bethlehem YMCA and on the Board of Directors of the Elsmere Fire Company, where he continues to serve as an active firefighter. He's also working to promote openness and communication between the town and its residents, as well as improve the quality of the larger political conversation on both sides of the ideological aisle.

The biggest change Foster has said that he would like to see in Bethlehem town government is the way elected officials communicate with residents.

"I think we're moving away from open, honest discussion — before the board and elsewhere," he said. "I'm

a firm proponent of open debate, open discussion that is respectful of one another's views. There are a lot of attorneys I work with, day in and day out, and we represent clients on opposing matters on opposing sides, but it's always done with civility and, at the end of the day, we're part of a greater community and profession. There's nothing wrong with disagreeing — as long as you're representing the best interests of the community or client.

"Unfortunately," he continued, "I see, time and time again, a very narrow view espoused or tolerated in front of the Town Board and there is almost a shouting down or dismissal of opposing views. To me, that's very concerning and I don't think it does any service to the public discourse."

Even when confronted with views that he "adamantly" disagrees with, Foster said he believes respect for, and open discussion of, those viewpoints can only improve the public discourse.

He was disappointed, he said, with the handling of the residential property recollection issue back in March, when the town announced its intention to update its inventory of residential property values. At the time, the town's Sole Assessor Laurie Lambertsen went before the

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■ POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Hate crime indictment revisited

ALBANY — District Attorney David Soares successfully appealed the dismissal of charges in a hate crime ring case in which five co-defendants pled guilty and received sentences ranging from 1-3 years to the maximum sentence of 16 years.

Frank Chrysler was the first to be charged, following a two-month investigation by the Bethlehem Police Department, in November 2014, for targeting the elderly in a scheme to defraud them.

Over the course of 18 months, the group scammed nearly a dozen victims in Albany, Colonie and Bethlehem out of tens of thousands of dollars for substandard or non-existent home repairs — a scheme that was prosecuted as a hate crime due to the fact they targeted the elderly because of their age and vulnerability.

Chrysler, who was the

first to be arraigned on April 20, 2015, had his charges — four counts of grand larceny as a hate crime, all class C felonies; four counts of grand larceny, all class D felonies; one count of petit larceny as hate crime; one count of petit larceny, a class A misdemeanor; one count of conspiracy as a hate crime, a class E felony; one count of conspiracy, a class A misdemeanor; and one count of scheming to defraud, a class E felony — dismissed after prosecutors missed a filing deadline.

The appeal stated that the defendant should have been denied the dismissal, as the case was being jointly prosecuted with the other defendants, three of whom had to be located in Virginia before they were arrested, and whose attorneys filed motions at various times. According to the DA, that placed the onus for the 27-day delay on the defense rather than

the prosecution. According to the document, Chrysler's defense never filed for severability from the joint action and, therefore, the deadline should have been six months from the arraignment of the last-indicted defendant.

Presiding Justice Karen Peters and Justices Elizabeth Garry, Robert Rose, Christine Clark and Phillip Rumsey unanimously found for the DA's office and reinstated the indictment.

Chrysler, who was charged with first-degree falsifying business records, a felony, misdemeanor criminal possession of a forged instrument and petit larceny for allegedly forging paperwork about a work-related injury, will now again be facing the above-mentioned charges for his alleged participation in the spate of hate crimes perpetrated against the elderly.

Troopers make DWI arrests

GUILDERLAND — On Thursday, June 29, State Police in New Scotland arrested 45-year-old Roger J. Ellis of Berne for driving while intoxicated.

Troopers reportedly stopped Ellis for a traffic infraction on Western Avenue, in the Town of Guilderland. During interview, Ellis allegedly displayed signs of intoxication. Subsequent to standard field sobriety tests, he was arrested for

DWI and taken to the Guilderland state police station for processing. There, he was reportedly determined to have a 0.12 percent BAC.

Ellis was charged with a misdemeanor DWI and released on tickets. He is due to appear in the Town of Guilderland Court on Thursday, July 13.

NEW SCOTLAND — On July 1, State Police in New Scotland arrested 43-year-old Joseph J. Neubauer of Albany, for driving while intoxicated. Troopers reportedly stopped Neubauer for a

traffic infraction on Main Street, in the Village of Ravena. During the interview, Neubauer allegedly displayed signs of intoxication.

Subsequent to standard field sobriety tests, he was arrested for DWI and taken to the New Scotland State Police station for arrest processing. There, he was reportedly determined to have a 0.15 percent BAC.

Neubauer was charged with a misdemeanor DWI and released on tickets. He is due to appear in the Village of Ravena Court on Wednesday, July 26.

A dozen arrested after Countryfest

ALBANY — State Police arrested 12 drivers who reportedly had too much to drink at Countryfest in Schaghticoke on Saturday. The following individuals were arrested for DWAI:

- William A. Hathaway, age 37, from Waterford
- Brad Delaney, age 27, from Arlington, Vermont

- Steven R. Verkon, age 19, from Niskayuna
- The following were arrested for DWI:
- Amber L. Rock, age 27, from Schenectady
- Tyler G. Hebert, age 23, from Cohoes
- Jeremy S. Snyder, age 27, from Cherry Valley
- Ryan J. Krupa, age 21, from Schodack

- Jacob R. Vaccaro, age 22, from Albany
- Bodean J. Hunziker, age 31, from Johnsonville
- Lynsea M. Hensel, age 21, from Delmar
- Michael T. Savary, age 37, from Adams, Massachusetts
- Christopher L. Kowalczyk, age 20, from Windsor, Massachusetts.

Alleged cocaine dealer busted

BETHLEHEM — Two people face felony drug possession charges according to Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple.

Sheriff's investigators received information that a woman from Bethlehem, identified as 37-year-old Leeann Cross, was selling quantities of cocaine throughout the towns of Bethlehem, Coeymans and Cossackie.

Following a month-long investigation, investigators conducted a traffic stop on Saturday, July 8 and arrested Cross, along with Hyland Slater, 26, from Coeymans. During the traffic stop, officers allegedly seized approximately 3.5 ounces of cocaine along with \$2,690 in cash and a quantity of Xanax.

A search warrant was executed at the residence of Cross on Miller Avenue in Bethlehem, where an additional 6.6 grams

of cocaine and drug packaging materials were also reportedly located.

Cross was charged with: three counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class B felony; one count of criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class C felony; one count of criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor; and two counts of criminally using drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor.

Slater was charged with two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class B felony, and several Vehicle and Traffic infractions.

Both individuals were arraigned in Bethlehem Court by Judge Andrew Kirby. Cross was released on a \$20,000 bond and Slater was remanded to the Albany County jail in lieu of \$20,000 bail.



No longer a hot spot

The former Howard Johnson hotel and restaurant located on Route 9W in Albany was destroyed by fire on Thursday, July 6.

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ENVIRONMENT

Protecting the Pollinators

By ALI HIBBS
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ALBANY—Last month, the New York state Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Agriculture and Markets commemorated National Pollinator Week and Gov. Andrew Cuomo

issued a proclamation in which he iterated the reasons New York is working to promote the well-being and resurgence of the state's pollinator population.

The number of pollinators in New York, including honey bees, native bees, bats, hummingbirds and butterflies, has dropped significantly over the past 50 years.



While information on wild pollinators in New York state is limited, researchers believe that losses are likely caused by a combination of factors such as poor nutrition, loss of foraging habitat, parasites, pesticides, pathogens, lack of genetic diversity and poor land management practices. According to DEC, there is also "a strong body of evidence" pointing to climate change as a leading cause.

"These species provide significant contributions to our agricultural industry," said State Agriculture Commissioner Richard Ball. "And as we better understand the factors that can harm pollinator populations, we will continue to implement new strategies to safeguard their health and habitats."

The Governor's proclamation highlighted the importance of pollinators to the state's economy as well as its biodiversity, noting that natural pollinator populations provide "more than \$340 million to the value of the State's food crops through pollination on an annual basis."

In 2016, a state agency task force released a comprehensive Pollinator Protection Plan to guide actions by state agencies and the public to protect New York's pollinator populations.

DEC and the state agriculture department led the Pollinator Protection Task Force, which examined and developed solutions to address pollinator losses in the state and develop a statewide plan to reverse the trend. Co-chaired by Seggos and Ball, the taskforce consists of agency officials from the Department of Agriculture and Markets, DEC, Department of Transportation, Thruway Authority, Office of General Services, State Parks and other key stakeholders.

The Task Force focused on four priority areas: development of best management practices; habitat enhancement efforts; research and monitoring; and outreach and education.

In its report, the Task Force emphasized the need for comprehensive, state-focused research to better understand the status of native pollinators in New York and the factors that impact both managed and wild pollinator health and performance.

The 2016-17 New York State Budget included \$500,000 from the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for pollinator protection initiatives. Per Task Force recommendations, that funding is being used to survey the status of New York's wild bees, create and expand pollinator-friendly habitat, and conduct additional research on the impacts of potential pollinator stressors as well as the effects of bee-husbandry practices on the performance of managed hives. It also

supported the establishment of the New York's Tech Team for Beekeepers, which is led by Cornell University.

The 2017-18 New York State Budget includes another \$500,000 to further the research efforts, which are being applied to the state's beekeeping industry to develop best management practices aimed at reducing honey bee colony losses and improving the profitability and viability of beekeeping businesses. The survey of native pollinators will continue as well.

Following recommendations from the Pollinator Protection Plan, state agencies are working to implement new and enhance existing actions to promote the health and recovery of pollinators in New York state. They're reducing the use of pesticides and herbicides that could be harmful to pollinators, planting and restoring pollinator habitats in key area, increasing pest management efforts and invasive species removal projects, and developing educational materials to raise awareness about the importance of pollinators and how they can be protected.

State Parks has launched more than a dozen projects to promote the health and recovery of pollinators. The Thruway Authority will reduce mowing on 225 additional acres of land, has planted 16 acres of wildflowers, and added more than 2,000 feet of living snow fences to help restore wild pollinator habitats along the NYS Thruway. The Department of Transportation has also delayed mowing along the State's highways until after the seasonal migration of monarch butterflies and prioritized planting of flowers, shrubs and trees to maintain pollinator food sources. It is also developing and testing soil and nutrient combinations that encourage root growth in nectar-producing plants and working with its partners to share research, including development of seed mixes that can withstand roadside stressors.

"The bees fly out three to four miles," said local beekeeper and honey-maker Ronald Tweedie. "So, they're pollinating flowers all over Delmar." He explained that the flavor of the honey he has been making for 40 years is a direct result of the flowers his bees have been pollinating.

It's only been during the last 10 to 15 years that colony loss has become a real issue, said Tweedie. "There have been a lot more pesticides and fungicides and things that hurt honey bees."

Tweedie has had meetings with representatives from the Cornell Tech Team and said, "They're doing a lot of good work on what we should be doing to provide better food for the bees. People don't think about it. The bees are trying to live and, instead of collecting pollen and nectar — it's pollen, particularly, that collects the pesticides — they're collecting toxins."

Tweedie specifically mentioned a class of pesticide the Cornell team has specifically warned against, called neonicotinoids, which have been linked to Colony Collapse Disorder. While neonicotinoids have been banned in Europe and restricted elsewhere, the state Task Force neglected to recommend any action be taken to mitigate its effects in New York state.

"There's a lot of things that could be done differently to protect the bees," said Tweedie, good-naturedly extending an invitation to come try his honey.

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■ ENVIRONMENT

'Save the EPA'

New York state environmental groups launch campaign to protect U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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ALBANY — More than 110 organizations across New York state have launched a campaign to save the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from budget cuts proposed by the current federal administration, warning that they would not only hurt the environment, but also endanger the health and wellbeing of millions of Americans.

"The EPA is the only reason we're not still drinking cancer water today," said Michele Baker, a mother from Hoosick Falls. "President Trump and the people he has running the EPA should be looking for ways to strengthen our laws, to keep what happened here from happening anywhere else. It is beyond immoral that they're pushing cuts instead. If Congress does not stop the President, people will get sick and die."

Representatives from environmental advocacy groups Environmental

"The EPA should continue to work to protect our families, our children, our future — not be forced to pander to polluters."

Caitlin Pixley Ferrante
Chapter coordinator,
Sierra Club, Atlantic Chapter

Advocates of New York (EANY), Sierra Club, Food and Water Watch and Citizens Campaign for the Environment spoke of the importance of funding the endangered EPA programs at a press conference at the Legislative Offices Building in Albany on Wednesday, June 28.

Under Trump's proposed budget, Energy Star and WaterSense programs, which help consumers purchase energy- and water-efficient appliances, would be eliminated, as well as the Office of Environmental Justice, which protects lower-income communities disproportionately affected by pollution. It would also remove funding for: Great Lakes and Lake Champlain clean-up programs; lead remediation support; marine, beach and fish safety programs; climate change research; and research into the dangers of pesticides. In addition, the budget would cut diesel emissions reduction grant programs by 80 percent, air and energy research by more than 60

percent and reduce funding for the already-underfunded Superfund program.

"The EPA's work is important to all of us," said Caitlin Pixley Ferrante, chapter coordinator of the Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter. "The EPA should continue to work to protect our families, our children, our future — not be forced to pander to polluters. The New York Republican Congressional Representatives — the NY Nine — need to save the EPA. Say no to the Trump EPA budget. Protect us, not polluters."

The campaign is calling on all New York congressional representatives to block the 31-percent budget cuts to EPA, focusing primarily on the nine New York republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives. The coalition is asking all New Yorkers to call their representatives, on both sides of the aisle, to urge them to fight the multifaceted actions that Trump is taking to dismantle large swaths of EPA programs.

"In addition to placing anti-science, anti-environmental, and pro-industry allies throughout key positions atop of the EPA," noted EANY in a press release, "the President has begun efforts to dismantle many climate, clean air and water, and clean energy programs, including renegeing on the Paris Climate Agreement, cutting vehicle emission standards imposed after the auto industry bailout, and rolling back the Clean Water Rule."

"Think about this the next time you dip your toes in Lake George or bob in the waves at Jones Beach," said EANY

Executive Director Peter Iwanowicz, "President Trump proposes to eviscerate the funding that goes to the states to oversee and monitor where we swim. The New York congressional delegation must join together across the state to reject these cuts... Let me be clear: people will get sick; our communities will suffer; the treasured spaces of New York that have begun to recover will once again be degraded if New Yorkers do not come together to block these cuts."

Locally, at least one of the "NY Nine" has already indicated that he will oppose extensive cuts to the EPA budget.

"First of all, I oppose the proposed EPA budget from the administration," said Rep. John Faso (R-19). "While there is certainly room for improvement at the EPA, I understand the importance of the agency's role in protecting our environment and ensuring that we all have access to clean air and water. For the fiscal year 2018 budget, I have supported more than \$5 billion in funding for a number of critical EPA programs involved with protecting clean water, reducing pollution, and advancing scientific research. I will continue to advocate for the effective programs within the EPA that support our shared goal of a cleaner environment while also balancing the needs of families and farmers."

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McNiven, June

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— June Brown McNiven passed away on June 23, 2017, in Ogunquit, ME, one day shy of her 100th birthday. Born on June 24, 1917 in Geneva, NY, she was a longtime resident of Altamont and then Ogunquit. She was predeceased by her husband, Roy. Her presence will be dearly missed by her children Linda & Jay Twombly of New Canaan, CT; Gail & Dale Ganott of Stanardsville, VA; Roy (Sandy) & Becky McNiven of Amherst, MA; Robert & Nancy McNiven of Altamont, NY; Scott & Amy McNiven of Fairport, NY; John & Diane McNiven of Selkirk, NY; 16 grandchildren and their spouses; 20 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She grew up in Geneva but went to live in a children's home in Canandaigua, NY in 1927, along with her 2 younger siblings. Her mother visited often and June had fond memories of this time.

Two most important



McNiven

things in her life were her family and her military service. June will be remembered as a fun-loving woman with a positive attitude and a big heart. She loved nothing better than to visit with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed meeting her children's friends who will fondly remember the jokes she loved to tell. She always had time to listen and was a loyal friend. June was a mother figure to many, opening her home to Spanish and German foreign exchange students and others. Everyone felt blessed to have had her in

their lives.

She was very proud to serve in WWII. She was sent over to the Pacific Theater as a nurse in the Army Nurse Corps in 1942, stationed mostly outside Sydney, Australia. While traveling on the troop ship going to Australia, she met her future husband, a pilot. They married two years later. June was thrilled with her recent honor of being inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame.

While raising her family, June worked for a number of years as a nurse at Brady Hospital and then Guilderland Junior High



Working towards Eagle Scout

Kids at the Bethlehem YMCA summer camp are enjoying a new, expanded stage for skits and songs, as well as 13 new benches. Jeffrey Hansen of Boy Scout Troop 58 in Delmar, designed and built the stage and benches for his Eagle Scout project, with the assistance of other scouts in the troop.

Submitted photo

School.

In the 60's June and her husband began to vacation in Ogunquit, Maine, eventually making it their summer residence. For many years they wintered in New Port Richey, FL where she loved acting and singing in variety shows.

A truly amazing woman,

she stopped playing golf at 95 but still was a prolific reader, kept up on current events, played bridge and worked crossword puzzles into her 99th year.

She was a long-time member and supporter of the Altamont Reformed Church, volunteering much of her time during the

annual Altamont Fair.

A celebration of her life will be held in Altamont in the fall. The family requests donations be made to either the Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust or the Altamont Reformed Church.

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LOCAL SPORTS

The Xtreme win Tomboys tourney

BETHLEHEM — The Adirondack Xtreme beat Infinity Shock to win the softball under-12 Open Fastpitch Tournament sponsored by the Bethlehem Tomboys on July 8 and 9.

On Saturday:

- The Niskayuna Passion beat the Bethlehem Blasters, 11-3
- The Guilderland Red Storm beat Brunswick Blitz 4-2
- Guilderland Red Storm beat Bethlehem Blasters 14-1
- The Brunswick Blitz beat the Niskayuna Passion 11- 1
- Bethlehem Burst beat the Lady Outlaws 8-3
- Burnt Hills Spartans beat the Adirondack Xtreme 7-2
- Burnt Hills Spartans beat the Bethlehem Burst 3-1
- Infinity Shock beat the Adirondack Xtreme 7-3
- Infinity Shock beat the Frozen Ropes 25-0

On Sunday, at the Town Park Fields, the Bethlehem Blasters lost in the first round to the Frozen Ropes and the Bethlehem Burst lost to the Brunswick squad. Guilderland lost to the Adirondack Xtreme in the first round.



Photos of the Bethlehem Burst versus Burnt Hills and the Guilderland Red Storm versus Niskayuna on Saturday, July 9.

Photos by Jim Franco/Spotlight News



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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 (LLC) The name of the LLC is 28 KAKELY STREET LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 5, 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 14 Dowers Way, Delmar, New York 12054. D-157434

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE.

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NY. Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing as part of its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, 07/18/2017 at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY regarding a Site Plan / Special Use Permit Application, submitted by Richard Seegal to establish an Accessory Apartment at 324 Elm Avenue, Delmar. Documentation related to the application can be viewed in the Planning Dept. at Town Hall, M-F, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Notice of Public Hearing was mailed to property owners within 200' of the subject property. Said notice will also be published in the 07/12/2017 issue of the Spotlight Newspaper. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. D-157565

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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. 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, 19 British American Boulevard, Latham, New York 12110. 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

NOTICE OF FORMATION of 555MyrtleAve LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/24/17. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Elizabeth Mahoney, 1 Washington Street, Glens Falls NY 12801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-154653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application submitted by William Spinosa for an Area Variance located at 629 Route 9W, Glenmont. The Applicant is proposing to remove a portion of an existing addition and construct a larger addition in its place. Once completed the new structure will not meet the Town's Zoning Code requirement under Article V, Section 128-35 C (3) Maximum Coverage, the total lot coverage of all accessory structures shall not exceed 5% of the total lot area. Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals C-157501

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ARISTA EQUESTRIAN, LLC

On 06/14/17, Articles of Organization of Arista Equestrian, 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

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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 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 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 against it 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

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

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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

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: DK VENTURE HOLDINGS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/14/2017. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 255 PATROON CREEK BLVD, APT 2417, ALBANY, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-157251

Notice of Formation of Drip Castles, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/4/17. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 183, Troy, NY 12181. Purpose is any lawful purpose. D-157356

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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 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 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 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 OF 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 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

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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

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 OF 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 OF 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 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

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agent for process 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 Living Healthy Matters LLC

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of the State of New York (SSNY) on 6/14/17. Office located in 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: 29 Dover Dr Delmar NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. D-157144

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 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

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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

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC).

Name: NOIREAST LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/05/2017. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 255 PATROON CREEK BLVD, APT 2417, ALBANY, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-157256

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. D-153820

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Olenka's, LLC.

Articles of Org. filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/21/17, office location: Albany County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to Northwest Registered Agent at LLC at 90 State Street, Suite 700, Office 40, Albany NY 12207. Northwest Registered Agent is designated as agent for any lawful purpose. D-157177

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 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 PO Box 767, Altamont, NY 12009. D-155522

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,

EDUCATION

RCS fills key roles

Dr. Brian Bailey named as RCS superintendent

RAVENA — Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District has a new superintendent.

Effective Saturday, July 1, Dr. Brian Bailey stepped in as RCS superintendent, nearly a month after the school board voted unanimously to name him for the role in June.

"I can't be more excited to have your confidence to allow me to work for the RCS community," Bailey reportedly said to the board after his appointment. "The last seven years at RCS, with its challenges and accomplishments, have been very gratifying. I am so excited to see what this district does next."

Bailey has served the district as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the past four years, and previously served as its high school principal for three years.

Before coming to RCS, Bailey served as

summer school and assistant high school principal in Guelderland and Schalmont. He began his teaching career in 1992 as a general music teacher and choral director at Farnsworth Middle School in the Guelderland School District.

New school principal

A.W. Becker Elementary's Debra Neubart can remove "interim" from her principal role.

The school board appointed after having served as interim principal since February, following the untimely death of Tricia Carlton.

After graduating from the district, she came back as a substitute teacher during college and was then hired by the district in 1990 as an elementary and middle school teacher. She also held the positions of social studies coordinator, enrichment specialist, curriculum specialist and academic intervention provider, all at RCS.

— Michael Hallisey



Dr. Brian Bailey (above) and Debra Neubart, have already been acting as superintendent and elementary school principal, respectively. Starting this month, they can each remove "interim" from their title.

Courtesy of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District

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which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-154701

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

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 design. 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 Or-

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ganization 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, 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

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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 trial. The basis 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 sum-

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mons 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

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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

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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 (215) 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 TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for a Track Type Sidewalk Plow for the Town of Bethlehem Highway Department. Bids will be received up to 11:00 a.m. on the 26th day of July, 2017 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New

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York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. **ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY** of each bid shall be submitted. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Empire State Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Nanci Moquin TOWN CLERK Dated: July 6, 2017 D-157492

NOTICE OF FORMATION 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

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

What do you want?

Neighborhoods change. Whether you live in the rural farmlands or urban city blocks. Neighbors change based on who wants to live there, and who wants to leave. Based on those two factors alone, you can't do much about it.

Colonie and Bethlehem have both cultivated communities in which people look to move into. Award winning schools, outstanding town amenities, relatively low taxes, desirable real estate properties, and potential neighbors to share a cookout with. It's why we all live here. It's why people move here.

Development has been an oft-covered topic in this newspaper the past several years. Residential and mixed use complexes are popping up at every vacant corner. For long-time residents, the farmland and mature trees they grew accustomed to seeing

through their drives or walks through town, are disappearing. So, when a family farm is sold to make room for a housing development, we see letters bemoaning change.

Change is inevitable, and perhaps that is well understood. What's at issue is the maturation of our hometown's character. Speak to a baby boomer who grew up in this area, and they'll recall taking part in the 4-H Club in high school. Ask a millennial from the same neighborhood, and they likely won't comprehend the reference to the agriculturally-based youth organization. Many still associate these two towns as farming communities, though the farms are disappearing and the local Grange Hall fights desperately to find members. These memories are strong within us, because it is what we perceive to be the character of the neighborhood we

grew to love.

However, most of us did not work on farms. We've attached ourselves to a romantic idea that allows us to live in the country while maintaining a five-minute commute to the city. When that idea is threatened, or fades before our eyes, complaints start to rush in. Those complaints, of late, have been to push our government officials to prevent over-development and preserve open space.

So, how do we do that?

We live in a country where we all cherish our rights as property owners. Infringe upon them, and there's hell to pay. The undeveloped land we all see is owned by someone. That someone, or something, has a right to build or sell the land for profit — just like any of us homeowners.

You can't ask a retiring farmer to just walk away from his land, when he has no one else to tend to it. Farming — outside the multi-million dollar factory farms — is a thankless and difficult job that demands a lot and pays little once taxes and costs take their cut. Farms are no longer a family heirloom. The land, once subdivided and bulldozed over, is what's passed on to

the next generation of a farming family.

The State Assembly introduced a bill that would allow communities like Bethlehem to levy a property transfer tax of up to 2 percent. That money would then go to a preservation fund that could be used by the town to buy land and preserve open space. Assuming such a tax was enforced on a property owner who just profited \$200,000 on the sale of his home, that would be \$4,000 paid to the town. Judging by some of the prices fixed on houses for sale, the town could receive three times as much based on a larger profit. Seems like a lot, and surprisingly, some of the people complaining about over-development are crying foul over the potential of a tax that would deter people from buying and selling homes.

It seemed that our elected officials were responding in kind to the demand for preserving our open spaces. Some people don't see it as the right idea. We suppose that if you get two people into a room, complaining will ensue. That is human nature. But, you can't pay your bills with words, and you can't stop a bulldozer with complaints.

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2009 ...

Vice President Joe Biden at Shenendehowa High

Hundreds of local officials, business leaders and citizens who were lucky enough to secure a public ticket flocked to Shenendehowa High School in July 2009, to see Vice President Joe Biden and listen to him speak about the state of the economy and the government's efforts to turn it around.

He was joined by Rep. Scott Murphy (D-Glens Falls), whose run for the 20th Congressional District seat was centered on the faltering economy, and Gov. David Paterson.

Biden's appearance in Clifton Park was one of many stops on a tour to promote the Obama administration's economic stimulus plan, a major component of which was the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. While here, Biden addressed those who criticized the \$787 billion bill.

"The recovery act is not designed to restore the economy to its full health on its own," he said. "It was one of several pieces. It was designed to provide the boost necessary to stop this freefall."

Biden said that, in New York, the act has been implemented as it was intended: with speed. "Some states, it's harder than others," he said. "In this state, it's been a real pleasure."

\$16 billion in recovery act money had been designated for New York, including \$2 billion for education, which helped districts across the state present palatable budgets to voters in May after state aid faltered.

Biden also said that 300 New York state transportation projects were already underway or about to be started, providing 6,700 jobs at a cost of \$1.1 billion. These projects included a reconstruction of

Church Street in Saratoga Springs.

Biden was careful to direct blame for the nation's financial situation squarely on previous leadership.

"This year has been and will continue to be about rescuing and rebuilding our economy for the long-term future. It took us a lot of years to get in this hole, a lot of mismanagement," he said.

Murphy stressed the importance of updating sewer and roadways.

"We've got to make those investments in infrastructure," he said prophetically. "We cannot compete globally and be a world leader in the 21st century with 19th century infrastructure."

Dozens of local officials from both parties attended the event.

Many lucky residents also made it into the gymnasium. A number of people were turned away from the high school

on Wednesday when tickets for the event ran out, even though news of Biden's appearance had been published for less than 24 hours.

A line of hundreds had formed by the time tickets started being handed out at about 12:30 p.m. At the front of that line was Brad Smith, a recent Shenendehowa graduate who arrived at 6 a.m. to ensure his ticket.

"I just think it's a very unique situation to be able to hear what's going on right now," Smith said of the event.

Saratoga Springs Supervisor Joanne Yepsen, who has been an outspoken supporter of Murphy and the recovery act, said that Biden's words summed up the importance of the government's efforts.

"It's what government should be doing," she said, "helping middle class people get back on their feet."

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board to request approval to undertake a town-wide “residential assessment inventory recollection project,” essentially stating that hired appraisers would be asking to enter homes in order to accurately assess their value. The motion passed 4-1 and, in short order, town residents took note — and more than a few took issue.

“There was some misinformation put forth by the board,” said Foster, adding that he was choosing to believe it was unintentional. “But, rather than acknowledging or owning those mistakes, or the in-artful or imprecise manner in which it was discussed,” he said, “it became this finger-pointing and accusing people of trying rabble-rouse, create issues, or stir the pot. And that is not what that discussion, in my view, was about. It was about properly informing residents.”

Saying he was glad that, ultimately, the town backtracked and said home entry assessments would be limited, he stressed, “But that was not the initial thing that was discussed or put forward by the board.

“Are we to believe the board when they say things,” Foster asked. “Or are we to believe that maybe there’s room for confusion or perhaps they’re not precise in their language?”

Saying that he prefers “dealing solely in facts, not speculation or conspiracy theories,” Foster continued, “I don’t think getting away from the facts helps the residents. We don’t do ourselves any favors if we

misinform the public. That’s the last thing we want to do.”

Fiscal responsibility and empowerment of the individual are the two major ideas that inform Foster’s party affiliation, he said, noting that his grandfather’s work ethic and sense of personal responsibility were an early influence. “I don’t know what political affiliation he was, I just know what kind of principles drove him. Unfortunately, I think, all too often people get caught up in labels.”

While he opposes new taxes and is “not into government making choices on behalf of the citizenry,” Foster said that he also sees eye-to-eye with his Democratic friends on certain issues — “It doesn’t mean I’m not a Republican or they’re not a Democrat” — and that he prefers to consider each issue on its merits.

“That’s the luxury of dealing with community and town issues,” he said. “It’s about making sure

we’re doing the right things for the residents: paving the roads, providing nice parks and recreation. Those are issues that we can generally agree on. Maybe we have different strategies or approaches to how we accomplish it, but we don’t have some of these issues that are tearing people apart at the state or national levels and, unfortunately, result in this vitriol and some of this discourse you see out there that, frankly, I find repugnant and want no part of.”

Like his race for supervisor two years ago, Foster has been endorsed by the Republican, Conservative and Independent parties in his run for a seat on the Town Board. Two seats are up for election this fall, with a potential third available if David VanLuven wins the race for town supervisor against Republican challenger Gary Fish. Board member Julie Sasso has decided not to run for another term and Giles Wagoner, who replaced Bill Reinhardt, will run for his first full term. Wagoner and newcomer Maureen Cunningham, of the Hudson River



Eagle Scout

“On April 9, 2017, Boy Scout Troop 75 in Delmar, held a Court of Honor to award Andrew Lauricella his Eagle Scout rank, the highest rank in Scouting. For his Eagle Project, Andrew led a project to build a new fire pit and four wood handicap-accessible benches for Camp SCORE in Chatham, a camp that is part of STRIDE Adaptive Sports, a not-for-profit that helps kids and veterans with disabilities cope with their challenges through sports and recreation. Andrew, 16, lives in Glenmont, and is a junior at Bethlehem High School. Andrew is picture here (center) following the ceremony with his parents, Peter and Lori, and his brothers, John and Will.”

Submitted photo

Watershed Alliance, have been endorsed by the Bethlehem Democratic Committee; Foster is the only Republican candidate to have been endorsed by his party for a seat on the

Town Board.

“I think, as a Town Board member, I would bring a unique perspective,” Foster said, again citing his legal expertise and long-

standing ties to the town. “But, at the end of the day, we all serve at the pleasure of the community, not vice-versa. We need to be held accountable to them and we owe them answers.”

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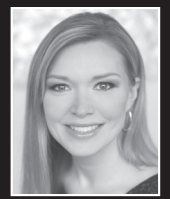


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Libraries in Albany and Rensselaer counties, including Bethlehem Public Library, now offer an app through the Upper Hudson Library System called UHLS Mobile, available for free in both Android and Apple app stores.

The app's features include the ability to search the UHLS catalog, check the status of a library card account, place physical items (such as books, CDs and DVDs) on hold so they can be picked up at the library, discover and access digitally distributed items like eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines, and connect users to other information such as library hours and program calendars. The app even can scan the ISBN barcode of any book to see whether any UHLS libraries own a copy of a specific title — and place a request for that book right away.

For more information and to download UHLS Mobile, go to uhls.boopsie.com or ask a librarian.

Structured fun for families

Take your building skills beyond Legos with the launch of Kids Builder Association, a brand-new club that incorporates all of the library's cool construction toys. Kids and families can let their imaginations run wild as they engineer fun and create fantastic structures using our Legos, Snap Circuits, 3D puzzles, blocks, Strawbees and K'nex. No

registration is required. Stop by and see what all the fun's about on Mondays from 10-11:30 a.m. through Aug. 21. No KBA July 31 or Aug. 7.

Financial aid information

It's the beginning of summer, and while higher education may be the furthest thing from your mind right now, for students and parents, it's never too early to start thinking about how to pay for college.

Representatives from the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation will be at the library Monday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. for "Financial Aid: What You Need to Know." They will attempt to dispel some of the financial aid myths and misconceptions out there and talk about what kind of aid is available and how to apply. This program is open to both parents and teens.

Skip Parsons to perform in outdoor concert

Evenings on the Green continue Wednesday, July 19, at 7 p.m. with a performance by Skip Parsons and his band, who will be playing Dixieland and classic early style jazz. Skip has been performing since the mid-1950s and has been featured in past Evenings on the Green concerts.

The library's casual outdoor concert series has been entertaining audiences for



more than four decades and are always free, appropriate for all ages, and take place every Wednesday through Aug. 9. Concerts will move indoors if it rains.

Summer hours

The library is closed Sundays in July and August. You can access the library catalog and other library services online anytime at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Other upcoming events

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

Monday, July 17

Take Home Pixel Art

Plan your pixel art design on graph paper and the iPad and make a poster to take home, 2-3:30 p.m. Sign up online or

call. For grades 6-12.

Tuesday, July 18

Ozobot Robotics

Learn how to program these tiny robots and complete fun challenges., 11 a.m.-noon. Sign up online or call. For grades 6-12.

Wednesday, July 19

3D Design

Create a step-by-step project with Tinkercad 3D design software and check out the 3D printer, 11 a.m.-noon. Sign up online or call. For grades 6-12.

Pokémon Card Gamers

Bring your Pokémon cards to play with other gamers. All skill levels welcome, 2-3:30 p.m. For kids and families.

Thursday, July 20

STEM Free Time

Drop in and use the Ozobots, Tinkercad and Snap Circuits, or see a 3D printer demo, 10 a.m.-noon. For grades 6-12.

Fuse Bead Make and Take Art

Bring your imagination and leave with some cool fuse bead art, 2-3 p.m. For ages 9 and up.

— Kristen Roberts



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Beauty & The Beast

A rose by any other name? Well, Opera Saratoga performs the original adaptation of which the Disney story was based. However, there are differences.

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CULTURE

Time Lapse

Young documentarians capture urban blight on video and seek out community leaders on how to fight it

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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ALBANY — There are more abandoned buildings than people in the United States. Especially in Albany,” said local filmographer Frankie Cavone, just days before his scheduled meeting with County Executive Daniel McCoy.

Take his assessment of urban blight as hyperbole, or not, but when factoring in the amount of abandoned property by square-footage within the City of Albany, Cavone is right. The Capital City has 1,054 properties registered as vacant properties according to its Vacant Building Report released by the Division of Buildings and Regulatory Compliance in January. Assume a conservative estimate of 700-square feet per property — the size of a modest apartment — and the figure well surpasses the nearly 100,000 people who call Albany home. And, not all of those properties are residential.

Cavone is an urban explorer. He dives into abandoned buildings with camera in hand. At first, he said, the setting provided for interesting photographs. Schools, churches, apartment buildings — all subjects to which people can relate, but Cavone shows how they fall to disrepair, scarred by graffiti and pockmarked by water damage. Buildings once held in reverence by those who once walked through its halls, were left to crumble.

The recent Plattsburgh State was introduced to urban exploring through the internet. As a class assignment, he paired up with friend and now fellow graduate Ramon Sanchez to film a documentary. Only, his professor, insisted the two find the “conflict” behind the situation. That’s when Cavone and Sanchez started looking at the issue beyond that of a canvas. It opened their eyes to the social problem.

On Saturday, July 29, the two filmographers will debut “Civil Corrosion: An Urban Doc” at the American Legion Post in Lake George at 6 p.m.

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◀ Frankie Cavone stands inside an abandoned high school, one of several locations he’s captured for his documentary that is to premier Saturday, July 29 in Lake George.

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Theatre group turning 30

Park Playhouse to expand to year-round programming with subscriptions offered to seven-show season at the Cohoes Music Hall, Washington Park Lakehouse

ALBANY — Park Playhouse, the Capital District's free summer theatre and arts education entity, will expand its programming as it approaches its 30th Anniversary Season.

The 2017/2018 season will be the first to offer a year-round slate of programming. Seven productions will be hosted between this October and August 2018 at the Washington Park Lakehouse and the historic Cohoes Music Hall. Park Playhouse will co-present the Music Hall-based productions with its partner organization, Palace Performing Arts Center, Inc.

"Over the last eight years, Park Playhouse has enjoyed a period of growth as a business, and a revitalization of our artistic and production quality," said Producing Artistic Director Owen Smith. "Since beginning our shared services agreement with the Palace in 2012, we have enhanced our offerings in year-round arts education programs and productions. The time is now right to continue that evolution and truly becoming a year-round producer of theatrical programming. We are excited to engage Capital Region audiences with high quality programming all year-round."

A series of four productions at the Cohoes Music Hall will kick off the season. "Always, Patsy Cline," featuring local performers Benita Zahn and Molly Rose McGrath, will be presented in October, followed by a holiday production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical" in December, featuring students from the Park Playhouse Kids program.

A professional cast will be engaged for the hit

Broadway comedy "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" next March. Finally, students from the Park Playhouse II program will present "Little Shop of Horrors" next April.

The summer portion of the season will commence with a special anniversary production of the beloved Broadway hit "Damn Yankees" next July. August will see a production of the tuneful and funny "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" in Washington Park, with a youth production of "James & The Giant Peach Jr." wrapping the season at Cohoes Music Hall.

Holly Brown, Executive Director of Palace Performing Arts Center Inc., highlighted the strong partnership between the two organizations, saying that "the Palace and Park Playhouse have achieved great progress in bringing quality arts education programming to our Capital City and the greater region over the last five years. We are proud to continue this partnership and to co-present a fantastic series of productions at the Cohoes Music Hall during this special, anniversary season for Park Playhouse." The Palace Performing Arts Center is the managing entity of the Cohoes Music Hall, having brought nearly 100 events to the Hall this season. Park Playhouse and the Palace will also continue to partner on a series of "Theatre for Young Audiences" productions welcoming schools to the Palace Theatre and bringing scholastic tours to area schools throughout the year. The three titles for the upcoming year's scholastic series will be announced soon.

The 29th Season of Park Playhouse begins this week as the company's production of Ragtime begins performances. The 29th Season will continue into August featuring productions of The Music Man and Disney's The Lion King Jr. More information about these productions, the 30th Anniversary Season and the Playhouse's subscription offerings can be found online at www.parkplayhouse.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

The Sam Roberts Band with The Rechorduroys Empire State Plaza — Wednesday, July 12

ALBANY — The Sam Roberts Band will perform with the Rechorduroys as a part of the Capital Concert Series on Wednesday, July 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

The Sam Roberts Band is a rock and roll band based out of Montreal, Canada.

For more information call (518) 474-4759 or visit summer.empirestateplaza.org.

Beg, Steal or Borrow The Egg — Wednesday, July 12

ALBANY — Beg, Steal or Borrow will perform at the Egg on Wednesday, July 12 at 12 p.m. in the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

Beg, Steal or Borrow plays bluegrass and newgrass inspired by the classic "Old & In The Way" band.

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

Moody Blues: 50th Anniversary Tour Saratoga Performing Arts Center — Sunday, July 16

SARATOGA — The progressive rock genre should thank the Moody Blues.

The Moody Blues top at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center on Sunday, July 16 as part of its "Days of Future Passed: The 50th Anniversary Tour."

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the English rock band's release of "Days of Future Passed." The concept album melded elements of classical and rock music, producing what many think is one of the first examples of progressive rock.

The critically acclaimed album introduced the hit singles of "Tuesday Afternoon," and "Nights in White Satin." in 1967.

For tickets, visit www.livenation.com.

Beat Shot Music Festival The Hollow Bar + Kitchen — Saturday, July 15

ALBANY — The 9th Annual Beat Shot Music Festival will be held at the Hollow from Thursday, July 13 through Saturday, July 15 at 79 North Pearl Street in Albany.

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Ramon Sanchez teamed with fellow Plattsburgh State alumn, and friend, Frankie Cavone to document the impact of urban decay on society.

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Experts such as Alan Mallach of the Center for Community Progress in Washington, D.C. say urban rot stems from socio-economics. One factor is that of the “White Flight” immediately after World War II, when predominately white families moved out of the cities and into the suburbs. The migration, and subsequent fall of downtown communities, was perpetuated by the development of giant shopping malls in the 1960s. Now store windows, like those on Albany’s Pearl Street, went empty as people shopped away from the city.

“Solving urban blight is dependent on data,” said Mallach, as a keynote speaker for a panel of experts who gathered for a forum organized by the University at Albany’s Center for Technology in Government [CTG]. “If you don’t have good data — for example, about the properties, the owners, foreclosure status, etc. — you’re basically flying blind.

“Once you get in the cycle of urban blight, it gets that much harder to solve,” said Mallach.

Cities across the country are overwhelmed with expending resources to address abandoned properties. According to the CTG, an abandoned property can cost a city tens of thousands of dollars a year in direct and indirect costs. Direct costs include code enforcement, administration, engineering and property maintenance. Indirect costs include uncollected taxes on distressed properties, devaluation of adjacent properties and impact on city services such as police and fire calls. Beyond the eye sore it creates, abandoned buildings can attract drugs and violent crime, decreasing surrounding property values and encouraging more residents to move.

Today the CTG works with Schenectady, Troy, Amsterdam and Gloversville and the University of Albany’s Center for Technology through a program that allows code enforcement-related

data to be shared between municipalities in a joint effort to take proactive steps against urban blight. The program, funded by a \$558,000 grant from the New York Department of State, launched in 2015.

“This pilot project is an investment in an early warning system to help our municipalities intervene in distressed properties before they fall into a cycle of blight,” said New York Secretary of State Cesar A. Peralas. “A regional approach is critical and these cities from the Capital Region and Mohawk Valley, with the leadership of the City of Schenectady, have committed to working together to identify strategies to combat urban blight in a truly groundbreaking effort.”

Individually, the Albany County Land Bank launched an aggressive effort to obtain vacant properties — urban, suburban and rural — with the intent of turning them around to potential homeowners. In May, its “Spend a Little, Get a Lot,” program turned 40 vacant lots into investment properties, selling them for \$100 each.

Over the past three years, the Albany County Land Bank has acquired more than 630 tax-foreclosed, vacant and abandoned properties, made more than 200 property improvements including cleaning up vacant lots, abating and stabilizing structures, demolishing blighted buildings and completing full rehabilitations. The Land Bank has invested more than \$2.5 million into improving properties and incentivized an additional \$4 million of private investment. The Land Bank has enabled the return of more 150 vacant and abandoned properties through pending and closed sales which it claims will allow millions of dollars of assessed value to return to Albany County’s tax rolls.

“Big business could be brought back to Albany,” said Cavone. “These spaces were occupied for the right reasons. Things like the Albany Land Bank are doing a lot to turn this around, and it’s only just started. Overtime, Albany could see big change.

“We hope to shed a light on a fact these abandoned spaces could be utilized to build up cities again,” said Cavone.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

A tale old as time

Opera Saratoga presents
'Zémire et Azor'

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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SARATOGA SPRINGS — While “Beauty and the Beast” dazzled audiences worldwide earlier this year with a live-action remake of the 1991 Disney animated film, a French version that is based on the 1740 tale debuted at Opera Saratoga on July 2 in the form of a bilingual opera instead of the joyful cinematic musical one would initially assume.

“Zémire et Azor” was originally performed on Nov. 9, 1771 at the French capital and its opening night in Saratoga was a major success, as exuberant vocals, intricate choreography, an impressive set design and a respectable orchestra collided with a nearly-packed theater. The opera’s dialogue is in English and the songs are sung in French, with English supertitles projected over a small screen above the slender stage.

Consisting of six primary characters, Zémire, the romantic-inclined lead, was portrayed by Maureen McKay whose

rising vocals and gleeful disposition made up for her relatively short stature. Katherine Maysek and Lisa Marie Rogali play her two sisters, Fatmé and Lisbé, whose vanity is easily redeemable as the audience learns they do care for their family’s well-being but go about it the wrong way. The two act like a humorous duo as they’re almost always seen providing sight gags together, like Tweedledee and Tweedledum. Sander, their father, was depicted by baritone Christopher Burchett who impressively can belt his low voice for long notes, exuding classical masculinity. Burchett successfully portrays him as a merchant who dearly loves and fiercely protects his daughters.

Azor, the cursed prince-turned-beast, was portrayed by Andrew Bidlack initially as a tortured soul in a thick brown hooded outfit, constantly looking over the other characters from the set’s high steps like a damned gargoyle. Four puppeteers acted as Azor’s beastly form, a monstrous, thorny and quadrupedal creature with horns protruding from its head, a mouth like a spider and enormous limbs that take up much of the narrow stage. The cohesiveness of the five actors was surprisingly impressive because whenever

Bidlack’s Azor was speaking or singing, the puppeteers ensured to make his beastly form as kinetic and emotive as possible, its face vibrating whenever Bidlack belted out notes and mouth opening and closing whenever Bidlack spoke his lines. His beastly form’s immense size was especially emphasized whenever it towered over the other characters, like when Sander begged for mercy or when Zémire fainted upon meeting it for the first time. For these reasons alone, James Ortiz, the opera’s director and designer deserves applause.

The most distinguished character was Ali, Sander’s servant, who was portrayed by Keith Jameson whose constant anxiety, powerful voice and sometimes squeaky vocals whenever appropriate, and comedic timing altogether made him a tremendous source of comic relief. The opera’s dialogue further highlighted his hilarious nature like when he stood center stage amid facing all the drama and randomly yelling out, “I need a vacation!”

Azor’s puppeteers and the orchestra are ironically the unsung heroes of this opening night as the puppeteers’ actual faces are never truly seen since they are busy operating Azor’s beastly form while the orchestra is mostly hidden away behind the set. The orchestra notably worked well with Ali’s character as the

violins’ high staccato notes coincided with Ali’s hesitation and shrill notes as he tries to flee from a determined Zémire who wants him to take her to Azor.

Themes of love, security and sacrifice permeate this two-act opera. Sander’s ship sinks, leading him and Ali to seek refuge at a mysterious palace and eventually meet

Azor, to their horror. They anger him when Sander takes a rose, intending to give it to Zémire. In exchange for letting them live, Azor demands that Sander have Zémire take his place at his palace. Upon arrival, an initially terrified Zémire soon falls for Azor but learns he is a victim of a curse and that he longs for love despite his “hideous” outward appearance. For those

more familiar with the Disney version and not exactly into opera, this performance still nonetheless succeeded on its own, clear evidence that the original fairytale, “La Belle et La Bête” (1740) by French author Gabrielle-Suzanne Barbot de Villeneuve remains such a rich source of material centuries later.

Production-wise, the stage was particularly small but the rotating sets at the center which allowed for scene changes constantly made the opera refreshing. Azor’s beastly form also invaded much of the stage but thanks to careful choreography, it never really

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

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NIGHT AND DAY

NIGHT: Stellar Young ▶

TROY — Brown's Brewery concludes its inaugural summer concert series with performances by Bleeker, Northern Faces and Stellar Young on Thursday, July 13 at 5 p.m.

Stellar Young headlines a night packed full of talent. The four-piece band out of Albany performed at Rockin' on the River last year, and returns to the riverfront to play behind Brown's Brewery.

The band is currently touring across the region. Fans can catch a glimpse of the road with the band through its "The Spark Caught Tour Documentary"

online, through the band's website, www.stellaryoung.com.

Northern Faces is a three-piece alternative band out of the Empire State that has been earning generous airtime. The music directors at 102.7 WEQX-FM often name the band among the handful of local acts on the rise.

The evening also features Bleeker, a three-piece alternative band out of Toronto., out supporting its debut album "Erase You."

For information, go to brownsbrewing.com/event.

DAY: Joe Louis Walker

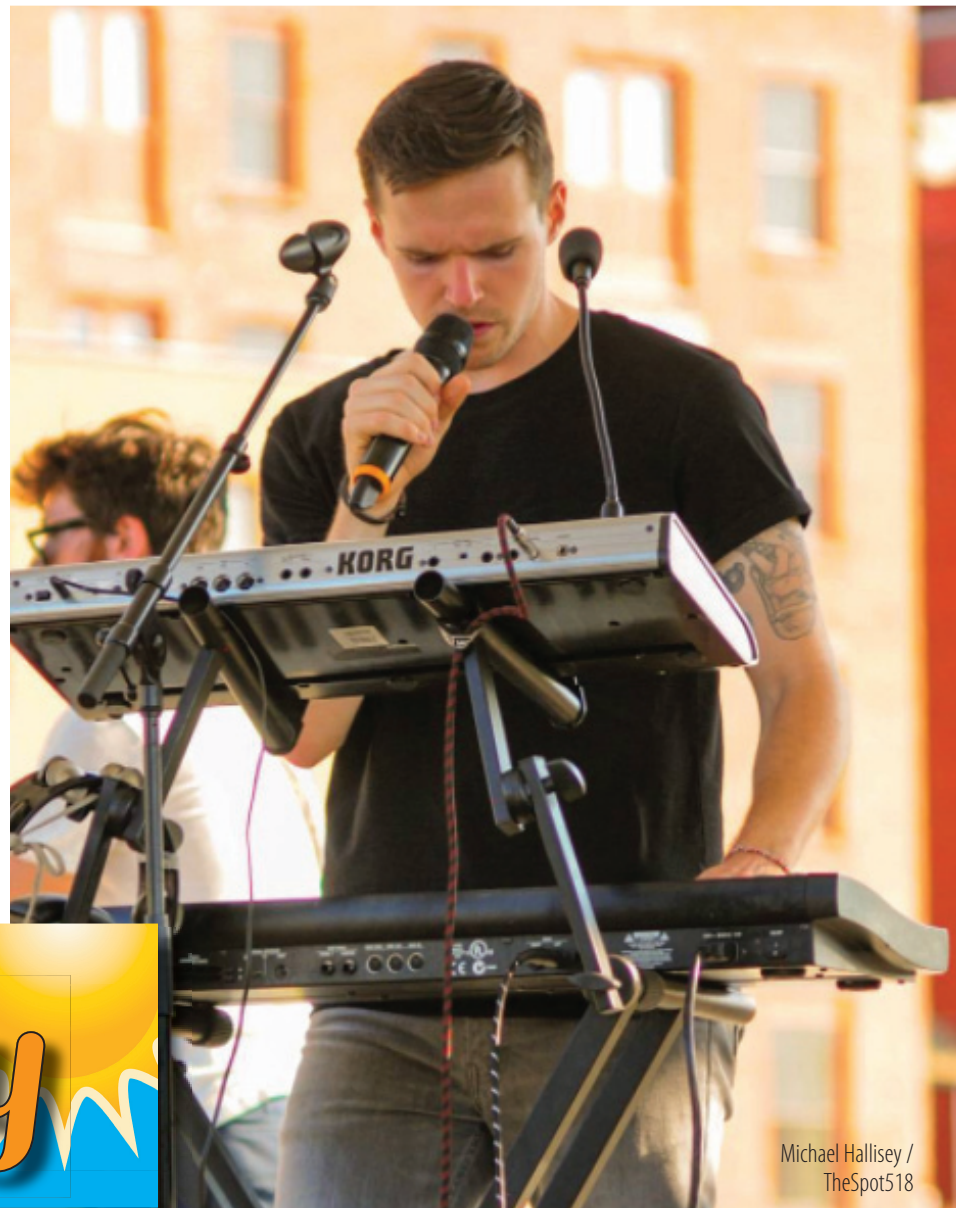
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The blues artist has earned four W.C Handy/Blues Music Awards, a total of 48 nominations and was inducted into The

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The San Francisco native picked up the guitar as a child, and by the age of 16 was the house guitarist at The Matrix, where he opened for Lightnin' Hopkins, Thelonious Monk and Jimi Hendrix.

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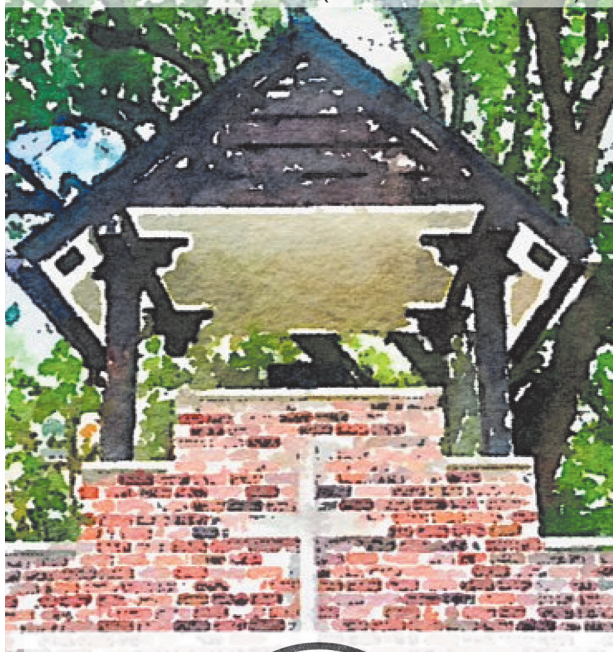
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Bleeker

Canadian rockers musically blend the swagger of The Rolling Stones with a psych-tinged groove. Northern Faces

(modern pop) and Stellar Young (indie rock) open. 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

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

Emily Teller

Acoustic rock singer/songwriter. 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 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

Jazz standards and original compositions for piano, bass, and drums. 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

New York-based chamber collective dedicated to bringing musical experiences to audiences by exploring creativity,

community, and identity through live performances. 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

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

Members of Opera Saratoga's Young Artist Program perform songs from some of the most memorable and beloved shows of the 20th century. Fri., July 14, 7:30 p.m.

Spa Little Theatre, Saratoga Spa State Park 19 Roosevelt Dr., Saratoga Springs. Tickets start at \$40 to \$80. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org

Kim Buckley

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

Talia Denis

Singer/songwriter and pianist who toured with the X Factor's Fifth Harmony. Fri., July 14, 9:30 p.m. Robb Alley, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Free. (518) 346-6204 or www.proctors.org

Soul Sky

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

Memories of Elvis

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

Summer Carillon Concert Series

Friends of the Albany City Carillon present Elena Sadina, Sergej Gratchev and Nikita Gratchev. Sun., July 16, 1 p.m. Albany City Hall, 22 Eagle St., Albany. Free. (518) 937-2906 or http://albanyevents.org/events/Carillon-Concerts-albany-NY_59_event_other.htm

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, Schonewee 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-Hymo-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 marks the 50th anniversary of its second album, "Days of Future Passed." Sun. July 16, 8 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Amphitheater only; prices start at \$40.50 to \$145; Platinum and merchandise ticket packages also available. (800) 745-3000, livenation.com or in person at the SPAC Box Office.

Last Daze

Alt-country band fronted by Katy Cole and Chris Schempp. With Shane Guerrette (Blues/rock influenced singer/songwriter) and Bendt (alternative rock). Dana Park Concert Series. Mon., July 17, 5:30 p.m. Dana Park, Delaware and Madison avenues, Albany (Rain location: Lionheart Pub & Lark Tavern, 448 Madison Avenue, Albany). Free. www.RalphRenna.com

Foreigner and Cheap Trick

Pair of popular classic rock bands celebrate the 40th anniversary of their debut albums. Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Experience opens. Tues., July 18, 7 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Individual lawn tickets start at \$25; if purchased in packs of 4, \$18.75 each; amphitheater tickets start at \$29.95 to \$125; Meet and greet/VIP ticket packages available. Prices listed do not include fees. (800) 745-3000, livenation.com or in person at the SPAC Box Office.

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13. Earth
14. It doesn't hold water
15. Fused material for glazes
16. Auction cry
17. Mandatory
19. ___ Grove Village, Ill.
20. On the safe side, at sea
21. Fragrant resin
22. Small wild fruit
25. Architectural projection
27. Where the heart is
28. Female sheep
30. "... ___ he drove out of sight"
31. Advance, slangily
32. Characteristic carrier
34. Highlands hillside
35. Hidden
38. ___ line (major axis of an elliptical orbit)
41. Apple variety
42. Finger, in a way
45. Anger
46. Anger, e.g.
47. Forward
49. Combine
51. Investigative agent
54. Addition symbol
56. Dearth
57. "___ the fields we go"
58. A person who withdraws from a church
60. "Empedocles on ___" (Matthew Arnold poem)
61. Bad day for Caesar
62. Kind of ticket
63. Brawl
64. Bungle, with "up"
65. "Trick" joint
66. #1 spot

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2. Slang term for moneys
3. Ineffectual person
4. Aged
5. Archer, at times
6. Colony member
7. "The Three Faces of ___"
8. Arid
9. Behind
10. Dirtier
11. ___ Maya
12. Absorbed, as a cost
14. Flint
18. ___ vera
20. Decrease
23. Nonpoetic writing
24. "Fiddler on the Roof" role
26. "Malcolm X" director
29. Dynasties that ruled North China from 220-265
32. Super-duper
33. Moray, e.g.
34. Brute
36. Computer-generated image (acronym)
37. Sweater style
38. Order between "ready" and "fire"
39. Lead
40. Sonora shawls
43. Relating to 4 divides of a nucleus
44. To make poisonous
46. Merlin, e.g.
47. Odd-numbered page
48. Assessing a lower value
50. Ground cover
52. A-list
53. Spoonful, say
55. Chitchat
58. Actor Alastair
59. Elephant's weight, maybe
60. Victorian, for one

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Robert Earl Keen

Texas singer-songwriter strikes the unusual balance between sensitive story-portraits and raucous barroom sing-alongs. Ruston Kelly opens. The Egg, Empire State Plaza., Albany. \$34.50. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org.

Joe Louis Walker

Guitar virtuoso and modern blues icon performs with his band. Made in The Shade at The Egg, Wed., July 19, noon. Outdoor stage adjacent to The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Free. www.theegg.org

Who's Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience

Tribute band delivers a power-packed performance of the King of Pop's extensive catalog. Singer/songwriter/rock guitarist Kristen Capolino opens. Rockin' on the River, Wed., July 19 at 5 p.m.; rain or shine. Riverfront Park, River and Front streets, Troy. Free. (518) 279-7997 or www.downtowntroy.org

Soul Asylum

Alternative rock band that gained fame in the 1990s with hits "Runaway Train" and "Misery." Cracker opens with its unique blend of rock and a little bit of country. Part of the Summer at The Plaza Capital Concert Series. Wed., July 19, 5 p.m. Empire State Plaza, downtown Albany. Free. (518) 474-4759 or summer.empirestateplaza.org

Big Fez and The Surfmatrics

Classic surf and beach music from the 1960s. Malta Summer Concert Series, Wed., July 19, 6 p.m. Malta Community Center, One Bayberry Drive, Malta. Free. (518) 899-4411 or maltaparksrec.com

The Rymanowski Brothers

Polish-American polka band performs for Polish Night. Prunyn House Concerts in the Barn presented by the Friends of Prunyn House. Wed., July 19, 6:30 p.m. Prunyn House Complex, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham. Adults, \$5; children ages 12 and younger, free. (518) 783-1435.

The Refrigerators

High-energy, horn-fueled party band. Freedom Park Concert Series. Wed., July 19, 7 p.m.; rain or shine. Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, next to Jumpin' Jacks, Scotia. Free. www.freedomparkscotia.com/schedule

Straight No Chaser and Scott Bradlee's Post Modern Jukebox

Double Feature tour features the a capella group which became an international phenomenon with its unique blend of musical brilliance and self-deprecating humor. Co-headlining is the pianist/arranger who takes contemporary rock and pop songs and rearranges them into jazz/ragtime tunes. Wed., July 19, 7:30 p.m. Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Amphitheater tickets only; start from: \$22.25 to 79.50; select Platinum, VIP and Meet & Greet packages also available. (800) 745-3000, livenation.com or in person at the SPAC Box Office.

Ziggy Marley

Eight-time Grammy winner, Emmy winner, author, philanthropist and reggae icon performs. Thurs., July 20, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza., Albany. \$46 or \$56. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org.

THEATER

Ragtime

Park Playhouse presents this 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. Through Sat., July 29. Daily shows, Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. (weather permitting). Please note: 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! Sung in Italian w/English supertitles. 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. Sung in French w/English supertitles. 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

Disco inferno of a show with sizzling dancing and The BeeGees biggest hits. 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. The Mac-Hadyn Theatre, 1925 NY Route 203, Chatham. Adults: matinee: \$33; evenings, \$36; Children ages 12 and younger accompanied by adult, \$15; prices do not include fees. (518) 392-9292 or www.machadyntheatre.org/ticket-information/

Mamma Mia

Fall in love with this story filled with ABBA's greatest hits! 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 today 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 in 1937. Performed in English. Thurs., July 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, however with some help, she 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 to benefit Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research and Screening. www.consortiumactors.com/showsevents/

Fiddler on the Roof

The Not So Common Players present their adaptation of the Tony award winning musical that 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

Find Your Way Home

One night only performance of this musical drama set in 1910 Ireland and America which shares the emotional journey of a family as it encounters unexpected tragedies and joys in the face of economic hardship. Mon., July 17, 7:30 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$25, \$55, \$75; VIP \$125. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org

COMEDY

The Comedy Works Saratoga Springs

Jim McCue, "Boston's King of Crowd Work." 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

John Morgan, The Ragin' Cajun. 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: 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

New York City Ballet: 21st Century Choreographers

See program description above. Thurs., July 13, 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: All Robbins/Chopin

Program features Dances at a Gathering and The Concert. 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

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. Fri., July 14; doors at 7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. performance. Riggi Theater, National Museum of Dance, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. \$25 per person. (518) 584-2225 or www.brownpapertickets.com/event/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

New York City Ballet All Richard Rodgers

Program features performances of Carousel, Thou Swell, Slaughter on 10th Avenue. Sat., July 15, 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

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

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

Outdoor event where children can 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. Meet PJ Masks, everyone's favorite mystery-solving heroes as they pose for photos and give super hugs and catch Pete the Cat in a fun, high-energy, interactive live performance. Summer at The Plaza. Sat., July 15, noon to 5 p.m. Empire State Plaza, downtown Albany. Free. (518) 474-4759 or summer.empirestateplaza.org

Family Saturday: Build a Better World

After looking at artist Nick Cave's "Soundsuit," each participant will create a 3-D sculptural collage using world maps as our building material. Suitable for children ages 5 and older accompanied by an adult. Sat., July 15, noon to 4 p.m.

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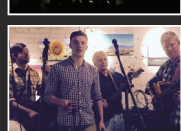
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WEDNESDAY July 19, 2017 after Rockin' on the River UNDER THE DEN



FRIDAY July 21, 2017 | 9 pm SCHOOLS OUT (Alice Cooper Tribute) with THE TRADITION



SATURDAY July 22, 2017 | 9 pm BLIND CROW with CK FLATCH

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The Great Muppet Caper
Reporters Kermit the Frog, Gonzo and Fozzie Bear travel across the pond to Britain to interview a rich victim of jewel thieves and help her along with her secretary, Miss Piggy. Rated G. Presented as part of the Free Family Movie Series. Sun. July 16, 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. Mondays, July 17, 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.

Lilo & Stitch
A Hawaiian girl adopts an unusual pet, that turns out to be a notorious extra-terrestrial fugitive. Rated PG. Summer In The City Free Movie Series. Tues., July 18; fun and activities at noon, film begins at 1 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 463-4663 or palacealbany.org

Mr. Twisty Super Silly Magic Show
A high-energy show that's jam packed with lots of magic and slap-stick comedy. Wed., July 19, 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

Pop-up Programs
Explore special and ongoing exhibits throughout the museum followed by an educational activity. 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

Vacation Bible School
"Ocean Commotion," a study of Noah's flood to living life today for children ages 4 through 12. Daily, Mon., July 24, through Fri., July 28, 9 a.m. to noon. Albany Baptist Church, 361 Krumkill Rd., Slingerlands. Pre-registration required at (518) 462-6364 or www.albanybaptist.net

FESTIVALS

Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival
Features performances by more than 40 award-winning bluegrass bands 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 Poultney 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 family to downtown Schenectady for 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 or near State Street (Route 5), downtown Schenectady. Free. www.SchenectadyCounty.com

10th Annual Troy Pig Out
Culinary competitors duke it out over who has the best pulled pork, chicken, pork rib and beef brisket and vie for the coveted grand champion prize, Mayor's Choice and Dinosaur Bar-B Que's People's Choice Pork Ribs. Family activities, craft vendors and live music on the main stage by M.R. Pouloupoulos, Rechorduroys, Bryan Brundige Collective, Super 400 and Legacy Music Group. Fireworks at dusk. Sat., July 15, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Riverfront Park, River and Front streets, downtown Troy. Free admission. (518) 279-7997 or www.downtowntroy.org.

CanalFest
Celebrate the vibrant canalway culture of Schenectady County and the bicentennial of the Erie Canal. Live music, games, canal-themed crafts, free ice cream, and more. 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/

Frances Day
Celebrate the Tang Teaching Museum's namesake, Frances Young Tang, during an afternoon full of art, art-making, food, music and more. Make your memories of the day last with a very special photo

booth. Sat., July 15, noon to 4 p.m. Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. tang.skidmore.edu

FILM

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. 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

Monty Python's Life of Brian
Born in a stable just a few hay bails down from Jesus, BRIAN of Nazareth is continually mistaken for the Messiah. Though his path in life is quite different, he seems destined to meet a similar - yet comic - conclusion. 1979, Rated R 94 minutes. Mon., July 17, 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$5. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org.

Salomé
This charged retelling turns the infamous biblical tale on its head, placing the girl we call Salomé at the center of a revolution. Presented by National Theatre. Tues., July 18, 6:30 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. Sat., 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 dwlxc@earthlink.net

Nitty Gritty Poetry Slam and Open Mic
Albany's official poetry slam. Tues., July 18. Sign up at 7 p.m.; open mic at 7:30 p.m. and slam at 8 p.m. 18+. The Low Beat, 335 Central Ave., Albany. \$3 before 7:30 p.m.; \$5 after 7:30 p.m. www.albanypoets.com/nittygrittyslam.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jewish Schenectady: A walking tour
Discover the origins of Jewish Schenectady, learn of notable Jewish community members, and the history of local Jewish congregations. Thurs., July 13, 6 p.m.; meet at the Schenectady County Historical Society Library and Museum, 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. \$8, registration required. (518) 374-0263 or schenectadyhistorical.org/walking-tours/ and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

Hamilton Weekend
Join Schuyler Mansion, Friends of Schuyler Mansion and the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society for a weekend devoted to Alexander and Elizabeth Hamilton. Presentations, exhibit of rare artifacts, performances, and some surprises fill this weekend of everything Hamilton. Fri., July 14 through Sun., July 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily. Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site, 32 Catherine St., Albany. (518) 434-0834 or www.parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/33/details.aspx

Giffy's BBQ Fundraiser
Dinner includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll & butter, dessert and beverage. Fri., July 14, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. (or until sold out). Shaker Road Loudonville Fire Department, 550 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville. \$12, cash

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Run the Ridge

5k mud, trail & obstacle course designed by some of your favorite Maple Ski Ridge family, friends and staff. The features consist of untouched terrain from Mother Nature and builds created by some very clever minds looking to test your endurance and skills. Sat., July 15; first of six waves at 8:45 a.m.; family fun run at 11:30 a.m. Maple Ski Ridge, 2725 Mariaville Road, Schenectady. \$55 through 4 p.m. on Fri., July 14; \$65 through race day. www.runtheridge.net

Taste of Troy: Central Troy Historic District Food Tour

A leisurely 3 hour, 1.5 mile walk with five refreshing stops, a progressive Brunch that helps guests rediscover historic Troy and experience its evolution into a foodie paradise. Attendees will enjoy connecting with Troy's rich history while sampling wonderful food and craft brews at locally owned restaurants. Presented by Taste of Troy Food Tours. Sat., July 15 from 9:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.; meet at 275 River St., in downtown Troy by the Troy, NY, sign. Adults, \$49 + tax and processing fee. www.tasteoftroyfoodtours.com

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. 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

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.

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

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,"** 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. 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 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

EXHIBITS

Albany Institute of History and Art

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

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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
Continuing: 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. **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 Arts Center
Continuing: "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. Through Wed., Aug. 2. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 167 Hayes Rd., Schuylerville. Free. (518) 581-2529 or saratogaclayarts.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
Continuing: 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 type of printmaking: 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 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 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

Artists 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.



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Week 2

CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 19
Stop it, Capricorn. There is no use in getting worked up about something that has yet to happen. You can cross that bridge when you come to it.

AQUARIUS

January 20– February 18
The ball is in your court now, Aquarius. Think through your decision carefully. A lapse in concentration leads to quite the amusing turn of events at home.

PISCES

February 19 – March 20
About to burst, aren't you, Pisces? Keeping secrets is not easy for anyone, especially you. This is one confidence you do not want to break.

ARIES

March 21 – April 19
Change can be good, Aries. Don't shy away from it. Vacation plans get put on hold, but luckily for you, it is only temporary. A memo provides clarity.

TAURUS

April 20 – May 20
Clearly a loved one is out of line. Is it your job to tell them, Taurus? That might come better from someone else. Drama begins to unfold at work.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 21
Some issues are worth revisiting, and this is one of them, Gemini. Open up the table to discussion once again, but this time, be prepared.

CANCER

June 22 – July 22
Clever Cancer. You have the answer when a problem presents itself, impressing many. A promotion of some sort could be in order. The stakes are raised at work.

LEO

July 23 – August 22
Feeling gleeful, Leo? If not, you're about to be. Loads of fun are in store this week, as old friends and new drop by. Finances perk up with an offer.

VIRGO

August 23 – September 22
Romance takes a back seat to work this week, and if you aren't careful, you could pay for it dearly, Virgo. Make time for that special someone.

LIBRA

September 23 – October 22
Some people have it all, and they don't even know it. Don't be one of them, Libra. Look around, take stock of what you have and be grateful.

SCORPIO

October 23 – November 21
Good-byes can be hard, but sometimes they are necessary. Consider if a relationship is worth saving. If not, say ta-ta and don't look back, Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 – December 21
Soon, Sagittarius, soon you will have that which your heart most desires. It won't come easy, but it will come. A change in diet reduces health risks.



Tribute to the Erie Canal

ALBANY — Scores of music lovers flocked to Jennings Landing on Sunday, July 2 to hear the Albany Symphony Orchestra pay tribute to the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal's groundbreaking. Seven world premiers were performed in various shows spanning the length of the canal, from Albany to Buffalo, in a series called Water Music New York. The orchestra entertained audiences in Albany, Schenectady, Amsterdam, Little Falls, Baldwinsville, Brockport and Lockport in a tour that ended Saturday, July 8.

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■ DROME SOUND MUSICIAN SPOTLIGHT

The Midnight Revival Band

TheSpot518: For someone who is just being introduced to your band, how would you describe your sound, and your live shows?

For someone being introduced to our band, I would describe us as bluesy, high energy rock and roll. We draw influences from bands like Aerosmith and Guns and Roses but add our own elements in there as well, so its retro but modern. Our live show is really out there, super high energy with beer bottles flying, spitting, stuff breaking, and eyeballs rolling. Our new record was recorded very raw to represent that part of our band, because our last one, sonically, did not.

TheSpot518: What would you say the Capital District offers best for music fans?

What the Capital District offers best for fans is support of the local scene and introducing them to music they may have never heard of otherwise. Jeff [Morad] from WEQX and Andy [Gregory] from 97.7 are awesome at helping local bands get a spotlight by booking them on bigger shows and getting them airplay. Dave Ehmann at Improv Records does the same, offering a huge local music awareness by choosing tons of locals to open for national bands up north. There are people in your corner, just have to network and get to know them.

TheSpot518: What do you hope to

see happen within the scene in the next five years?

In the next five years i see more local bands taking that next step in their career and getting more buzz by venturing out more. Bands like Wild Adriatic, Candy Ambulance, Formula 5, Let's be Leonard, Mister F, just to name a few are touring regularly now, putting out quality releases, and selling out hometown shows. It's because those bands were hungry and took risks, and i see more bands doing that.

TheSpot518: We understand you're about the drop a new album—What can we all expect out of it?

We are dropping a new record called "BASTARD" through Berkshire indie label Sounds and Tones Records on July 14th and it will be available through itunes and spotify. Musically it's very driving, loud, and solo-heavy. Lyrically, it's thematic and probably deeper stuff i've written in the past, in the sense that it almost parallels my actual life in a way even though it tells a fictional story.

TheSpot518: Where can we pick up a copy, or see the band play in person next?

Our next local shows will be July 8th at The Strand Theatre in Hudson Falls, July 15th at Kings Inn in Schenectady, and July 29th at GEM Fest in Glens Falls.

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Jewish Schenectady: A Walking Tour

SCHENECTADY — The Schenectady County Historical Society will lead a Jewish Schenectady Walking Tour on Thursday, July 13 from 6 to 7 p.m. at 32 Washington Ave. in Schenectady.

Participants will learn of notable Jewish community members and the history of local Jewish congregations. The tour is approximately one hour long and begins and ends at the SCHS.

Tickets are \$8, and advance registration is required. For more information call (518) 374-0263 or visit schenectadyhistorical.org.

Blue Tango Project at the National Museum of Dance

SARATOGA SPRINGS — There will be a Night of Argentine Tango & Folk Music featuring Mavi Díaz & Las Folkies With María Volonté: Blue Tango Project at the National Museum of Dance on Thursday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m. at 99

South Broadway in Saratoga Springs.

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From page B5 ... A tale old as time

experienced any awkward space hogging or falls despite its humungous size and need to be operated by four puppeteers, all thanks to careful choreography by Jill Echo.

The use of color was also commendable as the scene where Zémire, her back facing the audience, first enters Azor's palace was especially memorable because her dark silhouette under the cold blue spotlight added dramatic effect. The sets and outfits largely were chromatically gloomy with dark shades of forest green and brown, but Zémire's rose breaks that trend, appearing as bright orange and effervescent under

the spotlight and center stage amid all the drama.

The opening night suffered only a few minor hiccups. McKay managed to continue on despite a brief voice crack while simultaneously singing and calling for Azor who had presumably perished at the hands of his curse, dying at sunset. Her final dress looked more discount-like than regal, cheapened by its eye-rolling-inducing bright pink and glittery look, a vast difference from the opera's poster's simple yellow dress. The English supertitles often did not appear while the actors sung in French, causing some confusion as to whether it was deliberate or not, forcing the general audience member to just listen on in the dark.

But Zémire and Azor's old-fashioned romance, Ali's unforgettable humor and

the remarkable production made up for them.

Upon deep reflection, Sander realized near the opera's conclusion that "all it took

was a single rose."

And a ticket if one wants to watch this opera as it will be performed again Friday, 14.

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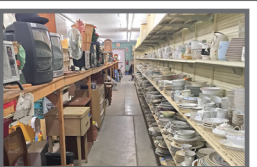
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Established in 1852, The National Bank of Coxsackie opened a local branch in Glenmont more than two years ago. Located at 331 Route 9W, the bank is easy to find, thanks to its large sign on the major roadway where community events are always posted.

“While other banks are being bought and sold, we are here to stay,” Glenmont Branch Manager Kelly Bailey said. “It’s really special that a bank has been under the same name as long as National Bank of Coxsackie has.”

The key to that business longevity, said Bailey, is the excellent customer service provided at the company’s branches, while at the same time, maintaining that hometown feel. This is a task the Glenmont branch succeeds in, while also staying abreast of recent technology upgrades in the banking industry.

“We’re here in any way that’s convenient for you,” said Bailey. “We’re here for you to come in and speak to, but we also have convenient technology for those that don’t have time to come in or would rather do their banking remotely.”

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“We want to treat our customers as individuals and work hard to meet their specific needs,” said Bailey. “We don’t want them to be seen as just another part of our business model.”

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From blood drives to fund raisers, the newest NBC branch is working hard to become a neighborhood asset.

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Cooking with fine Irish spirit(s)

Community pub expands menu,
offers unique craft beers

By **ALI HIBBS**
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DELMAR — After nearly a year and a half in operation, the creative team at O'Slattery's Irish Restaurant & Pub in Delmar has expanded their menu to include more seasonal offerings and items with a twist on the idea of traditional Irish fare.

They've also expanded their bar menu to include unique beers, such as the recently-returned Bridget's Red Ale, brewed in collaboration with Chatham Brewery and named for co-owner Liam Slattery's mother, and Lough Gill, a craft brew out of Co. Sligo in Ireland that has never been sold anywhere else in the U.S.

"Liam, Jackie [Slattery] and I really wanted to come up with something a bit different," said Head Chef Drew Philipchick. "We wanted to keep the same foundation of traditional Irish cuisine, but to expand on that and offer some different

things. For example, on our seasonal menu, we have fish tacos. So, you still have the traditional beer battered cod, but now we're offering it in a different way. The tacos come with a nice pineapple chipotle aioli, which is a pretty big hit. We also have a pistachio-encrusted salmon."

The salmon, which is topped with a Jameson honey dijon glaze, is Philipchick's favorite. "It's just phenomenal," he said.

Cooking with libations from the bar is not uncommon for Philipchick, who uses Smithwick's Ale in many of his soups and Harp Lager in the fish batter. "Cooking with alcohol is great," he said. "It brings out a lot of flavor."

"We have the four or five main Irish beers," said Head Bartender Michael Mulhall. "But, we have a lot of craft stuff as well. We carry Hill Farmstead, which was voted the #1 brewery in the world last year. Every week we get something different in from them, a lot of IPAs. We have Grimm, which is from Brooklyn. They got voted top three in the country. They're a gypsy brewery — they don't actually have their own space, so they'll rent out space and go in and make one

batch of beer and then they're out."

The Grimm is currently his favorite. And, while Mulhall has traditionally been a Jameson man, he said that he would

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— Drew Philipchick,
Head Chef,
O'Slattery's Irish
Restaurant & Pub

recommend guests try the Yellow Spot, a "legendary" Irish whiskey aged for 12 years.

They intend to evolve the menu with the changing of seasons, said Philipchick. "We just rolled out our summer menu and my plan is to take the bestsellers from

the seasonal menu and incorporate that into our full-time menu, and then come out with a new seasonal menu in the fall." He's been looking into doing more local sourcing for the menu as well, and said that he was interested in sourcing certain items from farms in Clarksville.

"We really want to hit all the facets of what people want to eat," Philipchick said.

In addition to an evolving menu, O'Slattery's offers entertainment most nights of the week and enjoys taking part in community events. There are even plans set to throw seasonal outdoor festivals like the Fall Fest with Get Up Jack on Saturday, Sept. 9, halfway to St. Patrick's Day.

"We closed down the parking lot and had beer trucks and live music all day," said Liam Slattery. "We had local Cub Scouts come in to raise money for a trip; we had Irish dancers; we had a pet adoption through Steve Caporizzo, which was great because we had dogs that were adopted that day. It's nice to be able to do those things because, in Ireland, pubs aren't all about drinking — they're more of a social thing."



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Kinderhook Bank's new Delmar branch opens next month, with some familiar faces taking care of you. Submitted photo

Moving Day approaches for Kinderhook Bank

Delmar Branch shaping up with new location, new branch manager

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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DELMAR — Kinderhook Bank clients can expect a change next month — that's when the Delaware Plaza branch moves across the street to its own building.

"This is a big move for us," said Jeff Stone, senior vice president for Kinderhook Bank.

Kinderhook Bank's Delmar branch has called Delaware Plaza home for six years, but it saw the opportunity to move once the former First Niagara Bank closed following an acquisition by Key Corp last October. By March, Kinderhook Bank announced it was moving in.

Just a few weeks later, Kinderhook Bank announced it was hiring on a familiar face with ties to its new building.

Shoham Piorentino



PIORENTINO

was named assistant vice president and branch manager at the Kinderhook Bank in Delmar in April. The Delmar resident worked at 197 Delaware Ave. for 21 years, going back to the former Cohoes Savings Bank, which opened in 1994.

"I started my career in that building with a small community bank and was able to stay there for over 20 years, so that building feels like a second home to me,"

Piorentino said. "When I had the opportunity to join Kinderhook Bank

and go back to community banking, I jumped at it. Having the chance to return to work in that same building is a bonus — I feel like I have come back home."

Piorentino is an active member of the community and is a board member of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Bethlehem Microenterprise Grant Review Committee

and the Bethlehem Area YMCA. She was honored by the Albany Business Review's 40 Under 40 Award in 2011.

Joining Piorentino to staff the new Kinderhook Bank location is Elizabeth Bukowski, Tanyah Simmons and Laura Kennedy.

"This team has been together for many years

and brings with them some very strong customer service and business development skills, as well as long term community relationships," said Jeff Stone, senior vice president. "Everybody in Delmar knows Shoham and her team."

Bukowski will hold the position of senior personal banker and will be responsible for the oversight of all operations and customer service for the branch. She advanced her career to branch supervisor during her tenure with First Niagara, and to lead teller at KeyBank.

Simmons and Kennedy will hold the position of personal bankers at the new Delmar Banking Center and will be responsible for customer service and business development.

Both Simmons and Kennedy advanced their financial services careers at Cohoes Savings Bank, Hudson River Bank & Trust, and First Niagara and are a foundation of the Delmar community.

Piorentino will head a team that will take advantage of the expansive, 4,500-square foot building, allowing the Delmar branch to adopt Kinderhook Bank customer service practices — from extended branch hours to drive thru services, safe deposit boxes, and in-lobby amenities.

"The larger Delmar

location gives us an opportunity to enhance our services with a state-of-the-art facility after our significant renovations," said Stone. "It will have our signature high-end open floor plan which encourages customer interaction with their banker, which Kinderhook Bank pioneered in the Capital Region in 2007 for our East Greenbush branch."

Soon, patrons will walk into a beautiful, comfortable building, and instead of teller lines, customers will conduct transactions together with their personal banker.

"There will be a relaxed lobby atmosphere where the staff builds one-on-one relationships with our customers, and offers conveniences such as iPads and Wi-Fi, free coffee/water and cookies for customers, and treats for their pets," said Stone.

The new branch will also feature a coin counter and a 24/7 drive-up full-function ATM which will dispense multiple note denominations, accept envelope-free cash and check deposits, and produce smart receipts.

Kinderhook Bank, established in 1853, offers a full line of individual and business-banking and lending services, including commercial loan services with Frank Trosset, Vice President, Commercial Lending.

Kinderhook Bank Senior Vice President Jeff Stone and Assistant Vice President and Delmar Branch Manager Shoham Piorentino look over blueprints of the bank's new location at 197 Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

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L-R: Liz Bukowski-Senior Personal Banker, Shoham Pioerentino-AVP & Branch Manager, Laura Kennedy and Tanyah Simmons-Personal Bankers

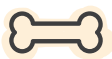


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Your local arts haven

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DELMAR — Located at the Four Corners in Delmar, Merriman & Pfister's Marketplace is all about community. Not only does the charming specialty boutique feature art, jewelry, accessories and home notions created by local artists and artisans, it features local artists and hosts a community event each month.

On Saturday, July 15, M&P's annual chalk art competition will take place, according to Kathy Agneta, who owns the boutique with her husband, Carlo. Entrants will create chalk art on the parking lot at their location at 388 Kenwood and visitors will be able to vote for the winning creation. For a \$5 entry fee, the winning artist will receive \$100 and a second place artist will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the store.

"Anyone, any age, is welcome," said Agneta. "It's just really fun. And the artwork is so great." She added that last year the weather stayed nice long enough to allow the neighborhood to enjoy the pieces for weeks after the event.

The August event, which is scheduled

for the 17th (weather-permitting), will be a Meet-the-Artist event, showcasing any local artist who would like to come and set up an outdoor booth to display and sell their unique work. Agneta said that M&P has, conservatively, about 70 local artists with whom they work.

"We're always trying to connect the artist with the consumer in, kind of, a more intimate way," she said, explaining that the event is a lot like a craft fair and is a way to allow the artists to show more of their work than they are able to in the store.

"It's a really fun event," she said. "We serve wine and cheese, and other snacks and drinks."

In September, a "community showing" will allow any community member to submit and show their work and, in October, will be the third annual pumpkin carving contest.

"Part of our mission statement," said Agneta, "is to be a good community member. That's really important to us."

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ALBANY— There is a home health care shortage in the United States, and that means businesses like Attentive Care of Albany, Inc. are looking to hire.

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Family dentistry takes on new meaning

Daughter joins Voorheesville dental practice

By **JIM FRANCO**
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VOORHEESVILLE — The dental office of Doctors Steven Lysenko and Danielle Lloyd has been in business since 1971.

And, this year brings a new addition.

Dr. Kristen Lysenko Geist, the daughter of Dr. Steven Lysenko, is now practicing at the location.

Dr. Lysenko Geist completed a General Practice Residency at Ellis Hospital after earning her DDS from the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. She is a graduate of Cornell University where she studied nutrition and human biology.

She enjoys esthetic dentistry and helping patients by improving their overall wellness.

"I am pleased to follow in my father's footsteps by offering quality dental care as well as cutting edge technology to our community," said Dr. Lysenko Geist.

The office offers a wide range of services, from traditional family dentistry

to the newest approaches to orthodontics.

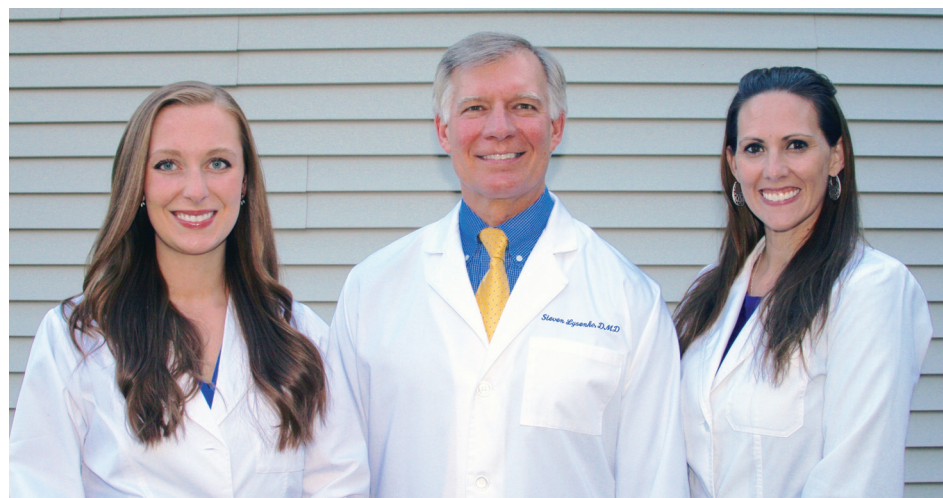
Doctors offer Invisalign custom-made clear aligners as an alternative to wire braces. They can be removed when you eat or brush and floss your teeth and they are nearly invisible, said Dr. Steven Lysenko, noting that in addition to being unsightly, wire braces can sometimes irritate oral tissue.

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Invisalign aligners can also be used together with another cutting-edge product, AcceleDent, which may speed up treatment time, said Dr. Lysenko.

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Dr. Kristen Lysenko Geist (left) joins her father, Dr. Steven Lysenko and Dr. Danielle Lloyd as the newest member of the dental practice.

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do at home for 20 minutes a day. It can accelerate cellular response and speed the rate at which your teeth move to their ideal position.

When used in conjunction with orthodontics, AcceleDent has been clinically proven to move teeth up to 50 percent faster, he said.

The practice is currently accepting new patients. To make an appointment for a free consultation, call the office at 765-4616 during normal business hours, or call the new patient hotline at 300-6238 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. seven nights a week.

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Punkintown Fair turns 75

Three nights of rides food and games in New Salem

By DIEGO CAGARA
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NEW SALEM — New Salem Fire Department Prepares for 75th Punkintown Fair

The New Salem Volunteer Fire Department has been preparing for its 75th Punkintown Fair for months, according to Treasurer and Chairman Tim Blow, which will happen across the street on July 27 through 29 at 6 p.m.

The fair, established in 1942, will celebrate its 75th anniversary, even predating the fire department itself which came into existence in 1947. This annual family event will feature numerous rides for children to enjoy, entertainment, food and a raffle. While admission and parking are free, the event has been promoted via mailing and word-of-mouth. Fireworks will occur on the night of July 29.

Describing the fair as a local “multi-generational event,” Stuart Morrison, 1st Lt. and former Chairman of the Fair, noted that “you

see the same faces and people are just happy to come out and support the department.”

“I remember I came [to the fair] as a child and I dropped my quarters on the games and walked out with some goldfish,” Morrison reminisced. “It’s just a chance for the community to come together on a very local basis and you see all your neighbors and kids, knowing it’s all going to support a local event.”

The fire department receives around “15 to 20 percent of its budget” from the Punkintown Fair while “the rest of it is on a contract that we have with the town of New Scotland which provides fire services.” Besides paying vendors, all proceeds go to the department.

Blow has had to ensure the fair’s resources and products are obtained on time and the department’s 30 to 40 volunteers are assigned to efficiently set everything up, admittedly

deeming the process as “incredibly difficult” but worthwhile.

Blow estimated that around 2,000 hours of volunteer work would have been devoted to the fair—500 volunteer hours setting it up and 1,300

during the actual fair.

Morrison said that the overall turnout in recent years has been “tremendous” but was unable to provide an exact number as there is no proper head count and entrance to the fair itself is free. He hopes that this year would continue that ascending trend, aware that entrants mainly originate from New Salem, New Scotland and Voorheesville.

The two believe that having one night alone for the fair is inadequate, when looking at how much time is devoted to setting it up, while having it for three nights allows more people to come, depending on weather and their availability.



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ALBANY — Albany Podiatry introduces a revolutionary new treatment that really works on nail fungus.

"Nail fungus is not just a cosmetic concern. It can lead to other skin and nail problems, especially in diabetics," says Dr. Mark Friedman, a podiatrist with nearly 20 years of experience in the Capital District.

"There are a variety of store-bought topical products, but the success of these methods is limited," Dr. Friedman explains. "Oral medications, while more effective, are not always an option for patients. Other treatments require

◀ **A patient is being attended to by one of the talented staff members at Albany Podiatry. Albany Podiatry is now offering a remarkable new technology called Clearanail, previously only available in Europe.**

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removal of the affected toenail, creating an open wound which is not often advisable.

Albany Podiatry is now offering a remarkable new technology called Clearanail, previously only available in Europe. This is an effective, non-surgical, non-laser alternative. "Since learning about the product several years ago, I have been striving to secure the rights to make it available to my own patients. It's that impressive," Dr. Friedman says.

Clearanail is a new drug-free, pain-free medical procedure for assisting in the treatment of unsightly and embarrassing toenails. The treatment helps to rejuvenate and clear unhealthy-looking toenails by penetrating deep into the nail bed where the fungus occurs. Treatment requires only one appointment, 40 minutes or less - depending on the number of toenails affected.

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Cuisine for all tastes

By **JIM FRANCO**
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ALTAMONT — If you just got done mowing the lawn and want a cold beer and a burger, Veronica's Culinary Tavern is for you.

If you want to get dressed up and have a nice bottle of wine and some pan seared Atlantic Salmon, then Veronica's Culinary Tavern is for you, too.

Peter Blackman, who bought the former Mio Vino restaurant in the center of the quaint little town of Altamont just over a year ago, knows it's hard to cater to both crowds but figures if the food is good, and the service is good and they are consistently good then it will work.

"We are trying to be a little more versatile, whether it's a special occasion and you want to go fancy with a big bottle of wine or you want to do something when there is nothing left in the fridge and you just want to get out of the house for a little bit," he said, adding he can't wait for the local farm produce to ripen. "We are trying to be creative and not take ourselves too seriously."

The menu reflects that diversity with

appetizers starting at \$9, wood fried pizzas going for between \$14 and \$17 and topping out with a New York Strip or a Pan Seared Tilefish at \$35.

The name too represents both worlds, he said. The interior is tastefully done with dark trim and a polished bar, but there are also picnic tables out back.

And happy hour, every day from 4 to 6 p.m. can get lively.

Blackman ran Mangia in Slingerlands for some 20 years and then went into business with Angelo Mazzone at Aperitivo Bistro in Schenectady for nine years before taking a break and ultimately purchasing Veronica's.

He and executive chef, Alex Carusone, a graduate of Johnson & Wales University, are working hard to maybe not be everything to everyone, but cover enough bases to provide a "fun, approachable welcoming service with fantastic food."

The restaurant, located at 186 Main St., is open from 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 4 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Reservations are recommended but not required.

Vets for Pets

By **ALI HIBBS**
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SLINGERLANDS — "It's just one of those special places," said NEWS10's Steve Caporizzo of The Animal Hospital in Slingerlands, where he and his wife Lisa have taken their pets for 25 years. "When you go there, you'll understand why we do. They have the most amazing grounds. You would think it was a park; you don't think you're at a hospital."

Eight years ago, The head meteorologist at NEWS10 began working with The Animal Hospital to bring together dozens of rescue group and shelters for one day a year to host a massive public adoption event on their grounds. Last year, according to Dr. Lexi Becker, they found homes for approximately 200 animals in just four hours.

The Animal Hospital was conceived, designed and built by Dr. Ed Becker in 1974, and his daughter Lexi took over the practice in 2014. The charmingly picturesque family-run practice offers a wide range of cutting edge technology and services. They also offer night and weekend emergency services and connect pet owners

to a host of non-medical pet services.

"They're amazing veterinarians that give back to the pet community, and always have," said Caporizzo. "What they do for rescue groups and stray pets is amazing."

The Animal Hospital and The Pet Connection will be holding the 8th Annual Adoption Day on Saturday, July 22. There will be live music, food provided by Coldstone Creamery and Bountiful Bread, raffles and a silent auction, as well as other attractions — in addition to 30 rescue groups and shelters, and hundreds of pets looking for their forever home.

"A lot of them didn't have any kind of human interaction or contact and they come in timid and scared and not trusting of people," she said. "And then, over time, you see them mature and become a part of a family. It's really awesome."

Becker and Caporizzo encourage anyone, even those not looking to adopt, to come to Adoption Day and support local rescue groups and shelters. Last year, in addition to finding homes for hundreds of animals, the event raised \$20,000 to support the activities of those organizations. Plus, each said, it's a really good time.

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Building neighborhoods that last

Hanifin Home Builders has been building quality homes for more than 30 years

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DELMAR—Hanifin Home Builders is one of those businesses that takes pride in its hometown.

Tim Hanifin, owner and president of Hanifin Home Builders, grew up in Colonie and adopted Bethlehem more than 30 years ago after incorporating his business in 1983. Today, his offices are located at 420 Kenwood Ave, at one of the busiest intersections in town — a town that has 66 out of more than 120 homes he has built over the years.

The process of building

a home starts with the first meeting. Hanifin sits down with his clients, who often come in with sketches or pictures from the internet, and the conversation naturally rolls into how many bedrooms, bathrooms and square footage is needed.

“If they’re a growing family, they probably want a two-story colonial,” said Hanifin. “If they’re scaling down, they’re going to want a one-story ranch. Everything is based on their needs.”

By his hand, Hanifin is helping expand this town. His crew just finished erected new homes at the Millwood Estates

development on Russell Road in North Bethlehem. One such home is a 2,060-square foot, two-story colonial that offers three bedroom and three bathrooms. The amenities include a large eat-in kitchen with Schrock cabinetry, granite counters, an island, and hardwood floors throughout the first floor. The kitchen opens to family room with a gas fireplace and large windows. Keeping up with the latest trends, the master bathroom includes a granite, double vanity. The single-family home community offers an

easy commute to work in downtown Schenectady or Albany, and shopping centers like Crossgates Mall and Colonie Center. Plus, there are plenty of restaurants and a town park near by.

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That attention to detail, and concern for customer satisfaction often leads

“It’s important, because then they know that we’re paying attention to all the details. We can focus on the details, and the customer ends up with a better product.”

— Tim Hanifin,
Owner and President
Hanifin Home Builders

The process of custom building a home goes beyond that initial visit. Hanifin is involved throughout the process. “It’s important,” he said, “because then they know

to phone calls years later, when the same families are looking to add on to their Hanifin home. Hanifin Home Builders do additions and home improvement projects, too.

“We’re a smaller operation, but we still handle the big, estate homes,” said Hanifin. “A 6,500-square foot home is the largest we’ve built.” Otherwise, there is no particular style of home his team specializes in. With a team of skilled, experienced carpenters and a continuous education on the latest technologies focused on durability and aesthetics, Hanifin needs only to go back to that first meeting: What does that client need?

To learn more about Hanifin Home Builders, visit hanifinbuilders.com. There, you will see pictures and information regarding current homes for sale, and a history of home recently built.



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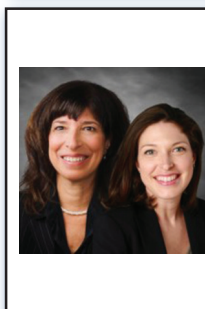
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Working through therapy

Customized physical therapy for optimal results

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SLINGERLANDS — There are three goals at New Scotland Physical Therapy to increase mobility, reduce pain and better a person's overall health and wellbeing.

Unlike some of the larger physical therapy centers in the Capital District, New Scotland provides very personalized treatment for each individual patient.

"When we opened five and a half years ago, we did so with the objective of more individualized programs, and to not be a provider that sees several patients an hour," said Mollie Dambrocia, who has been a physical therapist for 16 years. "We can treat many types of physical movement impairments. We work with the patient on creating a treatment plan that will reduce pain and restore mobility and function while addressing their individual goals."

What causes a need for physical therapy can be a variety of things such as a car accident or stroke or a surgery or sports injury or anything that impacts a persons' ability to move freely and without pain.

New Scotland Physical Therapy does

work with major insurance providers but a person does not need a referral from a physician to seek physical therapy care.

It can take some work though, and Dambrocia's program have affectionately been called "physical torture" instead of physical therapy.

"The hardest part is pushing people to work hard when they may not want to, but knowing the result is a healthier life with pain free mobility makes it worth it," she said.

The center offers outpatient physical therapy programs as well as fitness programs. They have introduced community outreach educational programs including balance and fall workshops, a beginner yoga series as well an introduction to mindfulness series.

New Scotland Physical Therapy also provides Athletic Training services to Voorheesville High School which includes on-site game coverage to address both injury prevention and injury assessments during sporting activities.

"I really enjoy working with people and it's a great profession for that," Dambrocia said.

Majority follow local newspapers closely

Despite living in the "digital age," the majority of Americans still hold an affinity towards their local newspaper.

According to a recent Pew Research Center study, nearly three quarters of adults closely follow local news by relying on local newspapers and other sources.

In a nationwide phone survey of more than 2,000 participants, 72 percent of adults maintain interest in local news, citing their local newspaper as the most reliable source. One-third of those participants said the loss of their local newspaper would have a significant impact upon their lives.

Not surprising, demographics suggest an older audience remains loyal to reading the newspaper.

About 35 percent of those aged 40 and older would feel the loss of their local newspaper. However, 26 percent of younger readers said they, too, would consider the loss of their local newspaper as a "major impact" on them.

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Retire from homeownership woes



The retirement home lifestyle never looked so good

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DELMAR — Retirement and independent-living developments have been popping up throughout the Capital District in the past few years, helping the “55 and better” community stay in the area they know and love. With all the options out there, it is important to know that

there is a version of active, adult living that can only be found at one property: The Spinney Van Dyke.

“Our approach to the ‘55-and-bette’r community is the best approach and the easiest transition from a single-family home to a downsized lifestyle,” said Samantha Raynor, director of leasing and marketing at The Spinney Group, “because our cottages are designed with

this downsizing in mind.”

What makes The Spinney so unique is its one-story living approach. All of its buildings are built this way so residents do not need to climb stairs in their homes again, allowing them to age in place.

Another reason for this building technique is for the convenience of privacy. No one will ever live above or below them, unlike apartment buildings that are built floor upon floor. To add onto the attractiveness of this concept, most unit types have attached, direct-access garages and private front porches and back patios, further mimicking the feel of a single-family home.

While Spinney cottages’ amenities may make residents feel as if they’re living in a single-family home, they will no longer feel the woes associated with homeownership. Think about regaining all the time spent on mowing the lawn, shoveling snow and fixing the plumbing, so you can focus on family, friends and hobbies — hobbies which can be further fostered by the group’s community events calendar.

The Spinney at Van Dyke is a

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Director of Leasing and
Marketing at The Spinney

neighborhood of its own, designed for the “55-and-better” community that has retired into their next phase of lifestyle, or working professionals working towards that goal. Raynor said the location, for many of those who have established lives around this area, allows residents to stay in their hometown. It’s still the same commute to the movies, the mall or the show downtown. And, your favorite pizza joint is still a phone call away.

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Open Door: More than just a bookstore

Forty years of being a good neighbor on Jay Street

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SCHENECTADY — A stone's throw away from Little Italy and in the shadow

of City Hall, Jay Street is a microcosm of Schenectady life, and Open Door Bookstore has embodied that for its customers for more than 40 years.

The little bookstore on Jay Street first

opened for business in 1971 as a place for children's literature under original owner Betty Fleming. Since Janet Hutchison bought the store in 1992, the focus has expanded to include jewelry, scarves home accessories, handbags and more.

The store has something for everybody — kids, mom and dad. It's the bookstore's mission to "provide the best selection in books and in gift merchandise in the Capital Region," said Hutchison

The Open Door Bookstore regularly offers events that bring neighbors into its open doors. Twice a year, the bookstore sponsors contests specifically for children. There's a writing contest in the spring, and an art contest in the fall. Every summer, there are free programs involving stories, arts and crafts. And, throughout the year, the bookstore features book signings with area authors

Local businesses are now participating in a literary scavenger hunt based on

the Brendan Wenzel book, "They All Saw a Cat." Customers can find clues in and around the neighboring businesses. The clues from which must be obtained through Open Door Bookstore. "We've had such a great response from it in the

"I love being here, and being a part of the Open Door. It's a great place to be."

— Amy Lane,

Manager of Open Door Bookstore

past," said Amy Lane, the bookstore manager. Lane said the scavenger hunt will culminate with a book signing with the Wenzel on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

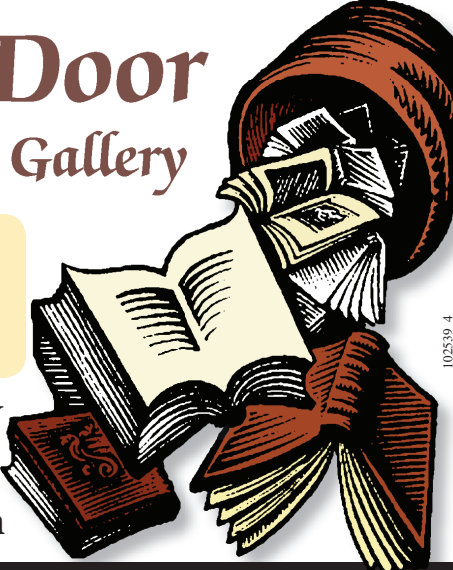
"I love being here," said Lane, "and being a part of the Open Door. It's a great place to be."

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Total dental care

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DELMAR — “Building an oral health home for families where comprehensive, top-of-the-line dental services were easily accessible was my goal,” said Dr. Thomas Abele, who, since 1969, has been a pioneer and leader in the dental sciences in the Capital District. “With the support of a talented and dedicated staff, I hope I have achieved that.”

By offering a total spectrum of care for all ages, Abele eliminates the need for patients to move from doctor to doctor to achieve optimal oral health, comfort, and beauty. Early on, he spent the additional hours of training to become qualified in dental implant technology and root canal therapy. His consistent reinvestment in his practice ensures that patients are offered the latest in minimally invasive approaches, digital imaging, laser power, and sedation dentistry.

“Dental medicine, most pointedly when encompassing cosmetic dentistry, is definitely an art,” said Abele. “Every aesthetic aspect of a patient’s face must be taken into consideration when addressing reconstructive procedures, whether in the application of veneers and crowns or

restorations with implants.”

Because Abele works closely with the technicians of his on-site dental lab, issues such as tooth color and shape are seamlessly addressed. His deep experience in placing dental implants, including the latest in genetically coated bone grafting, when required, and beautifully designed tooth restorations is renowned.

Citing the importance of patient education, Abele said, “Although I personally feel responsible for my patients’ oral health, they have to ‘buy in.’ That requires helping them understand why compliance with good oral health habits, including attention to their gums, can make them healthier and happier. I enjoy taking the time needed to answer questions and provide ongoing support.

“As much as I have always enjoyed the research and ongoing education that dental medicine requires in order to stay at the top of the game,” said Abele, “I most enjoy the results I see in my much valued patients. They are the ones who make me look good.”

— Dr. Thomas Abele

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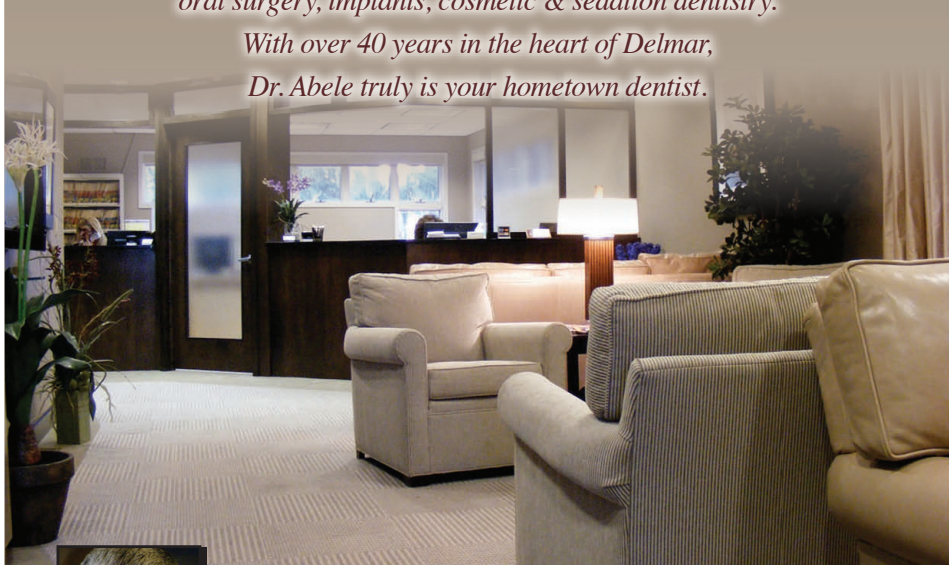

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Sellers fishing for a real estate agent

The steps to finding a realtor to sell your home lead to your computer

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CLIFTON PARK — “Game on.”

That’s what Jules Ianniello thought during the May 10 ribbon cutting ceremony in Clifton Park Center, thus beginning his own new business.

As founder of WhoWantsMyListing.com, Ianniello imagined it as a “revolutionary” way for people to sell their homes.

“What we’re looking to do is revolutionize the whole real estate selling process,” he continued. “When someone wants to sell their home, they may ask a neighbor or friend, ‘Hey, do you know a real estate agent?’ The real estate agent would give them a contract, typically in the 6 to 7 percent area of the selling price. With WhoWantsMyListing.com, the seller would go to the website, post their home and they start getting competitive proposals from real estate agents.”

He emphasized that WhoWantsMyListing.com is like “the

middle man.” It intends to give the client power in choosing which real estate agent’s proposal best satisfies them, harking back to how it is all based on being competitive.

“What we do is we match [clients] with real estate agents,” he continued. “It’s up to the seller and real estate agent, they determine who’s the best fit for each other. We don’t actually get involved in the negotiation.”

As the business has been active for only 16 months, calling Ianniello a relative newcomer would be deceptive because he has been working for insurance company giant Allstate prior to starting up his own business, a job he still possesses today which is based in Delmar, NY.

His experiences at Allstate have helped his ventures with WhoWantsMyListing.com and he recognizes that since its business model is unique, “it’s a huge undertaking of educating the consumer on how there’s a whole new process of selling their home.”

Since its inception, he has promoted

it via direct mail marketing, social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter which are gradually gaining followers, and even on Albany’s Talk 1300 AM radio. Another tactic is how he came up with the idea of featuring one of his adopted sons, Santino, in a 50-second jingle-accompanying commercial, including catchy messages like “It’s Totally Free! And it worked for me! And it’s easy as 1-2-3!”

Even though Ianniello said he’s the only one involved in this company so far, he plans to expand it into a multibillion dollar company someday, its concept alone possibly going international. He acknowledges that “there are a handful of similar companies doing [what he does] with similar websites. It’s all in a \$64 billion market and there’s currently like \$10 million in revenue.”

Speaking of revenue, a personal reason why he’s in this business is because he “always wanted to accumulate wealth to help foster kids in a good way and we currently support a charity called Quest for Grace Foundation.”

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