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Evans, 2, with his mother after assessment with the orthopedic training center team. Evans has cerebral palsy and has been attending physiotherapy at the Volta Regional Hospital.

Submitted photo



Carrie Brown is taking strides to eliminate the stigma of disabilities in Africa.

Ali Hibbs / Spotlight News

TOP STORY

Erasing stigmas

BCHS grad returns from Africa, raises money for disabled students in Ghana

By ALI HIBBS
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BETHLEHEM — Carrie Brown was just 16 years old when she first visited Africa on a two-week safari through Kenya with a group of classmates and teachers from Bethlehem Central High School.

“It was amazing. I knew I really wanted to go back,” she said. “But it didn’t happen right away.”

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Orange Crush!

Bethlehem football entertained a big homecoming crowd against Schenectady.

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Sydney Worthley drops debut album to positive reviews, earns respect in local scene.

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SPOTLIGHT ON FINANCE

Wealth management issues should help shape your financial plan

By Ruth Mahoney,
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October is National Financial Planning Month. Yes, you read that correct. There is an actual month of the year designated to encouraging people to take charge of their financial future, and for good reason.

According to a recent report by the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors, of American adults, more than 50 percent lack a budget, 39 percent have no retirement savings and 50 percent of those with children have no will.

It's no wonder that today's worker expects to work longer than any previous generation. In fact, nearly 40 percent of today's workforce expects to work past the age of 65.

This is why financial planning is important. While it is not a financial cure-all, financial planning can improve your financial wellness and address basic wealth management issues. The following are some common, interconnected wealth management issues most people will deal with over the course of their lives.



Ruth Mahoney

Investing. Saving is great. But saving without investing your savings isn't enough. You should prepare a long-term investment strategy and regularly measure your progress against your goals and objectives. It is also important to revisit your investment plan as your life circumstances change. This is particularly true when it comes to assessing your tolerance to risk.

Insurance. Asset protection should be a part of every financial plan, but for most people, their insurance coverage falls short. At minimum, you want to protect yourself and family from a premature death, disability, liability and the possibility of long-term care costs.

If cost is your barrier to purchasing insurance, ask yourself the following question: if you had the option to live in 100 percent of your home with no coverage for damages or 95 percent of your home with full coverage against loss, which option would you choose? Your income, investments and assets make up your "financial house." It is important to protect them.

Liabilities. Having debt is not necessarily a bad thing, just as eliminating it is not necessarily a good thing. Managed prudently, debt, ranging from

equity lines of credit to asset secured loans, can be a useful financial tool to smooth cash flow crunches, help manage taxes and support other goals.

Retirement. Retirement planning starts with a goal. Primarily: what lifestyle do I want when I retire? But retirement planning should be about more than accumulating wealth. It should include managing assets, transferring wealth to the next generation and, if you are a business owner, succession planning.

For business owners, a long-range business succession plan helps ensure continuity, providing a safeguard for stakeholders and employees. Items to address in your succession plan should include transfer of management and ownership, a contingency plan for disability or premature death and professional development and training for successors.

Estate Planning. Think your estate isn't big enough to warrant an estate plan? Consider this: where do you want your possessions to go when you pass away? Do you want to provide for your family after your death? Leave a philanthropic legacy? Reduce taxes? Ease the transition of your business?

An estate is nothing more than possessions of value that can be transferred to another individual or entity upon death. So essentially everything you own—property, bank accounts, investments, business interests, retirement benefits, IRAs, insur-

ance policies, fine art, collections, jewelry, clothing and other personal belongings—comprises your estate.

An estate plan is important because:

- It will allow you to keep more of your money and property in the hands of your beneficiaries;
- It will ensure your assets are distributed as you intend;
- It can be set up to provide funds to cover your own funeral expenses, as well as any immediate or long-term living costs (in case you become incapacitated);
- It will allow you to designate the individuals that you want to

carry out your instructions and to care for your minor children; and

- It will help eliminate the likelihood of family disputes over the distribution of your estate.

Don't make the mistake of thinking you're not wealthy enough for an estate plan. It is just as important for a family with limited financial resources as it is for the wealthy.

To develop an estate plan that is best aligned to your interests, you should work with a reputable lawyer, skilled fiduciary specialist and other professionals who have experience and expertise in wealth transfer planning, custom trust

solutions, trust administration, estate tax minimization, power of attorney/living will, document review, beneficiary designation, titling of assets and real estate management services.

Remember, you've worked hard your whole life to provide support to your family and grow your financial wellness. Your estate plan—and more broadly, financial planning—will ensure that you can continue to do so after you die or are no longer capable.

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Considerations when estate planning

When it comes to transferring property after death, there are four primary methods:

- 1. Will.** A written document that provides for the transfer of all property owned by the person signing it upon her/his death.
- 2. Living trust.** Similar to a will, in that it assigns transfer of assets to a trustee upon death. Even though your estate is put into the trust, you can control your assets—even revoke them—during your lifetime.
- 3. Joint tenancy.** When two or more people own a property together and the title or interest of the person that dies automatically gets transferred to the survivor(s).
- 4. Community property.** When all earnings and assets acquired during a marriage belong to both spouses, regardless of who earned the income. Upon death of the spouse, the community property is split equally and the survivor gets his or her share outright. The deceased spouse's share of community property is handled through the will or living trust.

You should take the time to find a local financial advisor and schedule an appointment to create a will and discuss your estate planning. This will allow you to put into writing your intentions on the handling of your property and valuables at death.

For parents, one of the most important parts of this process is designating guardians for your children. You also should choose an executor and explain how you want your property distributed. This way you can avoid some of the other methods of property and asset transfer that may be against your intentions.

Here are some additional things to consider when estate planning:

- Probate. This process deals with proving in court the validity of the deceased person's will, identifying his or her property, having it appraised, paying off debts and taxes and then finally distributing the remaining property as the will directs.
- Property transfer taxes for the transfer of title on property owned.
- The estate tax, which is a tax on the transfer of property to others. Depending on the value of the property and assets at the time of death, estate taxes may need to be paid before distribution of the estate can take place.
- The gift tax, which is a tax on the transfer of property by one individual to another while receiving nothing or less than full value in return during a person's life. This tax prevents the avoidance of an estate tax should a person want to give away his/her estate.
- The inheritance tax, which is like the estate tax, but is imposed by certain states.

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Three-way road race

Candidates sound off about their priorities, visions for the town's Highway Department

By ALI HIBBS

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BETHLEHEM — It's a three-way race for town Highway Superintendent this November, after Brent Meredith declined to run for re-election and an insurgent Democrat legally maneuvered to exclude the party's endorsed candidate from its own ballot line, leaving him to run on just the Working Families Party line.

Current Town Board member and Dem-endorsed candidate Giles Wagoner will appear on the Working Families Party ballot line on Nov. 7; Highway Department employee Dan Morin will appear on the Democratic line; and John "Tiger" Anastasi, a registered Independent, will appear on the Republican, Conservative, Independence and Reform lines.

Each of the candidates agreed to respond to a few questions from Spotlight News regarding their priorities for the Highway Department and town residents.

Giles Wagoner

Wagoner is a life-long Bethlehem resident. The RCS High School graduate holds a degree in environmental science and forestry from Syracuse University. The former Army and New York National Guard officer and Delta Air Lines pilot has been a member of the Selkirk Volunteer Fire Company since 1970 and served as its commissioner from 2005 to 2010.

Wagoner has also run his own commercial and residential construction business since he graduated from college, and has extensive experience in commercial and residential construction, as well as the design and construction of septic and stormwater collection systems.

He and his wife, Edith, have been married for 45 years; the couple has three children and four grandchildren. Since he retired, he's been raising beef cattle on his farm in Selkirk and has been active in the community, previously serving on several town committees and boards, before being

elected to the Town Board in 2016.

"I was inspired to run for office because I care about keeping the great quality of life we enjoy as residents of Bethlehem," he said. "I want our town to always be a great place to live, work and raise a family. As town councilman, I have been involved with many of the issues that concern residents and dealt with important problems. As Highway Superintendent, I would use my leadership skills and construction business experience to maintain a quality workforce and ensure vital town services."

Q: What do you see as the biggest challenge currently facing the highway department? How would you go about addressing it?

A: "I believe the biggest challenge facing the department is being able to maintain a realistic budget while continuing to provide the same level of excellent services the community deserves. I would use the budgetary and management experience I gained when I was Fire Commissioner. I managed three separate firehouses within the district, with a combined annual budget of over \$900,000 and was responsible for budgeting, resource management, equipment acquisition and maintenance, and personnel issues. As superintendent, I would ensure sound fiscal practices are used so that we maintain the department's strong work force and vital equipment."

Q: What do you see as Bethlehem's greatest strengths? How would you use your position at the highway department to help expand or capitalize on those strengths?

A: "One of the greatest strengths is the town's sound fiscal management. Because of this, Bethlehem is proud to have earned an A++ bond rating from Standard & Poor's. Town government and the Police Department are very responsive and well managed. Bethlehem also has one of the best Highway Departments in the Capital District. The department maintains 175 miles of town roads and 40 miles of sidewalks. I know of other towns that schedule leaf-pickup just twice during the fall, while our department picks up every Saturday beginning late October and continuing through the end of November. Every year they collect about 20,000 cubic yards of just loose leaves — not counting

other yard debris. Snow plowing is professional, highly responsive and ensures the safety of our drivers and pedestrians."

Q: Please rank your top five priorities at the highway department, feel free to explain why and/or how you would approach them.

A: "The highest priorities for the highway department are keeping our well-trained and highly professional workforce, managing the road and maintenance equipment, and ensuring fiscal soundness. To keep the workforce strong and improve morale, we must hire new people as our older workers retire. One issue I would immediately address as superintendent is repaving. I believe we should overlay the road network onto the soils map for the town to give us a view of the areas that are well-drained versus hard clay soils. This would show areas where the repaving schedules could be extended, thus saving money for the town. Increased development has taxed the stormwater system and now drainage needs to be done in some areas to prevent erosion. We should continue the sidewalk improvement work in the town to ensure safe pedestrian travel."

Q: What is your biggest take-away from the conversations you've had with residents while campaigning over the last several weeks?

A: "The residents of Bethlehem have become accustomed to the great services the Highway Department provides. Most people I speak with express concerns with leaf and brush pick-up and winter snow removal. First, leaf pick-up is very dependent on the weather. Warm weather like we are currently experiencing keeps the leaves on the trees longer and if you couple that with rainy weekends it can delay residents putting leaves by the curb and therefore delay removal. That's one reason the town's schedule goes through November. As for snow removal, there are 21 snow routes and more than 20 plows and each route can take several hours. So, people at one end of the route may see an earlier plow than residents at the other end of a route. The bottom line is the crews work very long and hard hours, and I try to help residents understand how complex the operation is."

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Delware Avenue detours done by December

DELMAR — Work on the Delaware Avenue Streetscape Enhancement project, extending from Kenwood Avenue to Elsmere Avenue, is still on schedule to be mostly complete by the end of the year, according to Bethlehem's Deputy Commissioner of Public Works Paul Penman.

"I think the question that everyone wants to know is if it will be done this year," said Penman. "The answer is yes."

Noting that the town contracted to have the bulk of the project completed by Friday, Nov. 10, Penman acknowledged that town officials had initially hoped to hit that mark a month earlier.

"We've had some delays in the project and the contractor has asked for an extension of time by about two weeks, but we still plan on getting it all done this year."

Penman said that many of the project's larger pieces should be done by the end of October, such as the roads, sidewalks, curbs and lighting. In November, contractors will be focusing on hauling and seeding topsoil, landscaping, installing trash receptacles, and imprinting asphalt. Minor finishing touches, such as reseeding and additional landscaping, along with small repairs will be completed next spring.

Traffic detours are expected to remain in place throughout November, said Penman, unless the contractor, who has agreed to pick up extra shifts and work on Saturdays, manages to make up for the time that has been lost due to weather and other unforeseen occurrences, such as a random culvert workers found buried along the route on Thursday.

Weather, Penman said, is the wild card.

"If we get a lot of rain storms, that can eat up production days," he said. "But I'm still confident that we'll have it done by the end of November."

— Ali Hibbs

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COMMUNITY

Residents invited to weigh in on riverfront revitalization initiatives

Next meeting scheduled for Tues., Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall

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BETHLEHEM — The Town of Bethlehem has announced a public meeting to discuss proposed projects and implementation techniques for the proposed Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA), adjacent to the Hudson River on the east side of town. The meeting will include a presentation and provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions and offer input.

Bethlehem residents, business owners, property owners and other stakeholders are encouraged to attend the meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Town Hall, located at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is a state-sanctioned planning process intended to guide the future of Bethlehem's waterfront

area by creating a balance between development and the protection of the riverfront's environment and heritage.

The planning process is being guided by the Local Waterfront Revitalization Advisory Group (LWRAG), which includes town residents, stakeholders, business owners and town officials, and facilitated by a consultant team from M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. of Clifton Park. PLACE Alliance, a landscape architecture firm from Schenectady, is providing support for the complementary Henry Hudson Park Master Plan Update.

In addition to holding public meetings in October 2016 and April 2017, the LWRAG has met on several occasions to discuss the needs, issues, and opportunities of the WRA, which includes the area bounded by the NYS Thruway on the west, the Hudson River on the

east, and the northern and southern town boundaries. Based on these discussions and community input, several project recommendations for projects have been refined and will be presented at the meeting, and attendees will have the opportunity to provide feedback.

The LWRP Update is meant to assist in implementing the goals set forth in the Town of Bethlehem Comprehensive Plan, as well as other local plans and programs.

Funding has been provided by the New York State Department of State (NYS DOS) under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.

Additional public workshops will be scheduled to allow opportunity for more public engagement. More information can be found on the Town of Bethlehem website at <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/746/Local-Waterfront-Revitalization-Advisory>.

Elsmere Fire Co. holds its annual open house



ELSMERE — The Elsmere Fire Company held its annual open house the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 14. In addition to educational safety handouts, fire hose and fire extinguisher exercises, and an old-fashioned Model T Fire Truck on display, there was also a bouncy house, face painting, hot dogs, cotton candy and more.

A live burn demonstration was the popular event of the day, according to the department. A "burn house," built that morning, was ignited and Assistant Chief Marc Futia and Fire Commissioner Joe Catalano explained what was taking place as the structure went up in flames and was subsequently extinguished by some of the department's newer members.

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■ COUNTY GOVERNMENT

McCoy proposes \$678.6 million budget for 2018

Budget plan does not raise tax rate or cut services, continues investment in Land Bank

By **ALI HIBBS**

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ALBANY COUNTY — Albany County Executive Dan McCoy presented his 2018 Executive Budget on Tuesday, Oct. 10. The \$678.6 million proposed budget will not raise the property tax rate nor cut services, and is McCoy's fifth budget that has remained under the state-mandated tax cap.

"I am pleased to present a budget that stays under the state tax cap for the fifth consecutive year despite the continued pressures of unfunded mandates and the real cuts we faced for 2018 in state aid for programs such as foster care," said McCoy in his 2018 budget message.

While Albany County's financial position has improved over the last decade, according to the budget document, there have been some signs of economic stagnation over the past two years. Although unemployment has remained low, job growth has been outpaced by unemployment claims, and sales tax has seen the first consecutive two-quarter downturn since the "Great Recession."

Both job creation outside of government has remained strong for eight months and other factors remain favorable, yet the executive office remains concerned



McCoy delivers 2018 budget proposal at the Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building in Albany on Oct. 10.

Submitted photo

about potential reductions in federal funding as Washington works to cut programs, as well as rising fuel and energy costs due to a combination of the recent devastating storms and federal efforts to deregulate the industry.

The projected fund balance for 2018 is more than \$60 million, which McCoy called "prudent and appropriate," noting that the balance is intended to cover unexpected losses in funding, additional mandates or decreased sales tax revenues.

The proposed budget does not make any cuts to county programs or its workforce, and includes a two percent raise for non-union county employees. In addition, it would grant another \$250,000 to the Albany County Land Bank, bringing its total investment in the program to \$2 million. Property restorations made possible by the land bank have added more

than \$2.5 million in assessed value to the county's tax rolls, according to the Office of the County Executive.

The proposed budget anticipates receiving \$1.6 million in revenues from the Rivers Casino and Resort in Schenectady, and another \$1.6 million from an increased tax levy. The tax rate will remain the same, due to the increase in full valuation of real property within the county.

The proposed budget now moves to the County Legislature, which will review it and potentially make additions and deletions over the next several weeks before voting on a final plan. For the first time this year, the legislature will livestream the two public hearings on the budget, allowing residents who can't attend the hearings to follow them live on the internet. Also, the Legislature's five budget review sessions will be videotaped and posted on the county website at www.albanycounty.com/legislature/meetingagendas.aspx.

A tentative legislative timeline of the budget process:

Oct. 24: Public hearing on proposed budget, 7:15 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers at 16 Lodge Street in Albany.

Oct. 25: Audit & Finance Committee review of proposed revenues at 5:30 p.m. in the Legislature's Caucus Room, room 730

at 112 State Street in Albany.

Oct. 26: Session 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Legislature's Caucus Room.

Nov. 1: Session 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Legislature's Caucus Room.

Nov. 2: Session 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Legislature's Caucus Room.

Nov. 8: Session 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Legislature's Caucus Room

Nov. 21: Public hearing on Legislature's proposed additions/deletions to the budget in Legislative Chambers.

"I look forward in the days and weeks ahead to reviewing this proposed budget with members of the County Legislature who have been an important partner in the success we have achieved in stabilizing County finances and in putting into place sound budgetary practices, particularly with regards to the dramatic economic turnaround at our County Nursing Home," said McCoy. "I would like to thank our Legislative leadership for working with my administration in our effort to keep Albany County moving forward on those commitments and on our mutual goal of improving the quality of life for all of our residents."

Representatives from both political parties have said they will look closely at the proposed budget and return with recommendations in the coming weeks.

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Deer knocks girl off bike, she gets back on



BCMS student turned to go to school before a deer sent her, and her bike, flying

By MICHAEL HALLISEY
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DELMAR — Bicyclists know to watch for traffic and the occasional loose dog, but deer?

Gracie Skultety, an eighth-grader at Bethlehem Central Middle School, was riding her bicycle to school Wednesday, Oct. 11 when she was bowled over by a deer.

“Out of the corner of

Corner of Delmar Place and Kenwood Avenue is at the heart of Olde Delmar, but still home to deer.

Photo by Michael Hallisey / Spotlight News

my eye, I saw something charging,” said Gracie, “and that was that.”

Skultety rides her blue 21-speed Schwinn hybrid bicycle to school every day. It’s a fifteen minute ride from her Marvin Avenue home. For Gracie, her journey began as uneventfully as her many previous rides, leading up to the moment she turned onto Kenwood Avenue from Delmar Place. The 13-year-old said she saw the deer for “0.2 seconds” before the crash.

“My bike went into the road and I just kind of rode the sidewalk and got road rash,” said Gracie, who recalled seeing one motorist swerve to avoid her bike. She remembers one driver rolling down a window to ask if she was okay. Another, advising her to go directly to the school nurse. “Then I picked my bike back up and the handle bars were twisted the wrong way two or three times. So, I don’t know exactly which direction my bike went — over my head, or what.”

Aside from a sore neck and a few scrapes on her wrist and leg, Gracie was no worse for the wear. A schoolmate helped slip her bicycle chain back into place and she proceeded to class.

Her mother, Laurel,

calls her daughter ‘tough.’ After school she tends to her 10-year-old horse, Charlotte.

“That’s why I think she’s tough,” said Laurel, whose daughter continues to ride her bicycle to and from school, “...she’s used to handling 2,000-pound animals.”

The sight of deer is not uncommon within Olde Delmar; they are often seen at dawn or dusk. Motorists know to watch for deer, and are reminded by signs along area roadways. Deer crossing signs are common along the lengths of town roads, such as New Scotland and Kenwood avenues.

But how often do bicyclists need to worry about such close

“If there’s one, there’s usually one or two more.”

— Steven LeBoyer, member of Mohawk Hudson Cycle Club on his experience with deer

member of the Mohawk Hudson Cycle Club, knows the paths on which wildlife encounters are likely. Meads Lane, Delaware Avenue and the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail are common enough.

“There’s another called



Grace Skultety looks over her bicycle the day after she was knocked off of it by a deer on her way to school.

Photo by Michael Hallisey / Spotlight News

encounters?

“It happens more often than I care to say,” said Steven LeBoyer, owner of the Savile Road bicycle store on Delaware Avenue in Elsmere.

LeBoyer, who is also a

Deer Path, but I can’t remember where that is anymore,” said LeBoyer.

The avid bicyclist recalled one day when a herd of 20 deer galloped parallel to his ride down Delaware Avenue. As he rode, he worried what would happen if the deer jumped into traffic. What would happen to the deer? What would happen to him? A few years ago, he recalled, a deer-bicycle accident resulted in a five-bicycle pile-up.

Deer are generally more active around mating season, which runs from now into December, making them more susceptible to accidents. LeBoyer said when he sees a deer cross the road, he follows one rule of thumb.

“If there’s one, there’s usually one or two more.”

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■ HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Bethlehem rolls over Schenectady

BETHLEHEM — The Eagles rolled over visiting Schenectady on Saturday, Oct. 14, 36-0.

Five different Bethlehem players scored touchdowns in front of a large, loud crowd on the team's Senior Day/homecoming game.

The Eagles jumped out to an eight-point lead in the first quarter on a 12-yard run by Alex Shudt and then made the two-point conversion. Kendall Harris scored on an eight-yard sprint in the second to give the Eagles (3-3, 4-3) a 15-0 lead heading into halftime.

Tailback, defensive standout and the guy who returns most kickoffs and punts, Ethan Sheraw, scored in the third on an eight-yard run and Colby Nash scored six on a pass from quarterback David Montalvo.

Adam Sanchez scored from the one yard line in the fourth to round out the scoring for Bethlehem.

Kicker Cameron Scoons was perfect in four extra point attempts.

Bethlehem will play at Saratoga (6-0, 7-0) on Friday, Oct. 20 in the first round of the Class AA playoffs.

Photos by Jim Franco/Spotlight News



Shen pours it on in second half

BETHLEHEM — The Eagles were able to stick with first place Shenendehowa for the first half, playing them to a 0-0 tie on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

But Shen (13-0, 14-1) scored five goals in the second and beat the home team, 5-1.

Grace Hotaling scored the lone goal for the 9-2, 9-4 Bethlehem squad.

For Shen, Amanda O'Brien and Ava Sullivan had two goals each while Michelle Clarkin scored one. Melissa Haas had two assists for the Plainsmen.

Tessa Hughes had seven saves in goal for the Eagles while her counterpart, Kelsey Kohler, had three.

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1776 28St, LLC
App. for Auth. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/12/2017. LLC was organized in WYon 8/17/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to Northeast Registered Agent, LLC., 90 State St., Ste. 700, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Required office at 1712 Pioneer Ave., Ste. 500, Cheyenne, WY 82001. Cert. of Org. filed with SSWY, Ed Murray, 2020 Carey Ave., Ste. 600, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0020. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-165483

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is 270 MT HOPE, LLC. The filing date of the Articles of Organization is August 2, 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 the designated 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 is 270 Mount Hope Drive, Albany, New York 12202 D-164072

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is 506-508 THIRD STREET, LLC
2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on 7/12/2017 with the New York Secretary of State.
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 355 20TH Avenue, Unit 1, San Francisco, CA 94121
6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.
7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. D-162474

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
Name: 6630 FSR LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 21, 2017. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 6630 Fuller Station Road, Altamont, NY 12009. D-165286

Notice of Formation of Advantage Fitness Training, LLC
Arts. of Org. filed w/ SSNY 10/3/17. Office in Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of the

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LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 308 Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-165434

NOTICE OF FORMATION of B & L Professional Business Services LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/28/17. Off. Loc.: 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, 39 Kunker Ave., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act. D-163951

Notice of Formation of Bar Malverde Central & Botana, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/10/2017. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 253 Central Avenue Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-164170

BELMONT JUL GROUP LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/5/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 2643 Larch Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48314. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-165615

BETHLEHEM CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC. ANNUAL LOT OWNERS MEETING - November 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave, Delmar, NY. Those wishing to vote must contact the Cemetery office at 518-439-2394 for ownership verification by Oct. 30, 2017. D-165916

Notice of Formation of Bush Dunbar Hammann Company, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/31/2017. Office location: County of Onondaga. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 695 Myrtle Avenue, Albany NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-164021

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CAPITAL POINT PREMIER MANAGEMENT, LLC
On 09/15/2017, Articles of Organization of Capital Point Premier Management, LLC were filed with the SSNY. The office of the NY LLC is located in Albany County. The SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and the address within NY State to

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which the SSSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him is Scheuermann & Scheuermann, LLP, 2 Wall Street, Ste 3, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose of the LLC is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. D-166095

Notice of Formation of CIGAR STATION AND LOUNGE, LLC.
Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09.27.17. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 805 19th St., Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: any lawful act. D-164817

Notice of Formation of an LLC
Color 89, LLC
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 3, 2017. Office Location: Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Miller Young, 222 Van Wies Point Rd., Glenmont, NY 12077 D-165889

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
Name: Covered Bridge Apartments, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/07/2017. 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: 450 Loudonville Road, Loudonville, New York 12211. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed under section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law. D-163087

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
Name: CP CROSSING, L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with NY Department of State, September 8, 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 Nigro Companies, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. C-163213

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Name: CP Crossing, L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 9/8/17. Office location: Albany County. SOS is

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designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Nigro Companies, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. D-163621

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
Name: CROSSING II KINGS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Department of State, September 8, 2017. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 255 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12205. C-163212

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
Name: CROSSING II M LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Department of State, September 8, 2017. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 255 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12205. C-163210

NOTICE OF FORMATION
Name: CROSSING II WSA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Department of State, September 8, 2017. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 255 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12205. C-163207

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
Name: CROSSING KINGS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Department of State, September 8, 2017. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 255 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12205. C-163211

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
Name: CROSSING M LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Department of State, September 8, 2017. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 255 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12205. C-163208

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
Name: CROSSING WSA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Department of State, September 8, 2017. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process

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against LLC and shall mail copy to 255 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12205. C-163205

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is CURRY MANOR, LLC. The filing date of the Articles of Organization is September 19, 2000. 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 the designated 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 is 1395 Kings Road, Schenectady, New York 12303. D-164131

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF D & D IT, LLC
On 10/5/17, Articles of Organization of D & D IT, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The SSSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is D & D IT, LLC, 15 Swatling Rd, Apt 22, Latham, NY 12110. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. D-165499

Notice of Formation of Drink Supply LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 18, 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: 417 Second Ave. Albany NY, 12209. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-162763

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 6:00pm, at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to solicit comment on the Reserve at Feura Bush Condominium Planned Development District application.
All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Nanci Moquin
TOWN CLERK
Date: 10/11/2017
D-166190

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Notice of formation of GET STRONG LLC.
Articles of Organization filed w/ Secretary of State New York (SSNY) on 6/12/17. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process & shall mail same to Metro Legal, 911 Central Ave. #344, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: Any lawful activity. D-163203

GUARDIAN STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING, LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/3/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY designated Agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC 79 Chancellor Dr, Guilderland, NY 12084. Purpose: Any lawful activity. D-165427

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Guidarelli Construction Development Company, LLC
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 18, 2017. Office location is in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, at 399 Consaul Road, Schenectady, NY 12304. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. D-165597

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
Name: HM CROSSING, L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with NY Department of State, September 8, 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 Nigro Companies, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211 C-163214

Notice of formation of Innovation Remodeling LLC
Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on 7/10/17, office location: Albany County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail service of process (SOP) to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 90 State Street Suite 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose is any lawful purpose. D-163537

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is J CAHILL PROOFREADING, LLC
2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on 8/22/2017 with the New York Secretary of State.
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
4. Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may

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be served.
5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 312 Ridgewood Circle, Albany, NY 12203
6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.
7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. D-163001

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is James St. Real Estate Holdings LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 21, 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 c/o 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. D-162475

JMC FUND LLC
App. for Auth. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/7/2017. Fictitious name in NYS: JMC FUND NY LLC. LLC was organized in DE on 8/28/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to c/o Stiefel Cohen & Foote, P.C., 770 Lexington Ave., NY, NY 10065. Required office at 28 Old Rudnick Ln., Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Org. filed with SSDE, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-164976

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is KEM MEDICAL SOLUTIONS, LLC
2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on 9/28/2017 with the New York Secretary of State.
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 18 Albright Place, Delmar, NY 12054
6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.
7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. D-165507

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
Name: LDFT V LLC. Ar-

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Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 19, 2017. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. D-165297

NOTICE OF FORMATION of LKT Properties, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/10/17. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1 Deerwood Dr., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. D-165479

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is M PARK MANAGEMENT LLC
2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on 9/29/2017 with the New York Secretary of State.
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 747 Madison Avenue, Suite 201, Albany, NY 12208
6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.
7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. D-165506

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
Name: MM SRS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Department of State, Oct. 10, 2017. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 255 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, NY 12205. D-165884

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
Name: MT. Pleasant Acquisitions LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Department of State, September 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 1 Mill Road, Latham, NY 12110 D-164832

MTR1 LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/12/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of

From page 3 ... Three-way road race

Dan Morin

Morin is also a lifelong town resident, growing up on McCombe Drive in Delmar and attending Bethlehem schools. After graduation, he became a union carpenter and managed the Glenmont Radio Shack, where he doubled sales, before going to work for the town's Highway Department 13 years ago. During this time, he said that he has performed almost all of its assigned jobs.

"I have witnessed excellent leadership under Gregg Sagendorph, Sr., terrible leadership under Joanne Cunningham's husband, Brent Meredith, and have thought of ways we could improve service and eliminate the Clarkson/Meredith 'waste, fraud and abuse' of the department by managing the department better and in person," Morin said. "I was inspired to run because my fellow employees and I were demoralized under poor, self-serving Working-Families-Party leadership.

Q: What do you see as the biggest challenge currently facing the highway department? How would you go about addressing it?

A: "We need a hands-on manager. If you're not observing and monitoring what is going on in the department, you're not managing. I will address the challenge by coming to work and overseeing job sites. These actions will have a cascading effect on improving efficiency and service: Eliminating unnecessary overtime, equitably sharing overtime opportunities for workers so workers know there are no 'favorites,' improving employee morale, organizing work crews properly by taking into account employee strengths and weaknesses, effecting proper time management on projects, allocating

department resources where they are needed, improving public and worker safety and making observations that will make me think of other ideas that would help us achieve department goals, e.g. cross-training employees, implementing an electronic card-key system, rotating employees overtime schedule, etc. Bethlehem's citizens will see improved leaf pickup and snow removal as a result.

"If our new town supervisor and elected town council will cooperate, perhaps we could reduce to comparable salaries in the labor market [to] the \$30,000 to \$40,000-dollar pay raises provided to Clarkson's-favored department heads over the last several years as sales tax revenue remitted to the town increased, and hire more laborers. When I started working at the highway department 13 years ago, we had 61 laborers/drivers; today, we have 46. We have more roads and sidewalks to repair and plow and from which to remove leaves."

Q: What do you see as Bethlehem's greatest strengths? How would you use your position at the highway department to help expand or capitalize on those strengths?

A: "Bethlehem's citizens — and their intelligence and knowledge, knowledge of which we in the department can take advantage [of] to our benefit. I have committed to citizens that, unlike the previous four years, they will have a highway superintendent, if I'm elected, who will respond to their letters, emails and phone calls!

"We could easily set up and promote a separate email for citizens so that I can see that our department responds to citizen concerns and does so quickly. I think listening to citizens would improve our ability in the department to fill potholes and cut down overgrown brush blocking visibility at intersections. We can't fix the problem if we don't know about it."

Q: Please rank your top five priorities at the highway department; feel free to explain why and/or how you would approach them.

A: 1) "We should train employees in the operations of

all equipment to improve the efficiency of jobsites. We've had employees go on vacation and have the remaining employees on a jobsite not able to operate the equipment. Employees could train each other in our downtime during the winter.

2) We should start paving in May instead of July and save the town the cost of hiring eight to ten Glenmont Job Corps employees at \$10 - \$12/hr. at the end of the paving season to finish the season's scheduled work.

3) We should eliminate unnecessary overtime by using the lowest-payrate- but-qualified employee to do a job. We should allow lower-level employees to perform solitary tasks without a foreman having to open the building and garage. To address management's security concerns, we could install a card-key system. Such systems typically cost \$1,500 to \$3,500 per door, or \$2,500-\$3,500 for two doors. Monthly maintenance typically costs \$10- \$100 per month. These costs are a fraction of what would be saved by eliminating foreman supervision over employees performing solitary tasks.

4) We should install plows on all of our pickups so that foremen in a pickup can plow an area missed by our dump trucks instead of calling the dump truck back to the unplowed area.

5) Like the best organizations in the world, I want to set up an incentive plan for our employees, so that ideas that save the town money will be recognized and rewarded with bonuses."

Q: What is your biggest take-away from the conversations you've had with residents during the course of campaigning over the last several weeks?

A: "Waiting a month or over the winter for a leaf pickup is no longer viewed as acceptable, if it ever was. Voters, correctly, will not tolerate the Working-Families-Party deception that town government is being fiscally responsible with property tax increases just under the tax

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process to 576 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-163947

MTR2 LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/12/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 576 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-163948

MTR3 LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/12/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 576 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-163949

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
New York City's e-Hub, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/28/17. 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, 90 State Street, STE, 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-163273

NOTICE PUBLIC HEARINGS
Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held by the Albany County Department for Aging on matters relating to the preparation and submission of its Annual Implementation

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Plan for community services for older adults age 60+. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard on the following:
Federal Older Americans Act (Titles III-B, III-C(1), III-C(2), III-F, and Title V)
United States Department of Agriculture Commodity Food Subsidy Program
New York State Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program
The New York State Community Services for the Elderly Act
New York State Congregate Services Initiative
The hearings will be held:

LOCATION:
The Beltrone Living Center
6 Winners Circle
Colonie, NY 12205
DATE:
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is NSV Capitol LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 9/18/2017. 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 595 New Loudon Rd, #307, Latham, NY 12110. D-163975

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UPON PRELIMINARY BUDGET
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY where it is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and hold a public hearing thereon, at the Town Hall, Delmar, NY at 6:00 p.m. on the 25th day of October 2017 and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against any item or items therein contained.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following officers, subject to final approval of the 2018 Town Budget, are hereby specified as follows: Supervisor \$118,017 Town Board Members (each) \$15,571 Town Clerk \$76,926* Superintendent of Highways \$103,996 Town Justice (each) \$51,466 Receiver of Taxes

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\$ 55,604
*This amount includes a stipend for serving as Registrar of Vital statistics as well as a longevity payment which cannot be paid to newly elected officials but also cannot be removed from elected officials serving as of November 26, 2013 (by resolution AI-2013-163).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such Notice shall be published once in the following newspapers: THE SPOTLIGHT, the official newspaper of the Town on October 18, 2017 and the TIMES UNION, an Albany newspaper, on October 18, 2017. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
NANCI MOQUIN, TOWN CLERK
D-166189

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is PREMIUM EXPOSURE, LLC. The filing date of the Articles of Organization is October 16, 2014. 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 the designated 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 is 15 Cobbee Road, Latham, New York 12110 D-164075

RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 11 day of October 2017, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows:
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to grant an easement located at 253 Bridge Street to Niagara Mohawk Corporation d/b/a National Grid.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to grant an easement located at 253 Bridge Street to Niagara Mohawk Corporation.

This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.
The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman VanLuvén, was seconded by Councilwoman Sasso and duly adopted by the following vote:
AYES: Supervisor Clarkson, Councilwoman Becker, Councilwoman Sasso, Councilman Wagoner, Councilman VanLuvén
NOES: none
ABSENT: none
DATED: October 11, 2017
C-166191

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
Name: S. L. McLaughlin Funeral Home LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/29/17. Office in Albany Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 36 Shaker Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-162431

SAN JOSE BROOKLYN LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/5/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 6344 Forest Ave., Ridgewood, NY 11385, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-165487

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Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on August 30, 2017, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 33 Wade Road, Latham, NY 12110, which shall be the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. D-163444

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
Name: S. L. McLaughlin Funeral Home LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/29/17. Office in Albany Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 36 Shaker Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-162431

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE POINT 199 NEW SCOTLAND, LLC
On 09/15/2017, Articles of Organization of The Point 199 New Scotland, LLC were filed with the SSNY. The office of the NY LLC is located in Albany County. The SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and the address within NY State to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him is Scheuermann & Scheuermann, LLP, 2 Wall Street, Ste 3, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose of the LLC is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. D-166094

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SARAH K COVERT NURSE PRACTITIONER IN PSYCHIATRY PLLC
Articles of Organization with the Department of State of NY on 9/6/2017. Office Location: County of Albany. The Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: c/o Sarah K. Covert, 36 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Nurse Practitioner in Psychiatry. D-163855

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE POINT 199 NEW SCOTLAND, LLC
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Notice of Formation of Wave Center LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/14/17. Office location: County of

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WILLIAM MCINTYRE, PH.D., PSYCHOLOGY, PLLC
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company

Arts. of Org. of William McIntyre, Ph.D., Psychology, PLLC ("PLLC") filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/20/17. Office location: Albany County. Sec. of State designated agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 18 Corporate Woods Bl., Ste. 120, Albany NY 12211, principal business address. PLLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: psychology. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Bl., Latham, NY 12110. D-165134

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EX-Highway Superintendent: Wagoner is the 'only qualified choice'

To the Editor:

As a former Bethlehem Highway Superintendent, I write to offer my perspective about the candidates seeking election to be our town's next Highway Superintendent. I am proud of the work that was accomplished by the Highway Department during my two terms and thankful to have led a group of dedicated highway employees who work hard to deliver important town services. I am also profoundly aware of the opportunities and challenges facing the Highway Department.

Giles Wagoner, a Democrat currently serving on the Town Board, is the only qualified choice to serve as the Town's next Highway Superintendent, as he is the only candidate that has decades of leadership experience managing a workforce very similar to that of the Highway Department.

Giles has 27 years experience in the United States Army, serving as a military officer with significant management duties.

Giles has paving and construction experience, experience as an airline pilot, and public service credentials that make him the only candidate with the right qualifications for the job.

As a sitting Town Board Member, Giles understands the Highway Department and has the analytical skills

to develop and present Departmental budgets, engage in high-level discussions about town infrastructure needs and provide and improve essential services. Neither of the other candidates have the skills in these important areas and neither come close to having the experience necessary to lead the Highway Department.

Importantly, Giles also has the temperament and experience to manage the weather-induced issues that involve middle-of-the night decision making about plowing and salting the roads and decisions about prioritizing services and needs. As a pilot, Giles is used to managing under pressure, which is an essential element for a Highway Superintendent.

The Highway Superintendent position is a vital position to our town and rolling the dice with an unqualified, disgruntled, lackluster laborer or someone without any experience or history of professional credentials or management or leadership experience is not a wise choice. Vote for Giles Wagoner on Row E (a Democrat currently running on the Working Families Party line) on November 7. Giles is the only choice.

*Brent Meredith
Delmar*

Reader: Is BDC is a closed club?

Letter to the Editor

I have been a resident of Delmar in the Town of Bethlehem for the past 18 years. I am an avid gardener, retired and pay high taxes. There is no consistent day of the week for yard refuse pick up during the past four years, leaf removal has been infrequent, highway employees have been reduced, as the population has doubled.

Dan Morin has worked for the Highway Department for the past thirteen years. He is intimately familiar with the workings and inefficiencies of the Department. He is committed to doing an excellent job.

Dan Morin and George Harder have been berated by the Democratic committee and others. A substitution form to allow Giles Wagner and Dan Coffey to run under the Democratic ticket was necessary. This required Jeff Kuhn, Dan Coffey, Pam Skrytak and a notary. Three of the above mentioned are attorneys. They were unable to complete this simple form correctly. This incompetence is of great concern to me.

Instead of taking responsibility for their mistake, they played the blame game and presented this error to the State Supreme Court. They lost their case, and if that wasn't enough, appealed the case and lost again.

Dan Morin and George Harder are the Democratic representatives on the ticket. Dan Coffey and Giles Wagner are running under the Working Families Party.

The response towards Dan Morin and George Harder has been, to say the least, vicious. This is not a sign of good character. Is this a closed club?

I will support Dan Morin and George Harder as they have integrity and will focus their energies on the work to be done. Under Dan's direction I am confident my refuse issues will be resolved.

Laura Bowen

Got questions? Go to candidates forum

To The Editor:

As a Bethlehem Democratic Committee member representing the fine people of District 19, I have had the honor of service to our current BDC Executive Board as well as the residents of my neighborhood. I can personally attest to the integrity, principled ethics and high regard for fairness from the endorsed candidates of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee.

But, hey, if you don't believe me, then you need to attend the full slate of candidates debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters on Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. You will see for yourself why we adamantly support Dan Coffey and Maureen Cunningham for Town Board, Giles Wagoner for Highway Superintendent, and David VanLuven for Town Supervisor.

You will have the opportunity to question all of the candidates to see where they stand of relevant issues such as future town development and open space conservation planning. You will hear why the BDC members fee they are the best qualified to serve our community.

I look forward to seeing you there.

*Sincerely,
Michele Ungerman Sanders
Delmar resident
BDC Representative, District 19*

Last day for letters

The *Spotlight* reminds our readers the Oct. 25 edition will be the last edition in which letters pertaining to the upcoming Nov. 7 election will appear in print. No political letters will be run in the Nov. 1 edition.



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From page 1 ... Humanitarian

In 2002, while studying photography at the Savannah College of Art and Design, Brown was given the opportunity to return to Africa. This time, she traveled to Ghana for six months as a photography intern for a nonprofit volunteer organization called Cross-Cultural Solutions.

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem helped Brown raise money for her next visit in 2003, after she completed her master's degree, to begin an after-school photography pilot program in the Volta region of Ghana.

"It was so successful," Brown said, "and the community I lived in was so excited about the project that a local paramount chief held a photography exhibition at his house." The chief, Togbe Addo, was the one who first proposed the idea of starting a photography school.

Initially, the idea was to use photography to help educate Ghanaian girls. As Brown began noticing that there were other children summarily excluded from public education, however, that idea began to evolve. Today, she works to help educate children with mental and physical disabilities, a segment of the population often stigmatized and alienated in many parts of Africa.

In 2005, Brown returned to Ghana and spent more than a year traveling the country, visiting schools, learning the culture and developing a vision of the kind of work she would ultimately do there.

"That's when Kekeli, Inc. was born," she said of her organization, a small nonprofit aimed primarily at empowering disabled children in Volta. "Then I came home to begin the work." She returned to the states, incorporated as a nonprofit and began to develop Kekeli's programming with the help of several like-minded friends made during her travels.

"There is a big stigma attached to children with disabilities in Ghana," said Brown. "They're often hidden away and, in extreme cases, sometimes killed because they're believed to be wicked or devil children or things like that." The major goals of her organization are to raise awareness about people with disabilities and to educate families about available support services, as well as advocate for

"There is a big stigma attached to children with disabilities in Ghana. They're often hidden away and, in extreme cases, sometimes killed because they're believed to be wicked or devil children or things like that,"

— Carrie Brown,
humanitarian

more services to be made available.

When Kekeli goes into a new community, Brown said it typically makes contact with the tribal chiefs first before holding a community meeting where they start a dialogue and are able to begin to understand the specific challenges facing that community. "Stories will start to come out to us," she said. "You start to hear about people with disabilities, and children, who have been abused or denied certain rights within the community."

Kekeli means "light" in Ewe, a language spoken in southeastern Ghana and neighboring Togo. Brown has spent the last decade living in Ghana, coming home just once a year to visit family and raise the funds needed to continue her work.

Currently, Kekeli is working to introduce inclusive education to Ghanaian schools — a public schooling initiative that accommodates children with disabilities, allowing them to become socialized with other children and develop the confidence and skills to improve their own lives.

"It's a concept that's very difficult for people to understand," said Brown. "When segregation has been happening for so long... Without teachers being educated on disability issues and without the resources and special education teachers in schools, it's been a huge challenge."

Right now, Brown is trying to raise the money needed to build a model inclusive education classroom that will be used to teach local educators how to understand and educate students coping with disabilities. Right now in Ho, the capital

A young girl named Felicia attends a self-advocacy meeting in the Adaklu Ahunda District in Volta.

Submitted photo

of Volta, Brown said that there are only nine special education instructors serving more than 100,000 children in the region. In addition, many classrooms contain 40 to 60 students and untrained teachers are simply unable to address the additional needs of students with special needs.

Ghana Education Service has agreed to supply educators for the model school and several local Rotary clubs have promised to provide supplies and teacher training — Kekeli now has only to find money to build the classroom, something Brown hopes her fundraiser in Bethlehem this weekend will support.

Slowly but surely, Kekeli is changing the way people with disabilities are perceived in Ghana. In addition to

the work it does with students, which Brown says has also empowered parents to advocate for their disabled children, Kekeli also works with women who have disabilities. Brown told of a mentally disabled woman named Patience whose family thought she would never be able to take care of herself. After spending several years working with Kekeli, 'Pat' now has a job as an apprentice with a seamstress in Ho and is able to get to and from work on her own.

Brown has clearly developed strong ties with her African home. "I can't be gone too long," she laughed ruefully. Before she returns to Africa, however,

She plans to hold an "African Festival" fundraiser at the Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Avenue to share her work abroad with the town where it all began. Between 2 and 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22, attendees will have the opportunity to not only learn about Kekeli's work but about Ghanaian culture as well.

"There will be a lot of drumming and dancing," said Brown. "People will also have an opportunity to make traditional jewelry." There will also be a silent auction and an activist folk singer

"We are always working," said Brown. "We have opportunities to donate online, where we share lots of stories." The biannual newsletters posted in June and December highlight personal stories and talk about the successes or failures of Kekeli's various endeavors, as well as feature photographs taken by Brown.

Those wishing to learn more can either visit the website at <http://www.kekeli-ghana.org/> or attend the festival on Sunday.



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From page 9 ... Three-way road race

Public Access TV funds under federal law are misappropriated and ordinary municipal services are gutted in order to pay for little-show jobs for those at the top of the political machine, and poorly designed, wish-list building projects. For example, the bulge-out curbs as part of the Delaware Avenue reconstruction project, in addition to taking away parking from businesses like 333 and Joe's Barbershop that do not have parking other than street parking, make it difficult to plow. "

John "Tiger" Anastasi

John "Tiger" Anastasi was born in Bethlehem. His father was a custom homebuilder who developed land in the town and decided he wanted to raise his family here. Anastasi graduated from Bethlehem schools and has lived in town his whole life.

Now the owner of his own contracting business, Anastasi has 40 years of experience in construction work. He and his wife Michelle Kavanaugh have two children that they have also chosen to raise in Bethlehem.

"I was inspired to run because I love this town and want to see it change for the better," said Anastasi. "I also feel the department is in need of better leadership, something I believe I can provide."

Q: What do you see as the biggest challenge currently facing the highway department? How would you go about addressing it?

A: "The biggest challenge I see currently facing the highway department is the division within the department staff. I feel the best way to address this problem is to have someone in the superintendent's position that can be a leader — someone who leads by example. They should not only have presence in the office but out on the street as well. The employees need to know I understand the level of work they have to do that I am there to fall back on for guidance and support.

"It is my belief that if the employees have confidence in the boss and the boss has confidence in his employees you can work through any issue, big or small. Where there is unity there is strength and with division there is weakness.

"The promise I have make to my 'hopefully future' employees at the highway department is that someday soon you will be proud of the department you work in and you'll enjoy getting up and going to work again."

Q: What do you see as Bethlehem's greatest strengths? How would you use your position at the highway department to help expand or capitalize on those strengths?

A: "Bethlehem is a special place to live and raise a family. Being a lifelong resident, I have enjoyed all that this town has to offer. The small-town feel, neighborhood parks, good property values, beautiful open spaces, great schools, restaurants and businesses. Like anything good in this world, you need to maintain... . Maintain town's infrastructure, maintain parks and open spaces and maintain relationships with the employees you supervise and the residents you serve."

Q: Please rank your top five priorities at the highway department; feel free to explain why and/or how you would approach them.

A: "Once elected I will:

- Ensure a scheduled leaf pick-up in a timely manner.

- Ensure effective paving and maintenance of our roadways that ensure safe and convenient travel.

- Provide more accountability and responsiveness to resident issues.

- Re-evaluate town roadways and sidewalk conditions to maximize pedestrian safety.

- Limit taxpayer expenses by utilizing current highway employees for town projects.

- Ensure our highway employees are well trained and cross trained so jobs don't go undone."

Q: What is your biggest take-away from the conversations you've had with residents during the course of campaigning over the last several weeks?

A: "Residents are tired of the division in the town, which are politically motived. They want quality of life services like leaf pickup, clean and well maintained parks, sidewalks, well maintained streets but most importantly they want a highway department that is responsive to the residents and not a political party.

Even though I am endorsed by Republican, Conservative, Independence and Reform parties, I am proud to say I'm a independent who puts people and the job that I am hired to do before anything else."

COMMUNITY

Judy Garland Tribute

ALBANY — Enjoy a tribute to Judy Garland on Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Albany Jewish Community Center at 1:30 p.m.

The cost is \$12 and refreshments will be served. The songs and stories of Judy Garland will be performed by Lisa Berman, vocalist; Stephen Goldstein, pianist; and Ruthe McKeown, narrator.

For more information, call the Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. at (518) 439-4955.

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Nurses' Night Out

Jupiter Hall will host a special night for that one profession that often takes a lot of crap from people, and they keep coming back for more. Nurses have their night Friday, Oct. 20.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Coming on 'Strong'

Sydney Worthley drops debut album to positive reviews, earns respect in local scene

MICHAEL HALLISEY
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Sydney Worthley is walking down the hall before she is stopped by a friend who confesses, "I've had that song stuck in my head the entire day."

That song is "One Two Three," an earworm off of Worthley's own 14-track CD "Strong" which dropped last month through Ambassador Music Group.

The Voorheesville teenager is aggressively pushing out into the local music scene. She's performed several gigs throughout the Capital District in the past several months, highlighted by a show at Albany's Tulip Festival in May and a headlining act at Jupiter Hall to celebrate the release of "Strong."

Since its release in September, the title track has received play on local alternative and Americana stations, including 88.3 WVCR-FM, where Worthley has already earned respect from its prominent on-air personality.

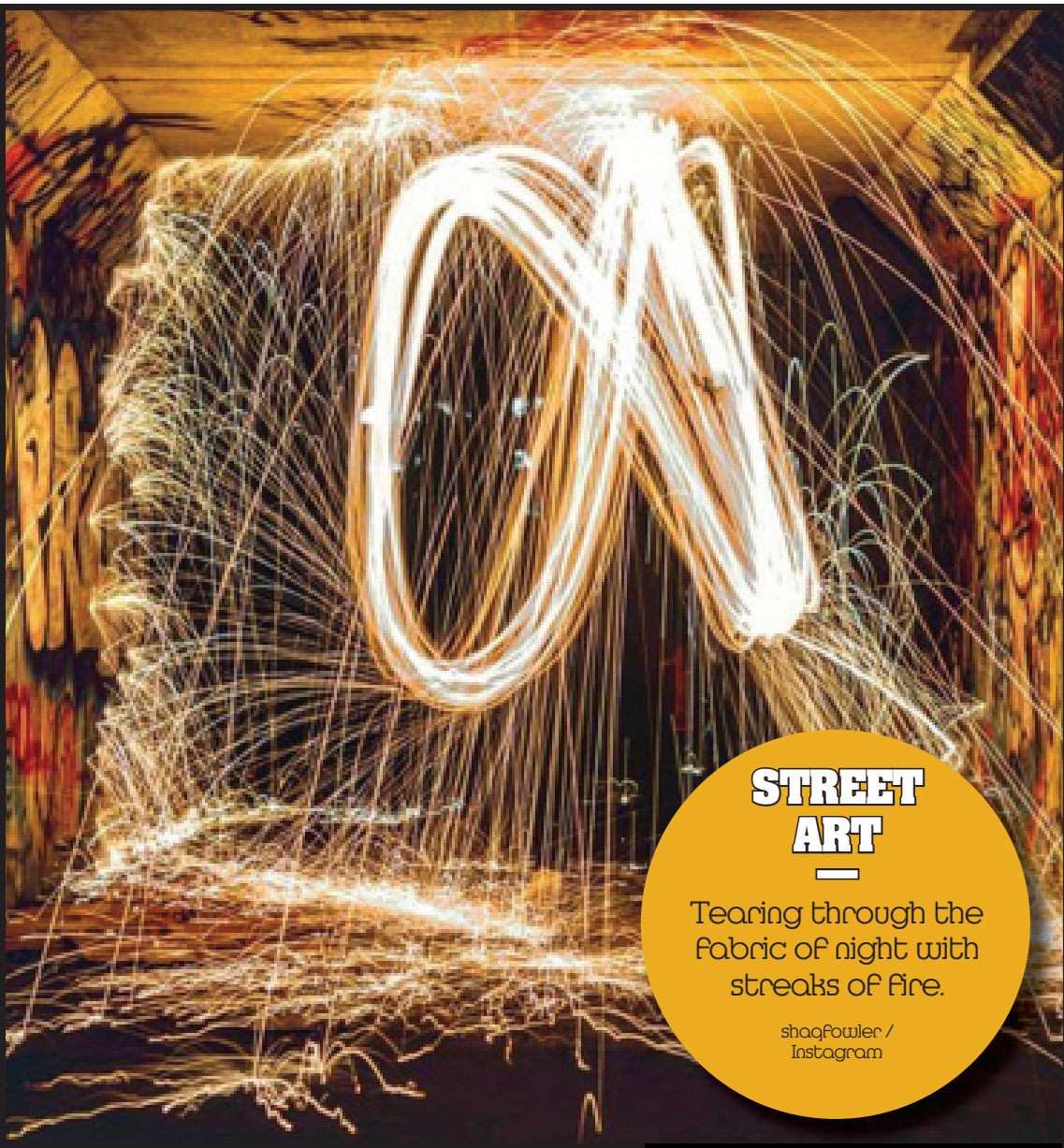
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STREET ART

Tearing through the fabric of night with streaks of fire.

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quote of the week

"At first, I was really nervous. With 'Wrong Way,' when it was just me, it wasn't with the entire band, ... it was difficult to perform. 'Wrong Way' is about bullying, and about feeling like you don't belong. So, it was really difficult to share that with an audience of people who I never met before. How can you share one of your life stories with people you've never met before. Now, it's become so much more comfortable, because a lot of people can relate."




— Sydney Worthley, on performing at live shows



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Matthew Boyce as Elvis
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■ **COMING SOON**

Long Live Rock!

Groovin' concert series brings lost rock royalty back to life this Halloween season

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — The “Groovin” concert series is quickly becoming a tradition of sorts, an annual event worth booking time to go see.

This year’s event not only moves from Proctors Theatre to the Palace Theatre, it moves closer to the Halloween season, and with that, a subtle change in theme.

“Groovin’... Ghostly Legends & Friends” takes to the Palace Theatre stage on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m.

Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin, Joe Cocker, Dusty Springfield, David Bowie and Elvis Presley are among several performers who are promised to virtually slip through the thin veil between the living and the dead.

“This, to me, is absolutely an amazing journey back to the 1960s and 70s,” said Gary Weinlein, the show’s producer. “Just the memories, the songs and the visuals, too. It’s just mind blowing.”

Of course, this show is no act of witchcraft. Those headlining the concert are performed by some of the best musical acts in the Capital District. No only looking the part, but sounding every bit like the iconic figure each is tasked to represent on a night that promises entertainment, fun and charity.

As in year’s past, Weinlein is donating from the net proceeds from the concert to go towards a charitable cause. This year’s beneficiary is the Veterans Miracle Center in Albany.

Concertgoers will have the chance to register for the “Halloween Bash: Blast to the Past” costume contest that offers over \$1,500 cash for best dressed ’60s era outfit.

Weinlein said he enjoys putting on this show each year because it remind him back to all the concerts his older brother Gregg used to drag him to as a kid. It takes him back to seeing The Doors, Joplin and Led Zeppelin when they all played at the Aerodrome, SPAC and the University at Albany. But, it brings a level of entertainment for the performers as well. Some who don’t necessarily have a distinct memory to the figure they are tasked to represent.

This year, Groovin’ welcomes College of Saint Rose student Matthew Boyce within its folds.

Though Presley died years before Boyce was even born, he said The King was a constant fixture within his childhood home.

“I got bit by the bug early,” said Boyce. His grandmother and aunt were “big Elvis fans.” As both his parents worked long hours, his grandmother and aunt watched over him, exposing him to Elvis. “It was what I grew up with and I just kind of latched on to it.”

Boyce said he started booking his own impersonation gigs when he was 7-years old, after he was inspired by the sight of seeing another impersonator at The Great Escape.

Now 18, Boyce is an accomplished Elvis Presley impersonator. He travels the East Coast to partake in contests. Earlier this month, he took home top honors at the Barrie Ontario Rock and Roll Fest, and was named the Overall Champion Winner for all tributes. In June, Boyce beat out 25 other performers at the annual Lake George Elvis Festival.

He now joins the likes of Kris Coleman, Jere Dineen, Krista David Donnelly, Tommy Love, Bryan O’Neill, Lenny Thomas, Michael Van Hoesen and more.

For tickets and information, call the Palace Box Office at (518) 465-4663, or visit www.ticketmaster.com

■ **WHAT’S HAPPENING NOW**

An Evening with Bruce Hornsby

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall – Saturday, Oct. 21

TROY — Come listen to the “Mandolin Rain” as Bruce Hornsby takes to the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m.

Hornsby is an American singer and keyboardist. Born in 1954 in Williamsburg, Va., Hornsby got his start in 1974 when his older brother Bobby formed “Bobby Hi-Test and the Octane Kids.” Bobby Hi-Test covered groups ranging from the Allman Brothers Band to the Grateful Dead, and was formed mainly to perform at fraternity parties.

For tickets and information, visit troymusicall.org.

Bass Jam

Jupiter Hall – Saturday, Oct. 21

ALBANY — Jupiter Hall will host an evening of Bass Jam on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m.

Featuring artists like Wiley Griffin, Honeycomb, Jack The Human and so many more, come out for an evening of awesome music and a variety of acts!

This is an 18-plus event. Tickets on sale for \$15. For more information, call (518) 556-3350 or visit <http://jupiterhallalbany.com/events/bass-jam/>.

Rickie Lee Jones

Cohoes Music Hall – Wednesday, Oct. 25

COHOES — Rickie Lee Jones will perform at Cohoes Music Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m.

The two-time Grammy winner exploded onto the pop scene in 1978 with hits like “Chuck E.’s In Love” and has made a career of fearlessly experimenting with her sound and persona over 15 critically acclaimed albums. A cultural phenomenon, Rolling Stone magazine put her on its cover twice in two years and Saturday Night Live gave her an unprecedented three songs for her second appearance.

Tickets are on sale for \$47 to \$67. For more information, call (518) 953-0630 or visit <https://www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/rickie-lee-jones>.

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The Low Beat – Wednesday, Oct. 18

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The Deadbeats are here for a fresh new start in 2017. New players have been added to the mix to help generate some fantastic energy.

Free admission. For more information, call (518) 432-6572 or visit <http://www.thelowbeat.com/show/1727>.

Big Sky Country

Vapor – Saturday, Oct. 21

SARATOGA — Big Sky Country will perform at

Vapor on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 8 p.m.

Big Sky Country is a high energy modern country band that takes great pride in its musicianship, professionalism, and putting on a great show. Formed in 2013, Big Sky Country has since established itself as one the premier country cover bands in New York.

This is a 21-plus event. No cover. For more information, visit <https://saratogacasino.com/event/big-sky-country-2/>.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show

Palace Theatre – Monday, Oct. 23

ALBANY — The Palace Theatre will put on a showing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show, sponsored by The Kids of Albany, on Friday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

This classic play features Brad and Janet, stuck with a flat tire during a storm, who discover the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a transvestite scientist. As their innocence is lost, Brad and Janet meet a houseful of wild characters, including a rocking biker (Meat Loaf) and a creepy butler (Richard O'Brien). Through elaborate dances and rock songs, Frank-N-Furter unveils his latest creation: a muscular man named "Rocky."

Tickets are on sale for \$7. For more information, call (518) 465-3334 or visit <https://www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/the-rocky-horror-picture-show-presented-by-the-kids-of-albany>.







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■ ARTS

'It came out of nowhere'

Award-winning authors speak with UAlbany students about unexpected career paths

By **KAITLIN LEMBO**
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ALBANY — Award-winning writers Madeleine Thien and Peter Ho Davies visited the Capital District on Oct. 3 to talk writing, books and how they ended up here.

While the room was packed with the old and the young, the writers and the viewers, Thien and Davies were able to convey a similar message about writing to every single audience member. In the words of Thien, "it came out of nowhere."

While this quote was in reference to her newest book, "Do Not Say We Have Nothing," and the inspiration behind the

novel, Thien and Davies really made this the catalyst of their entire seminar. Their careers were out of nowhere, something that many aspiring college writers can relate to and aspire to ultimately reach.

Thien was a dancer for 15 years before writing her first book at 25-years-old. She said that her writing came to her when she realized that dance was not the way she was meant to express herself. Today, "Do Not Say We Have Nothing" has won the 2016 Governor General's Award for English-language fiction, the Scotiabank Giller Prize and the Edward Stanford Travel Writing Award for Fiction.

Davies graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in physics. He found solace when he wrote about his grandmother's Alzheimer's disease in his late teens. After getting a note back from a publisher simply saying "possibilities," he decided to give writing a go for real. He is now a professor at the Helen Zell

MFA Program in Creative Writing at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He holds the 2017 Chautauqua Prize, the 2017 Anisfield-Wolf Award (as a co-winner), the 2008 PEN/Malamud Award (a co-winner), and many other awards in the 1990s.

The act of bringing successful, award winning authors to a liberal arts college is truly phenomenal. In University at Albany's case, many students are looking to break the mold in a form of English or journalism. We have an intense curriculum that focuses on the different aspects of the writing and publishing journey, but ultimately the quest to make it once we leave is on us. No amount of school really prepares you for the feeling of knowing you're about to be cut loose and your success is on you.

The idea of "it came out of nowhere" is a good reminder that in many cases, students are not where they will ultimately

end up. Many students — myself included — change majors multiple times before finding the one that fits them like a worn in glove. It's also a good reminder that the best ideas come to you when you're not trying so hard. The words -- or in some cases, the actions -- will come from you when they are ready.

While Thien is able to have huge chunks of time out of her life to write her novels, Davies is a father to a teen son. He likes to ponder his work, get up and do laundry, get a snack and make it a process. He has more in his immediate vicinity than Thien. Both writers like to really open the doors in their mind and understand why they use the vocabulary or sentence structure they do. While they create in drastically different ways, both have achieved an impressive amount of success. No obstacle really slows them down when their end goal is within sight.

The University at Albany bringing award winning writers whose ideas "came out of nowhere" is something that needs to continue. In a world where success is truly dependent on both luck and hard work, prospective students need to see and hear from those who have helped carve the paths for them.

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UAlbany Performing Arts Center – Wednesday, Nov. 1

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The patriotism following 9/11, the author’s experience of enlisting in the Army at the age of 17, the disciplinary harshness of basic training and the stress of combat are explored in this unflinchingly honest portrayal of the war in Iraq. Post-show discussion with author Ryan Smithson.

Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$10 for University of Albany students, seniors and staff. Tickets go up \$5 on day of show. For more information, call (518) 442-5620 or visit <http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst/webpages4/programpages/vws.html>.

Geeks Who Drink

Olde English Pub – Each Tuesday

ALBANY — The Olde English Pub hosts a Geeks Who Drink event each Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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.

For more information, visit <http://www.downtownalbany.org/events/geeks-who-drink-trivia>.





NIGHT: Nurses' Night Out
Jupiter Hall – Friday, Oct. 20

ALBANY — Jupiter Hall will host Nurses' Night Out on Friday, Oct. 20 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.. They take a lot of crap, from bed pans and more, and still come back to work the next day. If you've ever stayed overnight in a hospital, they're the ones you can bend their ear and get you what you need. Now is the night where they receive back the appreciation they deserve.

For more information, call (518) 556-3350 or visit <http://jupiterhallalbany.com/events/bass-jam/>.

DAY: "Erie Canal Re-Imagined"
Mabee Farm Historic Site – Through Tuesday, Oct. 31

ROTTERDAM JUNCTION — Mabee Farm Historical Site is hosting a “Eric Canal Re-Imagined” exhibit through Oct. 31. Working with historical photos of the Erie Canal from the Schenectady County Historical Society’s Library, Dana Hatchett provides a great visual adventure in pencil, Conté crayon and charcoal that explores the structural grace of the canal and what was built around it. Intrigued by natural landscapes modified by the canal and its aqueducts, bridges and locks, the artist strives to inspire understanding and appreciation of the past. Open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1100 Main St. (NY Route 5S), 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. For more information, (518) 887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org.

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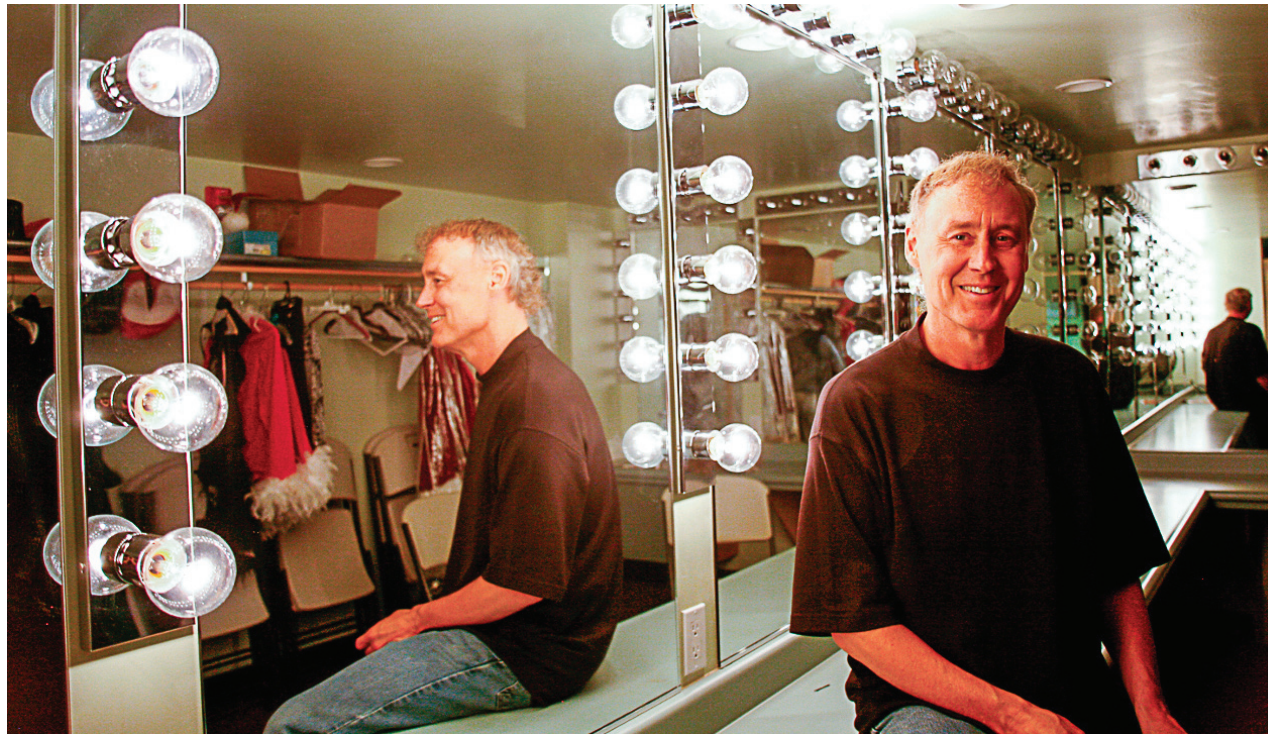
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Sat: **Colleen Pratt with Peg & Bill Delaney** | 6:30 p.m.

The Parting Glass
40 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 583-1916
Fri: **Hellcat Maggie** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Get Up Jack** | 8 p.m.

Pauly's Hotel
337 Central Ave., Albany. paulyshotel.com
Thur: **Bit Lip, Nine Votes Short, Coffee Nap** | 8:30 p.m.
Fri: **Rokken Live!** | 8:30 p.m.
Sat: **The Bastard Pumpkin Bash (costume party): Lungz, Simply the Rabbit, It That Betrays, Payn** | 8 p.m.
Wed: **Psychotic Reaction** | 8 p.m.
Every Mon: **Blue Monday Blues Jam** | 8 p.m.

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

Provence
Stuyvesant Plaza, 1475 Western Ave., Albany.
(518) 689-7777
Fri: **Jazz Connection** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **Nancy Duo** | 6 p.m.

Putnam Den
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 584-8066
Fri: **Let's Be Leonard, Madaila** | 9:30 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub
150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. (518) 235-5858
Every Thur: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Ben Lane & The Groove Train** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Kelly Maguire & Friends** | 8 p.m.

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

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

Savoy Taproom
301 Lark St., Albany. (518) 599-5140
Fri: **JB AKA Dirty Moses** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **The Jeff Nania Quartet** | 9 p.m.

Speakeasy 518
42 Howard St., Albany. (518) 449-2332
Thur: **Brian Patneau & Matt Finck** | 9 p.m.
Every Mon: **Joe Finn** | 8 p.m.
Tue: **Mike Jenkins and The Fat Ties** (swing night) | 8 p.m.

Stockade Inn
1 North Church St., Schenectady.
(518) 346-3400
Thur: **Colleen Pratt with Peg & Bill Delaney** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Completely Different** | 7 p.m.

Troy Kitchen
77 Congress St., Troy. (518) 268-0068
Thur: **Phil Allen's Concert Jazz Band** | 7 p.m.

Twisted Vine
384 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.
(518) 439-3241
Sat: **Raisinhead, Matt Mirable Band** | 4 p.m.

Upstate Concert Hall
1208 NY 146, Clifton Park.
(518) 371-0012 or upstateconcerthall.com
Thur: **JJ Grey and Mfro, The Commonheart** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Our Lady Peace** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **The Lox with Westside Gunn & Conway, Smoke DZA, Statik Selektah, DJ Green Lantern** | 8 p.m.
Mon: **Death From Above, The Beaches** | 8 p.m.

Van Slyck's at Rivers Casino
1 Rush St., Schenectady. (518) 579-8800
Thur: **DJ Tru** | 8 p.m.
Fri-Sat: **DJ Cherk** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Radical Rewind** | 5 p.m. • **Kick** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Acoustic Underground** | 5 p.m.
Probable Cause | 9 p.m.

Vapor Night Club
342 Jefferson St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 581-5775.
Fri: **The Refrigerators** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Big Sky Country** | 8 p.m.

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

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

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MUSIC

The Memorial Concert Band of Colonie

Group composed of some of the Capital District's most accomplished amateur musicians will present its Fall Concert. Program features a selection of American-themed pieces, including selections from the "Suite of Old American Dances" by Robert Russell Bennett and "Variations on America" by Charles Ives. Wed., Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m. Mark Cornell Auditorium, Colonie Central High School, 1 Raider Blvd., Colonie. Free. (518) 764-2712 or www.memorialbandcolonie.org

Irish Slow Session

Play traditional Irish music with Hilary Schrauf. Wed., Oct. 18, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. \$4. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org

Betsayda Machado y La Parranda El Clavo

Venezuelan singer nicknamed "The Black Voice of Barlovento," who has revived nearly extinguished genres of black music, performs with the percussion and voice ensemble from her hometown that's been playing together for over 30 years. The Passport Series: Music Haven at Proctors series. Thurs., Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$25. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer

This two-time Grammy Award-winning duo creates superb harmonies backed by string banjo, ukulele, mandolin, and cell-banjo among other instruments

while performing songs from a variety of music genres. Appalachian singer, multi-instrumentalist and songwriter Sam Gleaves will also perform. Presented by the Eighth Step. Fri., Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m. Education Center, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Advance, \$26; Gold Circle, \$40. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

Andrea McArdle

An evening of style and song with the Broadway star first who captured the hearts of theatergoers everywhere in 1977 when she originated the title role in "Annie," the musical based on the popular comic strip Little Orphan Annie. Since then, she has starred in several Broadway musicals and appeared in theatres in New York, nationally and internationally. Part of the Cabaret Series at Proctors. Fri., Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m., GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. 7:30 p.m. \$40 or \$50. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

Patrick Ball

Premier Celtic harp player and spoken word artist who blends the two cherished traditions together to create "a richly theatrical and hauntingly beautiful performance." Fri., Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m. Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Adults, \$20 online; increases to \$22 by phone or at door, children ages 12 and younger, \$5. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org

Ensemble Connect

A joint program of Carnegie Hall, The Juilliard School, and the Weill Music Institute in partnership with the New York City Department of Education. Ensemble members are alumni or current fellows of a two-year program that supports young professionals as they develop

careers as performers, programmers, and teachers who are engaged with the communities in which they live and work. Program features works by Bernstein, Missy Mazzoli, Copland and Steve Reich. Presented by the Department of Music and Office of Special Programs. Fri., Oct. 20, at 8 p.m. Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Adults, \$8; seniors, \$5; students and children free. (518) 580-5321 or www.skidmore.edu/zankel

Ryan Montbleau

Acclaimed New England-based singer songwriter who blends contemplative and richly emotive lyrics with a gift for melody tours in support of his first full-length release, "I Was Just Leaving." Fri., Oct. 20, 8 p.m. Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St. Cohoes. \$20 and \$25. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/ryan-montbleau

Actress + Toxe

One of the most stylistically elusive figures in UK electronic music since 2004, Actress mixes club-ready techno with dark ambient and experimental sensibilities, building he has built a catalog of iconic and genre-defying albums while headlining shows at the world's dance-music proving grounds. Toxe, the Stockholm-based producer and DJ who is quickly becoming known for her aggressive beats and anything-goes mixes, will open the performance. Fri., Oct. 20, 9 p.m. Studio 1-Goodman, EMPAC, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 110 8th St., Troy. Adults, \$18; seniors/non-RPI students, \$13. (518) 276-3921 or tickets.empac.rpi.edu

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Ray Andrews, Sten Isachsen and Maria Zemantauski are three accomplished musicians with eclectic tastes ranging from fiery flamenco and Latin to Baroque, and classical even Appalachian, to create innovative arrangements of the traditional, classical and Latin repertoire, and Zemantauski's original compositions. Sat, Oct. 21, Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 NY Rte. 43, Averill Park. Adults, \$18; ages 18 and younger, \$10. (518) 674-2007 or slcactp.ticketleap.com

Alexis P. Suter Band

Vocalist with big, booming voice backed by Alexis' Ministers of Sound (AMOS), an ensemble that artfully blends the lines between Blues, Soul, Roots and Rock music. Currently on tour in support of two releases, "All for Loving You," and "Live From Briggs Farm." Sat., Oct. 21, The Linda, 339 Central Ave., Albany. \$20. (518) 465-5233 or www.thelinda.org/event/alexis-p-suter-band-2.

The Homecoming Concert 2017

A night filled with performances by notable rap and hip-hop artists, featuring Cardi B, YFN Lucci, Charly Black, Famous Dex and Lil Pimp. Sat., Oct. 21; Doors open at 7 p.m.; concert followed by after-party starts at 8 p.m. Times Union Center, 51 South Pearl St., Albany. Pit, \$147; first level seats depending on location, \$45, \$60 or \$100; College student floor seats, \$30; must have valid college ID to enter facility. (518) 487-2000, (800)-745-3000 or www.timesunioncenter-albany.com/homecoming-concert-2017

Paula Cole

Winner of the 1998 Grammy Award for Best New Artist makes her debut at The

Egg in support of "Ballads," her new double album of American jazz and folk classics. Sat., Oct. 21, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$29.50. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

Melvin Seals & JGB

"Jam Band Music" pioneer and his band will take audience members on an exciting, psychedelic musical journey. Sat., Oct. 21, 8 p.m. Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. Balcony seats, \$30; dance floor general admission or seats, \$35. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/melvin-seals-jgb

Bruce Hornsby

Drawing from a vast wellspring of American musical traditions, the singer/pianist/composer/bandleader has created a large and accomplished body of work and employed a vast array of stylistic approaches since the commercial success of his first album in 1986. Sat., Oct. 21, 8 p.m. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. \$30, \$37 and \$48. (518) 273-0038 or www.troymusichall.org

Filene Winners Concert

Performance featuring the 2017 winners of Skidmore's Filene Music Scholarships, which help gifted young musicians further their musical studies and develop their talents as part of a liberal arts education. Sat., Oct. 21, 8 p.m. Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. (518) 580-5321 or www.skidmore.edu/zankel

Schenectady

Symphony Orchestra

The Orchestra performs Concert I of its 2017-18 season. Program features

Smetana's "The Moldau," and Respighi's "The Pines of Rome." Sun, Oct. 22, 3 p.m. Mainstage, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$12 or \$20. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

Burnt Hills Oratorio Society

Society members will perform Haydn's choral masterpiece, "The Creation," which depicts the creative explosion of the New World as described in the Book of Genesis. Features soloists from Saratoga Opera. Sun., Oct. 22, 4 p.m. Church of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Saratoga Rd. (NY Rte. 50), Glenville. \$20. (518) 416-4060 or BHOS.us

Lawler + Fadoul: Clickable: The Art of Persuasion

This timely program blurs the line between high art and pop culture, with sing-along elements merging seamlessly with abstract art, instrumental virtuosity, live commercial breaks and dance. A theatrical concert featuring flute and percussion, it showcases new work from American composers Ralph Farris, Katherine Hoover and Adam Silverman, Canadian composer Jason Nett, hip-hop poet Liza Jessie Peterson and choreographer Barbie Diewald. Directed by Rachel Peake. This performance is part of a live CD recording. Sun., Oct. 22, 3 p.m. Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Adults, \$18 online; increases to \$20 by phone or at door, children ages 12 and younger, \$5. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org

Paco Peña

Spanish guitarist, composer, dramatist, producer and artistic mentor who has transformed perceptions of the archetypical art form of flamenco. Rafael

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CLUES ACROSS

- Syrian city
- Secret collection
- Mother
- Type of radar (abbr.)
- Trio
- Jelly-like algae substance
- Malaysian coastal city
- Christmas!
- Bleak
- Late Republic Roman poet
- Supervises flying
- Long, low sounds
- Seven children born at once
- Tyrion Lannister nickname
- Moon crater
- Concealed
- Woman (French)
- Shipped
- Babies need one
- Two
- Book of maps
- A partner to cheese
- Coastal region of China
- Town in Czech Republic
- Peter Griffin daughter
- Men proud of their maculinity
- One-time Chinese dynasty
- Not pleased

- Mary __, cosmetics
- Midway between east and southeast
- Reflected
- Derived from
- US Treasury title (abbr.)
- Spiritual leader
- Dismounted
- Isaac mother (Bib.)
- Southern constellation
- Not often found
- Extremely angry
- Individual article
- They congregate at hives
- Regenerate
- Plaster

CLUES DOWN

- ad Men actor Jon
- Samoan capital
- Singer Anthony
- Sign of the Zodiac
- Short-term memory
- Larcenies
- Side-neck turtle
- Blissful
- __, you!
- Species of macaque
- North-central Indian city
- Common street name
- Weaponry

- Counsels
- __ student: doctor-to-be
- A bachelor has one
- Women __ movement
- Leaders
- Chinese sea goddess
- Caps of mushrooms
- Papier-__, art material
- Hmong
- Uneven
- Resinous secretion
- Pocketbook
- Political action committee
- Health care for the aged
- Metro Goldwyn __: film company
- A gossip
- Where wrestlers work
- __ Squad
- Self-defense
- Muslim brigands
- Saudi Arabian island
- Goliath foe
- Hurtful remark
- Wings
- Beget
- Second Greek letter
- Blue mold cheese
- Unstressed-stressed
- Title of respect
- Chop or cut

Answers on Pg. B21

Montilla, a renowned guitarist who accompanies vocalists through Spain's Andalusia region. Sun., Oct. 22, 3 p.m. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. \$34. (518) 273-0038 or www.troymusicall.org

Amos Lee

Spend an intimate evening with the American singer songwriter as he continues on a solo tour in support of his latest, first self-produced and most ambitious release, "SPIRIT." Soulful singer songwriter Mutlu, who has gained considerable attention for his previous work with Lee, opens. Tues., Oct. 24, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$52.50 or \$70. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

Contra Dance Tunes

Playing for dancing with rhythm and style. Build your skills and dance tune repertoire. All instruments and skill levels welcome. Led by Ray Kottke. Wed., Oct. 25, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. \$3. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org

107.7 FM WGNA's Secret Star Acoustic Jam

(NEARLY SOLD OUT). Seven of today's top country acts will perform. For clues, visit www.wgna.com. Wed., Oct. 25, 7 p.m. MainStage, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$19 to \$34. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

Rickie Lee Jones

Two time Grammy winning singer songwriter known for defying convention with her sometimes brazen sexuality and her "confessional" performances, tours in support of her latest release, "The Other Side of Desire." Wed., Oct. 25, 8 p.m. Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. \$47, \$57 and \$67. (518) 465-4663 or palacealbany.org/events

Cry, Cry, Cry

Lucy Kaplansky, Richard Shindell and Dar Williams revive their celebrated folk-pop

collaboration for their first performances in 19 years. Fri., Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. \$29, \$38 and \$48. (518) 273-0038 or www.troymusicall.org

Primus

Unique and oddball rock and roll band is on its "Ambushing the Stone," tour, in support of its latest recording, "The Desaturating Seven." Fri., Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$29.50, \$34.50, \$39.50, \$49.50 and \$59.50. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events

Puerto Rico Benefit Concert

Catch four of the Capital District's favorite Latin music acts in one place, at one time for a great cause. Concert features performances by Alex Torres & His Latin Orchestra, Taina Asili y La Banda Rebelde, Bronte Roman and Orquesta Sabor Caribe. Hosted by The Puerto Rico Disaster Relief Team of the Capital District. Fri., Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. Hart Theatre, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$25, \$35, and \$45, with all proceeds going to benefit hurricane victims on the island. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

Groovin': Ghostly Legends and Friends

This entire production specializes in re-creating the look and sounds of the most popular artists from the greatest era of Classic Rock. Ghostly legends scheduled to appear include Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin, Dusty Springfield, and Joe Cocker, with a special tribute to the late David Bowie. Rumor has it that Elvis will also be in the house. Sat. Oct. 28, 7 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$28 and \$33; net proceeds will be donated to the Veterans Miracle Center of Albany. (518) 465-4663 or palacealbany.org/events

The Sachal Ensemble:

Pakistani band performs a concert inspired by the "Song of Lahore" documentary, featuring a cross-cultural recreation

of iconic songs by Duke Ellington, The Beatles, Dave Brubeck, Henry Mancini, and others. Presented in partnership with SPAC. Sat., Oct. 28, 8 p.m. MainStage, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$40. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org; concert will be performed on Mon., Oct. 30, at The Spa Little Theatre, Saratoga Spa State Park, 19 Roosevelt Drive, Saratoga Springs. \$40 and \$45. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org

Loudon Wainwright III with Suzzy Roche and Lucy Wainwright Roche

One of the most enduring and candid singer-songwriters with an uncanny ability write music that is both laugh-out-loud funny and with heart-wrenching honesty that can cut to the bone. With more than 25 albums under his belt, Loudon performs a career retrospective concert hot on the heels of his new memoir: "Liner Notes: On Parents & Children, Exes & Excess, Death & Decay & a Few of My Other Favorite Things." In keeping with the spirit of the book's title, Suzzy Roche and Lucy Wainwright Roche whose quirky songs, harmonies and humor pick up where the beloved folk trio The Roches left off, will open the show. Sat., Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$34. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

John Lodge of The Moody Blues

Legendary bass player, songwriter and vocalist for The Moody Blues, is currently on tour in support of his critically-acclaimed second solo release, "10,000 Light Years Ago." He'll perform a variety of tracks from his solo albums along with classic Moody Blues songs backed by his 10,000 Light Years Band, which includes longtime collaborators Alan Hewitt and Norda Mullen. Sat., Oct. 28, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$34. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

Across the Vast Eternal Sky

Albany Pro Musica opens its 36th season with its annual Artist Series concert, this year, featuring the music of its composer in residence, Ola Gjeilo. The American String Quartet will join Gjeilo in an inspiring program of choral music, following its performance of Beethoven String Quartet Op. 95, in F Minor, Serioso. Sun., Oct. 29, 3 p.m. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. \$25 and \$35. (518) 273-0038 or www.troymusicall.org

Renaissance "Symphonic Journey"

For the first time in 40 years, the prog-art-rock pioneers, led by the ethereal vocal stylings of Annie Haslam, will perform on stage with a live chamber orchestra adding an incredible dynamic to their classics during this career retrospective concert. Sun., Oct. 29, 7 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$34.50 and \$39.50. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

Donny Elvis

A performance by one of the Capital District's best Elvis tribute artists. Sun., Oct. 29; doors open/refreshments available at 5 p.m.; show begins at 7 p.m. Colonie Elks Lodge #2192, 11 Elks Lane, Latham. Advance, \$14; increases to \$16 if purchased on day of show. (518) 785-5714.

THEATER

'Greater Tuna'

In this hilarious sendup of small town morals and mores, two actors portray 20 characters – men, women, children and animals – all wacky citizens of Tuna, Texas' third smallest town. Through Sun., Oct. 22. Shows: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Ghent Playhouse, 6 Town Hall Place, Ghent. General admission, \$23.76; student, \$11.34 (prices inc. fees). (518) 392-6264 or gphgreatertuna.brownpapertickets.com

'Fifth of July'

Ken, a legless Vietnam veteran, and his lover, Jed, a horticulturist, reside in a sprawling farmhouse in rural Missouri. Ken's sister, June, and his niece, along with a pair of old friends and former activists from college, Gwen and John, all come to visit at the same time. The action centers on Gwen's offer to purchase the property and on Ken's Aunt Sally, who has come to scatter the ashes of her late husband. As the play progresses, their conversations reveal their lost hopes and dreams and the bitterness one must fight back against if he or she is to perceive the good that life can offer. **Note: Includes adult language and mature themes.** Presented by New York's famed Circle Repertory Company. Through Sun., Oct. 22. Shows: Wed. & Thurs., at 7:30 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. at 8 p.m.; and Sun. at 2:30 p.m. Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. \$20. To purchase tickets, call Proctors Box Office at (518) 346-6204 or visit tickets.proctors.org and select the show/time you wish to attend.

'Cabin Pressure'

Albany author Damon Stewart's darkly comic exploration of the interaction of a pair of former lovers who come to believe that this conversation may be their last. **Note: Includes adult language and mature themes.** Sat., Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. The University Club of Albany, 141 Washington Ave., Albany. \$20, with RSVP required the Friday prior to the performance to (518) 463-1151 or ellen@universityclubalbany.com

'Peter and the Starcatcher'

Tony award-winning play upends the century-old story of how a miserable orphan comes to be The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up. A wild and funny grown-up prequel to *Peter Pan*. Presented by Home Made Theater. Through Sun., Oct. 29. Shows: Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. Adults, \$29;

seniors/students, \$26. (518) 587-4427 or homemadetheater.org/box-office/

New World Order: 6 short plays by Harold Pinter

What if the people in power didn't have your best interests at heart? David Girard directs these reinterpretations of the Nobel playwright's short plays set in a post-truth world. Presented by Troy Foundry Theatre. Thurs. Oct. 19, through Sat. Oct. 21, 8 p.m. James L. Meader Little Theater, Russell Sage College, 5 Division St., Troy. Also at Hangar on The Hudson, 675 River St., Troy on Thurs., Oct. 26 and Fri., Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. All performances are free; reserve seats for either venue at troyfoundrytnwo.bpt.me/

'Evil Dead: The Musical'

Five college friends spend the weekend in an abandoned cabin in the woods after accidentally unleashing an evil force that turns them all into demons. It's all up to Ash (a housewares employee, turned demon-killing hero), to save the day. Audience members sitting in the "splatter zone" run the risk of leaving the theater covered in fake blood as the production incorporates some fun 'real-life' effects during certain scenes. In addition to some dismembered limbs, demons telling bad jokes, and catchy tunes, the show features a saucy combination of wit and sexual innuendo that keeps audiences laughing out loud. Fri., Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Mainstage, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$20, \$30, \$40, \$50, and \$70. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

COMEDY

The Comedy Works: Cohoes Music Hall

Robert Kelly: Host of the top rated podcast "You Know What Dude?" whose comedy is deeply rooted in his own life and relationships, which makes it honest and abrasively funny, yet refreshingly vulnerable. Sat., Oct. 28, 8 p.m. 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. Advance, \$25;



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Tom Green: Multi-talented Canadian comedian, actor and broadcaster shares his brilliantly cracked view of the world around him. Wed., Oct. 18, 7 p.m. (**sold out**) and 9 p.m. Advance, \$25 (show only) or \$49.95 (dinner + show). Price increases \$5 if purchased on day of show.

Open Mic: Every Thursday at 9 p.m.; sign ups begin at 7 p.m., free to attend or participate. **Rory Albanese:** National headlining stand-up comedian and nine-time Emmy Award-winning writer and executive producer, known for his longtime work on Comedy Central's *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart and *The Nightly Show* with Larry Wilmore. Thurs., Oct. 19, \$10; Fri., Oct. 20, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. (later show is a fundraiser for Operation Smile), and Sat., Oct. 21, 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.* 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. (518) 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com

The Funny Bone

Michael Quu: MTV and Spike TV star headlines the Full Throttle Comedy tour. Wed., Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m. \$5 to \$20.

John Novosad: Stand-up comedian based out of Denver's Comedy Works aka "Hippieman" who has been performing for more than 30 years. Winner of the Laughing Skull Comedy Festival in 2016 and the Laughlin Laugh Festival in 2015. Thurs., Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m. \$12 to \$20. **Amazing Jonathan:** Eccentric entertainer whose bizarre humor and unscripted antics have earned him worldwide fame as the most original and successful comic magician in history. Fri., Oct. 20, at 7:30 and 10 p.m., and Sat., Oct. 21, at 7 and 9:45 p.m., and

Sun., Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. \$22. All shows 21+ unless indicated otherwise; doors 60 to 90 minutes before early show; 30 to 45 minutes before late shows. Crossgates Mall, 1 Crossgates Mall Rd., Guilderland. (518) 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com

Mopco Improv Theatre

Improv Jam: A wonderful hybrid of class, show and party, a jam gives veteran improvisers and newcomers alike a chance to try out games and stretch their improv muscles. Jump up and play in every game or just sit back and enjoy the show. Thurs., Oct. 19. Doors at 6:30 p.m. for 7 p.m. event. 16+ only. \$6.24 (inc. fees). **First Year Anniversary and Show:** Toast the many firsts which have taken place on North Jay Street. Variety show featuring performances from Ethan Ullman of Storytime Time, Crime Alley Sketch Comedy, Electric City Puppets, Alf Pacino and The Mop & Bucket Co. Fri., Oct. 20. Doors at 6:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, followed by show at 8 p.m. \$27.24 (inc. fees and hors d'oeuvres; promotional offers may not be used for this event). **Spontaneous Broadway:** After performers audition Broadway-style songs that they create on the spot based on titles generated by the audience, the most popular song is turned into an hour-long improvised musical. Saturdays, Oct. 21 through Nov. 18; doors at 7:30 p.m., with show at 8 p.m. Adults, \$16.74; students/seniors, \$7.29 (prices inc. fees).

Crime Alley: Sketch Comedy Show: Following a sell out performance, the Capital District's best sketch comedy group continues its assault on mundanity with a night of all new uncompromising sketches. Also features stand-up by British comedian Nell Shanahan. Recommended for ages 18+. Adults, \$11.49; seniors/students, \$7.29 (prices inc. fees). 10 N. Jay St., Schenectady. (518) 577-6725 or www.mopco.org

Proctors Ladies Night Out Comedy Show:

HYP3 presents this how starring Jess Hilarious (aka Jess with the Mess!) featuring comedians Pretty Ricki and Precious. Hosted by Hot 99.1's DJ Supreme. Music provided by DJ TGIF. Recommended for ages 18+. Fri., Oct. 20, 8 p.m. MainStage. \$39 and \$49. **Pretty Much The Best Comedy Show:** Laugh to a fresh mix of the best up-and-coming comedians, with TV credits from Comedy Central, late night TV and beyond. Includes a feature act, a host and a guest comedian. Acts TBD. Sat., Oct. 28; doors at 7:30 p.m., followed by show at 8 p.m. in the Education Center. Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Advance, \$15; increases to \$20 on day of show. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

Shmaltz Brewing Co. Giggles 'N Bits Comedy Show: A night of laughter, great beer and music hosted by Bobby Brown III, featuring performances by Eion Falance, Jody Lee and Dre Cerbin headlined by Rich Williams, who has appeared on Comedy Central and the Howard Stern Show. Fri., Oct. 20; doors at 8 p.m. followed by show at 9 p.m. 6 Fairchild Square, Clifton Park. Advance, \$15; increases to \$20 at the door; limited availability. (518) 253-8974 or www.eventbrite.com/e/giggles-n-bits-october-lineup-tickets-38502089787

DANCE

Intermediate Line Dancing

Dance and lessons. Weekly, Wednesdays, through Oct. 25, 7 to 10 p.m. Danceland, 638 Columbia St. Ext., Latham. Walk-ins welcome. \$9. (518) 785-3888 or dancelandboomers.com/Calendar.aspx

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Festival of South African Dance

The Gumboots and Pantsula Dance Companies of Johannesburg, South Africa will share the stage for a pulsating, rhythm-filled evening of urban street dance in response to cultural and political issues in their communities. Thurs., Oct. 19, 8 p.m. MainStage, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$20, \$30 and \$40. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

Collage Dance Collective

Led by Kevin Thomas, artistic director and former principal dancer of the Dance Theatre of Harlem Kevin Thomas, this company from Memphis performs a diverse range of classical and contemporary ballet. Fri., Oct. 20, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$28. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

Antar-Yatra: The Journey Within

The Albany Chapter of AIM for Seva presents this combination of song, music, classical and folk dances, and martial arts choreographed and directed by leading Indian classical dancer Sharmila Biswas gives audiences a glimpse into the inner world of India's women dancers. Sun., Oct. 22, 5:30 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Free; For tickets, e-mail Janaki Ramkumar at AimForSevaAlbany@gmail.com. Donations will benefit AIM for Seva, an organization which educates and empowers rural/tribal children of India.

FAMILY

Outdoors After School

Join us after school to get some fresh air, stretch your legs, and have fun outdoors. Meet at the visitor center to begin our adventure. Each week will have a different theme and will include time to explore outdoors. Come for as many sessions as

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Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Rd., Delmar. Free, registration requested. (518) 475-0291, 5Rivers@dec.ny.gov or www.dec.ny.gov/education/

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., Oct. 21, 11 a.m. Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany. \$3 per seat. (518) 434-1217 or www.albany.org/visitors-center

Family Saturday: Drop-in Art Making Activity

After viewing Dorothy Dehner's large, black sculpture "Fist," in the atrium, attendees will make their own wooden sculptures out of colored craft sticks. Sat., Oct. 21, noon to 1:30 p.m. Tang Teaching Museum, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. (518) 580-8080 or tang.skidmore.edu

Champions of Magic

Five world-class illusionists from Britain bring their popular show across the pond for U.S. audiences to enjoy. Witness incredible mind reading, stunning close-up magic and daring large-scale illusions. Sat., Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. MainStage, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$20, \$30, \$35, \$40 and \$50; limited availability for VIP packages. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

Family Fun Day

Celebrate all things fall with wagon rides, pumpkin decorating, a petting zoo, face painting and more!! Presented by

The Greater Loudonville Association. Sun., Oct. 22, 2 to 4 p.m. Pruy House, 207 Old Niskayuna Rd. Latham. Free. (518) 437-1569.

Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood LIVE: King for a Day!

All-new grr-ific musical for little tigers and grown-ups based on the popular PBS KIDS TV series. Hop on Trolley with Daniel and his friends to the Neighborhood of Make-Believe, where Daniel learns just what it takes to be king. Tigertastic fun event teaches the valuable lessons of kindness, helping others and being a friend. Thurs. Oct. 26, 7 p.m. MainStage, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Limited seating available for \$35, \$45; VIP packages sold out. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'Halloweentown'

It's a Halloween-themed Palace Family Fun Day. Enjoy games and activities before watching the 1998 movie, "Halloweentown." After learning that she is a witch, a girl helps save a town full of other supernatural creatures. Rated G, running time 1 hour 24 mins (imdb.com). Sun., Oct. 29; doors at noon, movie begins at 1 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$5. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/halloweentown

Festival of Nations

Members of ethnic groups from 25 different countries will celebrate their cultures through food, crafts and performances during this 46th annual event. Sun., Oct. 29, noon to 5 p.m. Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Albany. Adults, \$5; children ages 3 through 12, \$2. (518) 371-3737 or www.facebook.com/Festival-of-Nations-442073449172482

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Rated R. Run time: 228 minutes. Wed., Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Adults, \$9; students, \$6 (w/ID). (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'West Side Story'

Oscar-winning 1961 readaptation of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" set in New York City's West Side, featuring music by Leonard Bernstein (imdb.com). Not rated; running time 2 hrs., 32 mins. Presented as part of the Music Hall Movie Series. Thurs., Oct. 19, 7 p.m. Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. \$5. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events

'Other Uses #3'

Third program in this film series, turns the lens on unseen processes, people, and objects. The motion we see in the works, whether produced through montage, camera movement or distortion of the recorded image, directly connects the action on screen to the hand of the artist. Thurs., Oct. 19, 7 p.m. Theater, EMPAC, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 110 8th St., Troy. \$6. (518) 276-3921 or www.empac.rpi.edu/events/2017/fall/other-uses/-3#tickets

'Forrest Gump'

Tom Hanks plays the role of a man of less than average intelligence who lives an extraordinary life, managing to be involved with major events in American history from the 1950s through the 1980s. Presented by the New York State Writers Institute. Fri., Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m. Page Hall, University at Albany Downtown Campus, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst/

The Monkees 'HEAD'

Montreal's DJ XL5 will present his Rock & Roll Zappin' Party, followed by a film which is certainly not just another 'Pleasant Valley Sunday,' featuring a host of special guests including Dennis Hopper, Jack Nicholson and Frank Zappa. Rated G,

with running time of 1 hr. 26 mins.; total running time of about 4 hours. Presented by It Came From Schenectady. Sat., Oct. 21, 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Adults, \$9; students (w/valid ID; available at door) \$6. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'Rocky Horror Picture Show'

A wholesome, well-behaved couple in love, Brad Majors and his fiancée, Janet Weiss, innocently set out to visit an old professor. Unfortunately, a thunderstorm and a flat-tire force them to seek help at the castle of Dr. Frank 'N' Furter, an alien, transvestite scientist with a manic genius and insatiable libido. Experience this cult-classic film along with the The Kids of Albany, the Capital Region's Finest Rocky Horror Shadowcast. Mon., Oct. 23, 7 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$7. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events

'Amélie'

After returning a long-lost childhood treasure to a former occupant of her apartment, and seeing the effect it has on him, Amélie, a shy waitress at a Montmartre café, decides to set out on a mission to make others happy, while also pursuing a quirky collector of discarded photo booth pictures. Rated R for sexual content. Run time: 122 mins. Mon., Oct. 23, at 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$5. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'Song of Lahore'

After toiling in obscurity for years, an innovative album leads Pakistani band, Sachal Studios, to international acclaim, and a triumphant Jazz concert with Wynton Marsalis at Lincoln Center. Academy Award winning filmmakers, Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy and Andy Schocken, follow the musicians dramatic journey, asking if they can ever find an audience at home in a society roiled by social and religious upheaval. In English, and Punjabi and Urdu w/English subtitles.

Rated PG. Run time: 82 minutes. Tues., Oct. 24, at 3, 5 and 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$5. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org; also being screened on Sun., Oct. 29, at 3:30 and 7 p.m. at Bow Tie Criterion Cinemas 11 & BTX, 19 Railroad Pl., Saratoga Springs. \$5. tickets.spac.org

'La Bohème'

The Royal Opera presents this new production of Puccini's opera by acclaimed director Richard Jones (Boris Godunov, Il trittico). Irresistible in its witty, passionate blend of comedy and tragedy, the opera focuses on the lives of a group of young artists as they eke out an existence on the bohemian fringes of Paris, the capital of the 19th century. Jones brings his characteristically acute insight to this much-loved classic, visualized in Stewart Laing's spectacular, stylized 1850s setting. Wed., Oct. 25, at 2:30 and 6 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$15. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'Clive Davis: The Soundtrack of Our Lives'

A guided tour of a cultural revolution led by someone who consistently managed to catch the next wave before everyone else. Aretha Franklin, Janis Joplin, Bruce Springsteen, Simon & Garfunkel, Miles Davis, Billy Joel, The Grateful Dead, Whitney Houston: even a partial list does not do justice to the incredible range of performers Davis discovered, mentored, or oversaw during his career: many of whom appear in both archival footage and contemporary interviews. Oct. 26 at 3 and 6:30 p.m.; also Oct. 28 at 2:30, 5 and 7:30 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$5. (518)346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'Night of the Living Dead'

Panic spreads across the country as the dead suddenly come back to life. This classic 1968 horror film follows one group which barricades itself in an old

farmhouse to evade the flesh eating monsters (imdb.com). The Andrew Alden Ensemble returns to pay tribute to its director, the late George A. Romero. Screened with subtitles, the ensemble will perform the score live. Fri., Oct. 27, 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Adults, \$15; students w/ID at door, \$10. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'Rocky Horror Picture Show'

It's the traditional Halloween presentation of the film with Albany's own shadowcast troupe, The Whip It Outskirts! (See film synopsis under earlier event listing.) Join the cast for a live show before the film, then watch the performers act out the film in full Transsexual Transylvania regalia! Sat., Oct. 28, 8 p.m. and midnight. The Linda, 339 Central Ave., Albany. \$10. (518) 465-5233 or www.thelinda.org/event/the-rocky-horror-picture-show-3.

'The Beyond: The Composer's Cut'

Nearly four decades after Lucio Fulci and Fabio Frizzi's cinematic masterpiece, Maestro Frizzi will perform the live score with his famed Frizzi 2 Fulci ensemble. Also includes a Tribute to Fulci's "Gates of Hell" trilogy and a screening of "Saint Frankenstein," the most recent short film scored by Frizzi. Presented by It Came From Schenectady. Tues., Oct. 31, 8 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Regular, \$25; VIP, \$50. (518) 346-6204 or proctors.org

LECTURES/ WORKSHOPS

Improv 101

Learn the core improv concepts of "Yes, and..." celebrating failure, and making your partner look good to collaboratively create scenes and stories. Through exercises and games, this course will guide participants toward better listening skills,

to trust their creative instincts, and be present in the moment. Sat., Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to noon. Mopco Improv Theater, 10 N. Jay St., Schenectady. \$25. (518) 577-6725 or www.mopco.org

Would New York Benefit from a Constitutional Convention?

With Election Day two weeks away, how should you vote on the state ballot proposal to hold the first Constitutional convention since 1967? This panel discussion, moderated by "The Capitol Pressroom" host Susan Arbetter, features political experts Gerald Benjamin of the Benjamin Center for Public Policy Initiatives at SUNY New Paltz and Ronald Deutsch, executive director of the Fiscal Policy Institute in Latham. Presented by The Women's Press Club of New York and the League of Women Voters of Albany County. Tues., Oct. 24, 7 p.m. Guilderland Public Library, 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Free, donations requested. www.facebook.com/events/1969132150010631 or www.lwvalbany.org/constitutional-convention-2017.html

LITERARY

Writers workshop

Bi-weekly writers' get together. Eat, drink, schmooze and share, but, mostly write. Thurs., Oct. 19 at 6 p.m., Tech Valley Center of Gravity, Quackenbush Building, 30 Third St., Troy. Free. www.tvcog.org

T.G. Monahan

Author of "The Vexing Heirloom" will sign copies of his novel, in which an epic of Cuba meets the classic hero's journey. Sat., Oct. 21, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Open Door Bookstore, 128 Jay St., Schenectady. Free. (518) 346-2719 or www.opendoor-bookstore.com

Poetic Vibe

Weekly reading with featured poet hosted by D. Colin on Mondays. Open mic

sign ups begin at 7 p.m. Troy Kitchen, 77 Congress St., Troy. Free. (518) 268-0068 or www.facebook.com/TroyKitchenNY

Ryan Smithson

Iraq war veteran and UAlbany graduate will read from and discuss his memoir, "Ghosts of War: The True Story of a 19-Year-Old GI." Presented by the New York State Writers Institute. Thurs., Oct. 26, 4:15 p.m. Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany Uptown Campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst

MISCELLANEOUS

Roast Pork Buffet

All-you-can-eat buffet featuring roast pork, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, applesauce, rolls, butter, coffee, tea, milk, soda and dessert. Hosted by the Fuller Road Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Fri., Oct. 20, 5 to 8 p.m. Fuller Road Fire Department, 1342 Central Ave., Albany. Adults, \$10; children ages 3 to 11, \$3. (518) 489-4421

Albany Star Sighting

Interactive program identifies stars, planets, comets and constellations in the night sky and the tools/techniques for becoming an amateur astronomer. Best for skywatchers 8+. Sat., Oct. 21, 1 p.m. Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany. \$3 per seat. (518) 434-1217 or www.albany.org/visitors-center

Troy Historic District Food Tour

A leisurely 3 hour, 1.5 mile walk with five refreshing stops, a progressive brunch that helps guests experience Troy's evolution into a foodie paradise. Presented by Taste of Troy Food Tours. Saturday, Oct. 21 and 28, 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 fees. www.tasteofroyfoodtours.com

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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

Social Night/Potluck/

Open House tours

It's the perfect night to come by and get a feel for this amazing creative community. Free. Tuesdays, 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.

State Education Building Tour

Take a guided tour through the historic Education Building in downtown Albany. The 45-minute tour, led by a New York State Museum staff member, includes opportunities to explore Chancellors Hall, the Regents Room and the rotunda, adorned with murals by Albany native Will H. Low. Sat., Oct. 21, and 28 at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Meet on the front steps of the Education Building, 89 Washington Ave., Albany. Free, registration required; 25 participant limit. To register, call (518) 474-2418 or visit ogs.ny.gov/ESP/CT/Tours/Capitol.asp

Social Media

Meet new people and make art in a new medium. Each event will feature a signature cocktail or seasonal beverage pair with the art form that participants will be experimenting with (descriptions online). First and third Tuesdays of the month (Nov. 7 and 21; and Dec. 5 and 19), 5:30 p.m. Arts Center of the Capital Region, 265 River St., Troy. \$35; includes materials and nibbles; other beverages available for purchase. Registration required. (518) 273-0552 or www.artscenteronline.org/social-media/

EXHIBITS

Albany Center Gallery

Continuing: "Then & Now: Robert Cartmell" Annual exhibit features works by an artist who has previously shown in the gallery and has made a significant contribution to the local art community through his/her career. Through Oct. 20.

Upcoming: "Masters of War" Regional artists explore, comment on and question a multitude of perspectives on war, human conflict, and our attraction to war as a cultural phenomenon. Opens Fri., Nov. 3. Hours: Tues.–Sat., noon to 5 p.m. or by appointment. 488 Broadway, Albany. Free admission. (518) 462-4775 or albanycentergallery.org

Albany Institute of History and Art

Continuing: "Well-Dressed in Victorian Albany: 19th Century Fashion from the Albany Institute Collection," features 50 mannequins dressed in clothing made of luxurious, vibrantly colored fabrics once worn by residents of the Capital District. Through Mon., Feb. 19, 2018. **"Spotlight: Albany and Anti-Suffrage,"** tells the story of the women who first met in 1894 before the New York Constitutional Convention convened, organized the Albany branch of the New York State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, lobbied to make their views heard in 1915, and lost their fight in 1917; and **"The Fashionable Portrait"** brings together 14 paintings and four miniature portraits from the Institute's collection to specifically highlight 19th century fashion as depicted in the work of portrait painters. Both through Sun., March 18, 2018. Also **"The Hudson River School: Landscape Paintings from the Albany Institute:"** Reinstallation of nearly 90 paintings featuring works by Thomas Cole and Frederic Church, among others. On view indefinitely. Plus ongoing exhibits. Hours: Wed.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs.: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. and Sat.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun.: noon to 5 p.m. Admission: Adults, \$10; seniors/students (w/ID), \$8; children ages 6 to 12, \$6; children 5 and younger, free. 125 Washington Ave., (518) 463-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

Albany International Airport

Continuing: "Chasing the Tale" features work by Jason Blue Lake Hawk

Martinez, Kenny Harris, Ira Marcks, Fernando Orellana, Amy Podmore, Jeff Starr, and Gerda van Leeuwen. Each of the artists is engaged in a pictorial expression of storytelling cross personal mythology with collected narratives from historical, folk and popular culture. Through Feb. 26, 2018. 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

American Italian Heritage Museum

Continuing: "Celebrating Italian Americans in Cinema and Theatre: Actors and Directors." Special Exhibits Room. Plus ongoing and permanent installations. Open Mon., Thurs., and Fri from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. from 1 to 4 p.m. through Dec. 31. 1227 Central Ave., Albany. Admission: Adults, \$5; seniors (65+), \$4; students, \$3; children age 12 and younger, free. (518) 435-1979 or www.americanitalianmuseum.org

Arts Center of the Capital Region

Upcoming: Events associated with the "Nasty Women of the North" exhibit, Fri., Oct. 27 through Sun. Oct. 29. 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:" A look at what our town was like during World War I. Presented by the Bethlehem Historical Association. Through Tues., Oct. 31. Open Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m. 1003 River Road, Selkirk. Free admission. BethlehemHistorical.orgs

The Clark Art Institute

Continuing: "Thomas Schutte: Crystal," the artist's first full-scale architectural work in the U.S., through

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Collar Works

Upcoming: "Nasty Women of the North" exhibit and associated events. Fri., Oct. 27 through Sun., Oct. 29. 621 River St., Troy. Open Thurs. and Fri. from noon to 6 p.m. and Sat. from noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment. Free admission. (518) 285-0765 or collarworks.org

The Hyde Collection

Continuing: "A Shared Legacy: Folk Art in America," a celebration of the vibrant traditions in the era before the rise of professionally trained artists. Through Sun., Dec. 31. Also, **"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. On view indefinitely. Plus permanent collection. Open: Tues.–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. Also **"Erie Canal Re-Imagined."** Working with historical photos of the Erie Canal from the Schenectady County Historical Society's Library, Dana Hatchett provides a great visual adventure in pencil, Conté crayon, and charcoal that explores the structural grace of the canal and what was built around it. Intrigued by natural

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October 2017 Week 3

ARIES – MAR 21/APR 20

Aries, if you have a gut feeling about something but not much tangible proof to back up your suspicions, use your intuition as a guide. It seldom leads you astray.

TAURUS – APR 21/MAY 21

Taurus, racing through all of your activities will get you somewhere fast, but the results may be sloppy. Slow down and see the bigger picture.

GEMINI – MAY 22/JUN 21

Gemini, if you continue to vacillate on a decision, pretty soon you will begin to doubt your decision-making abilities. Trust your intuition.

CANCER – JUN 22/JUL 22

Taking everything onto your shoulders is one way to get noticed, Cancer. But it's also a way to burn out. When others offer to lighten your load, take them up on it.

LEO – JUL 23/AUG 23

Leo, a newfound commitment to living healthy will benefit you in the short- and long-terms. Keep up the good work and enlist others to help you stay motivated.

VIRGO – AUG 24/SEPT 22

Virgo, others trust your instincts when it comes to making big decisions. Follow your heart and explain your thought process along the way so loved ones feel in the loop.

LIBRA – SEPT 23/OCT 23

Libra, allow others to explain their position before you make an important decision. Outside input can give you a more well-rounded perspective.

SCORPIO – OCT 24/NOV 22

Scorpio, accept others' offers to help when your schedule fills up. Simply return the favor when you get the chance, and that's all the thanks that's necessary.

SAGITTARIUS – NOV 23/DEC 21

Sagittarius, a renewed passion for a hobby has motivated you to be more creative. Embrace this newfound vigor, even enlisting others if you so desire.

CAPRICORN – DEC 22/JAN 20

Capricorn, embrace a newly presented challenge as an opportunity to hone your skills and illustrate to others your ability to adapt and thrive. Your efforts won't go unnoticed.

AQUARIUS – JAN 21/FEB 18

Aquarius, the prospects of a new relationship prove reinvigorating. Make the most of this opportunity and embrace the chance to experience new things.

PISCES – FEB 19/MAR 20

Take a few minutes for yourself this week, Pisces. It is important to have some alone time so you can gather your thoughts.

landscapes modified by the canal and its aqueducts, bridges, and locks, the artist strives to inspire understanding and appreciation of the past. Both through Tues., Oct. 31. Open Tues.–Sat., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1100 Main St. (NY 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

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National Museum of Dance

Continuing: "Art in the Foyer: Design for Dance," highlighting the costume sketches of design and dance historian Malcolm McCormack. Plus ongoing exhibits. Open daily, Tues.–Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sun., noon to 4 p.m. 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Adults, \$6.50; seniors/students (w/valid ID) \$5; children ages 4 to 12, \$3; children ages 3 and younger, free; Free admission for everyone on Tuesdays. (518) 584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org

New York State Museum

Continuing: "Enterprising Waters: New York's Erie Canal (Phase One)." In honor of the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal's construction, the state's Office of Cultural Education in collaboration with other organizations on the canal corridor, will present this rich story with unique objects, documents, and images. Through Oct. 20, 2019. Also **"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, **"Hudson Valley Ruins,"** through Dec. 31. Plus ongoing/permanent exhibits. Open Tues.–Sun, 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

Opalka Gallery

Continuing: "Paper is Part of the Picture." An exhibition focuses on the evolution of paper promotion over the last 125 years as seen through the Strathmore Archives (now at Mohawk paper), and how those promotions reflect the changing trends in American graphic design. Through Fri., Dec. 15. Hours: Tues.–Fri., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sat., noon to 4 p.m. Sage College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 292-7742 or opalka.sage.edu

Photographic Expressions Studio & Gallery

Continuing: "Objects of Simplicity: Solo exhibit by Jason van Staveren." By photographing and cataloging, what van Staveren terms as "overlookables," we begin to see everyday items take on an inexplicable exquisiteness. Insignificant within the context of our daily lives, these small found objects, such as hair and

dryer lint, become magnificent, sterile landscapes when presented in large format (60" x 44"). Through Fri., Oct. 27. Open Tues., Thurs., & Fri., noon to 5 p.m. 455 Broadway, Troy. Free admission. (518) 621-5360 or photographicep.com.

Pine Hills Branch Albany Public Library

Continuing: "Illustrated," showcases illustration as a medium, focusing on illustrators, Meg Sodano and Cara Hanley of Albany, and Marie Beebe of Chatham. Through Oct. 28. Open Mon. & Wed., noon to 8 p.m.; Tues., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., noon to 6 p.m., and Sat., noon to 5 p.m. 517 Western Ave., Albany. (518) 482-7911 or albanypubliclibrary.org/locations/pine-hills/

Saratoga Arts

Continuing: "Intangible Roots," featuring artwork by Kevin Cieplensky, Greg Cuda and Andrew Dines. Using architectural and geometric forms, the artists create work with unclear narratives, attempting to make sense of humanity and its intervention with the world around. They capture a sense of memory and absence within these environments and challenge our understanding of the relationship between the human and natural and the geometric and structural. Through Sat., Nov. 4. Also, **Paintings by Raj Kang** (Reception Gallery) and **A Mardi Gras Ballet by Carol Caruso** (Members' Hall Gallery). 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. Open weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (518) 584-4132 or saratoga-arts.org

Schenectady County Historical Society

Continuing: "Together Until the End: Schenectady in World War I," through Thurs., Nov. 30. Plus ongoing exhibits. Open weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Admission: \$5. (518) 374-0263 or www.schenectadyhistorical.org

Scarlet Seven Fine Art Gallery

Continuing: "By the Skin of Your Teeth," Anatomically-themed group exhibit. Through Sun., Oct. 22. Hours: Mon. & Tues by appointment, Wed., 3 to 7 p.m., Thurs. & Fri., 3 to 8 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 137 4th St., Troy. Free. (518) 378-6583, (518) 312-1564 or www.scarletsevengallery.com

Schick Art Gallery

New: "Woven World: Selections from Cavin-Morris Gallery." Opens Thurs., Oct. 19. Works using weaving, wrapping, knotting, and assembling methods by 20 mainstream, self-taught, and indigenous artists. Runs through Sun., Nov. 19. Saisselin Art Building, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., noon to 4 p.m. Free. (518) 580-5049 or www.skidmore.edu/schick

Dan Sekellic Visual Arts Gallery

Continuing: Traditional Chinese brush paintings by Zhong-hua Lu. Through Wed., Nov. 15. Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 NY Rte. 43, Averill Park. Open Wed. & Fri., 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., by appointment, and any time the building is open. Free admission. (518) 674-2007 or slca-ctp.org

Tang Teaching Museum

New: "Opener 30 Njideka Akunyili Crosby: Predecessors," known for her large-scale paintings, this exhibition unites works from the artist's "Predecessors" series, which celebrates her family and Nigerian background. Through Sun., Dec. 31. **Continuing: "Birthing Bodies,"** an exploration of childbirth through a feminist lens, representing the female body, pregnant body or birthing body as a site of strength and power. **"Other Side:—Art, Object, Self,"** selected pieces from the Tang Collection that showcase the use of paint, glass, marble, fabric, found objects and

even artists' bodies to force a critical examination of national, cultural and self identity. Through Dec. 30. Also, **"Elevator Music 34: Tony Oursler: Talking Light."** A single incandescent light bulb hangs from the ceiling of the Tang Museum's elevator; its intermittent flickering correlates to the sounds of the artist's voice emanating from a hidden speaker. The work is one of several "talking lights" he made in the 1990s, which explore his fascination with imitation, repetition, magic, mystery, and that which is beyond ordinary human understanding. Through Dec. 30. Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Hours: Tues.–Sun., noon to 5 p.m.; Thurs. until 9 p.m. Free admission; suggested donations of \$5/adult; \$3/child 13+; seniors, \$2. (518) 580-8080 or tang.skidmore.edu

Union College Galleries

Continuing: "Stories: Sophie Rosen." Series of simple portraits taken by junior psychology major Sophie Rosen, which focus on subjects' facial expressions. Wickoff Student Gallery, Nott Memorial. Through Mon., Nov. 27. Also, **Laini Nemett: "When We Lived Here."** Using a combination of cardboard models, collage, and large scale oil paintings, Nemett creates architectural environments that explore the idea of home. Mandeville Gallery, Nott Memorial. Through Sun., Dec. 3. Also **"Concinnitas Portfolio,"** ten fine art aquatint prints featuring equations, expressions or formulas transcribed by ten notable mathematicians and physicists in response to the prompt to record their "most beautiful mathematical expression." Castrucci Gallery, Nott Memorial. Through Summer 2018. Also **"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 Sat., March 31, 2018. Schaffer Library Learning Commons. Hours: daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 807 Union St., Schenectady. Free. (518) 388-6004 or muse.union.edu/mandeville/home

University Art Museum

Continuing: "When We Were Young: Rethinking Abstraction from the University at Albany Art Collections (1967 – present)." Exhibit looks back at highlights from the earliest years of the university's art collections, while shining a fresh light on late-Modernist abstraction as it related to current trends in contemporary art. Through Sat., Dec. 16. Uptown Campus, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Hours: Tues., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wed. – Fri., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sat., noon to 4 p.m. Free admission. (518) 442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum

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■ DROME SOUND MUSICIAN SPOTLIGHT

MIRK

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

MIRK: We try to embody many historic pop music genres in a modern way. We include things like the accapella harmonizing of doo wop, with the call and response style and horn arrangements of '60s era R&B, over hip hop style drum & bass; rockstar level guitar playing, with the occasional dub reggae break down. We call ourselves "Dance Clap," because, to answer the second part of your question, when people come to our high energy, sweaty, alcohol-fueled live shows, first they dance and then they clap!

TheSpot518: The Capital District has a great music scene — what's your favorite venue to play, and why?

MIRK: That's a loaded question... So we are going to give you a smart, seasoned answer! All of them, but to name a few The Hollow, Dinosaur BBQ, Vapor, Rivers Casino, The Low Beat and Jupiter Hall. The smaller, independent venues, like The Hollow, The Low Beat and Dinosaur BBQ especially, have been huge supporters of an original local scene, and provide a platform for up-and-coming bands.

TheSpot518: Other than that, what would you say the Capital District offers best for music fans?

MIRK: There are a couple commercial radio stations in the region that support local music and bring it to the fans! WEQX 102.7 is a huge supporter. Not only do they play local music on the "Local Spotlight" shows and sometimes in regular rotation, they also put on great live shows with national headliners and local openers. This helps connect local bands with new local fans and it is awesome! Hot 99.1 has also been supporting local hip hop and R&B artists by letting the DJ's include local music in their mix shows. Most commercial stations don't do stuff like that, so shout out to those guys!

TheSpot518: Where do you see your band in the next five years?

MIRK: Well we are working on a new record that we plan on putting a lot of support behind! So hopefully at the Grammys. Ha ha. But seriously...

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■ HEALTH & FITNESS

Resort coming to Xgates

Spa Mirbeau will bring pampering business to area mall Nov. 15

By MICHAEL HALLISEY
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ALBANY — Crossgates Mall continues to rebrand itself from shopping mall to entertainment center, and come November it will add a day resort to its long list of amenities.

Spa Mirbeau anticipates a Nov. 15 grand opening of its expansive 17,000-square-foot spa. Marketed as a day resort, the facility will offer pampering services one would expect; massage, nail treatments and body wraps. But, once a customer walks through its doors, the environment should transcend your typical mall experience.

The new day resort falls under the same brand as Mirbeau Inn and Spa which operates two resorts in Skaneateles and

Plymouth, Mass. The Albany location will share such amenities that include a 1,460-square-foot resting area with a heated foot pool and fireplace, and a nearly 2,000-square-foot skylit aqua terrace with a waterfall and a hot plunge pool. It will also include retail space and a bistro.

“After opening our Pinehills (Plymouth, Mass.) location we noticed both the spa and [food & bistro] departments far outpaced expectations that in combined with already strong performance from our Skaneateles location’s spa had us interested in putting up a standalone spa,” said Michael Dal Pos, chief executive officer for Spa Mirbeau. “What we were finding is to build a facility to the level that our two other properties were built to would be very costly and uneconomic.”

Spa Mirbeau estimates a cost of \$4 million to build the Crossgates Mall location. Missing from the company’s usual business model is a place to stay overnight. However, the spa comes at the heels of the mall’s groundbreaking of a five-story, 192-room hotel, which is expected to open next year. It’s one of several destination points Crossgates Mall has added over the years, including comedy clubs, entertainment venues and restaurants Dal Pos said caught the spa’s attention.

“We have noticed a strong shift in the shopping mall landscape, away from retail and towards experience driven operations such as restaurants, bowling, arcades, movie

theaters etc,” said Michael Dal Pos. “We saw this shift as an opportunity for us to bring the same experience and level of buildout that our current properties have to a convenient location where more people could enjoy our product.”

The mall’s second-floor entrance neighboring the Macy’s anchor store will act as the main entrance to Spa Mirbeau. The present hallway leading to the inside of the mall will remain for mall customers, but the mall signage has already been removed from the outside awning to be replaced by Spa Mirbeau.

The facility also includes a nearly 800-square foot fitness room, a yoga studio and motion studio that will be used for spin classes and other activities. Impulse shoppers will be able to access the retail store and bistro from within the mall. Single treatment packages are offered, as are membership programs.

The day resort is designed to be a “full day’s” experience, said Jonathan Dal Pos, Spa Mirbeau partner, where establishing a calm and serene environment is just as important as the amenities provided.

“We want this to be a full day’s experience,” said Jonathan Dal Pos. “We like to take you slowly into the lighting level, so the relaxation level moves calmer and calmer until you come to your final treatment experience. ... It’s not just the treatment.”

DAY SPA

Johathan Dal Pos of Spa Mirbeau shows off the unfinished aqua terrace.

Photo by Michael Hallisey / TheSpot518



Photo by Douglas C. Liebig

THEATER REVIEW

Sex is 'meh'

Our James Yeara found an unlikely star in CapRep production

By JAMES YEARA
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ALBANY — A coy, coquettish, and cheery welcome is made encouraging everyone to come again to Capital Repertory Theatre. Someone in the audience catches the spirit of double entendres whispers “hey, if I show up to a play called “Sex With Strangers, I’m going to come.” Those who hear in the back rows titter.

Black out. Lights slowly and dimly come up.

The head of a four point buck (male deer with antlers) stares at you from the wall above the mantle piece. A low fire burns lowly and lazily in the fireplace below the mantle. The wall is full of faux field stones amply mortared with building adhesives. The tastefully done minimalist living room has the requisite exits and entrances for a stage set. The B&B’s service desk is small and empty, placed upstage center in front of a window. To stage-left is the narrow entrance door. The program states the setting is “Now...A week in March in rural Michigan.” A blizzard occurs. The only sound’s the sweep of easy wind and downy flake. Somewhere Robert Frost smiles.

The program states the women wearing reading glass resting in frumpy lavender slippers, pj’s and a shawl on the sofa facing the audience is Olivia (a game Jenny Strasbourg). She sips red wine and reads.

Suddenly a stranger calls from the storm beyond the door of the deserted B&B; Olivia says “I’m coming,” and soon in steps a man doing an Owen Wilson as

a brunette imitation; the program states it is Ethan played by Ben Williamson, a 20-something collection of angles, smirks, grins, swagger and well-coiffed hair products. “F**king blizzard” Ethan says sounding like Owen Wilson, or the Dazed and Confused Matthew McConaughey doing an imitation of Owen Wilson. “You shouldn’t be rutting around in the kitchen,” a worried Olivia states. “Am I seeming like a d*ck?” Ethan states. Ethan finds to his dismay that there is no Wi-Fi connection. There is no internet connection. “F**k, no internet at all” Ethan states. Turns out there are no connections at all between the two, except as stated in the script, yet the two end up taking off their outer clothing as the heavy bass that connotes fornication is at hand plays. They then touch as if filming an underwear commercial.

For the next two hours, the two are revealed improbably to be writers, app designers and people who grope in their underwear when a heavy bass line is heard at the end of a scene.

Sex with Strangers is “meh.” The title is meant to titillate but it is sex with strangers on the blandest, most disinterested and perfunctory level. The male character uses “f**k” in all its possible parts of speech so those sensitive to hearing f**k will be shocked, but the show is not about the Old Frisian onomatopoeic word that, from the depths of its ancient etymology, sprang from the sound two artistic souls create when enjoying coitus. As Downton Abbey’s Dowager Countess might state, “vulgarity is no substitute for wit.” This 2014 play is trendy and popular, performed world-wide, and was greeted with applause from the 3/4’s full house on opening night at CapRep, but the only stars in the play are found in the asterisks.

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■ CONCERT REVIEW

Spafford rocks Lucky Strike Social

The Arizona quartet returns to area after opening for Umphrey's McGee in January

By TJ DRUCKER
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ALBANY — The mall was the place to be on Sunday Oct. 8 as Spafford returned to Albany.

Spafford made plenty of new fans in January, opening for Umphrey's McGee at the Palace Theater, and chose Lucky Strike Social in the Crossgates Mall as a spot on its massive 34-show Fall Tour. This time around, the enthusiastic crowd was treated to two full sets that went until midnight, the longest Sunday show to ever have taken place at the newer venue.

Lord Electro started the night, the Albany trio's first time performing at Jupiter Hall, with an EDM performance highlighting songs from the band's catalog "Home" (The New Deal), "So-Laflay" and "Business."

The Arizona quartet later started its set with "Simon and Lily" and "Galisteo Way" before treating us to "Mind's Unchained" and "People."

The highlight from Spafford's first of two sets was the bluegrass-esque cover of the Red Hot Chili Peppers' "Soul to Squeeze" before going into its original, "Windmill."

Fans clapped for more as Spafford band members wandered off stage. The band came back from break with a cover of Johnny Russel's "Catfish John," before soaring through a jaw-dropping combination of "Dream Jam," "All My Friends," "Bee Jam," "Alternate Ending" and finally "Ain't That Wrong" to end the set.

Never one to disappoint, Spafford ended the night with a bluesy-pop encore of its own, "Shake You Loose."

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— Timothy Bopp / nysmusic.com

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The Ryan Montbleau Band at Cohoes Music Hall

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Ryan Montbleau has been an acclaimed singer, songwriter, and bandleader for more than a decade, but with his new album *I Was Just Leaving* the New England-based artist has truly arrived. Contemplative and richly emotive, the album offers a glimpse into the often-lonesome life of the relentlessly traveling troubadour, a strikingly single-

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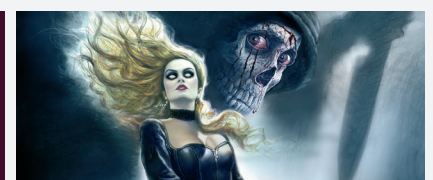
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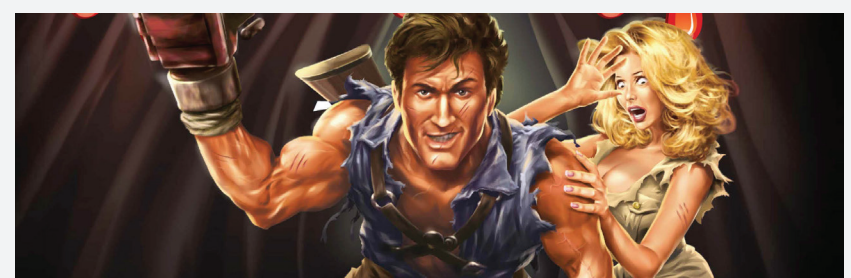
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From page B1 ...
Coming on 'Strong'

"Her charm and poise were evident," said Vito Ciccarelli, WVCR radio personality. Ciccarelli interviewed Worthley for his show and he said he was impressed within two minutes. "You don't generally see that in performers that young. When she performed live, I said to myself — this is the real deal. Reminded me of Moriah Formica... just in the way she didn't stumble, and let her knowledge and charm take over the interview."

In a *NYS Music* album review, writer Julia Wolfe describes Worthley's writing technique as similar to Taylor Swift, another artist whose music career started in earnest at the age of 14. Like Swift, the topics in which Worthley touches upon transcend into more mature interpretations of self-awareness, love and death.

A dedication to Worthley's grandmothers is scribed on the front of the CD's lyrics booklet; "two women who exemplified what it means to be strong." Dorothy Contreras and Sherry Worthley both died of cancer within four months. The young artist took to writing.

"The hospitals took her fight away. The nurses they came. They came to say, 'It doesn't look good. Not good at all.' She had tubes in her nose to help her breathe."

— Strong

"After that, I had started writing about things I had experienced," said Sydney, "and that's what this entire album is about."

Shauna Worthley, Sydney's mother, said her daughter has been determined to strike out onto the world since performing in front of her first crowd at 9.

"Any parent thinks that their daughter is extremely gifted," said Shauna. She and her husband decided to gift Sydney with a guitar for her 9th birthday after showing an interest in playing music. Three months of lessons were followed by a performance

in front of more than 100 people at her school's talent show. "And, [she] came off the stage bawling. She was just so happy. Throughout all of this, she just wanted more."

Last Thanksgiving, Sydney sat before the piano and started writing.

"But, you can find me in your dreams where you still had me. You can't you can't come crawling (crawling) back like you did with her. You can't you can't beg me (beg me) and expect anything in return."

—Better Than You

In 20 minutes, she had the words down for "Better Than You."

"It's No. 8, which is my favorite number," said Sydney. The track that contains biting lyrics from a jilted lover is also her favorite. Which, perhaps, draws another comparison to Swift. "I don't think they know it's about them. It's about certain people in particular. Not the entire song is about them. Sometimes little bits and pieces are about that person, and then I go off and make the song bigger."

In addition to the 14 songs debuted on "Strong," Sydney has 18 more written down. A lyrical chain of subjects that all began with her first song "Wrong Way." It's a song Sydney said was initially difficult to perform in front of audiences. The last track on her CD covers the topic of bullying. She admits to once feeling like the "odd person out." Struggling through the fear of sharing her songs to strangers helped her realize that others could relate to her words.

"This is what I want my career to be," said Sydney. "I want it to go as big as it can." Writing down places to play such as the Times Union Center, "because that's a big dream of mine. World tours and most of what other musicians want to do."

She already has someone in radio convinced.

"Sydney is the whole package," said Ciccarelli. "Amazing talent, wonderful songwriter, and an engaging young lady. Having worked with many young acts over the years, I see her achieving great things in the future."

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Blind Owl Band's 'Skeezy Patty'

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Just in time for peak fall foliage, the Blind Owl Band dropped its third studio album, "Skeezy Patty" with a release party at Cohoes Music Hall, Saturday, Oct. 13.

Hailing from the beautiful Saranac Lake region of the Adirondack Mountains, this 7-year-old quartet resembles the type of grizzly musicians you expect to see kicking up dust at a bluegrass festival. The self-proclaimed "Freight Train String Music" that they create can be heard heading down the tracks with a thunderous roar that certainly resembles bluegrass, but with a little extra coal added to the fire.

In the third spot, "Hit Em High" clocks out as the longest track on the album and tightly packs a fantastic bass breakdown into the genre-blending composition. Christian Cardiello's uniquely placed slaps add a jazzy undertone to the heavily bluegrass driven tune which combines the elegance of a downtown Manhattan lounge with the rowdiness of an Upstate dive bar. The clever lyrics are sung as a team and give each of the members a voice in the storytelling. Imagine a group of gnarly

pirates sitting around a bottle of whiskey as the waves chaotically surround and collide into their ship and that is "Hit Em High" in a nutshell.

"Reloading" was thought up by guitarist Arthur Buezo who exchanges lyrics with James Ford on banjo for the song. As the band developed "Reloading" for live shows some of the stylistic layers were transformed into the current composition. One major addition to the studio version is the voice effect used. It is reminiscent of the Tom Waits appearance on Primus' "Tommy The Cat" which adds a haunting and sadistic character to the lyrics which cover the topic of rejuvenation. For a band that has played over 700 shows since 2011, they know a lot about being on the road and the importance of time management. "We are stronger than we were" suggests that these periods of reloading have been an integral step to developing their first studio album in almost five years. Now that they are refreshed, they can showcase their growth on the road.

"The Gates" has a waltzy ballroom feel before energetically dancing back into the bluegrass barnyard realm that primarily rules the album. Buezo's burly and hellish vocals are complimented by the speedy mandolin playing of Eric Munley. As a special addition, an electric guitar finds its way into the studio full of wood and steel for a rare and powerful moment. "Two Sides of Story" is the final track and once again the intelligently crafted lyrics are the highlight of the piece. It comes as a surprise to hear the hipster-esque "Hey!" chant in the background, but this dark and stormy album is anything but predictable. The straightforward composition is a soothing way to close out an album full of peaks and valleys, much like the land where the band was born.





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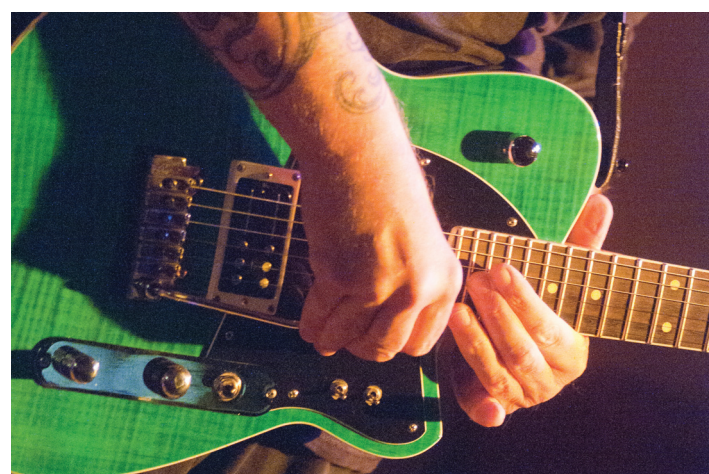
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