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TOP STORY

Redemption Dance



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A nonprofit studio is newest tenant at the old Mangia location in Slingerlands

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BETHLEHEM — Guinevere Giles, founder of the nonprofit dance school that recently celebrated its grand opening at the former Mangia location on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, learned to dance in the nearby village of Voorheesville. Since then, she has committed to sharing her gift with the region in which she grew up — sharing the art of dance with students of all ages and from all backgrounds.

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VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

Proposed comprehensive plan to be presented

By **ALI HIBBS**
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VOORHEESVILLE —The Village Board of Trustees and Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee will be holding a public hearing to formally present their recommendations to village residents at the Voorheesville Fire House on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m.

Volunteers have worked for almost a year to develop a comprehensive plan for the Village of Voorheesville. The resulting draft plan is now available for review on the Village's website, www.villageofvoorheesville.com, and at Village Hall and Voorheesville Public Library.

In the autumn edition of The Village Report, Trustee Richard Straut invited residents to look through the proposed plan and share any feedback.

"The Comprehensive Plan will serve as the road map to guide the Village Board in the Village's future growth and development. It expresses the vision, goals strategies and policies to the Village over the next 10 - 15 years," wrote Straut.

In response to public outcry over a law that would have allowed high-density developments to be built in the village, and owing to a more general awareness that the village lacked a guide for long-range planning, the Board of Trustees voted

The draft plan is accompanied by a historical sketch of the village from the year 1850, written by Village Historian Dennis Sullivan, which discusses how the village that was named for Albany attorney Alonzo B. Voorhees, who petitioned the federal government for a post office, has been impacted by agriculture, railroads, and, later, the automobile.

"The hamlet of New Scotland has all but vanished, Clarksville has a newly-born vision of itself as historically important, and Feura Bush retains a sense of self as in olden times," wrote Sullivan. "Where Voorheesville fits into this panorama of town highlights remains open for discussion."

unanimously in September 2016 to table all such proposals until a comprehensive plan had been developed. The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee was appointed that November.

The committee and Village Board have been assisted by consultants Nan Stolzenburg of Community Planning and Environmental Associates, and Ellen Pemrick of E.M. Pemrick & Company to guide the committee through the planning process. Stolzenburg will present

the draft plan at the public hearing and the planning committee will hear comments from residents. (Additionally, the village is accepting comments via email or in writing at the Village Office.)

Over the last year, the committee held focus group meetings with businesses, the school district, and cultural and recreational organizations. It hosted a community workshop and conducted a village-wide survey to identify the needs, wants and desires of the community.

Public input was also used to identify strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats in Voorheesville (SWOT analysis), which provided the foundation for "focusing strategies to maintain the strengths, fix the weaknesses, take advantage of opportunities, and prevent threats from occurring." The SWOT analysis informed the plan's vision statement, according to the executive summary, and helped to identify "themes and goals" upon which recommendations are based.

A few of the major recommendations in the plan include:

- Implementing streetscape improvements as detailed in the "All Aboard Main Street Revitalization Plan" developed by the Village in 2015;
- Updating of stormwater planning, instituting methods to mitigate

flooding, and further protect water quality and recreation in Vly Creek;

- Adding in more flexibility in allowing for use of two-family homes in some districts, mixed use buildings on Main Street, and use of accessory apartments;
- Planning for capital improvements on a five-year rolling basis;
- Updating zoning and subdivision laws.

"We received a robust response and strong participation from the community, and the Village Board thanks you all for providing your guidance," said Straut. "The high number of responses is a testament to the strength of community that is Voorheesville."

New trustee named to Board

VOORHEESVILLE — After serving three years, Trustee Flo Reddy resigned at the end of September, to spend more time with her family.

Village Mayor Robert Conway has appointed Sarita Winchell, who worked in the Voorheesville Central School District for four decades, is an active member of the New Scotland Historical Association and serves on the village's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, to complete the term, which expires April 1, 2019.



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From page 1 ... Redemption Dance

After ten years of training under Susan Morse at In His Steps Dance School, Giles became certified as an instructor and worked with Morse for about a year until founding her own studio in 2003. The first location, at Stonewell Plaza in Slingerlands, was called Step By Step Dance School. Eventually, Step By Step became Redemption Dance Institute (RDI), the 501(c) 3 nonprofit it is today.

After being formally recognized as a nonprofit in 2011, Giles said she began looking at ways to establish meaningful roots and give back to the community that she grew up in. “We were looking at how we could grow at a healthy pace and be a part of our community as needed,” she explained. “I knew we were getting to the point where we would outgrow Stonewell Plaza.”

When a second location at Hannaford Plaza in Delmar also began to feel too small and Giles decided she wanted to merge both locations, she reached out to the Town of Bethlehem and was referred to the realtor who told her the former Mangia location was available for rent.

“That particular property holds a lot of special value in my heart because, being local, I ate there and was part of that local community,” she said. “And so I was sad to see that the building had been sitting. So I decided to go look at it to see if a restaurant could even feasibly turned into a dance studio.”

Giles said the dimensions of the space were good, but outfitting it as a functional studio was going to require “a ton of work.” She initially proposed buying the property outright, but the owners were uninterested in selling. “So it was decided that we would renovate the space — and have a very long lease. So we know that we’re planted there.”

Giles, a single mother who owns a roofing and construction business, used her own company to do the renovation work on her new studio. “I needed to

kind of merge my life,” she said. “The roofing and the dance into one space. So I was really looking for a dual purpose building.”

She also said she wanted something close, so families wouldn’t have far to drive, pointing out that Slingerlands doesn’t offer much in the way of commercial space. She credited the Town of Bethlehem with making the search easier. “They’ve been incredibly supportive,” she said. “Of both my nonprofit and my construction business. Working with the town has been really encouraging. I’m very grateful.”

RDI has now moved out of Stonewell Plaza and is finishing out the lease at Hannaford Plaza. “The intention for the foreseeable future is to be able to operate out of this space,” Giles said of the new New Scotland location, noting that the instructors, as well as students and their families, are happy to be under the same roof. Since the initial merger, she said RDI has grown from 100 students to 140.

The studio accommodates students aged three and older, pursuing a range of goals. “I would say we’re more recreationally based,” said Giles, “But we provide techniques for those who come in and say this is something they want to take to college. We have advanced courses; one of our instructors is actually a professional dancer for Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company.”

Sinopoli and her Troy-based dance company, as well as Maude Baum with EBA Dance on Lark Street in Albany, according to Giles, were instrumental in helping with the move. “Those two women are just iconic in our area, obviously” she said. “And we’re incredibly grateful for their support. It’s a lot, when you’re a nonprofit.”

The process to become approved as a nonprofit, she said, primarily involved defining the studio’s vision and demonstrating the experience and ability of its staff. “I really think they’re hoping to see that you’re committed to your

community and willing to help those less fortunate, as well as the appropriate education component being there.”

Giles said that she believes hers is the only dance studio in the area to independently fund dance scholarships, taken advantage of by more than 30 of her current students. She hopes, however, to partner with local businesses and organizations to help fund and expand the scholarship program, which currently costs RDI between \$15,000 and \$20,000 each year.

“We’ve been here in Slingerlands now for 15 years and we hope to be able to partner with businesses that might be willing to sponsor a child who’s less fortunate,” she said. “We have foster children; we have adopted children; and we also have children with special medical needs.”

Beth Patterson has three children currently enrolled in RDI, with the help of the studio’s scholarship program. Patterson cares for seven children, ages 6—12, who have come to her through the foster care system and says that RDI’s program has been an invaluable tool for dealing with some of the challenges that come with helping children to deal with difficult situations at such a young age. She also said it has helped her to afford the classes, attended twice weekly by the two girls, who are in RDI’s pre-pointe ballet classes, and once a week by one of her five boys, who takes a pop dance class Patterson said “is very cool.”

“You never know what life is going to bring you,” she said, laughing as she described her unexpected and unconventional family. “I know it sounds nuts. But, at the end of the day, as crazy as it sounds, it works.”

Patterson has a grown daughter who took dance classes as a child and said that RDI provides a different experience. “It’s exactly what I was looking for,” she said. “There’s healing and nurturing and life going on in a good direction.” She consistently recommends parents she has met through her daycare business to RDI and clearly supports the organization’s mission.

With such a large family to take care of,

Patterson said there’s no way she would have been able to afford to keep her young dancers dancing without the help of RDI’s scholarship program. “In the beginning, I tried to pay for it. But seven kids is a lot of kids.” The scholarships made it possible for the older girls to continue their classes, which she said have been noticeably beneficial for their self-esteem, as well as enroll the younger boy in a class that he enjoys.

One of the girls, twelve-year-old Tameilyona — “Melly,” for short — has aspirations of being a ballerina when she gets older. Patterson said she simply hopes Melly is learning skills that will serve her for the rest of her life — while doing something she loves.

As RDI’s name (and that of Morse’s studio, where she trained) may imply, Giles is a practicing Christian whose faith sometimes intersects with her work. All faiths are welcome at RDI, but her studio does offer “Christ Centered Liturgical Dance” classes to those who are interested in experiencing Christian worship through choreographed and

interpretive movement.

“That’s my background as the director,” Giles said, explaining that dancing has often had a religious aspect for her. “And I’m completely straightforward about that. But I love that we have such a great mix of students enrolled.”

In addition to the liturgical dance classes, RDI offers classical ballet, ballroom, tap and interpretive dance classes. The studio also puts on two public shows a year, one of which is coming up on Friday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 63 Mountainview

Avenue in Albany. Tickets are \$5 for ages 10 and older. RDI’s 2018 spring show will take place at The Egg in Albany on Saturday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets for that show will be \$7, for ages 6 and older.

Another reason for the name Redemption, explained Giles, is her desire to redeem the very art of dance from a history involving a considerable amount of misunderstanding, mistrust and fear. “To me, it signifies dance being redeemed as something beautiful and true and healthy.

■ IN BRIEF

Hamagrael Handcrafted Craft Fair

DELMAR — Hamagrael Elementary School will host the Hamagrael Handcrafted Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come out and shop from over 90 handcrafted vendors selling goods ranging from jewelry to winter accessories, quilts, woodworking and more! A bucket auction and a bake sale will also take place. There will be food available for purchase. Sponsored by the Hamagrael PTA.

This event is free and open to the public. Hamagrael Elementary School, 1 McGuffey Lane, Delmar. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/hamagraelcraftfair>.



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COMMUNITY

Peace for Porter

BCSD middle school students honor a recently departed teacher

By ALI HIBBS
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DELMAR — On Friday, Nov. 17, Bethlehem Middle School students rallied to raise money to support causes favored by recently departed educator Christine Porter, who taught fifth grade at Eagle Elementary School.

The effort began, said 7th graders Gracelyn Pritchett and Matthew Golonka, with a desire to do something to honor a teacher who is fondly remembered even by students who never took her class. Initially, the idea was to wear pink to school. Golonka's friend, Ben, however, pointed out that pink is the color for breast cancer awareness and gray is the color for raising awareness about brain cancer — the disease that took Porter less than half a year after she was diagnosed.

The pair made an effort to spread the word to wear gray, Golonka said, and it quickly got around. School counselor Chynna Marcucci, who facilitated the Peace for Porter effort, said that Pritchett and Golonka initially came to her in disagreement over which color scheme would be most appropriate, but that a pink-and-gray compromise quickly evolved into questions about how to publicize the effort and whether donations could be raised for Porter's favorite causes.

Walking down the halls of BCMS just after 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, it was clear that the students had gotten their message out. Faculty, staff and students, adorned in pink and gray, wore



Christine Porter, a popular BCSD teacher, who recently passed away after a brief battle with brain cancer.

Submitted photo

ribbons that had been purchased for \$1 to support the Bethlehem Music Association and the International Rescue Committee, causes for which Golonka learned that Porter had requested donations in lieu of flowers.

Students made more than 600 ribbons and, after overhead costs, raised a little more than \$630, by first count early Friday.



Golonka (far left) and Pritchett (far right) sporting pink and gray with classmates Griffin Andrews and A.J. Rider.

Submitted photo

“These are two of the many students who came in at 7:30 in the morning, gave up lunch time, gave up home base time, stayed until 4 o'clock in the evening — they put every ounce of themselves that they could, outside of academics, into this,” said Marcucci.

“She left a big footprint on many hearts and many families,” Marcucci said of Porter. “I had a mother come in today, whose kid had Miss Porter as a teacher 15 years ago, and she came in to buy ribbons.”

So many students were volunteering to help, said Marcucci, “They had to sit on the floor in the conference room.”

“We only had two days to do it,” said Pritchett. “And it was very surprising walking into school this morning and seeing all the kids, and a lot of them were wearing a bunch of pink and gray. And we didn't know if anyone was going to take this that seriously, because it was that last-minute.”

Porter worked for BCSD for 20 years, at both the Eagle and Glenmont elementary schools. She passed away on Sunday, Nov. 12, at the age of 54, after a four-month battle with brain cancer. She was raised in Delmar and graduated from the Bethlehem Central School District in 1981. According to her obituary, Porter believed “one good year’ of school could change the trajectory of a child’s life for the better and she took this responsibility seriously.”

“Within ten minutes in the morning, we sold the first 400 ribbons that we made,” said Pritchett.

“Yeah,” nodded Golonka, “We thought we had made a bunch!”

The idea of donating, said Marcucci, came before the idea of making ribbons. Golonka read Porter's obituary and inquired

as to whether they might raise funds to support the causes Porter cared about. Marcucci then took the idea to BCSD administration and found that they were supportive. “They've helped,” she said. “People have tolerated us being everywhere: administration, maintenance, and parents who have come up to help or buy ribbons.” Mostly, however, Marcucci credited the students, and their ability to come together to honor an individual who gave them an important gift.

Golonka and Pritchett described rushing to make more ribbons to sell, as they found their — and their classmates' — efforts overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of those who came out to remember a BCSD alum and educator who clearly touched many lives.

BCSD Superintendent Jody Monroe said that Porter has been invariably invited each year to the commencement ceremonies of students she had taught in elementary school, a testament to her lasting influence on their lives and education.

“Mrs. Porter's dedication and her love of children made Bethlehem a better place,” said BCSD Superintendent Jody Monroe. “She had a way of making her students feel special and they have carried that with them as they have grown. She had the same effect on her colleagues, no matter where she went. Chris Porter has left an indelible imprint on this community but to lose her in this way is difficult.”

Grief counselors have been made available at Eagle Elementary School and Glenmont School, as well as at the middle school and high school, to assist the school community in dealing with the untimely loss.

A memorial service to celebrate Porter's life will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Bethlehem Music Association or the International Rescue Committee. To leave a special message for the family, visit NewComerAlbany.com.



Marcucci and three middle school students sell pink and gray ribbons in memory of Porter.

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■ POLICE BLOTTER

Albany traffic stop leads to DWI arrest

NEW SCOTLAND — On Saturday, Nov. 18, New York State Police in New Scotland arrested Jose A. Salcedo of Albany, for reportedly Driving While Intoxicated. Troopers stopped Salcedo for traveling above the posted speed limit on Western Avenue in the City of Albany and, subsequent to the traffic stop on Campus Road, the odor of an alcoholic beverage was allegedly detected on his breath. Standard field sobriety tests were reportedly administered, indicating intoxication. Salcedo was arrested for a misdemeanor DWI and transported to the state police station in Guilderland, where he was processed and reportedly found to have a blood alcohol content of 0.13 percent. He was released to return to Albany City Court on Monday, Dec. 4.



SALCEDO

Town man arrested for DWI

SLINGERLANDS — On Thursday, November 16, at approximately 4:20 p.m., state police stopped a vehicle on I-90 in the Town of Minden (Montgomery County) for a reported speeding violation. The driver of the vehicle, Patrick D. Cullen, age 26, of Slingerlands, was allegedly found to be intoxicated. He was transported and processed at the state police station in Schuyler (Herkimer County), where his blood alcohol content was reportedly determined to be 0.25 percent. He was subsequently charged with DWI and aggravated DWI with a BAC of 0.18 percent or more, both unclassified misdemeanors.



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Cullen was turned over to a sober third party and released on an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Minden Court on Thursday, Dec. 14.

■ COMMUNITY

Feasibility study available for review

Public encouraged to provide feedback on Delaware Avenue Complete Streets plan by Dec. 1

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BETHLEHEM — The Delaware Avenue Complete Streets Feasibility Study Draft Report is now available for review and public comment.

The report can be found on the study website at <https://delawareavecompletestreets.com/documents/draft-report/>. Public comments should be submitted to DelawareAveStudy@cmellp.com by Friday, Dec. 1. The draft report is expected to be presented to the Town Board during its Wednesday, Dec. 13 meeting, when its members will consider adopting the study and identify the next steps in the process.

The study, sponsored by the Town of Bethlehem and the Capital District Transportation Committee, evaluates existing conditions along Delaware Avenue, from Elsmere Avenue to the Albany city line, from a multi-modal perspective aimed at balancing the needs of all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists and public transit users, as well as drivers.

New York State, which owns the road, has a Complete Streets Law

the purpose of which is to “Enable safe access to public roads for all users by utilizing complete street design principles”. The law applies to projects that are undertaken by NYSDOT, or to local projects that receive both federal and state funding and are subject to NYSDOT oversight. (See: <https://www.dot.ny.gov/programs/completestreets>).

As stated in the law, Complete Streets have been found to contribute to a “cleaner, greener transportation system” and “more citizens will achieve the health benefits associated with active forms of transportation while traffic congestion and auto related air pollution will be reduced.”

A 2015 Smart Growth America study of completed projects titled, Safer Streets, Stronger Economies, (<https://smartgrowthamerica.org/resources/evaluating-complete-streets-projects-a-guide-for-practitioners/>) found that “Complete Streets projects tended to improve safety for everyone, increased biking and walking, and showed a mix of increases and decreases in automobile traffic, depending in part on the project goal.”

“I’m excited about this study

and a road diet’s potential for traffic calming, improved safety, quality of life, and preservation of our ‘small town’ main street,” said Town Supervisor John Clarkson. “As the construction winds down on Delaware Avenue and people start seeing the improvements, I think it’s a good time to turn our attention to the Elsmere to Albany section of Delaware, where traffic calming and streetscape improvements can also help out.

“Feedback has been pretty positive overall,” he said, “as it has been for other traffic calming and safety initiatives: new speed reminder signs; sidewalks; crosswalks; and reduced speed limits on Feura Bush Road, Hudson Avenue and Wemple Road.”

Those opposed to the proposed changes spoke during the Oct. 11 Town Board meeting, voicing concerns about inevitable traffic delays and suggested that the improved safety benefit has been overstated, while traffic impact studies have been understated.

The Town Board is expected to consider the matter during its meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall in Delmar.



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■ HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Bethlehem hosts a preseason tournament

BETHLEHEM — Three hockey teams got together for a round-robin scrimmage at the Bethlehem YMCA on Saturday, Nov. 19.

Bethlehem, Colonie/Shaker and Mohawk, with players from Niskayuna and Schenectady high schools, played 25-minute games with running time.

The Capital District High School Hockey League starts its regular season this week.

— Photos by Jim Franco/Spotlight News



Bethlehem girls practice up against Penfield

BETHLEHEM — The Lady Eagles hosted Penfield High School in a pre-season scrimmage on Saturday, Nov. 18.

There was not a running score kept but the two teams played running time quarters in preparation of the regular season.

Bethlehem has a scrimmage on Tuesday, Nov. 21 against Hudson at home and another in Kingston.

The squad's regular season starts on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Mohonasen.

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Office location: County of Albany, State of New York.

SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 50 Chapel Street, Albany, NY 12208. For any lawful purpose. D-168691

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TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Albany County - New York**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 6:00 PM, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application submitted by John and Cheryl McPhillips for an area variance located at 43 Bender Lane, Delmar. The Applicant is proposing installation of a six foot fence that does not meet the height and setback requirements of the Town Code under Article VI, Section 128-47, Fences and Freestanding Walls.

David Devaprasad
Chairman
Board of Appeals
D-169452

Notice of formation of 720 Sixth Ave Properties, LLC pursuant to NY Limited Liability Law 203, Art of Org. filed

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with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/14/2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: c/o the LLC, 18 Peachtree Lane, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. D-166637

Notice of Formation of AEH REALTY LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/20/2017. 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: 199 Lee Avenue, Suite 807, Brooklyn NY 11211. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-167787

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Cert. of Limited Partnership filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/27/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 225 5th Ave., Apt. 5J, NY, NY 10010.. Name and address of each general partner is avail. from SSNY. Purpose: Real Estate. Latest dissolve date 12/31/2095. D-167724

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Name: Apple Valley Holdings, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 10/18/17. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 88 Alcove Rd, Coeymans Hollow, NY 12046. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. D-166564

Notice of formation of Art by Dr Linda, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on 9/12/2017, 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, NW Registered Agent LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State Street Suite 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207, purpose is any lawful purpose. D-166910

LEGAL NOTICE

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Company, 80 State Street, Albany, New York 12207-2543. Purpose: any lawful activity. D-169055

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC)

Name: Brendan J. Cox Criminal Justice Consulting LLC. Articles of Organization filed with New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/8/17. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall be mailed a copy of process C/O Brendan Cox 30 Santanoni Dr., Cohoes, NY 12047. Term: Indefinite Purpose: Any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized. D-168770

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

Name: Brittany Fitzmaurice, N.P. in Adult Health, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 10/27/14. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 4174 State Route 7, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. D-167682

BRYANT PROPERTIES, LLC**Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company**

Arts. of Org. of Bryant Properties, LLC ("LLC") filed with Dept. of State of NY on 10/30/17. Office location: Albany County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 20 Sycamore St., Apt. 2, Albany, NY 12208, principal business address. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Bl., Latham, NY 12110. D-168102

Notice of Formation

of C&C ALBANY REALTY LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on October 19, 2017. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 450 E. Bogert Trail, Palm Springs, CA 92264. Purpose: any lawful activity. D-169277

CAINE ENTERPRISE LLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/9/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 207-20 104 Ave., Queens Village, NY 11429. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-169101

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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 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-166095

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Name: CBR 101, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/18/2017 Office Location: Albany County. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 39 Brookman Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. 167668

CHANGES SALON, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 8, 2017. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is 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 to Changes Salon, LLC, 510 Old Loudon Road, Cohoes, NY 12047. No registered agent. Purpose: for all legal purposes. D-168869

Notice of Formation of Cinque Chiropractic PLLC, a domestic PLLC.

Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 10/16/17. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 252 Union St., Apt1, Schenectady, NY 12305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-168331

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Colonial I Associates Limited Partnership (the "LP") filed Certificate of Limited Partnership with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 10/19/17. LP office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LP upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to LP, c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, New York 12207-2543.

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Name and address of each general partner available from SSNY. The latest date upon which the LP is to dissolve is 12/31/2077. Purpose: any lawful activity. D-169072

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 DAA Express Trucking, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 3, 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: 90 State St, Suite 700, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-169427

Notice of Formation of DANZ DEVELOPMENT I, LLC.

Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11.02.17. 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, 404 N. Pearl St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act. D-168128

E & K EXPRESS, LLC.

Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/26/2017. Office loc: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 434 Hackett Blvd, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. D-166840

Notice of Formation

of Ellerbe Unlimited, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York 04/20/2017. Office location: County Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 90 State Street, Suite 700, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-168746

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Notice of formation of Equivisable, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on September 20, 2017. Office located Albany County. SSNY has been designated for the service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to 16 Norwood Street, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-167691

FIRE UP, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company

Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on March 8, 2017. Office location, Albany County. Secretary of State of New York State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to FIRE UP, LLC, 1760 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. No reported agent.

Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes. D-168805

Notice of Formation

of G&P Endeavors, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/18/17. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 72 Baker Drive, Gansevoort, NY 12831. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-167872

Notice of Formation

of Gigos Interpreter Services, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/23/2017. 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: 255 Patroon Creek Blvd, #1108, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-167057

LEGAL NOTICE

GREENYOND LLC, a Foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Application for Authority filed with Delaware Secretary of State on: APRIL 6, 2017. It was also registered with : NYS Department of State. 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: : New York Registered Agents LLC @ 90 State Street Suite 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-168979

Notice of Formation of an LLC:

Greyvon Enterprises, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the

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Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 19, 2017. Office Location: Albany County. Greg Davis is designated as agent of LLC upon whom Process against it may be served to: Greyvon Enterprises, LLC, 4 Zelda St., Voorheesville, New York 12186. Ad # 167444

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Limited Liability Company (LLC)

1. The name of the LLC is: GrowRoom Technologies, LLC
2. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) is: 11/14/2017
3. The office within New York State the LLC is located in is Albany County.

4. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: GrowRoom Technologies, LLC P.O. Box 218 Feura Bush, New York 12067

5. The specific date upon which the LLC is to dissolve is: NONE
6. The purpose of the business of the LLC is: Any lawful business of purpose. D-169128

HANDY N HELPFUL LLC,

Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/21/2017. Office loc: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Double A Property Locating Services, Inc., 90 State St., Ste 700, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. D-168122

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is JAIDEEP LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 12, 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 222 Sand Creek Road, Albany, New York 12205. D-169249

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

The name of the LLC is JVG HOLDING COMPANY LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 11/9/2017. The purpose of the LLC is to engage

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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-168755

KAIROS CONSULTING, LLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/20/2017. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 120 State St., Ste. 2, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-167190

Notice of Formation

of Latham Auto Sales & Service LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/28/2017. 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: 644 Pawling Ave., Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: used cars sales & service. D-166786

Notice of formation of LLC

LDA, LLC has filed an Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on 10/17/2017. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any process shall be mailed to 12 Avallon Way, Altamont, NY 12009. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. D-166624

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

Name: Lia Group Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 11/10/17. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Lia Auto Group, 1258 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. D-168974

Notice of Formation

of Maestro Snow and Lawn Services LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/02/2017. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of

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process to: 17 Harold Ave Latham NY, 12110. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-169006

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC)
Name: MARTA'S DIAMOND ESTHETICS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 27, 2017. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY Designated as Agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 34 Broadway, Latham, New York 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-168501

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 OF P4 Architecture, PLLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/16/17. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 92 Mason Road Delmar NY 12054. Purpose: Architecture. D-167253

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PARK AVE SINGLE FAMILY LLC
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 27, 2017. Office location: County of Albany, State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 14 Corporate Woods Blvd., Suite 100, Albany, NY 12211. For any lawful purpose. D-167072

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 8th day of November 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 fund the purchase of replacement computer network virtual environment equipment as described above; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$36,073 and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$36,073 in said reserve fund; and
This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.
The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman VanLoven, was seconded by Councilwoman Sasso and duly adopted by the following vote:
AYES: Supervisor

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to complete the purchase of the replacement police vehicle laptop computers as described above; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$120,000 and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$120,000 in said reserve fund; and
This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.
The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilwoman Becker, was seconded by Councilwoman Sasso and duly adopted by the following vote:
AYES: Supervisor Clarkson, Councilwoman Becker, Councilwoman Sasso, Councilman VanLoven, Councilman Wagoner
NOES: none
ABSENT: none
DATED: November 8, 2017
D-167729

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 8th day of November 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 fund the purchase of replacement computer network virtual environment equipment, and
WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said equipment will not exceed \$36,073; and
WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete the purchase of the replacement computer network virtual environment equipment as described above; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$36,073 and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$36,073 in said reserve fund; and
This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.
The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman VanLoven, was seconded by Councilwoman Sasso and duly adopted by the following vote:
AYES: Supervisor

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WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said equipment will not exceed \$36,073; and
WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete the purchase of the replacement computer network virtual environment equipment as described above; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$36,073 and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$36,073 in said reserve fund; and
This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.
The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman VanLoven, was seconded by Councilwoman Sasso and duly adopted by the following vote:
AYES: Supervisor

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WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said equipment will not exceed \$36,073; and
WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest

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Clarkson, Councilwoman Becker, Councilwoman Sasso, Councilman VanLoven, Councilman Wagoner
NOES: none
ABSENT: none
DATED: November 8, 2017
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Notice of formation of Ross and Fifth Press, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company(LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on date September 26, 2017. Office location of Albany New York. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1488 Deer Park Avenue #289 North Babylon NY 11703. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-167729

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: SKC ELECTRIC LLC
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 17, 2017. Office location: The Mailing Address of the limited liability company's office is 1561 Indian Fields Road, Feura Bush, New York, 12067, County of Albany. 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 22 Clinton Avenue, Albany, New York 12207. For any lawful purpose. D-166609

Notice of Formation of STREAMBURG INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11.08.17. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o SATEC, Inc., 10 Milltown Court, Union, NJ 07083. Purpose: any lawful act. D-168747

Notice of qualification of Summit Technical Solutions, LLC.
Application for Authority, filed with the NY Secretary of State (NS) on 9/1/2011, Formed in NV. 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, NW Registered Agent LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State Street Suite 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207, purpose is any lawful purpose. D-168313

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Index No. 900119/2016 STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF ALBANY NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,
-vs- THE HEIRS AT LARGE OF PATRICIA ZIMMER-

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MAN, deceased, and all persons who are husbands, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees, successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors of interest of all of whom and whose names and places are unknown to Plaintiff; JOHN R. ZIMMERMAN, III; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants.
Mortgaged Premises: 79 GLENDALE AVENUE, ALBANY NY 12208
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff(s) attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. Your failure to appear or answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you, unless the Defendant discharged a bankruptcy discharge and such other or further relief as may be just and equitable.
NOTICE
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer to the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.
Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.
Sending payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.
These pleadings are being amended to include the Heirs at Large of Patricia Zimmerman, de-

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ceased and John R. Zimmerman, III, as possible heir to the estate of Patricia Zimmerman, deceased. These pleadings are also being amended to include the new Plaintiff Nationstar Mortgage, LLC as assigned by the Assignment of Mortgage recorded in the Albany County Clerk's office on February 2, 2017 under Instrument Number 2017-3010. These pleadings are being further amended to include the United States of America and New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. ALBANY County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises. Dated: October 12, 2017 Mark K. Broyles, Esq. FEIN SUCH & CRANE, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff Office and P.O. Address 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, New York 14614 Telephone No. (585) 232-7400 Section: 75.43 Block: 2 Lot: 80 NATURE AND OBJECT OF ACTION
The object of the above action is to foreclose a mortgage held by the Plaintiff recorded in the County of ALBANY, State of New York as more particularly described in the Complaint herein.
TO THE DEFENDANT, the plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.
To the above named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of HON. DENISE A. HARTMAN, Justice of the SUPREME Court of the State of New York, dated OCTOBER 26, 2017 and filed along with the supporting papers in the MONROE County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a Mortgage. All that lot or parcel of land forming on Glendale Avenue, in the City and County of Albany and State of New York, designated as Lot No. 79 on a map of subdivision No. 2 of Woodlawn Park owner by the Albany Driving Association made by Howard Batchelder, licensed E. & S., in the year 1922, and filed in the Albany County Clerk's Office November 13, 1923, and bounded and described as follows:
Commencing at a point in the westerly line of Glendale Avenue distant one hundred forty and forty-seven hundredths (140.47) feet northerly from the point of intersection of the said westerly line of Glendale Avenue with the northerly line of Bethlehem Avenue, and
RUNNING THENCE westerly and parallel with the northerly line of Bethlehem Avenue one hundred thirteen (113) feet;
THENCE northerly and parallel with the westerly line of Bethlehem Avenue one hundred thirteen (113) feet to the westerly line of Glendale Avenue; and
THENCE southerly along the westerly line of Glendale Avenue thirty-five (35) feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.
The above described property is also known as all the tract or parcel of land situate in the City of Albany, New York, described as follows:
Lot No. 79, Beginning at a point in westerly line of Glendale Avenue 533 feet southerly from the point of intersection of the westerly line of Glendale Avenue and the southerly line of Helderberg Avenue and
RUNNING THENCE westerly at right angles to Glendale Avenue 113 feet;
THENCE southerly and parallel with Glendale Avenue 35 feet;
THENCE easterly at right angles to Glendale Avenue 113 feet to the westerly line of Glendale Avenue;
THENCE northerly along the westerly line of Glendale Avenue 35 feet to the point of beginning
Mortgaged Premises: 79 GLENDALE AVENUE, ALBANY NY 12208
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thirty-five (35) feet; THENCE easterly and parallel with said northerly line of Bethlehem Avenue one hundred thirteen (113) feet to the westerly line of Glendale Avenue; and
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ecutors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of who and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12", the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-OPT1 ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT1 AND FILING THE ANSWER WITHIN THE ANSWER WITHIN THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not serviced with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage which was recorded on the office of the Clerk of the County of Albany where the property is located on January 27, 2006 recorded in Liber 5159 of Mortgages at

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page, in the office of the Clerk of the County of Albany. Said mortgage was then assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-OPT1 ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT1, by assignment of mortgage which was dated on July 3, 2013 and the assignment of which was recorded on December 2, 2013, at the Clerk's office where the property is located covering premises known as 699 3rd St, Albany, NY 12206 (Section: 65.21 Block: 1 Lot: 72). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above to the above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Denise A. Hartman, an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York dated October 17, 2017 and filed along with the supporting papers in the office of the Clerk of the County of Albany. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Albany and State of New York. SECTION: 65.21 BLOCK: 1 LOT: 72 said premises known as 699 3rd St, Albany, NY 12206. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. The following amounts are now due and owing on said mortgage, no part of any of which has been paid although duly demanded. Entire principal Balance in the amount of \$31,658.36 plus interest from January 1, 2013, UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBT OR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PRO-

■ COMMUNITY NEWS

Black Friday Fair Trade Market

DELMAR — The Delmar Presbyterian Church will host its annual Fair Trade Fair on Friday, Nov. 24, and Saturday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Fair Trade Market promotes international justice, and is concerned with creating a healthier and more sustainable world. The market includes vendors selling a range of products, from soap to hand-woven baskets.

The Delmar Presbyterian Church is hosting the event at 585 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. For more information, visit Fair Trade Bethlehem NY on Facebook, or www.fairtradetownusa.org.



Happy 101st, Billie!

Bethlehem resident, and longtime Hafford customer, Billie Dye was greeted with a surprise celebration on Friday, Nov. 17. "I don't know what I've done to deserve this!" she said with delight, as several members of the grocery store staff showered her with balloons and well wishes.

Picture from Albany County Executive's office

Double Feature Craft and Cinema

DELMAR — Bethlehem Public Library will host a Double Feature Craft and Cinema on Friday, Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy a superhero craft and screening of "The Incredibles" (PG, 111 minutes) at 10 a.m., and come back after lunch at 2 p.m. to make a sunny sun catcher and watch "Moana" (PG, 113 minutes).

This event is free for kids and families and hosted at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. For more information, call (518) 439-9314 or visit www.bethlehempubliibrary.org.

Small Business Saturday

BETHLEHEM — The town will host Small Business Saturday on Saturday, Nov. 25.

Come out and support your local small businesses! Founded by American Express in 2010, it's a great way to help the small businesses in your neighborhood be great and anyone can join in.

For more information, visit <http://www.bethlehemchamber.com/businesses/events-detail/small-business-saturday-2017/>.

Hamilton's Federalist Papers

DELMAR — Bethlehem Public Library will host a discussion on Hamilton's Federalist Papers Nos. 1 and 6 on Monday, Nov. 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Come out and enjoy a discussion and educational experience on Federalist Papers Nos. 1 and 6, which discuss the outline for the rest of the essays and dissensions between states, respectively.

This event is free for kids and families and hosted at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. For more information, call (518) 439-9314 or visit www.bethlehempubliibrary.org.

#GivingTuesday

DELMAR — Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy is hosting a #GivingTuesday event on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Our work is only possible with your support- please join us on #GivingTuesday with a

gift to MHLHC. Increase your impact by telling your friends: use the #GivingTuesday hashtag on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Tag the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy and tell your friends why you chose to support your local land trust on Giving Tuesday.

Donations can be made on the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy website, www.mohawkhudson.org/. The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy is located at 425 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar. For more information, call (518) 436-6346.

Sew It Yourself: Reusable Coffee Cup Sleeve

DELMAR — Bethlehem Public Library will host a Sew It Yourself workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Bring a fat quarter or 1/4 yard of fabric to make a reusable coffee cup sleeve. Basic sewing machine knowledge recommended.

This is an adult event. Registration is required and can be completed at www.bethlehempubliibrary.org. For more information, call (518) 439-9314.

Social Anxiety Support Group

DELMAR — Bethlehem Public Library will host a Social Anxiety Support Group meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Call (518) 439-9134 for info.

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gal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with our lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York State Banking Department at 1-877-Bank-NYS or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in

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order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. SECTION 1303 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving the copy of the answer with the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you may lose your home. Speak

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to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF MORTGAGE COMPANY AND FILING AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504. Our file #Grimaldi D-168766
Notice of Formation of Teas n' Tapas, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 2, 2017. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of

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LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 8 Marian Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-166530
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: The Piscitelli Law Firm, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the NY Department of State: October 31, 2017. Office Location: Albany County, NY Secretary of State (SOS) is designated as agent of PLLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to: 595 New Loudon Road, Suite 207, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: The practice of law and any lawful act or activity. D-168204
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE POINT 199 NEW SCOTLAND, LLC On 09/15/2017, Articles of Organization of The Point 199 New

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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
NOTICE OF FORMATION of Limited Liability Company ("LLC") Name: The Sap Bucket Properties, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 9/22/2017 Office Location: Albany County. The "SSNY" is designated as agent of the "LLC" upon whom process against it may be served. "SSNY" shall mail a copy of any

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process to the LLC at: 191 Maple ave. Selkirk, NY 12158 Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. D-168944
Notice of Formation of TREP'S JOURNEY, LLC, a Foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed in DE. Application for Authority filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/26/2017. 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: 4 Cushing Street, Hingham, MA 02043. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-168295
Notice of Formation of WEST ELMIRA LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on November 10, 2017. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail process to c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., 5th Fl., Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. D-169278
Notice of formation of Wizard Works Design Group, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on 10/10/2017, 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, NW Registered Agent LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State Street Suite 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207, purpose is any lawful purpose. D-166841

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Give thanks, lend a hand

Donating gently used household items, toys, furniture, and clothing to charity has many benefits. Such donations can help the less fortunate, while donors can take advantage of tax benefits while decluttering their homes.

There is also an environmental advantage to donating items rather than putting them in the trash. Goodwill Industries International, Inc. says that, over the last few years, generous people have helped to keep billions of pounds of clothing and household items out of

landfills.

Organizations that collect donations put them to use in many different ways. A portion of donated items may be sold in charity shops and other retail centers. This provides an avenue for less fortunate individuals to purchase items that are steeply discounted from regular retail prices. Some clothing donations are sold to recycling manufacturers who turn them into rags or industrial cleaning materials. Donated clothing and other items may even end up in the hands of private enterprises, who

then sell it in developing nations at costs lower than regularly imported clothing, providing an affordable way for people living in poverty overseas to purchase items for themselves and their families. The organizations then put the money made from such sales toward their operational expenses and to develop programs to continue to help the less fortunate. Charities like Goodwill and The Salvation Army indicate on their websites that proceeds from charity and thrift shops go directly to support education, work and drug rehab programs.

Individuals who choose to donate goods to charity can follow a few tips to ensure their donations go as smoothly as possible.

DO walk around the house and gather items that are no longer being used. Look in basements, closets, garages, sheds, attics, and anywhere you are inclined to stash items to get them out of the way. Pay special attention to materials that you haven't used in months or years.

DON'T donate just anything. Ensure that items are in working condition and are in good repair. Don't give away things with rips or stains.

Make sure electronics you plan to donate are operational.

DO call first to find out any rules or restrictions regarding donations. Some groups won't accept items that have been recalled or do not meet current safety standards (think some baby gear). Specialty items like computers, vehicles or mattresses may have specific requirements for donations.

DON'T overlook the idea of selling items privately at a garage or yard sale and then donating the funds to the charity. This way the organizations save time sorting and

refurbishing donations, and they still benefit from the financial donations.

DO see if the charity will pick up large items. Many organizations have their own fleet of vans and trucks and will have specific pickup windows during certain months. This helps make the donation process more efficient, and can reduce the hassle on donors.

DON'T forget to receive a market value of the used items donated to the charity and a receipt. This will help you when it comes time to claim charitable donations during tax season.

BCN-TV informational forum scheduled

The library's Board of Trustees will be holding an informational forum Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 6-8 p.m. to discuss additional details about a BCN-TV studio proposal that would change some aspects of the current service.

The proposal under consideration would keep the channel available to public access programming and relocate the studio office to free up more space for public use. It would also replace the professional-grade audio/visual equipment with



user-friendly cameras, recording devices and software so that content creators could be trained to self-produce their own programming to be shared on the channel or other online outlets. This change to a Makerspace A/V Lab would mean that library staff would move away from full-service editing and production in favor of user training.

There will be time set aside for the public to

speak at the forum, and written letters may be submitted at the meeting or anytime before to library director Geoff Kirkpatrick.

Hamilton's Federalist Papers

Alexander Hamilton wrote 51 of the 85 anonymous Federalist Papers advocating for the adoption of the United States Constitution. This month, the library begins a four-part series that will take a closer look at several of these influential writings with humanities scholar Giacomo Calabria.

First up are Papers No. 1 and 6 on Monday, Nov. 27. Federalist No. 1 was published Oct. 27, 1787 under the pseudonym Publius, the name under which all the papers were eventually published. It provides the outline for the rest of the essays and argues for the inadequacy of the Articles of Confederation. No. 6 was published Nov. 14, 1787 and is titled "Concerning Dangers from Dissensions Between the States." It suggests that nations that exist as neighbors will be natural enemies of one another unless brought

together in a republic with a constitution.

On Monday, Dec. 18, the series will take a closer look at Papers No. 10 and 14, and continues with discussions in February and March. All programs take place from 7-8:30 p.m.

The Federalist Papers can be accessed through Wikipedia, with limited paper copies available during the presentations. Pick up a brochure with additional details at the Information Desk or visit www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

The series is grant-

funded and sponsored by Humanities New York.

Movies!

Skip the shopping, see some movies

Kids and families can avoid the Black Friday craziness and instead enjoy a double feature and some crafts at the library on Friday, Nov. 24. In the morning, make superhero craft and watch "The Incredibles" (PG, 111 minutes) at 10 a.m. Come back after lunch at 2 p.m. to make a sunny sun catcher and watch "Moana" (PG, 113 minutes).

— Kristen Roberts

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Club members can save 20 percent off all full-priced and in-stock items.

Xmas Wreath Fundraiser

DELMAR — Bethlehem Business Women are holding a Christmas Wreath Fundraiser, supporting the work of BBW throughout the year.

All wreaths are made of fresh Balsam greens at Majestic Tree Farm in Selkirk.

They are decorated by BBW members at Majestic Tree Farm on Saturday,

Nov. 25, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Delivery is to 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar (Main Square behind O’Slaterry’s Pub) on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To arrange delivery or an alternate pick up date, please call Nanette at (518) 496-1138.

The Town needs you

DELMAR — The Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Bethlehem is looking for a qualified person to fill a vacant position.

The new member would be appointed January 2018 and have a term ending September 30, 2021.

The Board of Assessment Review’s sole purpose is to guarantee



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taxpayer’s rights by hearing real property assessment complaints (grievances) and arriving at fair and impartial determinations regarding those complaints. Members receive compensation for their time.

If you are interested in joining the Board of Assessment Review, please submit your resume to Robin in the Town Supervisor’s office at Bethlehem Town Hall

by Friday, Dec. 15.

Brunch at O’Slaterry’s

DELMAR — O’Slaterry’s Irish Restaurant & Pub is now offering brunch.

Brunch is offered every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Check out O’Slaterry’s brunch menu on its Facebook page, or visit www.oslaterrys.com for

more details.

Studio hosts open house

DELMAR — Balance Studio invites you to its 17th Annual Holiday Open House on Thursday, Nov. 30, from 4 to 7 p.m.

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For more information, visit <http://www.balancemassagestudio.com>.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Turkey and music

The Hollow in Albany has two nights of live music bookending Thanksgiving Thursday, and you may just want to take note of it.

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THANKSGIVING

Seeking Butterflies

Anastasia Lewitinn is helping people take flight with her Butterfly Wings paper pantry

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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TROY — Anastasia Lewitinn turns to butterflies in times of trouble.

It's a metaphor she uses to explain those serendipitous moments the help pull her up — a person, a story, a phone call. The fluttering flight of a butterfly inspires writers to string words into prose. In Lewitinn's case, it guides her into transforming a community for the better.

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Anastasia Lewitinn stands on the steps of Christ Church in Troy with a recent donation of goods from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.

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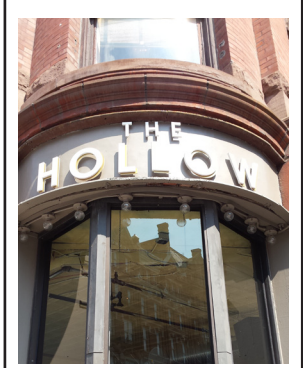
"Every time I thought about giving this up, it just grew bigger and better, and more help came. More volunteers came. Honestly, I just followed the butterflies. It sounds so silly, but every time I thought about giving up, I would see a butterfly."

— Anastasia Lewitinn, founder of Butterfly Wings paper pantry

HAPPY DAYS

Walking into Thanksgiving break without a care in the world.




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RECENTLY ANNOUNCED

Making Cohoes funky again

Turkuaz is bringing its 'Powerfunk' next January

COHOES — Brooklyn's freshest export Turkuaz is to play the Cohoes Music Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m.

The colorful funk rock band, consisting of nine charismatic men and women brightly outfitted — have the reputation for providing a groovy live musical experience since hitting the road in 2012.

Turkuaz have released a handful of albums, canvassed the U.S. more times over, and continue to gather devoted listeners along the way. A quickly addictive pulse coupled with its trademark "Powerfunk" sound that's steadily growing attention across the nation.

Just over the past two years, the band has made impactful appearances at Bonnaroo, Red Rocks, Lock'n,

Mountain Jam, and have been filling rooms coast to coast from Terminal 5 in New York to The Fillmore in San Francisco.

Drawing from the conventions that have ignited their existence and using that spark to forge its own sword, Turkuaz is a band that will make anyone move to their familiar beat, yet stay intrigued by an ability to explore its own complex character comprised of nine striking personalities.

Tickets are on sale now. Balcony seats are going for \$21, while general admission dance floor (and seated) are going for \$23. To purchase tickets, call (518) 465-4663, visit the Palace Theatre Box Office (19 Clinton Ave. Albany) or go online at palacealbany.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

River Junction: Thanksgiving Eve Dinosaur Bar-B-Que – Wednesday, Nov. 22

TROY — River Junction will perform at Dinosaur Bar-B-Que for a Thanksgiving Eve Special on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

River Junction is a classic party rock band that has played Thanksgiving Eve at Dinosaur Bar-B-Que in the years prior. Come join them for another great run filled with food, drins and music. It's always a great night to be out to celebrate and bring your out of town family along with you.

This event is free and no registration is required. For more information, call (518) 308-0400 or visit www.dinosaurbarbque.com/location/troy-ny/.

Thanksgiving Eve with The LateShift The Hollow – Wednesday, Nov. 22

ALBANY — Thanksgiving Eve with The LateShift will take place at The Hollow on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 9 p.m.

Ring in the Thanksgiving holiday with The LateShift. Have a fun night getting ready for the next day of nonstop eating and drinking with some good music and good company! Also featuring an appearance by The Other Brothers.

There is a \$10 cover charge at the door. For more information, call (518) 426-8550 or visit www.thehollowalbany.com.

Let's Be Dead (ft. Let's Be Leonard) Putnam Den – Thursday, Nov. 23

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Let's Be Dead will perform at Putnam Den on Thursday, Nov. 23, at 9 p.m.

Grateful Dead music by Let's Be Leonard dudes for a Thanksgiving Day celebration! The show's starting shortly after 9 p.m. and they are going to play a couple sets. There is no opening act so don't wait till midnight to show!

This is an 18-plus event. This is a "pay what you want" event, however those under 21 will be charged \$10 at the door. For more information, call (518) 886-9585 or visit www.putnamden.com.

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Double Down and Hardways

Dinosaur Bar-B-Que – Friday, Nov. 24

TROY — Double Down and Hardways will perform at Dinosaur Bar-B-Que on Friday, Nov. 24 at 9 p.m.

Double Down and Hardways is a modern country band from upstate New York with male and female vocals, guitars, bass, drums, and fiddle. The group plays original material as well as covers of popular radio hits from artists including Eric Church, Miranda Lambert, Jake Owen and more.

No cover charge for this event. For more information, call (518) 308-0400 or visit www.dinosaurbarbque.com/location/troy-ny/.

Easton Corbin

Upstate Concert Hall – Friday, Nov. 24

CLIFTON PARK — Easton Corbin will perform at Upstate Concert Hall on Friday, Nov. 24 at 8 p.m.

Corbin's 2010 self-titled debut album charted two No. 1 hits, "A Little More Country Than That" and "Roll with It."

For tickets, visit www.ticketweb.com. For more information, call (518) 371-0012.

FEATURE

Holiday spirit grows here

Hundreds pour into Grassroot Givers to assemble gifts and necessities for local needy

By JILL RIFKIN

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ALBANY — With Thanksgiving rapidly approaching, community spirit, gratitude, and good will overflowed at Grassroot Givers' 11th annual celebration "Day of Simple Giving," on Saturday, Nov. 4.

More than 300 volunteers of all ages, ranging from local business people to eager preschoolers worked side by side for a common cause: giving with dignity and compassion towards those in need.

All gathered together to create and assemble beautiful gifts as well as basic necessities for hundreds of indigent Capital District residents and the numerous agencies that help them. Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy, a longtime supporter of Grassroot Givers, came by to thank the attendees.

Held at St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church in

Albany, the event was a colorful sight to behold, with participants directed to one of seventeen work stations. Projects included writing personalized messages, sending activity and puzzle books and packaging Chapstick to troops stationed abroad; plus baking and decorating cookies for food pantries and more.

A holiday theme was incorporated into some of the other activities, too. Volunteers wrapped pancake mix in holiday towels and crafted colorful jewelry. Packaging paper goods, and sorting donated books for Albany public school children were just some of the additional activities on hand for the day.

Members of Jack and Jill, a nationwide African American service organization founded during the Depression that encourages leadership, community involvement, and compassion towards those less fortunate, come to lend a hand at "Day of Simple Giving."

"It doesn't matter who you are, where you come from, or what you look like. We all must come together as

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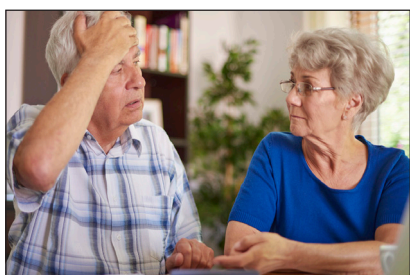
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PICK OF THE WEEK

Bookend Turkey with music

The Hollow brings tradition of music for Thanksgiving

ALBANY — Here's a question for you: What are you doing around Thanksgiving?

Because, there's two specific events bookending Thanksgiving Thursday worth mentioning for this week's Pick of the Week.

Starting tonight, (Wednesday, Nov. 22) is the fourth annual Thanksgiving Eve with TheLateShift at The Hollow Bar + Kitchen, at 9 p.m.

Ring in the Thanksgiving holiday with TheLateShift. Have a fun night getting ready for the next day of nonstop eating and drinking with some good music and good company! Also featuring an appearance by The Other Brothers.

There is a \$10 cover

charge at the door. For more information, call (518) 426-8550 or visit www.thehollowalbany.com.

Formula 5 Friday

Then, as you're coming out of your turkey feasting induced coma, Formula 5 will perform at The Hollow on Friday, Nov. 24 at 9:30 p.m.

Whether playing with Twiddle, TAUk, Particle, Kung Fu, Assembly of Dust, Dopapod, Spiritual Rez and The Heavy Pets, or gracing the stages of Northeast festivals such as Catskill Chill, Disc Jam and Buffalove, Formula 5 has continued to grow rapidly, winning over new fans throughout the Northeast and beyond. Also featuring a performance by The Jauntee.

For more information, call (518) 426-8550 or visit www.thehollowalbany.com.



Matt Richards of Formula 5.

Formula 5 / Facebook

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Girl Blue

Savoy Taproom – Friday, Nov. 24

ALBANY — Girl Blue will perform at Savoy Taproom on Friday, Nov. 24, at 9 p.m.

Girl Blue is the pseudonym of singer-songwriter Arielle O'Keefe. She debuted her first recorded release on last October with the EP "I Am Not A Star."

The single "Fire Under Water" was immediately picked up by Spotify and within a month received more than one million plays.

Updates on ticket information for this event can be found at www.songkick.com. For more information, call (518) 599-5140 or visit www.savoyonlark.com.

Sludge Factory:

An Alice in Chains Tribute Band

Dinosaur Bar-B-Que – Saturday, Nov. 25

TROY — Sludge Factory will perform at Dinosaur Bar-B-Que on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 9:30 p.m.

Sludge Factory consist of four, seasoned musicians recreating the music Alice in Chains, one of the pioneering bands out of the Seattle grunge scene in the 1990s.

For more information, call (518) 308-0400 or visit www.dinosaurbarbque.com/location/troy-ny/.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING SOON

Pigeons Playing Ping Pong with Flamingosis

Putnam Den – Saturday, Dec. 2

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Pigeons Playing Ping Pong and Flamingosis will perform at Putnam Den on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 9:30 p.m.

Pigeons Playing Ping Pong brings end-of-the-world enthusiasm to their high-energy psychedelic funk. Their infectious electro-funk grooves, undeniable live energy and contagious smiles have their rabid fanbase “the flock” growing exponentially. Flamingosis is an electronic music producer, beatboxer and entertainer. Gathering influences from other beat makers, such as Flying Lotus, J Dilla and Madlib, Aaron is able to take these sources of inspiration in order to come up with his own unique style.

For more information, call (518) 886-9585 or visit www.putnamden.com.

The Jon LeRoy Trio

Savoy Taproom – Sunday, Dec. 10

ALBANY — The Jon LeRoy Trio will perform at Dinosaur Bar-B-Que on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m.

This group is fairly eclectic for a jazz organ trio. They play music and arrangements by Jimmy Smith, Charles Earland, Jack McDuff, “Groove” Holmes and (of course) the great Joey DeFrancesco.

For more information, call (518) 599-5140 or visit www.savoyonlark.com.



Let's Be Leonard at Albany's Alive at Five.

Photo by Frankie Cavone

NIGHT: Let's Be Dead (ft. Let's Be Leonard)

Putnam Den – Thursday, Nov. 23

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This is an 18-plus event. This is a “pay what you want” event, however those under 21 will be charged \$10 at the door. Putnam

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Sat: **Sludge Factory** (Alice in Chains tribute) | 9 p.m.

HOT SPOTS EVENTS CALENDAR



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

Albany's Washington Park makes its annual transformation into a winter wonderland this Friday, Nov. 24, with the grand opening of the 21st Annual Capital Holiday Lights in the Park display. For daily hours and vehicle rates, visit www.albanycapitalholidaylights.com.
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Fri: **Cliff Brucker** | 5:30 p.m.
Sat: **Jeff Nania** | 5:30 p.m.

Eden Cafe
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(518) 979-8850
Fri: **Jerry's Kids Jam** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **Pete Furlong** | 7:30 p.m.
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Wed: **The Late Shift, The Other Brothers** | 9 p.m.
Fri: **Formula 5, The Jauntee** | 9:30 p.m.

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

The Low Beat
335 Central Ave., Albany.
(518) 432-6572
Wed: **Hamell on Trial** | 7 p.m.
Every Wed: **The Deadbeats** | 10 p.m.
Fri: **Coal Palace Kings** | 6 p.m.

The Erotics, Non Complants, Edgelords, Lesli Sanders | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Fauxbo's, Matt McWatters, Bodacious Cowboy** | 8 p.m.
Sun: **Lords of Chaos Presents** | 7 p.m.

Lucky Strike Social
1 Crossgates Mall Rd., Albany.
(518) 556-3350
Fri: **Moriah Formica (SOLD OUT)** | 8 p.m.
Sun: **Moriah Formica** | 6 p.m.

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

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

Nanola
2639 US Rte. 9, Malta. (518) 587-1300
Fri: **Annie in the Water** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Square Pegs** | 8 p.m.

Newberry Music Hall
388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.
(877) 565-3849
Every Fri: **DJ Frankie Ramos (Latin Night)** | 9 p.m.

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

One Caroline Street
1 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 587-2026
Every Wed: **The Masters of Nostalgia** | 8:30 p.m.
Fri: **Hot Club of Saratoga** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Avi Buffalo, Dryer** | 9 p.m.
Sun: **DJ Sime Gezus** | 8 p.m.
Mon: **Ramber's Home** | 10 p.m.

O'Slattery's Irish Pub
318 Delaware Ave., Delmar.
(518) 439-5634
Wed: **Mike D'Angelis** | 6:30 p.m.
Fri: **Sticks & Stones** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Jim McArdle** | 7 p.m.

Panza's
510 NY Rte. 9P (on Saratoga Lake), Saratoga Springs. (518) 584-6882
Sat: **Tyler Giroux** | 6:30 p.m.

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

Pauly's Hotel
337 Central Ave., Albany. paulyshotel.com
Fri: **Word the Third Eye, J-Till, Chris Cool Peeples, Promise the Unbreakable, Ozymandias, Hollywood Shumpo, Mahadhi Walker, Slim Rogers, Ray Ray Ospecial, Money Mel, Wiz Mack, Clear Mind, NbHD Nick, Kay Mercedes** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **NY Jaded, Society High, The Addison Boys** | 8:30 p.m.

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

Provence
Stuyvesant Plaza, 1475 Western Ave., Albany. (518) 689-7777
Fri: **Linda Harrison Trio** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **Allen Halstead & 'Azzam Hameed** | 6 p.m.

Putnam Den
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 584-8066
Fri: **Robanic** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **DJ Jennifer Haley** | 9:30 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub
150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. (518) 235-5858
Wed: **Dashboard Anthem** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Brian Kane** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Emerald City** | 8 p.m.
Sun: **Maurizio Russomanno** | 3 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: **Girl Blue, Dark Honey** | 9 p.m.

Speakeasy 518
42 Howard St., Albany. (518) 449-2332
Wed: **Mark Kleinhaut** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Kevin Carey Trio** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Nate Giroux Trio** | 9 p.m.
Every Mon: **Joe Finn** | 8 p.m.
Tue: **Mike Jenkins and The Fat Ties** (swing night) | 8 p.m.

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

Twisted Vine
384 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.
(518) 439-3241
Wed: **Franklin Micare** | 7 p.m.

Upper Room
59-61 N. Pearl St., Albany.
(518) 694-3100
Sat: **Skeeter Creek** | 8 p.m.

Upstate Concert Hall
1208 NY 146, Clifton Park.
(518) 371-0012 or upstateconcerthall.com
Fri: **Easton Corbin, Jillian Cardarelli** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Zoso** (Led Zeppelin cover) | 8 p.m.

The Van Dyck
237 Union St., Schenectady.
(518) 348-7999
Sat: **Dueling Pianos** | 8 p.m.

Van Slyck's at Rivers Casino
1 Rush St., Schenectady.
(518) 579-8800
Wed: **Silent Disco** | 9 p.m.
Thur-Sun: **DJ Eric Vanderslice** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **The Hey News** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Acoustic Underground** | 5 p.m.
The Kicks | 9 p.m.

Vapor Night Club
342 Jefferson St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 581-5775.
Fri: **Big Sky Country** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Wylder** | 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 & Sat: **Rob Aronstein** | 6 p.m.

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

MUSIC

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., Nov. 22, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. 53. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org

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Eastbound Jesus and Floodwood

Eastbound Jesus "Northern Rock" style is influenced by a diverse range of influences, including bluegrass, country, rock and beyond, which features shredding banjo and guitars, a thumping rhythm section and sweet sounding vocal harmonies. Floodwood is a progressive string band that hails from Central New York. Both bands will play full sets followed by a special Black Friday Superjam that brings members of both bands together on stage for a special set. Fri., Nov. 24, 8 p.m. Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. \$22 and \$25. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/eastbound-jesus-floodwood

African Drum Class

Learn authentic drumming from many countries in West Africa with instructor John Dickson. All levels welcome. Some drums may be available to borrow on a first come, first serve basis. Mon., Nov. 27, 7 to 9 p.m. Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. \$15. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org

Alsarah and the Nubatones

Baptized "the new star of Nubian pop" by the prestigious Guardian Magazine, this Sudanese singer from Brooklyn gracefully distills atemporal melodies over heady beats at the crossroads of East-African and Arabic influences. Part of The Passport Series: Music Haven at Proctors. Thurs., Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$25. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

Josh Turner and Locash

Multi-platinum and award-winning Nashville recording artist known for his rich, deep voice and distinctive style will perform with the rising country duo. Thurs., Nov. 30, 7 p.m. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 2nd St., Troy. \$23 to \$34. (518) 273-0038 or tickets.troymusicall.org. Please note that additional security measures will be in place for this concert.

Friendship Singers

Well-known, Delmar-based women's choir directed by Marie Liddle and accompanied by Peg Dorgan, will present the first in its annual series of holiday concerts, featuring

familiar and not-so-familiar songs, along with an abundance of beauty, harmony, and good humor. Fri., Dec. 1, doors at 6:45 p.m. followed by concert at 7 p.m. First Reformed Church of Schenectady, 8 North Church St., Schenectady. Free. (518) 462-3654 or www.facebook.com/friendshipsingers

Donna the Buffalo

With roots in old time fiddle music that evolved into a soulful electric American mix infused with elements of cajun/zydeco, rock, folk, reggae, and country, this band's music often contains social and moral responsibility as core beliefs. Plus, its members are just simply fun to get out and celebrate life with. With special guest The Tom Hamilton Duo, an acoustic guitar duo featuring Hamilton (American Babies and Joe Russon's Almost Dead) and Raina Muller. Fri, Dec. 1, 8 p.m. Cohoes Music Hall, 8 p.m. 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. \$27 and \$32. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/donna-the-buffalo

Richard Thompson

(SOLD OUT) Intimate solo concert by this iconic British rock legend, who is one of the world's most critically allamed and prolific songwriters and admired guitarists. Fri., Dec. 1, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire Sate Plaza, Albany. (518) 473-1845.

Thursday Music Club Winter Concert

Women's chorus directed by Julie Panke and accompanied by Elinore Famum, will present its 104th Christmas Concert. Program includes arrangements of traditional carols, an African-American spiritual medley, and popular holiday favorites. Olivia Cox will provide cello accompaniment. Scholarship recipients will also perform. Sat., Dec. 2, 3 p.m. Eastern Parkway United Methodist Church, 943 Palmer Ave., Schenectady. \$15 and \$12. (518) 894-1597 or www.tmcingsers.org

Dashin' and Dancin' Show

The Refrigerators, one of the Capital District's most popular bands known for its pumping rhythm section, powerhouse horn section and kinetic stage presence will perform a selection of holiday music during a concert to benefit the Waterford

Historic Museum & Cultural Center. Sat., Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. \$25. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/the-refrigerators-benefit-for-the-waterford-museum

Turning of the Year: A Celtic Holiday Celebration

Extravaganza with John Whelan (original Riverdance cast member), Low Lily and Katie McNally. Featuring traditional and original music from Ireland, Scotland and America, it's a diverse and energetic show to usher in the holiday season with a bang. Alongside uptempo jigs and reels will be lesser-known Christmas carols and wintry classics using two fiddles, accordion, guitars, mandolin, double bass and lush, layered vocals! Presented by The Eighth Step. Sat., Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. Education Center at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. General admission, \$26 to \$40. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

Christine Pedit

The multi award-winning cabaret artist who hosts SiriusXM Radio's On Broadway Channel performs for One Night Only for The Cabaret Series at Proctors. Sat., Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. GE Theater, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Regular seats, \$40 each or \$50 per person for table seating. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

David Rawlins

Acclaimed songwriter and guitarist performs in support of his third and new album, "Poor David's Almanack." He and his all-star band - Gillian Welch, Willie Watson, Paul Kowert, and Brittany Haas - will play two full sets of music including songs off his new album and favorites from the first two Dave Rawlings Machine records, "A Friend of A Friend" and "Nashville Obsolete." Sat., Dec. 2, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza. \$36. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org.

Bill Staines

This folk singer, songwriter and storyteller has been traveling back and forth across North America for more than 40 years, presenting nearly 200 concerts annually. His work has been recorded by Peter, Paul and Mary, The Highwaymen and Makem and Clancy. His ability to see the

beauty and excitement in ordinary things is unparalleled as he weaves a magical blend of wit and gentle humor into his performances. Sat., Dec. 2, 8 p.m. Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 NY Rte. 43, Averill Park. Adults, \$19.36, ages 18 and younger, \$11.20 (prices inc. fees.) (518) 674-2007 or slacctp.ticketleap.com (scroll down to corresponding show).

Monday Musical Club of Albany Holiday Concert

Titled "With Glad Tidings," the program features traditional and contemporary works by Overton, Berlin, Carpenter, Turina, Obradors, Pellegin, Reger, Burt, Adam and others. Features members Bienvenida Baez, soprano, Harry George Pellegin, guitar, Michele Boretta, flute, Ken Carnes, baritone and Rosanne Hargrave, soprano with guest artist Michael Clement on piano. Sun., Dec. 3, 3 p.m., concert followed by dessert reception. All Saints Catholic Church, 16 Homestead St., Albany. \$10. (518) 482-4497.

Albany Symphony: Magic of Christmas

It's the Capital District's favorite Holiday spectacular, featuring sparkling favorites and traditional carols led by David Alan Miller and the Albany Symphony. Sun., Dec. 3, 3 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$28 or \$42; receive tickets for children ages 12 and younger for \$14 or \$21 when ordered by phone. (518) 694-3300 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/albany-symphony-the-magic-of-christmas.

Hot Tuna Acoustic

From their days playing together as teenagers in the Washington, DC area, through years of inventive psychedelic rock in San Francisco, to their current acoustic and electric blues sound, no one has more consistently led American music for the last 50 years than Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady, the band's founders and continuing core members. Sun., Dec. 3, 8 p.m. Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. \$52, \$58 and \$67. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/hot-tuna-acoustic

FLY 92.3's Not So Silent Night

Features performances by All Time Low, Dua Lipa and Grace VanderWaal. Tues., Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Palace Theater, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$9.23 to \$39.92; VIP meet and greet tickets available for \$75. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/fly-923s-not-so-silent-night-feat-all-time-low-dua-lipa-grace-vanderwaal

THEATER

'She Loves Me'

Fall in love this holiday season alongside Amalia and George, the feuding store clerks who find solace in their secret lonely-hearts pen pals. Little do they know, they are actually writing to each other! A tangle of mistaken identity and hilarious encounters finally bring these soulmates together with a tuneful and witty score celebrated with numerous Tony, Olivier and Drama Desk Awards. Opens Fri., Nov. 24; runs through Sun., Dec. 24. Shows: Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Wed. Dec. 6. Capital REP, 111 North Pearl St., Albany. \$25 to \$65; limited availability for a number of shows. (518) 445-7469 or tickets.proctors.org

'The Santaland Diaries'

Based on the true chronicles of David Sedaris' experience as Crumpet the Elf in Macy's Santaland display, this cult classic riffs on a few of Sedaris' truly odd encounters with his fellow man during the height of the holiday crunch. Best for 16+. Sat., Nov. 25 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sun., Nov. 26 at 2 p.m. James L. Meader Little Theater; Theatre Institute at Sage, 5 Division St., Troy. Adults, \$15; Seniors/students/children, \$12 each. (518) 244-2248 or tickets.sage.edu

A Charlie Brown Christmas

The Emmy® and Peabody award-winning story by Charles M. Schulz that has warmed the hearts of millions of fans on TV comes to life in this faithful stage adaptation featuring all of your favorite characters and classic Vince Guaraldi score. Sun., Nov. 26, at 1 and 4 p.m. Mainstage,

Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$20 to \$50; limited seats remain for 1 p.m. show. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'A Christmas Carol'

A new adaptation of Dicken's holiday classic comes to life as Tiny Tim, Bob Cratchit, and Ebenezer Scrooge take a fantastic journey through Christmas Past, Present and Future. Recommended for audience members ages 8+. Opens Fri., Dec. 1; closes Thurs. Dec. 14. Shows: Fridays at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sun., Dec. 3, 3 p.m. (sign language interpreted), Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.; Sun., Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. and Tues., Dec. 12 at 10:30 a.m. Schacht Fine Arts Center Theater, The Theater Institute at Sage, 5 Division St., Troy. Adults, \$15; Seniors/students/children, \$12 each. (518) 244-2248 or tickets.sage.edu

'Miracle on 34th Street'

In this holiday classic, an old man going by the name of Kris Kringle fills in for an intoxicated Santa in Macy's annual Thanksgiving Day parade. Kringle proves to be such a hit that he is soon appearing regularly at the chain's main store in midtown Manhattan. When Kringle surprises customers and employees alike by claiming that he really is Santa Claus, it leads to a court case to determine his mental health and, more importantly, his authenticity. Presented by the Classic Theater Guild, Inc. Opens Fri., Dec. 1, and runs through Sun., Dec. 10. Shows: Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Inaugural performance in The Addy (the state-of-the-art third-floor performance theater), Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. General admission tickets: Adults, \$22; Seniors/students, \$18. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'See How They Run'

A delightful farce set in an English vicarage, populated by an American actor and actress, a cockney maid, and four men in clergy suits. Who are they? That's just part of the fun in this hilarious holiday production. Preview show Thurs., Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. Opens Fri., Dec. 1 and runs through Sun., Dec. 31. Shows: Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Holds candles
- In possession of
- Rodents
- Type of cofactor (Brit. sp.)
- Hard candy on a stick
- Animal of the weasel family
- Things that should not be overlooked
- "Silence" author
- Dried, split lentils
- People native to Ghana
- Barros and Gasteyer are two
- British thermal unit
- Large oblong hall
- Ethnic group in Asia
- Holiday decoration
- Milliliter
- Open
- Health physics concept (abbr.)
- Tantric meditation
- Where golf games begin
- Birth swine
- Rip
- Remove
- Puts together in time
- Rotary engines
- Skeletal structure
- Member of a labor organization
- Japanese classical theater
- Undergarments

CLUES DOWN

- "Snake Tales" cartoonist
- Religious group
- Singer Redding

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- Head honcho
- Second sight
- Composer
- About aviation
- Senior officer
- Forecasts weather
- Seasoned Hungarian soup
- Town in Hesse, Germany
- Thought to derive from meteorites
- Hit lightly
- Seemingly bottomless chasm
- Title of respect
- Warms up
- Man and Wight are two
- Type of scan
- Atomic mass unit
- Article
- Incriminate
- Passes by
- Most nerve-inducing
- David Alan Grier sitcom
- Achieve
- Freshwater fish
- Beginner
- Dark brown or black
- A newlywed wears one
- DiFranco and Vardanyan are two
- Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- Ancient Egyptian King
- Old name (abbr.)
- Brazilian city (slang)

Answers on Pg. B29

Curtain Call Theatre, 1 Jeanne Jugan Ln., Latham. (518) 877-PLAY (7529) or www.curtaincalltheatre.com

'Finding Neverland'

The incredible story behind one of the world's most beloved characters: Peter Pan. Playwright J.M. Barrie struggles to find inspiration until he meets four young brothers and their beautiful widowed mother. Spellbound by the boys' enchanting make-believe adventures, he sets out to write a play that will astound London theatergoers. With a little bit of pixie dust and a lot of faith, Barrie takes this monumental leap, leaving his old world behind for Neverland, where nothing is impossible and the wonder of childhood lasts forever. Directed by visionary Tony®-winner Diane Paulus and based on the critically-acclaimed Academy Award® winning film. Opens Tues., Dec. 5, and runs through Sun., Dec. 10. Shows: Tues., Dec. 5, and Wed., Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m.; Thurs., Dec. 7, at 1:30 and 8 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 8, at 8 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 9 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sun., Dec. 10, 2 p.m. MainStage, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$20 to \$85. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org.

COMEDY

The Comedy Works: Cohoes Music Hall

Kevin Downey Jr.: Comedian who is not only regularly heard on both "The Bob and Tom Show," and satellite radio channels but also pens the "Drinking on \$11 a Night" column, brings his Drinkingmans Comic Tour to town. Sat., Nov. 25, 8 p.m., 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. Advance, \$25; \$30 day of show. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/kevin-downey-jr

The Comedy Works: Saratoga Springs

Open Mic: Wed., Nov. 22, at 9 p.m.; sign ups begin at 7 p.m.; free to attend or participate (Event returns to its normal Thursday night schedule Nov. 30). **Kates-Giving Eve Comedy Show:** featuring performances by Cody Montayne, Mike Cahill, Victoria Dana and Quentin Davis. Wed., Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m. Advance, \$10; increases to \$15 day of show. **Moody McCarthy:** Syracuse native who's been featured on "Last Comic Standing," "Star Search" (the 2003 reboot), "America's Got Talent," "Last Comic Standing IV," and "The Bob and Tom Show," among others, comes to town with his original yet universal material. Fri., Nov. 24, and Sat., Nov. 25,

at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Advance, \$15 (show only) or \$39.95 (dinner + show). **Kelly McFarland:** Stand-up comic who's made appearances on "Stand Up in Stilletos" on the TVGuide Channel and "Premium Blend" on Comedy Central and hosts the web series "Fit or Fad" on www.ulive.com. Thurs., Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m., \$10; also Fri., Dec. 1, and Sat., Dec. 2, at 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

Clash of the Comics: Here's how it works: First 15 to sign up will have the chance to perform; however, only 10 of those performers, the ones who get the most people to attend the show will actually take the stage. Audience favorite takes home \$100 prize. Wed., Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m. \$10. **Big Jay Oakerson:** Comedian dubbed by the New York Times as a "Master of the Dirty Joke," who co-hosts "The Bonfire," Comedy Central's weekly live show on SiriusXM with Dan Soder performs. Fri., Nov. 24, at 7:30 and 10 p.m., and Sat., Nov. 25, at 7 and 9:45 p.m. **Talk, Eat, Art:** Multi-genre live performance art and music show produced by creative think-tank and idea lab FlagshipUltra in collaboration with the Capital District's creative community. Fashion forward dress code. Sun., Nov. 26, 7 p.m., \$20. **Chicks are Funny:** Erin Harkes hosts an all female lineup. Wed., Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m. \$7. **Mike Speirs:** Hilarious NYC based comic whose likeability and quick wit allow him to connect with any audience. Thurs., Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 3, 7 p.m., \$12. **Rob Schneider:** Saturday Night Live alumnus and Emmy-nominated actor performs four shows over two days. Fri., Dec. 1 at 7:30 and 10 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 2, 7 and 9:45 p.m. \$30. 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

Maestro: One Improviser to Rule them All! Improvisors compete in a variety of scenes and songs in an effort to escape elimination and be crowned the evening's Maestro. Fri., Nov. 24, doors at 7:30 p.m., with show at 8 p.m. Adults, \$11.53; seniors/students, \$7.32 (prices inc. fees). **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, through Dec. 30; doors at 7:30 p.m., with show at 8 p.m. Adults, \$16.74; students/seniors, \$7.29 (prices inc. fees). **Friday Night Improv: What Could Go Wrong?** The region's finest improvisers deliver a night of comedy right off the top of their heads! Fri., Dec. 1, doors at 7:30 p.m., with show at 8 p.m. Adults, \$11.53; seniors/students, \$7.32 (prices inc. fees). 10 N. Jay St., Schenectady. (518) 577-6725 or www.mopco.org

Proctors

Pretty Much the Best Comedy Show: Headlined by Mark Normand, whose one-hour Comedy Central special, "Don't Be Yourself," premiered earlier this year. Also known for multiple appearances on late night shows. Sat., Nov. 25, 8 p.m. Education Center. Advance, \$15; increases to \$20 day of show. 432 State St., Schenectady. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

DANCE

Participatory Contra Dance

Michael Kernan will lead/call this dance featuring live music by Will Welling on fiddle and Mary Ellen Busseno on guitar. Sat., Nov. 25; lesson begins at 6:45 p.m. with dancing until 10 p.m. Clifton Park YMCA, 1 Wall St., Clifton Park. \$7 to \$11. (518) 591-0709 or dancelflurry.org

Intermediate Line Dancing

Dance and lessons. Weekly, Wednesdays, through Nov. 29, 7 to 10 p.m. Danceland, 638 Columbia St. Ext., Latham. Walk-ins welcome. \$9. (518) 785-3888 or dancelandboomers.com/Calendar.aspx

Dance Fever Thursdays

Hustle lesson with Erick and Ann at 7:15 p.m. followed by dancing to a ballroom mix by DJ Joe until 10 p.m. Weekly, Thursdays, through Nov. 30; (no lesson/dance on Thanksgiving). Danceland, 638 Columbia St. Ext., Latham. \$10; includes pizza/goodies. (518) 785-3888 or dancelandboomers.com/Calendar.aspx

Beginner Line Dancing

Weekly lessons, Tuesdays, through Nov. 28 from 7:15 to 10 p.m. Walk-ins welcome Danceland, 638 Columbia St., Latham. \$9. (518) 785-3888 or dancelandboomers.com/Calendar.aspx

'The Nutcracker'

Everyone's favorite holiday ballet makes returns to the MainStage. Enter a world of Christmas dreams to the joyous music of Tchaikovsky in this annual year-end favorite. Join the Sugar Plum Fairy, the heroic Nutcracker Prince and the evil Rat King in this whimsical celebration of the season presented by Proctors' resident ballet company, Northeast Ballet, under the artistic direction of Darlene Meyers. Sat., Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$20 to \$45; limited availability for both performances. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

FAMILY

Go Fish! in New York State

Join environmental educator Fran Martino and her trusty companion dog, Loki, to get the fish facts on healthy nutrition. Stop by to play the "Go Fish Game" — an activity using laminated pictures of fish, identification keys, and maps to determine whether the fish can be eaten, or if it must be thrown back. Fri., Nov. 24, 1 to 4 p.m. Adirondack Hall, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

21st annual Capital Holiday Lights in the Park

Celebrate the holidays with this all-new, drive-through spectacular featuring more than 125 illuminated displays and scenes. Presented by Price Chopper/Market 32. Opens Fri., Nov. 24 and runs through Tues., Jan. 2, 2018. Open daily: Sundays through Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 10 p.m. Washington Park, Albany; enter opposite New Scotland Avenue. Be sure to visit Santa (through Dec. 23) in the Lake House and enjoy crafts and refreshments. Admission based on vehicle size: cars, \$20 each, rates available for larger vehicles online. Proceeds benefit the Albany Police Athletic League. Latest information available at (518) 435-0392 or at www.albanycapitalholidaylights.com

Thanksgiving Trifecta

Explore the museum and visit three special exhibits about World War I, The Erie Canal and Women's Suffrage. Participate in activities and explore the artifacts that commemorate these important moments in New York state's history. Sat., Nov. 25, and Sun., Nov. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. All galleries, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave.,

Albany. Free. (518) 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

Martial Artists and Acrobats of Tianjin

Watch as the Martial Artists and Acrobats of the People's Republic of China perform a fast moving mix of martial arts, acrobatics, even magic! Sun., Nov. 26, at 3 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Adults, \$28; children, \$14. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

Story Art

Toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy the Museum by listening to a story, exploring objects from the teaching collection and creating a fun art project. Theme TBA. Fri., Dec. 1, 11 a.m. Kids Cove, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free; pick up tickets at the main lobby desk. (518) 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

Sweets and Treats

Enjoy an afternoon filled with cookie decorating, holiday themed crafts, make-your-own hot cocoa station, and more! Sun., Dec. 3, at noon (prior to The Nutcracker 2 p.m. matinee performance). Key Hall, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Children, \$20 each; adults, \$10 each. For tickets, call (518) 346-6204 or visit tickets.proctors.org. For more information, contact Molly Tocin, director of special events, at (518) 382-3884 ext. 187 or mtocin@proctors.org

The Zucchini Brothers

This band of brothers: Jack on Guitar, Steve on Keyboards, Sam on Drums (each his own character, all of whom sing) offers up a musical stir-fry of styles, aimed at bridging the musical gap between kids and adults. The family rock band will perform a mix of its original holiday songs and other favorites. Sun., Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. Free. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

2017 Holiday Tree Lighting

Annual family-fun event has something indoors and outdoors for everyone, including a holiday arts and crafts show, ice skating demonstrations, train rides on the Concourse, horse and carriage rides on The Plaza, caricatures by Rich Conley, and live music by Moriah Formica, Tuba Christmas and The Rusty Pipes. Sun., Dec. 3, 1 to 8 p.m.; tree lighting ceremony begins at 5:15 p.m. and is followed by a fireworks display. Empire State Plaza and Concourse, downtown Albany. Free admission; nominal charge for some activities. (518) 474-4759 or www.winter.empirestateplaza.org

FILM

'Hello Again'

Based on the celebrated Off-Broadway musical, Martha Plimpton and Audra McDonald are among 10 lost souls chased across 10 periods in New York City history in this musical exploration of love's bittersweet embrace. Rated R. 110 minutes. Wed., Nov. 22 at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 24, and Sat., Nov. 25 at 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$12. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org.

'Wings'

Starring Clara Bow and featuring a young Gary Cooper, the winner of the very first Academy Award for Best Picture was not only released during Proctors' first full year of operation (1927), but also during the year that the most beloved man in America, Charles Lindbergh, flew into the brand new Schenectady County Airport in his famed Spirit of St. Louis. What better way to mark both events than with a screening of this magnificent film in which two young men from different class backgrounds (Charles "Buddy" Rogers and Richard Arlen) fall in love with the same woman (Bow). Rated PG-13 for war violence. 144 minutes. Silent film with live accompaniment by Avery Tunningley on "Goldie," Proctors mighty Wurlitzer Organ. Mon, Nov. 27, 6:30 p.m. MainStage, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$10. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'Suspiria'

Often cited as one of the greatest horror films ever made - and certainly one of the most beautiful to both watch and listen to - Dario Argento's masterpiece has finally been given a restoration to die for. Jessica Harper plays Suzy Bannion, a newcomer to a prestigious ballet academy who rather quickly comes to realize that the school is a front for something horribly sinister. Not rated. 98 mins. Presented by It Came from Schenectady. As with all ICFS movie parties, expect prizes, surprises, themed drinks, and comfy sofa seating. Wed., Nov. 29, 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Adults, \$9; students (w/ID) \$6. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

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'Other Uses 04'

Framed by Beatriz Santiago Muñoz's "Otros usos", the work from which the Other Uses film series takes its name, this screening presents moving-image works by the artist that pay characteristic attention to the geometry, composition, and cinematic potential of everyday, neglected landscapes. By training the lens on abandoned architectures, these films find counter histories and other uses for the troubled landscapes of military and political upheaval. Thurs., Nov. 30, 7 p.m. Theater, EMPAC, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 44 8th St. Troy. \$6. (518) 276-3921 or www.empac.rpi.edu

'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'

Christopher Wheeldon's adaptation of this classic story burst onto the stage in 2011 in an explosion of colour, stage magic and inventive, sophisticated choreography. At a garden party on a sunny afternoon, Alice is surprised to see her parents' friend Lewis Carroll transform into a white rabbit. When she follows him down a rabbit hole events become curiouseer and curiouseer... As Alice journeys through Wonderland, she encounters countless strange creatures. She's swept off her feet by the charming Knave of Hearts, who's on the run for stealing the tarts. Confusion piles upon confusion. Then Alice wakes with a start. Was it all a daydream? Presented by the Royal Ballet. Approximately 170 minutes including two intermissions. Mon., Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 9, at 11 a.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$15. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'Follies'

New York, 1971. There's a party on the stage of the Weismann Theatre. Tomorrow the iconic building will be demolished. Thirty years after their final performance, the Follies girls gather to have a few drinks, sing a few songs and lie about themselves. Tracie Bennett, Janie Dee and Imelda Staunton play the magnificent Follies in this dazzling new production of Stephen Sondheim's legendary musical by London's National Theatre. Tues., Dec. 5, at 2 and 6:30 p.m. GE Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$15. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

NATURE Lab Gallery
Open Hours
View art, engage in conversation and/or

participate in an assortment of art, science and urban ecology activities. Weekly, Tuesdays, 4 to 6 p.m., through Dec. 12. North Troy Art, Technology and Urban Research in Ecology Lab Gallery, 3334 6th Ave., Troy. (518) 272-2390 or www.mediasanctuary.org/initiatives/nature-lab

John Yau

This eminent art critic and poet has made the dialogue between visual art and poetry the hallmark of his work and career. Considered one of today's most consistently engaged voices on contemporary art, he will present "Above and Below the Radar: Artists Working Today." Tues., Nov. 28, 4:30 p.m. University Art Museum, University at Albany Uptown Campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum

Intro. To Audio Editing with Audacity

Learn how to use Audacity, a free digital audio editor and recording application that runs on almost and PC or Mac, with experienced media technology teacher Dan Vickery. Tues., Nov. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. Sanctuary for Independent Media, 3361 6th Ave., Troy. \$10 (suggested); registration required at www.mediasanctuary.org/workshopregistration/. Info.: 272-2390 or www.mediasanctuary.org

Women in the Creative Economy

Multiple female leaders in the Capital District's local arts community will participate in a panel discussion about their careers, triumphs and business challenges. Wed., Nov. 29, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Overit Media, 435 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Free; registration required at www.facebook.com/overitmedia. (518) 465-8829.

Azmat Khan

Award-winning investigative reporter who has been covering the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, including Afghanistan and Pakistan, with her unique storytelling approach to journalism. Fri., Dec. 1, 7 to 10 p.m. Sanctuary for Independent Media, 3361 6th Ave., Troy. Adults, \$10; students/low income \$5. (518) 272-2390 or www.mediasanctuary.org

Current Affair

Learn to propagate fruiting shrubs from cuttings as we plant an edible property line of currants for community consumption at Collard City Growers. Sun., Dec. 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. North Troy Art, Technology and Urban Research in Ecology Lab Gallery, 3334 6th Ave., Troy. \$10

(suggested); registration required at www.mediasanctuary.org/workshopregistration

Italian Christmas Cooking Class

Learn how to make Italian Christmas stew and almond paste cookies with Dolores Scalise. Tasting will be held after class. Tues., Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. American Italian Heritage Museum, 1227 Central Ave., Albany. \$10 for ingredients; RSVP and payment required by Fri., Dec. 1. (518) 435-1979 or www.americanitalianmuseum.org

LITERARY

John Ostwald

Psychology professor emeritus, newspaper columnist, Vietnam-era veteran and author will discuss his book "War, Sacrifice and Coming Home: A Compilation." Mon., Nov. 27, 6 p.m. Main Branch, Troy Public Library, 100 Second St., Troy. Free, registration required. (518) 274-7401 or www.thetroylibrary.org/?cat=22

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

Hisham Mater

Lybian-American novelist who received the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Autobiography for his memoir, "The Return: Fathers Sons and the Land In Between," an account of his return to the Lybia of his family's origin and search for his missing father, will present a seminar and reading on Thurs., Nov. 30. His seminar will take place in the Standish Room in the Science Library, located on the uptown campus of the University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, at 4:15 p.m., while his reading will take place at 8 p.m. in Assembly Hall in Campus Center, also located on the University At Albany Uptown Campus. Presented by the New York State Writers Institute. Free. (518) 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst

Writers workshop

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

Multi Author Signing

Teri Dunn Chance, Karen Delduce, John Gray, Connie Johnson Hambley, Shaundra Lerman, Eric Luper, April March, Laurel Ostiguy, Gail Sokol, Alexandra Stafford, Greg Veitch and Thomas Willemain will be available to sign copies of their books, just in time for holiday gift giving. Thurs., Nov. 30, 6 to 8 p.m. Northshire Bookstore, 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. (518) 682-4200 or www.northshire.com

Philip Caruso

One of the most sought-after still photographers in the motion picture industry will discuss his career during a presentation titled "The Art of Still Photography on the Movie Set." Fri., Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. Page Hall, University at Albany downtown campus, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Presented by the New York State Writers Institute. Free. (518) 442-5620 or www.ualbany.edu/writers-inst

MISCELLANEOUS

Shaker Christmas Craft Fair

Find unique handmade gifts, including pottery, jewelry, foods, treats and much more produced by more than 50 regional artisans. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Dec. 16 (Closed Thanksgiving Day). Shaker Heritage Society Museum and Gift Shop, 1848 Meeting House, 25 Meeting House Rd., Albany. (518) 456-7890 or www.ShakerHeritage.org

2017 Fair Trade Market

A magnificent array of fairly traded, handcrafted gifts, jewelry, accessories, home goods, coffee, chocolate and more

from more than 50 Fair Trade projects and cooperatives in the developing world. Fri., Nov. 24, and Sat., Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Free admission. Snacks and lunch available for purchase. Children's activities. (518) 439-9252 or www.delmarpres.org

Basilica Farm & Flea Holiday Market

More than 100 vendors will partake in this fifth annual event that's part timeless flea and farmer's market and part 21st century craft and design fair, showcasing the wealth and splendor of the Hudson Valley's artisanal talents. Fri., Nov. 24 from noon to 9 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sun., Nov. 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Basilica Hudson, 110 Front St., Hudson. \$5 admission; free for children 11 and younger. basilicahudson.org/farmandflea

Troy Night Out

Partake in some Black Friday Holiday Shopping during this month's arts and cultural event. Fri., Nov. 24, 5 to 9 p.m. Various venues throughout downtown Troy. www.downtownroy.org/troy-night-out

Troy Waterfront Farmers Market

More than 80 food growers, bakers, chefs and artisans gather to offer the Capital District's freshest and finest! Plus, gather with other community members for live music, great food, family activities and learning opportunities. Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., through March 31, 2018. Troy Atrium, 49 4th St., Troy. Free Admission. (518) 708-4216 or www.troymarket.org

State Capitol Building Tour

Take a guided tour through this historic, 19th-century architectural masterpiece which serves as the seat of New York State government. The one-hour tour will be led by a New York State Museum staff member. Weekly, on Saturdays through Dec. 16. Tours depart at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. from the Plaza Visitor Center and Gift Shop, located in the Empire State Plaza's North Concourse. Free, registration required; 25 participant limit. To register, call (518) 474-2418 or visit ogs.ny.gov/ESP/CT/Tours/Capitol.asp

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. Weekly, on Saturdays through Dec. 16. Tours depart at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. from 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

Schenectady GreenMarket

Festive, indoor marketplace featuring more than 60 vendors who produce everything they sell. Enjoy live music, prepared food and the region's freshest produce. Weekly on Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., through April 29, 2018. Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Free admission. (518) 986-0318 or schenectadygreenmarket.org/

Delaware Community Farmers Market

Offering local, fresh-picked fruits, vegetables, herbs, eggs, jams and baked goods. Tuesdays, 4 to 7 p.m. through November 28. Delaware Branch, Albany Public Library, 331 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free to attend. (518) 432-0516 or DelawareAreaNA@gmail.com

Together Tuesday

Tuesday nights in Eden Café are set-aside for groups to have a time of team building. Safe, non-alcoholic environment where trust can be fostered. Tuesdays, 4:30 to 9 p.m., 269 Osborne Rd., Loudonville. (518) 977-3771.

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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.

Victorian Streetwalk

Celebrate the magic of an old-fashioned Victorian Streetwalk and Christmas on Broadway in downtown Saratoga Springs following the Saratoga Tree Lighting Ceremony outside of the Putnam Den. Enjoy live entertainment, including Christmas carolers, the Saratoga Festival of Trees, and be sure to visit Santa at his special Saratoga Cottage during the 31st annual event. Presented by the Saratoga Springs Downtown Business Association. Thurs., Nov. 30, 6 to 10 p.m. Free admission. Entertainment schedule and map available at www.saratoga.com

Italian Christmas Market

Share and celebrate this old, Italian tradition. Marvel at the exquisite, room-sized Italian Nativity featuring live mosses and life-like figurines. The Museum's exhibit rooms are transformed into mini-market places filled with something for almost everyone on your Christmas shopping list — including yourself! Some of the unique Italian merchandise offered includes: Italian language greeting cards, "Made-in-Italy" items, wooden Ceppo,

Befana figures, themed ornaments, plaques, novelties, and delicious, homemade Italian baked along with hand-crafted items by talented vendors. Food and beverages will be available. Fri., Dec. 1 and Sat., Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun., Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. American Italian Heritage Museum, 1227 Central Ave., Albany. Free admission. (518) 435-1979 or www.americanitalianmuseum.org

First Friday Art Show and Wine Tasting

Enjoy a free wine tasting along with happy hour drink and appetizer specials while viewing works by a local artist. This month's featured artist is David Decker, who will present his first exhibit in three decades, a photographic essay titled "The Sky's the Limit." Through photography, Decker attempts to shine a light on the confident hopefulness and buoyant exuberance, too often hidden in the world around us. These assorted landscapes and skyscapes; essays of shadow and light are intended to encourage viewers to embrace the excitement of change. "The Sky's the Limit" is a reminder that, "if every once in a while, you take a moment to stop — and simply look around... you may be amazed at what you see!" Fri., Dec. 1, 5 to 7 p.m. Il Faro Restaurant & Bar, 698 North Pearl St., Menands. Free admission. (518) 463-2208 or www.ilfaroitalian.com

Night of Lights

Celebrate the opening of the annual Festival of Trees exhibit with this exclusive evening featuring live music, great food, a raffle, cash bar and, of course, radiant fir trees. Fri., Dec. 1, 7 p.m. Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. \$15. Tickets available online at schenectadyhistorical.org/trees/ and scroll down to Night of Lights.

Troy Victorian Stroll

Celebrate the holidays with family and friends during 35th Annual Troy Victorian Stroll, featuring more than 100 live

performances throughout the day. Plus, wrap up your holiday shopping list at more than 35 clothing, jewelry and gift boutiques. Sun., Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Various venues throughout downtown Troy. Free admission. For a schedule of events and details about window decorating and photography contests, visit www.victorianstroll.com

Taste NY Holiday Market

Celebrate the start of the holiday season during the fourth annual market featuring "made in New York" foods and beverages from dozens of vendors, including hand-crafted beer, wine and spirits, cheese, chocolate, apple and maple products and other goodies. Food related presentations and live music through the day. Sun., Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. New York State Museum, 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

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, Dec. 5 (**SOLD OUT**) and Dec. 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.artscenonline.org/social-media/

EXHIBITS

Albany Center Gallery

Continuing: "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. Runs through Fri., Dec. 1. Gallery hours: Daily, Tues.-Sat., noon to 5 p.m. or by appointment. Closed Thanksgiving Day. 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. Also, **"Paintings of Addy": Dahl Taylor's Original Illustrations for American Girl:** Features more than 40 paintings by the Albany-based artist commissioned to re-illustrate American Girl's six books about nine-year-old Addy Walker along with artifacts from the museum's collection to illustrate daily life during the mid 19th-century. Through Sun., June 3, 2018. Also, **"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 highlight 19th century fashion as depicted in the work of portrait painters. Both through Sat., March 31, 2018. Plus ongoing exhibits. Museum hours: Wed.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs.: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving Day); 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 6-12, \$6; children 0-5, free. Free admission for all visitors during Home for the Holidays weekend, Fri., Nov. 24, Sat., Nov. 25 and Sun., Nov. 26. 125 Washington Ave., Albany. (518) 463-4478 or albanyinstitute.org.

Albany International Airport

Continuing: "Chasing the Tale," Group exhibit featuring work by seven artists,

each of whom is engaged in a pictorial expression of storytelling cross personal mythology with collected narratives from historical, folk and popular culture. Through Feb. 26, 2018. Gallery hours: Daily, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Free admission. Main Gallery, third floor, adjacent to Observation Area, 737 Albany Shaker Rd., Latham. (518) 242-2241 or arts@albanyairport.com

Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center

Upcoming: "Pine Bush Perspectives," annual juried photo exhibit which celebrates the uniqueness and diversity of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve. Opens with reception on Fri., Dec. 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. On display indefinitely. Center hours: Weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; weekends and most holidays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. 195 New Karner Rd., Albany. (518) 456-0665 or www.albanypinebush.org

Arts Center of the Capital Region

Continuing: "So It Would Seem," features works by four photographers that encourage viewers to look beyond the images to discover the moods, memories, even the very souls of their subjects, encompassed by the surrounding past and future. Through Wed., Dec. 27, in the Main Gallery, 265 River St., Troy. Gallery hours: Daily, Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., (closed Thanksgiving Day), 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 artscenonline.org

The Clark Art Institute

Continuing: "The Impressionist Line: From Degas to Toulouse-Lautrec," showcases the hallmarks of the "Impressionist line," including drawings by Claude Monet, color woodcuts by Paul Gauguin, etchings by Edouard Manet, pastels by Edgar Degas, and color lithographs by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. Through Sun., Jan. 7, 2018. Plus

permanent collection. Museum hours: Daily, Tues.-Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving Day). Admission: Adults, \$20; children 18 and younger, free. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu

Clement Art Gallery

New: "Holiday Small Works Art Show," featuring a large selection of original artwork by local artists. Opens Fri., Nov. 24 with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. On display through Sun., Dec. 31. Also, **antique print and map room** exhibits. Gallery hours: Weekdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving Day); Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. 201 Broadway, Troy. (518) 272-6811 or www.clementart.com

Collar Works

Continuing: "What is that leaping in your chest?" Group exhibition guest curated by Alexandra Foradas, assistant curator of visual arts at MASS MoCA, in which the artists question the uncertainty of access to the American Dream. Through Sat., Dec. 30. 621 River St., Troy. Gallery hours: Thurs. & Fri., noon to 6 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving Day.) Sat., 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. Plus permanent collection. Museum hours: Daily, Tues. -Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving Day); 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

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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. Museum hours: Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun., noon to 4 p.m. 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Admission: Adults, \$6.50; seniors/students (w/valid ID) \$5; children ages 4 to 12, \$3; children ages 3 and younger, free; (518) 584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org

New York State Museum
Continuing: "Votes for Women: Celebrating New York's Suffrage Centennial:" Large-scale exhibition will raise public awareness about the struggle for women's suffrage and equal rights in

New York State from the 1848 Seneca Falls convention, through 1917, when women were finally allowed to vote. Through Sun., May 13, 2018. Also, **"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. Museum hours: Tues.–Sun, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., (closed Thanksgiving Day). 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

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Schenectady County Historical Society
Upcoming: "Festival of Trees." Celebrate the season with lit and decorated fir trees, ranging from classic to kooky Christmas styles. Runs Sat., Dec. 2 through Sun., Dec. 17, at SCHS and the YWCA NorthEastern NY. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults, \$6; children 11 and younger admitted free. **Continuing: "Together Until the End: Schenectady in World War I,"** through Thurs., Nov. 30. Plus ongoing/permanent exhibits. Museum hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Thanksgiving Weekend (Thurs., Nov. 23 through Sun., Nov. 26.) 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Admission: \$5. (518) 374-0263 or schenectadyhistorical.org

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Schick Art Gallery
Upcoming: "Cubed! (working title). Features student work from the Fall '17 Art Department theme, cubism. Expected to open Fri., Dec. 1, and remain on display through Fri., Dec. 8. Saisselin Art Building,

Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Gallery hours: Mon.–Thurs., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; (closed Thanksgiving Day), Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., noon to 4 p.m. Free admission. (518) 580-5049 or www.skidmore.edu/schick

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Continuing: Laura Moriarty. Taking poetic license with geology, Moriarty compares processes of the studio with processes of the earth. The forms, colors, textures and patterns of her sculptural paintings result from forces similar to those that shape and reshape the earth: heating and cooling, erosion, subduction, friction, enfolding, weathering and slippage. Through Sun., Dec. 31. Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 NY Rte. 43, Averill Park. Gallery hours: 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
Continuing: "Tel .:" Artist Kamau Amu Patton's continually evolving interpretation of what a museum community space can be. Long-term installation on the mezzanine. Through Sept. 1, 2019. Also **"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. **"Birthing Bodies,"** an exploration of childbirth through a feminist lens, representing the pregnant/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. Museum hours: Tues.–Sun., noon to 5 p.m.; Thurs. until 9 p.m.; closed Thanksgiving Day. Free admission; suggested donations of \$5/adult; \$3/child 13+; seniors, \$2. (518) 580-8080 or tang.skidmore.edu

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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. Mandevelle 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 mathematic 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 (all galleries): Daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., (closed Thanksgiving Day and Fri., Nov. 24). 807 Union St., Schenectady. Free. (518) 388-6004 or muse.union.edu/mandeville/home

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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. Museum 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., closed Thanksgiving Day through Mon., Nov. 27. Free admission. (518) 442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum

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HOROSCOPES

November 2017 Week 4

ARIES – MAR 21/APR 20

Aries, you may be tempted to tie up loose ends this week, but there is a lot to finish so expect things to take longer than you hoped. Focus only on one project at a time.

TAURUS – APR 21/MAY 21

Taurus, your words and actions may not be matching up right now. This may be confusing to others. It may be better to just lead by example.

GEMINI – MAY 22/JUN 21

Gemini, things have been moving along quite easily for you and you are enjoying the respite. Take all the deep breaths you can during this period of recovery.

CANCER – JUN 22/JUL 22

Time has been passing quite rapidly, Cancer. You may be feeling like you aren't quite catching up to the clock. As long as some work is getting finished, you are completely fine.

LEO – JUL 23/AUG 23

Leo, you are anxious to go on an adventure, but you simply can't find time in your schedule. You may just have to make it happen by turning off your devices and heading out.

VIRGO – AUG 24/SEPT 22

Virgo, even if you are sure that your perspective will win over the crowd, you have to accept there will be some who don't agree with you. Be gracious and don't step on any toes.

LIBRA – SEPT 23/OCT 23

Libra, although you might not realize it, someone is making a concerted effort to get to know you this week. Be open to new relationships and you may make a lifelong friend.

SCORPIO – OCT 24/NOV 22

Scorpio, you have worked hard and are now beginning to enjoy the fruits of your labor. Treat yourself to whatever you would like. Be proud of your efforts.

SAGITTARIUS – NOV 23/DEC 21

Conversations with others should be kept light and easy this week to avoid any drama, Sagittarius. Delving deeper into others' lives is the furthest thing from your mind.

CAPRICORN – DEC 22/JAN 20

Capricorn, are your achievements isolating you from others? You may have to let someone else get some of the glory this week, if only to show your vulnerable and accommodating side.

AQUARIUS – JAN 21/FEB 18

Do not avoid others to escape conflict, Aquarius; otherwise, you are only delaying the inevitable. Speak your mind and address the situation with tact and professionalism.

PISCES – FEB 19/MAR 20

Pisces, your self-esteem can soar this week if you surround yourself with the right people. Fill your days with fun and many activities.



■ HEALTH & FITNESS

Tackle success this Thanksgiving

Our in-house fitness instructor is here to feed you tips on how not to spoil your weight loss efforts

By **DAN ROMAND**
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For me the year has flown by. It's hard to believe that in just a few days, families all over America will be sitting down to a meal which looks back to that first Thanksgiving in which the Pilgrims commemorated the harvest after a harsh winter.

Thanksgiving has become my favorite holiday over the years. A day to spend with family and friends, without the pressure or worry of giving the perfect gift and so on.

Celebrating a holiday with a big feast together is as old as the human race. It is a way of celebrating and enjoying time with family and friends.

But we have to be careful not to overdo the festivities otherwise we could end up setting ourselves back over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, which so many of us tend to do.

As someone who has seen many a person get derailed on their fitness journey by the holiday season I know all too well the hazards that come with the holidays, starting with that Thanksgiving feast.

How big is that holiday meal?

Did you know that the average Thanksgiving meal contains 3,000 calories and 229 grams of fat and that's just the main meal!

And let's be honest, most of us don't limit ourselves to one indulgent meal.

Heck if you're like me Thanksgiving isn't over till you've had that big sandwich with turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce on top later that night.

The truth is, most of us tend to spend the entire day snacking and celebrating. And if we are REALLY being honest that "day" is actually the entire weekend what with leftovers that HAVE to be eaten and such.

The trouble comes when we have to deal with those extra calories that we have packed into our bodies:

"A 160 lb. person would have to run at a moderate pace for four hours, swim for five hours or walk 30 miles to burn off a 3,000-calorie Thanksgiving Day meal," said Dr. Cedric Bryant, ACE chief exercise physiologist. Many people start by snacking throughout the day and that combined with the meal can lead to a total caloric intake of 4,500."¹

Multiply that by one day or over the full weekend as most tend to do and it's easy to see how someone can get derailed.

To be sure, one meal, one day or even one indulgent weekend won't ruin our health but for many that weekend becomes weeks, months or even years.

Perhaps you've even said it to yourself... "Well I blew it this weekend so I might as well just give up".

And you wouldn't be alone. As I mentioned earlier I've seen it time and again. In fact the most common time I see people give up on their fitness journey is the weeks between Thanksgiving and New Years. They go nuts over the holidays and next thing you know they've lost all the progress they've made and give up in frustration.

So what should you do?

It doesn't have to be that way. You just

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■ WHAT'S HAPPENING SOON

Albany Rocks: The Works of Amy Modesti

LOUDONVILLE — Eden Cafe will host Albany Rocks on Friday, Dec. 15 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Local musicians will make cameo appearances at this cool event. Open house dinner available starting at 4:30 p.m. Beer, wine and cider will be available.

This event is free and open to the public. Eden Cafe, 269 Osborne Road, Loudonville. For more information, call (518) 977-3771.

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SARATOGA SPRINGS — Newberry Music Hall hosts an open mic night each Thursday at 10 p.m.

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Moriah Formica on NBC's The Voice

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LOCAL MUSIC

Moriah voted off 'The Voice'

Limelight now allows Shaker teen to pursue new opportunities

By **KAITLIN LEMBO**
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COLONIE — The morning after Moriah Formica was eliminated from "The Voice," rain cascaded over the Capital District as if the sky was crying. However, the skies cleared and the sun was shining by that afternoon.

"I'm feeling extremely grateful to have had this journey and this opportunity," the 17-year-old said. "I am so, so grateful."

The Shaker High student turned television rockstar was eliminated from "The Voice" during the show's playoff round. She soared through the first three rounds without much competition. With a performance of Beth Hart's "World Without

You," she was sent home.

Despite her wish that America had gotten to vote, Formica isn't bitter about the outcome. She called the support of her fans "incredible" as they flooded the social media pages of "The Voice," completely in shock over Miley Cyrus' decision.

"We are just so incredibly happy with the support and how much people are loving on her," Josh Formica, Formica's manager and father, said. "I'm extremely proud of Moriah. She gave her all in every performance."

This elimination will not be the end of Formica's career. According to her, she has been contacted by various guitar companies and websites who want to work with her and feature her. Guitar companies who already endorse her are writing articles. All of the exposure is catapulting the high school student into rockstar stratosphere.

Shane Spillenger, the entertainment manager at Albany's Jupiter Hall, is optimistic about Formica's future. Spillenger has booked Formica on a few occasions and is in charge of her two shows coming up at Jupiter Hall on Friday, Nov. 24 and Sunday, Nov. 26.

"We have been fielding calls from all over the place, from people who love the show, who are curious about her," Spillenger said. "The first show is now standing room only."

Formica will be able to cater to large crowds in Jupiter Hall, as it holds 750 people. This will not be her first concert to a sold-out show at Jupiter Hall and it probably will not be her last.

"Moriah opened for Red Sun Rising about six months ago and she had a draw. When she performed at my restaurant a few years ago, we were easily able to sell 100 tickets for

her," Spillenger said. "The Voice' has catapulted her. She's definitely grown as a musician."

As for now, Formica plans to stay fresh in people's minds by putting out new music and hopefully implementing a tour to meet more fans. She has already written a bunch of music she is looking forward to releasing.

"[Moriah] is an amazing person," Josh Formica said. "We hope the world will continue to fall in love with her."

Tickets to an encore performance on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. for Moriah Formica are available on www.ticketfly.com. Spillenger said this concert is expected to sell out as well, so guests are encouraged to buy their tickets early. For more information, call Jupiter Hall at (518) 556-3350.

IN BRIEF

'Die Hard' at Palace

ALBANY — "Die Hard" will screen at the Palace Theatre on Monday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

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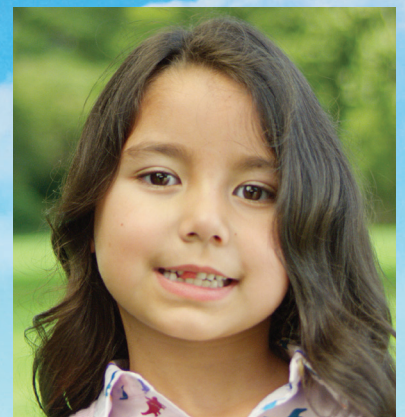
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■ WHAT'S HAPPENING SOON

Open Mic at The Comedy Works

SARATOGA SPRINGS — The Comedy Works weekly Open Mic changes to Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 9 p.m. this week.

Sign ups begin at 7 p.m. It is free to attend or participate.

For more information, call (518) 275-6897 or visit www.thecomedyworks.com.

Repeal Day Prohibition Party

ALBANY — Savoy Taproom will

host a Repeal Day Prohibition Party on Monday, Dec. 4, from 9 p.m. to Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 2 a.m.

Fellas and flappers, arrive dolled up in period attire and start the evening off with a special late night dinner menu from 9pm to midnight. Seating will be available at the bar and in the dining room. We'll have live jazz music starting at 10pm to set the mood. Of course, as to not alert the authorities and risk a bust, we'll be keeping things quiet right up until midnight, and the repeal of prohibition!

This event has no cover charge. For more information, call (518) 599-5140 or visit www.savoyonlark.com.

■ THEATRE REVIEW

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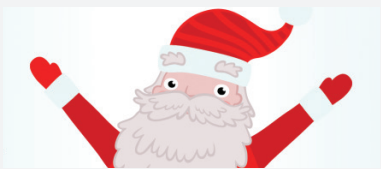
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“Redwood Curtain” by Lanford Wilson; directed by John Sowle; Bridge Street Theatre; Catskill, NY; November 2-12.

By **JAMES YEARA**
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CATSKILL— Let me dispense with the two biggest shortcomings of Catskill’s Bridge Street Theatre’s latest production, Lanford Wilson’s “Redwood Curtain.”

First, the six performances over two week-ends run is too brief for the excellence of the production; and second, director John Sowle needs to teach his cast to act with an audience when it demands, through their sustained applause during the curtain call, that the three actor cast return to the stage and accept the well-earned and hard-clapped “thank you.”

One curtain call isn’t enough for the alternately funny, gritty, and ultimately sublime “Redwood Curtain” that director Sowle’s masterful cast — Julie Pham as ingénue Geri, Molly Parker Myers as maternal Aunt Geneva, and Joseph Tisa

as shattered soul Vietnam Vet Lyman — makes engaging for two hours. “Redwood Curtain” earns a spot on Bridge Street Theatre’s wall of shows as the best acted ensemble production this bold troupe has offered this decade.

Director John Sowle serves double duty again, offering his usual excellent scenic design: for “Redwood Curtain” the shifting projected background is complemented by either the trunks of two soaring Redwoods midstage left and right with a fallen trunk downstage left convenient for sitting. Combined with ambient sound from Carmen Borgia’s sound design, you almost expect a dire wolf to suddenly materialize.

But Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lanford Wilson has other magic at hand in this 1992 play. Wilson weaves together the paths of 17-year-old Vietnamese-American orphan Geri (a wholly believable Pham, who catches the mix of teenage angst and yearning wonder to find out who she is), an equally confused but yearning for peace of mind Vietnam Vet Lyman (Tisa is the heart of this production, creating the lost soul Lyman in staccato bursts of words that bring an audience in to his journey), and Aunt Geneva (a wholly focused and engaging Parker), erstwhile owner of this Redwood forest whose lifelong memories of the trees are on the verge of being torn asunder.

By “Redwood Curtain’s” end, the paths conclude where they began, in the midst of the Redwoods, and the metaphorical magic revealed (Geri has a lineage full of epiphanies and magic worthy of Jon Snow) prompts the applause that the surprising mix of laughter, sorrow and recognition has earned.

◀ Molly Parker Myers as Geneva and Joseph Tisa as Lyman in “Redwood Curtain.”

Photo by John Sowle

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Kevin Downey Jr. at Cohoes Music Hall

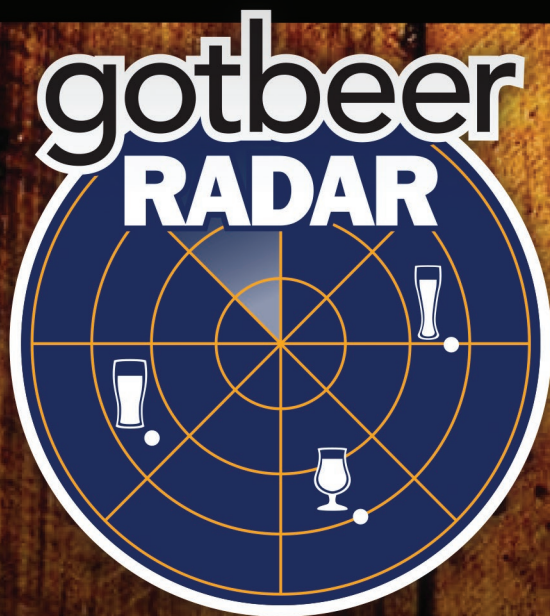
COHOES — Kevin Downey Jr. will perform at Cohoes Music Hall on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m.

Comedian and columnist Kevin Downey Jr. has been called refreshingly bizarre. Headlining rooms all over the country and enjoying a strong cult following, his appearance as a contestant on season eight of "America's Got Talent" brought him to a new level of notoriety. He can be heard regularly on "The Bob and Tom Show," as well as on Sirius and XM Satellite radio. Downey is also a proud member of Armed Forces Entertainment and he travels the world performing for the troops.

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■ CONCERT REVIEW

DSO leaves Cap City crowd dancing

Dark Star Orchestra's 20th Anniversary at The Palace packs in the classics

By **NEIL BENJAMIN, JR. & JIM GILBERT**
nysmusic.com

ALBANY — To make it 20 years in any industry is quite a feat, especially when there were absolutely no expectations at the beginning. And the members of Dark Star Orchestra will tell you that making it that far as a cover band is even more satisfying and special.

Dark Star brought a raucous show to a sold out Palace Theatre crowd on Saturday, Nov. 11, the 20th anniversary of its first show (at a bar called Martyrs' in Chicago). There were people outside who were unable to get in the door due to the sell out. One concert goer, on his way through security, looked over and yelled, "This is reminiscent of when the Dead used to play the Knick!" He was referring to the Knickerbocker Arena, now called the Times Union Center.

From the get go, Dark Star displayed the type of energy that an eager new

band 20 years younger might. Guitarist Rob Eaton stepped to his microphone for "The Music Never Stopped," clearly a nod to the band's longevity. The Grateful Dead's most commercially successful song, "Touch of Grey," came next. When the band members, in unison with the crowd, sang the last lines of "We will get by / We will survive," the balcony in the theater was visibly swaying. It was as thrilling a start to any Dark Star show in memory.

"Box of Rain," one of Phil Lesh's compositions, wound down before the Jerry Garcia ballad "So Many Roads," sung by guitarist Jeff Mattson, brought a bit of poignancy to the evening. "Cassidy" was played perfectly and featured some very spirited body language from Eaton, who was moving around his area of the stage more than usual.

The highlight of the set was, easily, "Terrapin Station," a song typically reserved by both Dark Star and the Dead for the second set. Keyboardist Rob Barraco and drummers Rob Koritz and Dino English seemed to have a more powerful presence during this song as Dark Star executed the composition flawlessly.

The set could have ended there and the crowd would have been happy, and that's

when the first notes to "Weather Report Suite" hit. The song fizzled into "Let it Grow," and during the pair of songs, Eaton switched from electric to acoustic and back to electric without missing a beat. To close out a lengthy set, Dark Star Orchestra played the classic sequence of "China Cat Sunflower" -> "I Know You Rider." The bridge between the two songs took the form of pure celebration and the band showed it with gigantic smiles on their faces.

The second stanza wasted not even a second picking up, with a fast and raging "Scarlet Begonias" jamming its way into "Ruben and Cherise" in a pretty stunning twist of events. When the crowd realized that Dark Star had thrown a curve ball, it responded with a roar and a total dance party ensued. Mattson, like he would do the rest of the set, dazzled with his vocals and ripping runs up and down the fret board. "Fire on the Mountain" closed out the segment with a singalong amidst a trio of jams.

"Eyes of the World" morphed into the "Drums/Space" portion of the evening before Mattson returned to the mic for a soaring and emotional "Morning Dew." Without taking a breath, the band started into the fan favorite "St. Stephen," but

what came next was the best part of the show, as "Stephen" gave way to the familiar riff of "The Eleven." That seemed to take the crowd by surprise again, and the band responded by putting extra 'umph' into the psychedelic journey about William Tell. "Turn on Your Love Light" closed out one of the most well received Dark Star shows in memory.

Koritz then took center stage and thanked a list of people who have helped Dark Star Orchestra on its way to this night, and then toasted with the crowd, before getting the band together with their backs to the crowd and inviting everyone to take a selfie with them to celebrate 20 special years. Approaching the midnight curfew, the band then launched into "One More Saturday Night" to give the frenzied crowd one last opportunity to break into dance.

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
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■ MUSIC REVIEW

Jon Lewis Band's 'Baby Brother'

By AMY CAVALIER
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One of the best parts of reviewing albums is being exposed to music that you most likely would have never discovered on your own. At first, I listened to the Rochester-based Jon Lewis Band's recently-released EP "Baby Brother" solely for the sake of writing this review. And then, one morning, I woke up with the melodies lodged into my psyche and I listened because I wanted to.

Don't let the term local singer/songwriter fool you. Don't let the genre label "indie rock" push this album out of the grasp of your musical appreciation. Baby Brother resonates with a driving sense of urgency, possibly a reflection of the head space Lewis was in when he wrote and recorded it earlier this year.

"After a freak car accident at the end of March, I found myself inspired to write and create music with more of an edgier attitude," said Lewis. "We were also just returning from a short tour and I was eager to collaborate more on

music that would feature the group and the intensity of those live performances. The process was so quick and often had a sense of profound urgency, energy and cohesiveness."

From the first track "Let Me Go," the EP quickly seizes your attention with smoky, sultry verses, gradually leading to a bridge that builds into a chorus filled with shredding crescendos of hard-hitting rock. The third track on Baby Brother will keep you "Hanging On" with its yearning, soul-calling melodies, precise guitar harmonies and memorable lyrics.

*"What should you say,
when my light is fading
And all my bad decisions come collected
To keep me hanging on
Would you keep me hanging on?"*

— "Hanging On"

Baby Brother travels into familiar territory with hints of grunge and indie rock, yet with enough rock 'n' roll and



pop to set the Jon Lewis Band apart from today's age of dime-a-dozen artists.

A full-time musician, Jon Lewis bleeds, breathes and sleeps music. Since hitting the road as an acoustic singer-songwriter playing in coffeehouses and bars in upstate New York in 2013, he's released four EPs and two full-length albums – some on his own, others in collaboration with some of Rochester's well-known and up-and-coming artists, building a solid band of talented musicians along the way. Self-taught and determined to grow as a musician, he's dedicated himself to producing music at a pace that matches his ambition.

Partnering up with Producer/Engineer/friend Dave Drago of 1809 Studios, Lewis released two EPs in 2014: Trail of Dreams and In Disguise. In 2015, he released his first full-length album Panic Rock on which he collaborated with Jacob Walsh on drums and Shawn Brogan on lead

guitar, both of whom are now fundamental players in the Jon Lewis Band.

Soon after, Lewis began production on "Out To Lunch" which was released in 2016, this time joined by Alex Northrup on keys, completing the five-piece Jon Lewis Band. Wasting no time, the group released its second full-length album "Exquisite Corpse" in May and immediately followed it in September with "Baby Brother."

When he's not on stage with his namesake, the Jon Lewis Band, you can find Lewis playing fun, educational music to kids at parks, birthday parties and other events in Rochester with his wife as "Mr. and Mrs. Loops."

"It is incredibly rewarding and fun, and an amazing way to instill the silliness that is so easily forgotten in our lives," he said.

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From page B1... Butterflies

“You ever walk into something, and it was meant to be?” Lewitinn asks a rhetorical question. The 26-year-old Clifton Park native moved to Troy several years ago. She earned a hair styling license, then worked a few jobs. On occasion, when times between work and raising two kids allowed for it, she would volunteer at not-for-profits. Three years ago, however, she walked into something; the attic of her apartment house.

She volunteered to help her landlord clean out the attic. It wasn't what she anticipated. What she came across was boxes and boxes of greeting cards, tablecloths, napkins and other paper products. The woman who collected the items had worked at a store. Lewitinn believes the holiday themed items were due to be thrown out, and the woman could not bear to waste it. “I walked in to maybe \$4,000 worth of napkins, and I just started giving them out. And, it started to become what I

was known for.”

Lewitinn started assembling care packages into small paper bags — napkins, toothbrushes, soaps. In the early morning, she would leave these small, inconspicuous brown paper bags on the front stoop of each of her neighbors. Then, she'd sit by the window and wait.

Downtown Troy is in the midst of revitalization. Real estate moguls are coming in and investing into potential apartments and condominiums for a generation throwing away the house with the white picket fence dream for an urban lifestyle where one can work, live and play within a few city blocks. But, outside River Street and Monument Square, people still see a struggle to make ends meet.

According to The New York State Community Action Association's (NYSCAA) latest annual edition of the New York State Poverty Report, the Empire State is on par with the national poverty rate of 15.5 percent.

Rensselaer County's rate falls below that average rate. In fact, based on percentage, Rensselaer's 12.45 percent rate is among the lowest in New York. It ranks 47th out of New York's 62 counties.

Nonetheless, Rensselaer has more than 19,000 impoverished people, placing it 23rd in the state. Lewitinn wasn't cognizant of those numbers when she stepped outside her doorway. In her mind, everyone could use a pick-me-up. One by one she'd see someone look curiously down at this bag. Some looked around as if it was a prank. Others, she could see smile after peeking inside.

Before long, Butterfly Wings was born.

Lewitinn started Butterfly Wings last year out of the Troy Innovation Garage. It's a paper pantry, which affords people in need to obtain household items that range from toilet paper and personal hygiene items, to cleaning supplies and baby goods. “And, a few other randoms that come through,” she said.

Whatever Lewitinn can carry in her car, she will take back to Butterfly

Wings. Up until recently, that meant crowding a small workspace at the Troy Innovation Garage. As word of her services traveled around Troy, the number of people seeking assistance grew to a number she did not anticipate. On some days, her visitors would number at nearly 100. She was growing out of her space.

Finding butterflies

Christine Baxter grew up in Albany outside of the Pine Bush forest, home of the Karner blue butterfly. But, she didn't grow fond of butterflies until her husband passed away a few years ago. “After my husband passed away, butterflies became a very big part of my life.”

Baxter has a masters in ministry, and is a member of Christ Church on 35 State Street in Troy. Occasionally, she's able to step in for Reverend Dr. Judith Johnson-Siebold. Shortly after earning her degree, Baxter said she was surfing Facebook when she came across Butterfly Wings. “I have to find out what this is about,” she said.

“I met this young lady who is full of ambition and full of heart and full of passion,” Baxter said, recalling her meeting with Lewitinn last winter. “She's just on fire.”

Baxter was instantly impressed with the progress Lewitinn had made, establishing the not-for-profit, winning a local business improvement contest and finding office space. But, Baxter could see she needed a helping hand. She decided to donate a year of her time to help.

When Lewitinn needed a new place to house operations, Baxter stepped up to speak with her church's administrative council. With them, she shared Butterfly Wings' mission statement, “to educate and empower the people because everyone deserves a chance to fly.” A mission that fit in with that of the United Methodist Church.

Today, Butterfly Wings resides within the basement of the church. The paper pantry helps families from Troy and surrounding communities supplement where paychecks and state assistance programs fall short. As Baxter points out, New York state's WIC

program helps with getting food on the table, but can not go towards buying diapers. The state's poverty rate among families with children and with a woman listed as the head of household is 38.4 percent, more than double than that of the state and national level.

“I've always had that heart for helping people,” said Lewitinn. “This is my profession. I thought about it ... what if I gave up? What if I said I'm going to be a stay-at-home mom? I've done what I've done. I've done amazing things. Something wouldn't let me. It just fell into place. Every time I thought about giving this up, it just grew bigger and better, and more help came. More volunteers came. Honestly, I just followed the butterflies. It sounds so silly, but every time I thought about giving up, I would see a butterfly.”

More importantly, she now has other people looking for butterflies.

For more information about Butterfly Wings, visit <http://butterflywings.life/about/>. To make an appointment, call Christine J. Baxter at (518) 337-8424.

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Votes for Women

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Tackle success this Thanksgiving

have to stay focused and keep on track. Here's my tips for getting thru the Holiday's and enjoying them without blowing it:

Turkey Day Tips

First some good news: you don't have to forgo your favorite holiday foods. There is room for a little indulgence at a holiday feast! The secret is to have a plan as we head into the holiday season.

By staying on top of both your calorie intake and your physical activity, you can enjoy your favorite foods in moderation and emerge on the other side just as fit as you are now.

Plan your meals. If you know that you are going to be having some heavy, celebratory meals in the upcoming days, limit your intake at other meals to help keep your diet balanced out. The big mistake I see many make is skipping meals and "saving calories" The problem with that is you

will be so hungry you'll in all likelihood eat MORE calories than you saved. Instead have a decent breakfast and a small lunch prior to the big meal. Keep them light and be sure to include protein and healthy fats. These will help you feel full and reduce the tendency to go crazy later.

Look at the big picture and keep focused. Keep up with how you are eating during the several days surrounding Thanksgiving. I have many of my clients write down what they've eaten. Even just having a list keeps them aware of how much they are eating and will help them keep on track. Remember all good things in moderation. It's okay to splurge a little, but it's not a good idea to indulge at every opportunity that presents itself. If you splurge heavily one day, take it easy the next.

Keep moving (Get some exercise)! The last thing you need this time of year is a slowed-

down metabolism, which combined with overeating is a sure way to pack on the pounds. Keeping active is a great way to give your body a fighting chance to negotiate the extra calories you will be consuming and allows you to have those splurges without feeling guilty.

Put your exercise as an appointment in your calendar and make it non-negotiable. Even better get your family and friends to join in. To get the biggest bang for your exercise-buck, incorporate regular strength training moves. Even after your strength training session has ended, your metabolism and calorie-burn will remain high for hours afterward.

Gym Closed?

Try this easy do it anywhere workout:

Do 10-15 reps of each exercise resting 30 seconds between exercises.

Push-ups: If you aren't used to doing push-ups, start with your hands on a raised surface such as a desk or chair.

Lunges: Bonus: Hold

dumbbells or other heavy objects in your hands while lunging.

Squats To do a proper squat, lower yourself just as though you are about to sit into a chair, then raise back up.

Step-ups Find the nearest step and with alternating legs, step onto the step with one leg then lower yourself back down. Again, holding heavy objects in each hand will increase the effect.

Rest one minute then back at it for a total of three to five sets, depending on your level of fitness.

There is no need to pack on the pounds this Thanksgiving and over the holiday season. It's a matter of setting priorities and keeping on track. Figure out your strategy now, and then when the festivities start, just work the plan!

And if you do slip up, let it go and get right back to it. It's okay to mess up. What's not okay is to let that mess up cause you to give up completely.

Dan Romand is co-owner and operator of Full Circle Fitness-NY in Albany and Saratoga Springs.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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ALBANY — The Low Beat hosts a Nitty Gritty Poetry Slam on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m.

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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.

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Matar is a Libyan-American novelist and nonfiction writer who received the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Autobiography for his memoir, "The Return: Fathers, Sons and the Land In Between," an account of the author's return to the Libya of his family's origin, and his search for his missing father, a political activist who disappeared during the regime of Muammar Gaddafi.

This event is free and open to the public. University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. For more information, call (518) 442-5620 or visit nyswritersinstitute.org.

Nic Stone at Huxley Theatre

ALBANY — Young adult author Nic Stone will speak and have a reading at Huxley Theatre on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.

Nic Stone is the author of the debut young adult novel Dear Martin (2017), which is loosely inspired by a series of true events involving the shooting deaths of unarmed African-American teenagers. Shaken by a personal run-in with the police, the book's main character starts a journal to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in an attempt to determine if King's teaching remains relevant in the modern world. Sponsored by the NYS Writer's Institute.

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From page B4 ... Holiday spirit grows here

a community to help each other out," said University at Albany senior Esther Wamui, who was born in Kenya and plans to become a pediatric occupational therapist.

Working alongside participants from other organizations, they put together bagful after bagful of "Friendship Soup:" bean soup mix, each containing seven types of beans, to be distributed to local food pantries.

"I really liked adding the cotton balls to the kits to help people," said sixth grader Nina Kozlowsky, who brought family and friends with her to Grassroot Givers to help assemble vital toiletries for homeless citizens, including shampoo, hand lotion, soap and tube socks. "I added eight cotton balls to each bag."

Grassroot Givers was founded in 2011 by Mary Partridge-Brown and

"I make stuff for people who don't have stuff, and that makes me feel so happy,"

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include weekly book donations to impoverished schoolchildren, erection and restocking of 17 Little Free Libraries throughout Albany, and delivery of linens, blankets, and kitchenware to people moving from homeless shelters into their own apartments.

Church members offered Greek delicacies such as baklava, spanakopita and wedding cookies for sale, all of which were bought and prepared free of charge by church member Amy Spellos, who does this each year. "I've been very fortunate in my life and I try to give back. So many people are hungry and starving. This money goes back to the community."

Cesar Vasquez, a Cub Scout in second grade at St. Thomas The Apostle School, who painstakingly strung beads to make jewelry, thought hard before summing up the day's theme perfectly.

"I make stuff for people who don't have stuff, and that makes me feel so happy," he said.

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