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## TOP STORY

# 'Push for better'

Proposed development on Kleinke farmland includes preservation, but family member begs for more

By ALI HIBBS

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**GLENMONT** — Members of the town's Planning Board tabled the discussion about the future of the Kleinke Farm property at 65 Kenwood Ave. during its last meeting on Tuesday, June 19.

Ryan Kleinke Kitchen, who has been striving to save the land his family has farmed for more than a century, spoke during the public comment period at the start of the meeting. While he seemed resigned to the fact that at least some of the land will be developed, he implored both the board and the developer to consider preserving at least seven of the 67 acres along the north side of Kenwood Avenue.

"I'm heartbroken to see this development move forward," he said. "But I still want to do the best we can for my family and for the community. If this development is going to move forward, I think it's best that we think of new ideas and something better than the usual subdivision."

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The urban sprawl in Elsmere stops along Oakwood Road, here, on the western border of Kleinke Farm. A 67-acre lot north of this field is subject for residential development. One family member is pleading with the town to push for some preservation for agriculture.

Photo by Michael Hallisey / Spotlight News

## SPORTS



## A look back

We take a look back at the scholastic sports season of 2017-18.

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Local dancer featured on "So You Think You Can Dance."

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■ POLICE, FIRE, AND EMERGENCY CALLS

**Man arrested after driving stolen vehicle**



AJDARPASIC

**DELMAR**— State troopers based out of the Latham Barracks arrested Mitfar Ajdarpasic, 40, of Delmar, following a traffic stop on Tuesday, June 19.

A trooper patrolling along Interstate 90 in the

City of Albany determined that Ajdarpasic was operating a stolen vehicle. He was subsequently arrested for fourth degree criminal possession of stolen property, a felony. Ajdarpasic was arraigned in the Town of Bethlehem Court for the charges related to the stolen vehicle, and also on a bench warrant. He was remanded to Albany County jail on \$2500 cash bail/bond.

**Traffic stop leads to multiple charges**

**BETHLEHEM**—State Police announced the arrest of Selkirk resident Mark Lostritto, 40, Saturday, June 2, following a traffic stop.

Troopers say that Lostritto was not only operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license but that he



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also possessed concentrated cannabis. He was charged with third degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and misdemeanor criminal possession of a controlled substance, as well as felony first degree criminal contempt after troopers discovered that he had violated an order of protection. He was arraigned in the Town of Bethlehem and sent to the Albany County jail on \$4000 cash bail.

**Two charged with drug possession**

**BETHLEHEM**—State troopers based out of the New Scotland barracks arrested both Kendra Stapf, 21, and Zachary Buttiker, 26, of Bethlehem, on Thursday, June 7.

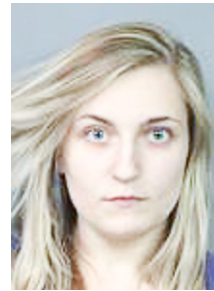
Stapf was charged with felony criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fifth degree - cocaine, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, a misdemeanor, and possession of marijuana. She was arraigned in the Town of Bethlehem Court and released on her own recognizance.

Buttiker was charged with possession of marijuana and issued an appearance ticket

to appear at a later date in the Town of Bethlehem Court.



WILLIAMS-HART



VELAZQUEZ

**Pair arrested on drug possession, other charges**

**BETHLEHEM**— State troopers based out of the New Scotland barracks arrested both Noah Williams-Hart, 24, of Coeymans, and Heather Velazquez, 27, of Coxsackie, following a traffic stop on Saturday, June 2.

Williams-Hart was charged with felony tampering with physical evidence and possession of marijuana. During the traffic stop, troopers reportedly observed Williams-Hart attempt to destroy evidence, while he was found to be in possession of marijuana. Velazquez was also charged with possession of marijuana, and criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree, both misdemeanors. Both were issued tickets to appear in the Town of Bethlehem Court.

**Bear struck, killed on Route 9W**

**COEYMANS**— A bear was killed when it was struck by a motorist on Route 9W on Saturday, June 23.

The bear was struck along the 1700 block of Route 9W in Coeymans. Coeymans police received a phone call regarding the incident just before noon.

The bear appeared to be five feet in length and weigh 200 pounds. According to the New York state Department of Environmental Conservation, adult bears can weigh between 150 and 300 pounds.

The accident occurred in an area where residents had previously reported bear activity. In May, Bethlehem police had received multiple calls of toppled bird feeders and trash cans. The extent of the damage was consistent with bears.



The paw of the bear killed on Route 9W in Coeymans Saturday.

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■ POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY CALLS

# Justice Center creates sex abuse team

Trained personnel will investigate all allegations of abuse in state-run and state-funded facilities

By **JIM FRANCO**  
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**ALBANY** – The Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs – a state agency charged with investigating disabled people in state run or funded facilities – has created a Sexual Abuse Response Team to handle allegations of sexual abuse.

“New York state was the first in the nation to recognize the need for an agency dedicated solely to protecting the rights of people with special needs,” said Executive Director Denise Miranda. “Now we will set another precedent by dedicating a specially-trained group to investigate these very serious cases and hold those responsible accountable.”

Current Justice Center investigators with criminal and non-criminal backgrounds will undergo training in how to handle sex abuse cases before they are named to SART, according to a press release.

“SART will also develop procedures and protocols to ensure the quality and integrity of the sexual abuse investigation and prosecution,” according to a press release sent by the Justice Center. “The Justice Center’s special prosecutor will have an enhanced role in all SART cases in order to pursue any potential criminal

*“The Justice Center’s special prosecutor will have an enhanced role in all SART cases in order to pursue any potential criminal charges.”*

— Press release sent by the Justice Center

charges.”

Since March 2017, the Justice Center has seen three sexual abuse cases thrown out of court by three different judges all saying it does not have jurisdiction to prosecute cases. Rather, said rulings written by Albany County judges Thomas Breslin, William Carter and Roger McDonough, that power is left to duly elected county district attorneys and the state attorney general.

While the Justice Center did file a “notice” of appeal, doing so is merely procedural and just leaves the door open for a potential appeal. It has not yet followed through with an actual appeal of the decision.

The new procedures and



The Exterior of the Justice Center’s facility in Delmar is shown.

Spotlight File Photo

protocols will include a round the clock notification process, and the establishment of agreements and procedures with service providers to ensure access to emergency medical care.

The Justice Center will also focus on education, outreach and preventative measures to reduce the rate of sexual abuse, educate the workforce and help victims come forward.

Data from the Department of Justice shows the disabled are seven times more likely to get abused than the national average.

“Cases involving the sexual abuse of adults and children can be difficult to investigate and

prosecute, often more so when the victim presents with special needs or a disability,” said Albany County District Attorney David Soares, who is president-elect of the state District Attorneys Association. “The addition of this newly formed investigative team at the Justice Center will allow for a focused effort on their mission and will help build better cases for prosecution.”

Part of the three decisions mentioned above are based on a minority Court of Appeals decision written by Justice Jenny Rivera which said, in part, the Justice Center must work under the jurisdiction of the

elected county district attorneys. Since the Justice Center is the creation of the governor and the Legislature, any prosecutorial authority given in that manner is a violation of the state Constitution, according to the judges.

The level of involvement the local DAs have is crucial to staying within Constitutional confines, according to a brief written by the state Attorney General’s Office under then AG Eric Schneiderman. Just informing the local DA’s office of a case in its jurisdiction is not enough, according to the brief. Rather, the DA must give explicit permission and maintain sole responsibility for the prosecution.

Rivera’s opinion did not matter, though, because the jurisdictional issue was not brought up in the lower courts and the higher court judges tossed the appeal on that technicality. It has yet to be seen whether or not the Justice Center follows through with a formal appeal of the three cases tossed out in Albany County.

Michael Pollok, a defense attorney for Mirina Viviani, the fist sex abuse case to get thrown out, said he has not received notice of a formal appeal.

Justice Center representatives would not return a request for further comment.

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## COMMUNITY



Det. Chad Rice, back and center, and family stands with members of the Bethlehem Central School District and Bethlehem Police Department. Rice served as the school district's resource officer for more than a decade.

# New SRO named for BCHS

Det. Chad Rice will be succeeded by Det. Ken Beck of the Family Services Unit

By ALI HIBBS

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**BETHLEHEM**—Chad Rice, who has served as the Bethlehem Central High School's School Resource Officer for more than a decade, will be leaving to take another position within the department next year.

During the last Board of Education meeting of the 2017-18 school year on Wednesday, June 20, BCHS Principal David Doemel said a few words in appreciation of the work that Rice has done with the district over the years.

"We are very lucky and blessed to have such a great relationship with our local police department. When talking to administrators in other districts, I can assure you that our partnership is unique," said Doemel. "My number one priority as building principal is the safety of everyone in the building; having a dedicated school resource officer is a tremendous benefit. The advantage of having an SRO is not about having a police presence, it is more about who that person is and the interpersonal skills they possess. Chad has done more behind the scenes with our families, students and staff than anyone would know."

"You guys are truly unbelievable. I'm honored to work in this school building and in this district," Rice told district administrators. "I also want to thank my police department for giving me the opportunity to be here." He agreed that the relationship

*"Detective Rice has done a tremendous job in working with the school district and the youth of our community. He has helped foster the great relationship that our agency shares with the BCSD. His experience and institutional knowledge has been a great asset to both our agency and the school district, as we have seen the transformation of the SRO position given the current climate for the necessity of school safety due to societal changes."*

Commander Adam Hornick, Bethlehem Police Department

his office has with Bethlehem CSD surpasses many of those in other districts.

"The partnership of BCSD and the Bethlehem Police Department is second to none," said BPD Commander Adam Hornick. "Due to our long standing commitment to the program and for being a model agency in the state for the SRO program, as one of the first."

An SRO is a law enforcement officer responsible for safety and crime prevention in schools. SROs are typically employed by a local police or sheriff's department and work with administrators to create a safer environment for students and staff. SROs have the ability to make arrests, respond to calls for service and document incidents. They are also typically expected to act as counselors and mentor students, as well as provide education on youth-related issues.

"The purpose of us is always to educate kids," Rice said. "It's not about arrests, it's not about probation or anything like that. It's about teaching the kids and making sure they learn from it and can move on in

their life."

"Detective Rice has done a tremendous job in working with the school district and the youth of our community," said Hornick. "He has helped foster the great relationship that our agency shares with the BCSD. His experience and institutional knowledge has been a great asset to both our agency and the school district, as we have seen the transformation of the SRO position given the current climate for the necessity of school safety due to societal changes. Detective Rice will be an asset to our detective bureau due to his diverse knowledge, skill set and dedication to the agency and community that he serves."

Detective Ken Beck, who has been a member of the Family Services Unit since 2013, will replace Detective Rice as the SRO at BCHS. Beck is a certified juvenile officer and has worked as the agency's DARE instructor, as well as provided support for the SROs at both the middle and the high school. "He is well known in the school community and this will help make for a smooth transition," said Hornick.

## Summertime Music in the Park

**VOORHEESVILLE** — Squeezeplay, a local accordion band, invites you to join them for some summer jam sessions in the Hotaling Park gazebo Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., beginning the Tuesday following Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Squeezeplay Accordion Band has been performing in the Capital District for several years and is composed of about six accordions, a violin, a bass, and sometimes a drum. Bandleader Peggy teaches at Old Songs in Voorheesville and other band members got their start playing accordion at Old Songs.

Their repertoire includes a variety of musical genres – polkas, folk, country, Latin, patriotic, waltzes, Italian, Irish, and more. Squeezeplay perform at multiple events around the Capital District including fairs, parades, libraries, nursing homes, fundraisers, and parties. Additionally, they played at the NY State Fair and appeared on the Schenectady Today TV Show. You can learn more about the band on its website, squeezeplayny.com.

## Vote for 'Dive-In Movie'

**SELKIRK** — Vote at the Town of Bethlehem pool now until Wednesday, July 11 to select the Dive-In Movie to be viewed on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Help pick the movie by voting for your favorite out of a choice of five candidates. Cast your vote at the Elm Avenue Park pool.

On Tuesday, Aug. 7, visit the Elm Avenue Park for National Night Out presented by the Bethlehem Police Department's Family Services Unit beginning at 6 p.m. Fun for the whole family including Fire/EMS equipment displays, Bouncy Bounce, free admission to the pool complex after 6 p.m. and more.

After the event, stay for a late night swim and movie under the stars on the big screen. The movie will start at 8:15 p.m. Free admission after 6 p.m.

## POLICE CALLS

### Armed robbery under investigation

**GLENMONT** — Bethlehem police are investigating a report of an armed robbery at the Dollar Tree store at 388 Feura Bush Road, which reportedly took place at around 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 24.

Store employees reported to police that they were exiting the store to make the night deposit when they were approached by a masked male, approximately six feet tall, who was black and wearing a mask, hooded sweatshirt and dark pants. The suspect displayed what appeared to be a dark colored handgun and demanded the money.

According to reports, the suspect fled south along Route 9W toward the rear of the shopping plaza with an undetermined amount of money. An Albany County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit responded to assist with tracking and police searched the area for the suspect and possible leads.

There is no video available at this time. Bethlehem police are requesting that anyone who was in the vicinity of the Dollar Tree store around that time and saw anyone fitting the above description or any vehicles in the rear of Glenmont Plaza to call them at (518) 439-9973.

Anonymous tips can also be submitted to Capital Region Crime Stoppers at [www.capitalregioncrimestoppers.com](http://www.capitalregioncrimestoppers.com) or by downloading the free P3 Tips app to any IOS or Android device.

## EDUCATION



### One great big hug

Students, faculty and staff at Eagle Elementary join hands as they surround their school, giving it a warm embrace on the final day of classes for the 2017-18 academic year, Wednesday, June 20. For the school's fifth graders, it was the last time they'll participate in this annual tradition, as they'll attend Bethlehem Central Middle School in the fall.

Photo courtesy Bethlehem Central School District.



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## Repeat performance

BC takes top spot again in annual school district rankings

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For the second year in a row, the Bethlehem Central School District has been named the number one school district in the Capital District by the *Albany Business Review*. It is the fourth time in five years that the district has received the distinction.

Performance measures are based on data released by the New York state Education Department and include all K-12 districts in the 11-county greater Capital District. An overall score is determined by a weighted tabulation in five categories: language and reading; social studies; math; science; and a graduation score that measures graduation rates, the percentage of graduates who plan to attend college and the percentage of graduates with advanced Regents diplomas.

BCSD was the only district to receive a score of 100, followed by Voorheesville Central School District, with a score of 98.18, and North Colonie Central School District,

with a score of 97.72. According to the Business Review, Bethlehem also ranked first in SAT scores and graduation rates.

BCSD elementary schools did not fare quite as well when ranked by test scores. Elsmere Elementary placed 19th, behind Voorheesville Elementary (7th) and North Colonie's Boght Hills (12th) and Southgate (16th) elementary schools. Slingerlands ranked 23rd, Glenmont ranked 27th, Eagle ranked 31st and Hamagrael ranked 51st out of 60 schools. Loudonville Elementary in North Colonie ranked 21st while Latham Ridge Elementary ranked 50th. In Guiderland CSD, Pine Bush ranked 35th, Lynnwood and Westmere ranked 41st and 42nd, respectively, and Altamont ranked 44th. Albertus W. Becker Elementary school in Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk CSD was immediately behind at 45th.

In terms of spending, Bethlehem ranked 56th out of 90 districts. With an enrollment of 4,500 students, the district spent \$21,583 per student in 2017-18, more than Voorheesville (\$20,446), South Colonie (\$20,759), Guiderland (\$20,128) and North Colonie (\$18,805), but less than RCS, which spent \$24,495 per student.

In 2017-18, Bethlehem

Superintendent Jody Monroe earned less than superintendents from both Colonie districts and Guiderland CSD, but more than Voorheesville Superintendent Brian Hunt and RCS Superintendent Brian Bailey. (During the last Bethlehem Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, June 20, board members approved a 2.8 percent salary increase for Monroe next year, bringing her salary to \$183,498.)

The Business Review rankings showed that demographics and economics play a noticeable role in the performance of district students. Eight of the 10 highest-ranked districts also had the lowest percentage of students who qualified for free or reduced-price lunches, available to students whose families earn up to 135 percent or 185 percent of the federal poverty line, respectively. In Bethlehem, that applies to 11 percent of the student population. In Voorheesville, nine percent of students are eligible, in Guiderland: 17 percent, in North Colonie: 18 percent, and in South Colonie: 20 percent.

To find out more about how local schools performed last year, visit the Business Review's Schools Report page at [bizj.us/1pm7a5](http://bizj.us/1pm7a5).

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## TOWN GOVERNMENT

# Elsmere substation tabled

Delays with proposed Elsmere substation application continue to fan flames

By ALI HIBBS  
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**GLENMONT** — The Planning Board tabled a proposed substation in the southern portion of the Elsmere Fire District over the objections of Elsmere Fire Commissioner John Brennan on Tuesday, June 19.

While issues regarding the color of the proposed station and a potential sidewalk connection were essentially settled following its meeting on Tuesday, June 5, town planning staff said they were unable to continue reviewing the application as a revised stormwater management plan did not address pretreatment requirements that would change the design layout of proposed stormwater management areas.

Tim Hannigan, the lawyer representing the fire district (also a volunteer firefighter in the district), said that C.T. Male, the architectural firm hired by the district, had responded to town engineers regarding those requirements on June 11. According to Hannigan, MJ Engineering, the town-designated engineer, never replied.

Paul Guillet, a civil engineer at C.T.



Elsmere Fire Commissioner John Brennan speaks to the town's Planning Department on Tuesday, June 19, before plans for the substation were tabled by the Planning Board.

Male, said that his firm spoke to the town on several occasions and came to the conclusion that a conference call between C.T. Male, MJ Engineering and town engineers was desirable. "As of this afternoon, I was told that MJ was working on a response to our response," he said. "Unfortunately, I have not seen that yet."

Bethlehem Senior Planner Leslie Lombardo said MJ had drafted a response. "Unfortunately, we weren't able to get it for today. But there is a response from MJ, and



it will be ready tomorrow to be given to the applicant."

Lombardo said, however, that she saw a draft version of that response and that it reiterated that a pretreatment requirement still needed to be satisfied.

"So, based on what we know, there's not a resolution of the issue," said Planning Board Chair John Smolinsky. "But comments are on their way and we'll go from there." He added that a conference call sounded like a good idea. "Hopefully that will resolve it," he said.

Citing "expediency," Hannigan pointed out that the fire district delayed the bid process for the construction of the new station after the June 5 meeting. "Our architects and engineers have addressed that situation," he said. "I'm not sure what MJ was doing, but the next meeting of this board is not for some time now, which will cause the district problems in terms of starting construction on this public safety building." He asked if the board was able to grant conditional approval so that the district could move forward.

"I think the district has complied with every requirement to date," he said.

"We depend on the engineers' okay before we move ahead with a project and, I really don't like to say this, but I'm reluctant to put a conditional approval before this board," said Smolinsky. He noted that the issue had gone unresolved prior to the June 11 letter and said he was not prepared to move ahead without

approval from town engineers.

Hannigan was clearly frustrated that the fire district would not be able to see or address the response from MJ until the following day, effectively delaying the approval process for another month, as the July 3 Planning Board meeting has been cancelled.

"If that's the sole issue that remains, there's no way it should have taken ten days by the town's designated engineer," he argued. "I don't know that MJ's lack of response is acceptable or sufficient for the district at this time."

Michael Moore, Planning Board counsel, and Robert Leslie, director of the Department of Economic Development and Planning, both stated that the town requires assurance—by its own engineers—that the plans conform to state-mandated regulations.

"We're doing what we can to move forward as quickly as possible," said Leslie, "but engineering has advised us not to issue a conditional approval until this item is addressed."

Planning staff declined to share the draft response from MJ when Hannigan asked.

Commissioner Brennan said that the goal of the new building is to improve service to residents in the southern part of the district. "You have to understand that when we are dealing with seconds and minutes, and I say this with all due respect, that before a decision will even be considered, we will have gone seven months into this project."

He said he preferred not to cast blame, but that he couldn't understand why the district should have to wait until mid-July to gain approval. "I can't believe that something can't be remedied so that we can begin this process," he said. "All I'm asking is for fairness. Not for the firefighters, but for the residents."

"Seven months, for a project of this type, is not unusual," said Smolinsky, who eventually promised to explore options to expedite the process, such as a special meeting before the next scheduled board meeting on July 17.

The discussion was tabled until the board's next meeting.



An architectural rendering of the proposed Elsmere Fire District substation.

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**ALBANY COUNTY**—On Friday, June 15, Albany County Executive Dan McCoy signed a law which bans the sale of tobacco and other nicotine products in pharmacies and stores containing pharmacies in Albany County.

McCoy held a public hearing on the measure, called Local Law A, after the bill was adopted by the Albany County Legislature in May. Both advocates and community members from around the county spoke in favor of the ban, citing health benefits the measure would have on residents.

“This is an important piece of legislation that will improve the health and the lives of Albany County residents,” said McCoy.

He noted that this measure improves upon a previous version of the bill, which he vetoed in 2014 because it lacked any enforcement mechanisms for the ban, by empowering the health commissioner to impose a \$500 per day fine for any establishment in violation of the law.

“Removing tobacco products from locations where patients are going for their healthcare makes sense and is a public

health victory,” said Michael Seilback, National Assistant Vice President of State Public Policy for the American Lung Association.

“Tobacco and pharmacies simply don’t mix. Albany County residents visit pharmacies for medications and advice that will improve their health, including quitting smoking. It makes it more difficult for a smoker to quit, when he or she is at a pharmacy to get a prescription and they see tobacco being sold,” said Julie Hart, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network New York government relations director. “We would like to thank Albany County Executive McCoy for standing up to big tobacco and putting the health of residents first.”

“In signing this bill, I am urging the legislature to immediately amend defects in the legislation which also prohibits the sale of smoking cessation devices and implements of igniting tobacco products, namely lighters and matches,” said McCoy. “It appears these prohibitions were done in error through the use of certain definitions of Tobacco Products, and Tobacco Components or Accessories. It is hard to imagine that the Legislature intended to prohibit the sale of things like nicotine patches at the exact stores where



one would expect to find such devices. Similarly, as written, the law prohibits the sale of matches at the same stores that sell birthday candles.”

Legislator Paul Miller, who introduced the legislation explained in an email to Spotlight News that “It was never our intention to ban the sale of matches and regular lighters. The bill states under the definition of ACCESSORY that ‘solely provides an external heat source to initiate but not maintain combustion of a tobacco product’; matches and normal lighters are used for other purposes, such as lighting birthday candles.”

Miller also said the law does not prohibit the sale of smoking cessation devices. “The definitions for both ‘Tobacco Product and ‘Electronic Aerosol Delivery System’ exempt ‘FDA approved drugs,

devices, or combination products as defined by the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.’ FDA-approved tobacco cessation products fall into this category of exempt products, meaning Local Law A does not prohibit their sale.”

If the Legislature chooses to amend any part of the law, it would have to go through essentially the same process as adopting a new one. The changes would be introduced, sent to committee, require a public hearing and eventually come back before the full body for a vote.

According to McCoy’s office, Albany County has the highest percentage of pharmacies selling tobacco products of any county throughout the state, despite CVS already banning their sale and no independent pharmacies in Albany County currently selling them.

A study conducted by the CVS Health Research Institute showed a reduction in cigarette sales in the eight months following the company’s 2014 removal of tobacco products from all stores nationwide.

The approval of this legislation comes as other localities from across the state and country have implemented similar measures, including New York City and Rockland County.

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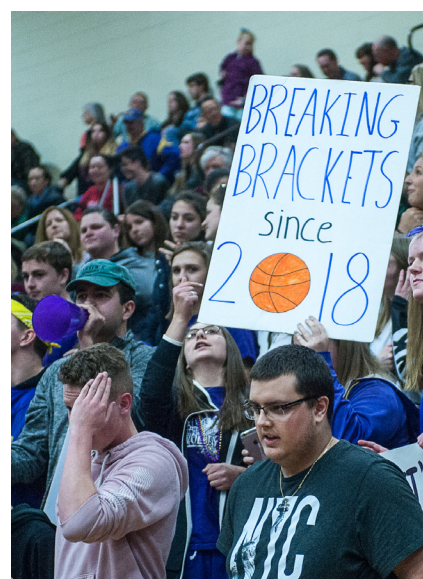
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## From page 1 ... 'Push for better'

Kitchen shared his vision for utilizing the front seven acres of the property, the minimum acreage allowed for an agricultural tax exemption, to grow hops, strawberries or perhaps a vineyard. That, he said, would also allow for the preservation of the farm buildings along Kenwood Avenue. He suggested the idea would benefit a neighboring residential development and preserve the scenic vista for those traveling on the East end of Kenwood.

Cardona Development, LLC, the company proposing the residential development on the Kleinke property, went before the board to review updates to the plan that have been made since it was introduced in September 2017.

At the time, Cardona was proposing a conventional subdivision plan that consisted of 57 single-family homes or a conservation subdivision that consisted of 62 units—52 townhomes and 10 single-family homes, including the original farmhouse.

Conservation subdivisions allow the developer to group more homes closer together in exchange for preserving natural open spaces on a property, to be permanently preserved through use of a conservation easement, restrictive covenant or deed restriction.

Last September, the planning board raised a number of concerns regarding stormwater management, wetland and slopes that exist on the site, and the layout

of the subdivision. After addressing those concerns, the developer came back this June with a conventional plan proposing 48 single-family units and a conservation plan proposing 24 townhomes (each with two single-family units), nine single-family detached homes and the existing farmhouse.

While Cardona would prefer to move ahead with a conservation subdivision, a conventional plan was necessary to establish acceptable densities on the parcel of land. Planning Board Chair John Smolinsky said this month that he felt the conventional plan was "adequate to use as the baseline for calculating the conservation subdivision.

"There are probably things I would tweak with it if that were the project before us," he said. "But I think that's adequate to use in determining the conservation subdivision." Other board members concurred that the conventional plan provided a realistic baseline.

"A conservation subdivision is what I'm thinking makes the most sense," said board member Kate Powers. "But I do think the density is high. . . it feels like the properties are really packed in there and you said you moved them closer to the road. So, that's my initial thinking."

According to a memo from town Planner Ken Kovalchik to the Planning Board, town zoning law permits a 20 percent density "bonus" for permanently preserving at least 50 percent of the gross land area. As 42.6 acres of the 67.19-acre lot would be preserved under the conservation plan, Cardona was able to add an additional 9.6 units for a total of 57.6 units. As such, it would need to remove one

unit from the conservation proposal.

Rob Leslie, the director of the town's Department of Economic Development and Planning said it would prefer to add the acreage from the extra lot to open spaces designated along Kenwood Avenue. "Increasing those lands may help someone at some point continue agriculture or do something with them from an open space standpoint," he said.

Under the conservation proposal, 36.1 acres of land on the north side of the property, which touches on the Albany County Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail, would be preserved, as well as about 3.7 acres on the southern Kenwood Avenue side. The townhomes would be located toward the front of the subdivision at Kenwood while the single-family homes would be clustered around a cul-de-sac at the north end, just south of the power lines that cut across the property.

The developer has indicated a willingness to deed the preserved lands to the town, to be used for agriculture (a little more than eight acres of the 36 is currently being used for agricultural purposes), community space or whatever might be desired.

"We did speak to our client relative to the area of the barn and outbuildings and he is not interested in pursuing agriculture," said engineer Dave Ingalls, of Ingalls and Associates, LLP. "However he would be willing to dedicate the property to the town, if the town was so inclined, which could allow for maintenance and preservation of the barn and outbuildings, if that's something the town is interested in."

Leslie said that the open spaces could

be deeded to a Homeowners Association, a single individual, a conservation organization or a municipality. "So we need to consider this as we move forward," he said, noting that all the existing conservation subdivisions within the town are maintained by an HOA.

In a report to the town provided by Ingalls & Associates, while the barns and outbuildings were not deemed appropriate for preservation due to disrepair, the farmhouse will remain. Leslie suggested more research to determine the historical significance of the structures.

Board members mulled possible uses for the open space areas and discussed items including sidewalks, hiking trails and a connection to the Rail Trail before tabling the discussion until a future date.

"We feel, with all of those elements out there, it would be important to do a coordinated review," said Kovalchik, referring to the required environmental assessment, which the Planning Department recommended doing in coordination with the state Department of Environmental Conservation and Historic Preservation Office, as well as the Army Corps of Engineers. He said, as such, the planning staff would return with a resolution to do so at the Planning Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 17. "That would be the next step in this process."

"I'm urging you to push for something better," said Kitchen. He said that he reached out to Cardona to discuss the future of the property, and the possibility of preserving seven acres for farming, but that he never received a reply. "I'm hoping that we can work something out with him,"

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

The name of the LLC is Momentum Brokerage LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 25, 2018. 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 agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. D-185981

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**Notice of Formation of NORTHEAST IS, LLC**, 880 Watervliet Shaker Rd, Albany, NY 12205, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/2/2018. 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, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-185618

**Notice of Formation of Professional Service Limited Liability Company**  
Pursuant to Section 1203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law. a. The name of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company is Northeast Rheumatology Initiative, PLLC. b. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on May 1, 2018. c. The office of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company will be located in Albany County.

d. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Professional Service Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: Prashant Kaushik, M.D. 9 Selbourne Drive Loudonville, NY 12211 e. The Professional Service Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes. D-185336

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

# These kids are OK, but the parents?

Time is a thief whose stealth is observed through hindsight. Somewhere between Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers and college applications parents forget the emphasis once placed on their demanding careers and wonder where Time went. Who is this man, who is this woman who calls me Mom or Dad? You can still recall the floral scent from her newborn head. You can still make out the outfit — one or two sizes too large — you dressed him as you wondered aloud, "Is the hospital staff really going to let us take him home?"

The last four years have been a tough time for you and your spouse. It seems like most of it has been spent as a spectator in

your own child's life. Whatever details you're able to glean from your kid's world was either through observation, inference or outright interrogation work that would make Sonny and Tubbs proud. But, that's of little satisfaction. The free market value on a smile or a hug has grown more each day, because you're aware of their scarcity. And, it's about to get worse.

In the graduate's address, you hear your child's words. He speaks of his appreciation for life in a small town and never living in fear. She gushes over the support from her friends, her teachers and from you. It's the first time you've heard that. You catch her repeating things you or your spouse often said: Do the

right thing and you'll never have regret. Live in the moment; you won't get it back and the future's not yours. Don't compare yourself to others; you're on a different path. You glance at your spouse as you share a laugh. She was listening after all.

And, then, there's the advice he shares with his peers. Maybe you're struck by the vocabulary and his stoic comfort in front of a crowd. But, the words ring of a wisdom you didn't expect. He urges his classmates to pursue a passion. Go after it, he says, and if you haven't found one yet, go find it. You remember cringing at such words at your own high school graduation. How cliché it seemed to hear a retiring teacher say that to a bunch of teenagers. How trite

it sounded from the valedictorian, and how you wondered what book he stole it from. It took you years to realize the importance of dreams, and how they haunted you between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. as you slugged through a dead end job. Most adults grew up seeing dreamers as lazy losers who either lacked common sense or a strong work ethic. You were 45 and in debt when you first learned the clown of your class was a successful entrepreneur out West.

How different would things have been had you listened instead of mocked?

The children of today have viewed the world through different eyes, perhaps less

colorful than the rainbow spectacles we once had. The internet, the news, our movies and games may have enlightened them to realities before we would have liked. The thought that children should be seen and not heard is no longer commonly believed. As we witnessed several commencement speeches over the past weekend, we heard the wisdom of more than 100 collected years. Individually, these kids know the importance of dreams and possess the strength of character and confidence to pursue them. They are ready to take on the world, and that world will soon be in good hands.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Monroe expresses 'deep gratitude'

Dear BC family:

Before we say farewell to the Class of 2018, I want to express my deep gratitude to the entire Bethlehem Central School District community for its support of our schools.

We recently learned that BC has been named the #1 school district in the Capital Region for the second year in a row. This exciting news comes as part of the annual Schools Report published by the Albany Business Review. Bethlehem received a perfect score of 100 in a ranking of 92 districts across 11 counties. The primary source of data used to compare districts — test scores, graduation

rates, and more — came from the New York State Education Department's School Report Card for the school year 2016-17.

I am pleased to see the district recognized in this way. It reflects the consistent, outstanding academic achievement of our students and the hard work of our faculty and staff.

However, these types of rankings only tell part of the story.

You may have seen this snapshot taken Wednesday at Eagle Elementary School. In the photo, students and staff are pictured with their arms locked together, circled around the outside of the building, giving

a "goodbye hug" to Eagle, a school they love. It was a fun last-day-of-school activity for students and staff. What that image also captures is the kind of community spirit that is unique to Bethlehem. It is that spirit of community that helped Eagle cope with the unthinkable loss of fifth-grade teacher Chris Porter last fall, and which allowed the district to sustain a continuity of leadership during a challenging year. This could not have been done without the support of parents, teachers, staff and our amazing students.

Helping to keep things running smoothly during the year were our Elementary

Administrator for RTI & K-5 Technology Laurel Jones, who stepped up to fill in as interim principal at Eagle, ELA Supervisor Andy Baker, who filled the same role at Elsmere, and Dave Palmer, who was asked to oversee K-12 English language arts during the school year. All three did an outstanding job!

I think most would agree the Bethlehem community has a special connection to its schools and is proud of its investment in education. We have seen it in the overwhelming support for our annual budget, which this year and last, was approved by more than 80 percent of voters.

District residents continue to turn out in numbers that exceed those in other communities and my guess is that it is not because of any kind of rating or ranking. I believe that what makes BC special is what I see day in and day out: a community of people dedicated to educating students and providing a nurturing environment in ways that are truly second to none.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools, and especially of our students, teachers and staff. Have a wonderful summer!

Jody Monroe  
Bethlehem Central  
Superintendent of Schools

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# A hole in one at the library

**B**ethlehem Public Library will transform into an 18-hole miniature golf course Sunday, July 8, from 1-5 p.m. For one afternoon only, guests of all ages, from pros to duffers, can putt their way through the stacks and see the library in a whole new light. The best part? There are no greens fees, and everyone is welcome.

Afternoon festivities will include snow cones and snacks from the Friends of the Library, craft stations throughout the library and so much more. Regular library services will be limited.

Keep score or just keep it casual; when there's miniature golf at the library, everyone's a winner. This free event is co-hosted by the Friends of the Library.



### Evenings on the Green

Long before Libraries Rock! became the 2018 Summer Reading theme, our annual summer concert series, Evenings on the Green, has been entertaining audiences with a variety of musical performances.

This year, the series kicks off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, with The Lustre Kings, local favorites who will entertain with some rockabilly, country, blues and R&B.

Evenings on the Green continue with appearances by Craic Agus Ceol, Squeeze Play Accordion Band and Rick Bedrosian. The final concert in the series will be the Zucchini

Brothers on Aug. 8. This family-friendly performance will start at 6:30 p.m. and include an ice cream social hosted by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library beginning at 6 p.m.

The library's casual outdoor concert series has been around for more than four decades. Concertgoers can bring a blanket or lawn chair, pick a spot on the Green, and get ready to listen to some great music. Evenings on the Green concerts are always free, appropriate for all ages, and they take place every Wednesday July 11-Aug. 8. Pick up a flyer or visit our website at [www.bethlehempublib.org](http://www.bethlehempublib.org) for times and details. Concerts will move indoors if it rains.

### Holiday and summer hours

The library will be

closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The library is also closed Sundays in July and August, beginning July 1. You can access the library catalog and other library services online anytime at [www.bethlehempublib.org](http://www.bethlehempublib.org).

### It's an honor

Bethlehem Public Library was honored to be recognized by the Upper Hudson Library System at its annual dinner earlier this month for two of our programs from 2017. Rubber Ducky Club was named Youth and Family Program of the Year, and The Federalist Papers earned Adult Program of the Year.

Rubber Ducky Club is an ongoing early literacy program, founded in May 2017, that breathed new life into the 1,000 books before kindergarten concept by focusing on the many

different activities that build early literacy skills. Designed for children from birth to those entering kindergarten, Rubber Ducky Club focuses on five basic early literacy skills: talk, read, write, sing and play.

A grant through Humanities NY allowed the library to bring in humanities scholar Giacomo Calabria for the four-part Federalist Papers series, which kicked off in November. The topic has been of particular interest with the current fascination about all things related to Alexander Hamilton and the timely idea of checks and balances that is discussed at length in the papers.

Library staffers were so pleased with the enthusiastic response to both of these programs and promise to continue working hard to plan and pursue these types of

award-winning offerings.

### Sign up for Summer Reading

Are you ready to rock your reading this summer? Summer Reading sign-up for all ages is in full swing, and this year's theme is Libraries Rock! Reporting for prizes begins July 2. Sign up online at [www.bethlehempublib.org](http://www.bethlehempublib.org) or in person, and check out upcoming programs on our website or in the latest version of the Footnotes newsletter. Preschoolers are invited to join the Rubber Ducky club to get started on early literacy activities for the summer and beyond!

All events are free and take place at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For information, call (518) 439-9314.

— Kristen Roberts

# Game Day

**K**ids in grades K thru 5, please register to get your Game On at the library as we play classic, new and worldwide games. Interested in competitive relays? How about minute-to-win-it challenges? Want to learn a game from another country? Join us from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27 for an energetic afternoon of games. Make sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes you can run in.

### Magic the Gathering

Magic is the world's most popular strategy card game. Throughout the course of a match, players will cast devastating spells, summon creatures of legend, and wield powerful artifacts to best



their opponents in a battle of wits. Bring your battle deck at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 2 and work your Magic on other collectors. Free decks are available for beginners, come learn to play! Already know how? Come find new opponents. Students in grades 7 to 12, please register.

### Reading Together: Miguel and the Grand Harmony

Parents/caregivers and their children in grades 1 thru 3 are invited to explore the benefits of a shared "reading together" experience at 6:30 pm on

Monday, July 16. Join us for an evening of book related activities as we discuss Miguel and the Grand Harmony, the charming picture book adaptation of the film Coco. Please register and pick up a copy of the book.

### Holiday Closing

In observance of Independence Day, the Library will be closed on Wednesday, July 4. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, July 5.

Registering for programs helps us to determine supply needs. Unless otherwise indicated, registration is requested for all programs. You can register in person, by phone (518-765-2791) or using our online calendar at <http://www.voorheesvillelibrary.org/calendar.asp>.

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## Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help tend the "Senior Friendly" plot at the new



Community Garden at the the Elm Avenue Park. Get your hands dirty and enjoy spending time with like-minded others. Gardening is good for your health and soul!

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— Wilma DeLucco

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# Kick-Off Summer Reading!

When young readers come to GPL for the Summer Reading Sign-Up & Ice Cream Social on Thursday, June 28, at 6 p.m., they're going to meet some really special Super Scoopers!

Senator George A. Amedore, Jr., and Assemblymember Pat Fahy will scoop and serve, as will Albany County Legislator Dennis Feeny and Town Supervisor Peter Barber. Fort Hunter Past Fire Chief Bob Pagnotti will keep things cool, while Pineview Community Church Pastor Bill Smith ministers to your ice-cream needs. Extending their outreach to include ice cream will be Lieutenant Eric Batchelder and Officers Patty Stallmer and Matt Hanzalik of GPD's Community Outreach Team. And a really big thank you to Stewart's Shops for donating the ice



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cream. Ice cream cones are fun, but reading is fundamental. And that's the whole point of our "Libraries Rock!" theme, to drive home the importance of reading and libraries. We have a wonderful summer planned, one packed with activities, crafts, programs and, of course, books. See you Thursday!

## Jazz Concert at GPL

Enjoy a family concert sure to awaken your ears, enliven your heart, and get you up and dancing! At GPL on Friday, June 29, at 6 p.m., Heard will present their original and traditional world music

repertoire, with influences from West Africa, Brazil, the Middle East, and places in between and points beyond. Their multimedia concert will be interactive, so be prepared to move, groove, and learn something new about our world and its diverse soundscape.

## Let's help save lives on July 3

On Tuesday, July 3, from 1 to 6 p.m., let's roll up our sleeves and help save lives!

The Library is proudly partnering with the American Red Cross to hold a July Blood Drive. Each pint of blood collected that day can help save up to three lives, and

will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and make an impact on people in our community and across the country. We are very excited about the drive, and hope you are, too.

New blood donors are needed every day to save the lives of patients who depend on the generosity of volunteer donors. Help patients in need by joining the #MissingType movement. Without blood types A, B and O-Negative, we can't save anybody.

It's not every day that we do something that has such a lifesaving impact. Let's blow this out of the water!

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— Mark Curiale



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**ENTERTAINMENT**

# Straight up dance

Local dancer featured on "So You Think You Can Dance"

By **KATIE HOPSICKER**

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**GUILDERLAND** — Rachael Blanchard is dancing her way onto screens across America.

The 19-year-old jazz dancer from Guilderland was featured on the hit television show "So You Think You Can Dance" on Monday, June 18.

The Emmy Award-winning show, which just aired its 15th season, follows dancers ages 18 to 30 as they compete each week to ultimately be crowned "America's Favorite Dancer." Each contestant is not only mentored and taught by the industry's best, but also expected to perform in every style imaginable, including contemporary, jazz, ballroom and hip-hop.

For Blanchard, auditioning for "So You Think You Can Dance" was "so insane." It's been a longtime dream of hers, and the experience was certainly life-changing. After reviewing over 6,000 video clips, the producers invited Blanchard to audition in-person in Brooklyn this past March. What she didn't expect was how difficult it would be. Not shown on TV, dancers must pass a preliminary round of auditions before even seeing the judges. Producer Jeff Thacker watched about 500 dancers improv to a random song, and only about 60 dancers were invited back the next day. Blanchard was one of them.

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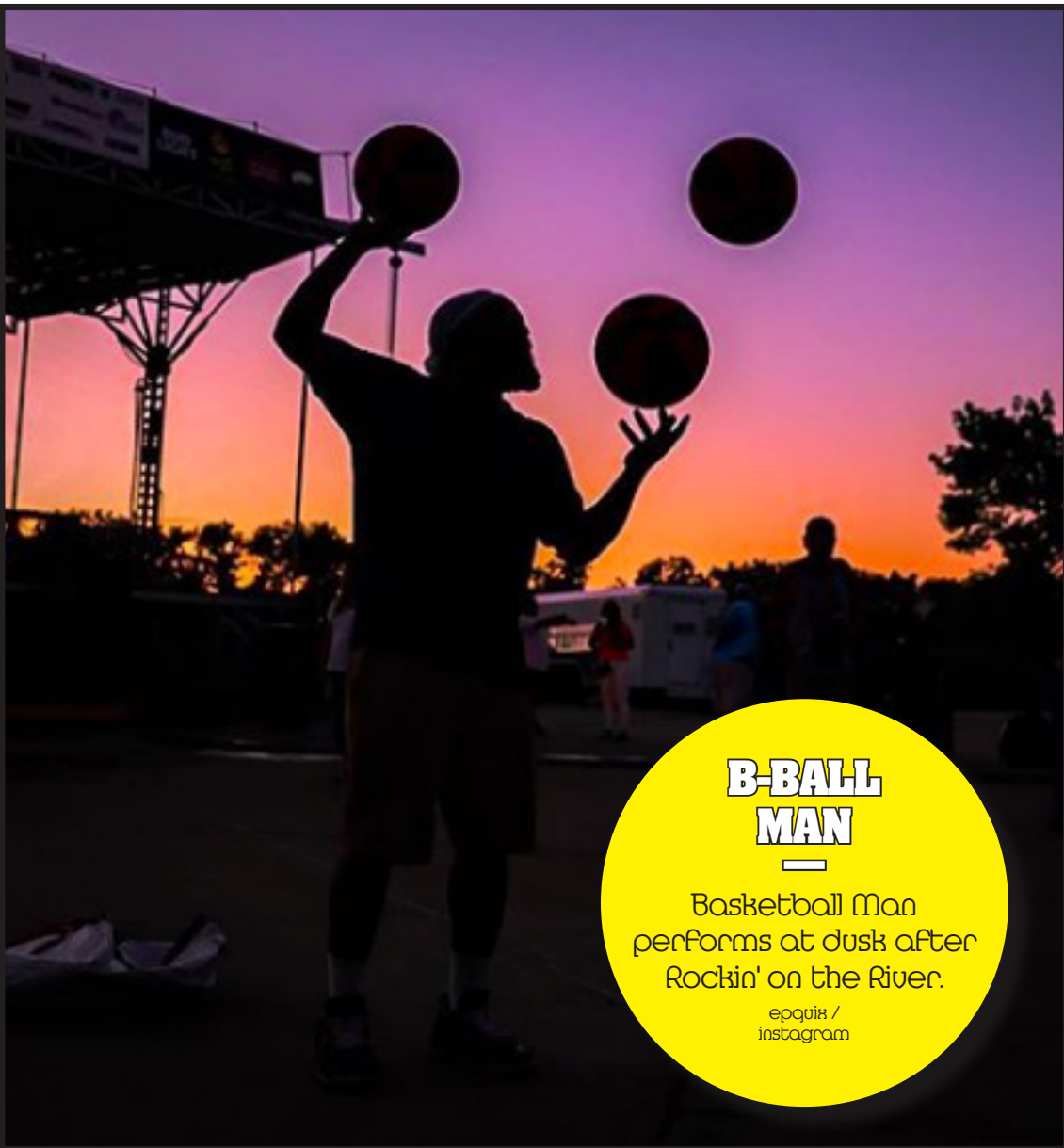
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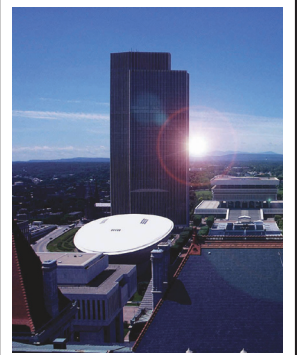
Basketball Man performs at dusk after Rockin' on the River.

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**quote of the week**

"The beautiful thing about recording is that you can always change it."




— Curtis Flach, of CK & The Rising Tide



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The shake, named simply as "The Formula 5 Flavor Shake," is a combination of a few favorites from Ben & Jerry's collection of ice creams. The "Formula" uses parts Cherry Garcia, parts Totally Baked, more Phish Food, milk and M&Ms. If you picked up on a recurring theme, we commend you.

"Bringing Ben & Jerry's and Formula 5 together to mix up a shake just made sense," said Mike Sperduto, co-owner of the

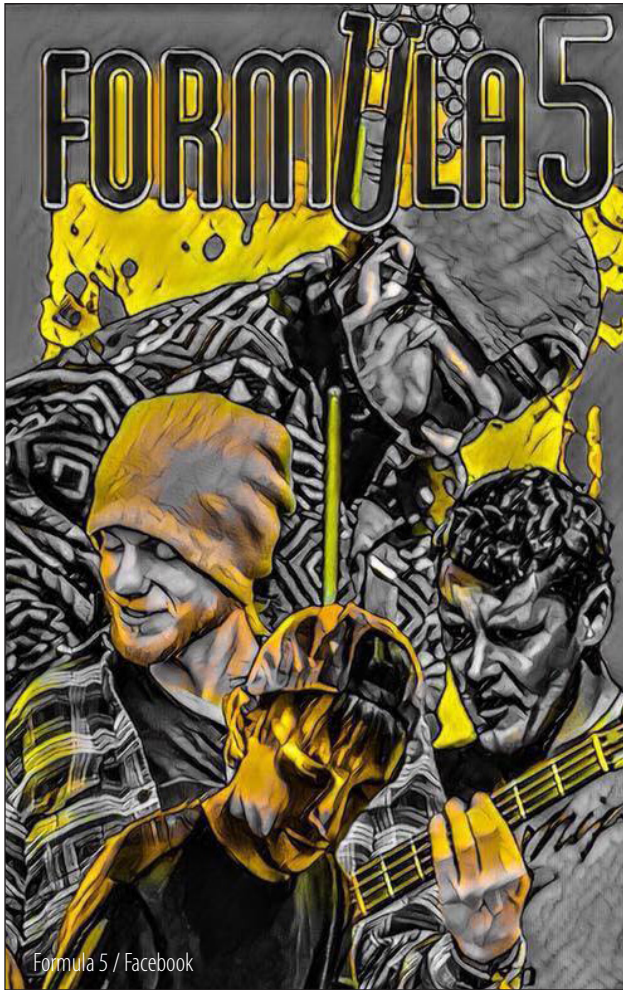
Ben & Jerry's Madison Avenue location. "From The Grateful Dead and Phish, to Willie Nelson, we keep our eyes on the smile, music and ice cream, and taking this to a local level, especially with the commitment of a band who embraces our values, really solidified it for us."

A portion of the shake sales go towards local causes, such as The FUND for Lake George and Friends of Five Rivers in New Scotland.

The shake will be available throughout the summer at several local Ben & Jerry's locations, including Albany, Saratoga Springs, Lake George and Watkins Glen Scoop Shops.

The band is currently on tour for the summer, with its next stop in Lake George to headline its own Rock the Dock Music Festival on Friday, July 13.

— Michael Hallisey



Formula 5 / Facebook

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

### Jett Screamer

Pearl Street Pub — Thursday, June 26

ALBANY — Jett Screamer is to perform at Pearl Street Pub on Thursday, June 26, at 8 p.m.

It's the continuation of the pub's Alive After Five series of outdoor music that follows the show from Alive at Five.

The show is free and music starts at 8 p.m.

Pearl Street Pub is located at 59 No. Pearl Street in Albany.

### Lucy at The Low Beat

The Low Beat — Thursday, June 28

ALBANY — Lucy headlines a three-band bill at The Low Beat on Thursday, June 28, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Lucy mixes an emphasis on guitar rock with songwriting, drawing comparisons to Tears for Fears, The War on Drugs and Kings of Leon.

The night will also include The Tins and Bendt.

Tickets cost \$7 at the door.

The Low Beat is located at 335 Central Ave. in Albany.

### Vicious Jimmy w/s/g Ponder

Public Parish House — Friday, June 29

ALBANY — Vicious Jimmy headlines a night of original funk music at the Public Parish House on Friday, June 29, at 8 p.m.

Vicious Jimmy is to perform with special guest Ponder.

Parish Public House is located at 388 Broadway in Albany.

## Pearlpalooza 2018

Capital City's summer block party happens Saturday, Sept. 15

ALBANY — WEQX 102.7 FM announced the music lineup — with news of another Battle of the Bands — for Pearlpalooza this past week.

The annual block party on Albany's Pearl Street is set to begin at 11 a.m.

on Saturday, Sept. 15 with yoga. That's to follow with an hour-long cornhole tournament starting at noon.

The music kicks off at 1 p.m. with the winner of another battle of the bands competition at Lucky Strike Social. Good Fiction, Kitten, The Greeting Committee and Superorganism will be joined by headlining act, White Reaper.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

### Imagine Dragons

Saratoga Performing Arts Center — Friday, June 29

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Imagine Dragons is to perform at Saratoga Performing Arts Center on Friday, June 29, at 7 p.m.

The popular rock band includes the Spa City as part of its Evolve Tour in support of its latest album.

Ticket prices range from \$35 to more than \$145 and can be purchased through livenation.com.

Saratoga Performing Arts Center is located at 108 Avenue of the Pines in Saratoga Springs.

### Steely Dan & The Doobie Brothers

Saratoga Performing Arts Center — Saturday, June 30

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Rock and Roll Hall of Fame band Steely Dan shares the night with The Doobie Brothers at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center on Saturday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m.

It's "The Summer of Living Dangerously" as two iconic bands of the past tour across the country, stopping at the Spa City along the way for a Saturday night before track season.

Ticket prices range from \$29.50 to \$199.50 and can be purchased through Livenation.com.

Saratoga Performing Arts Center is located at 108 Avenue of the Pines in Saratoga Springs.

### Chief Big Way

Chrome Food & Spirits — Saturday, June 30

WATERFORD — Joey Belladonna's Chief Big Way returns to the Chrome on Saturday, June 30, starting at 8 p.m.

Belladonna is widely known for his work with Anthrax, but locally, he's known to get behind the drum kit and rock out to covers of fan favorites with Chief Big Way.

Tickets cost \$15 online and \$20 at the door. For advanced tickets, or for more information, visit brownpapertickets.com.

Chrome Food & Spirits is located at 405 Hudson River Road in Waterford.

## From page B1 ...

### Straight up dance

"I was really nervous... but I looked forward to the audition," said Blanchard. "Dancing in front of the judges was crazy."

Blanchard has had a lifetime of preparation for a professional career. She started training at Dance Dimensions in Albany at age two, receiving her jazz and lyrical training from Stephanie Green and her tap training from Karen Walco and Heather Pielo. In middle and high school, she began to focus on dance, traveling to competitions around the Northeast until graduating from Guilderland High School in 2016.

Blanchard said there were so many amazing dancers, but she tried not to take the day too seriously so as to enjoy her experience. Her strategy worked, ultimately impressing the judges with a jazz solo choreographed by Green. It earned her a ticket to the next round of auditions: The Academy.

Judges praised Blanchard on the June 18 episode.

"Your smile one-hundred percent lights up the stage... there's something about you that just shines, and I think that's beautiful to watch," said judge and actress Vanessa Hudgens. Stephen "Twitch" Boss commented on Blanchard's "amazing" performance quality, and ballroom legend Mary Murphy noted Blanchard has, "tons of potential... you're a diamond in the rough."

Last June, Blanchard started dancing under the direction of Madame Phyllis Latin, an esteemed ballet dancer, teacher and choreographer. Latin took Blanchard under her wing, giving her private ballet lessons and the realization of a turning point in her dance career.

Blanchard said, "I didn't know what my next step was, but I knew I wasn't done with [dance]." Currently she trains full-time, spending half of her time in Albany training with Latin and teaching for her home studio, and the other half in New York City taking classes at Broadway Dance Center.

Blanchard's success and hard work are largely supported by both her family and teachers. Her greatest mentor and inspiration, Stephanie Green, not only taught her jazz and lyrical technique, but also helped Blanchard prepare solos throughout the years for competitions. Blanchard said, Green is the person who "made me fall in love with dance."

Blanchard's mother, Dorianne, who also serves as one of her role models, accompanied her daughter to her

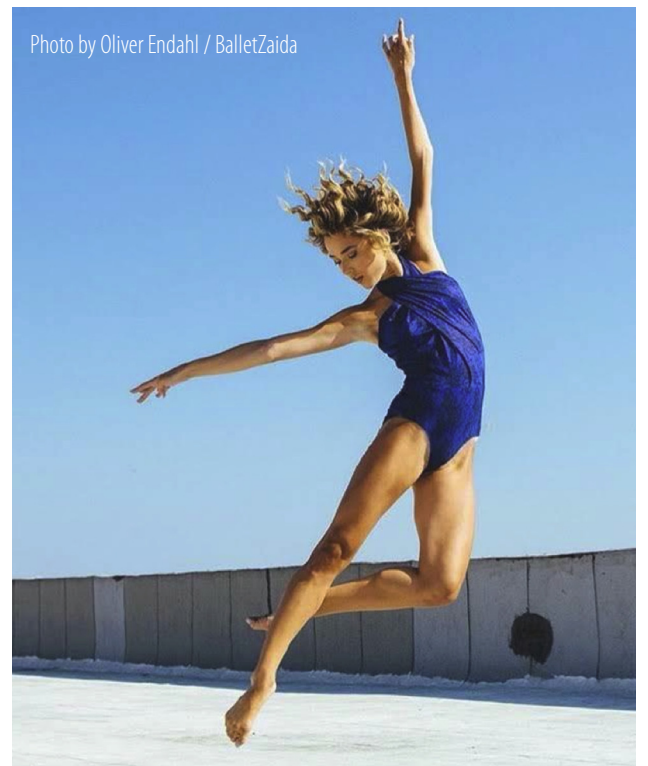


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"SYTYCD" audition.

"We have watched the show for years," said Dorianne. "I remember her saying to me, 'Mom, will I be on this show someday?' I, of course said, 'yes.'"

Rachael said she feels "really so lucky... my parents encouraged me to follow my dreams." She added that "dance allows me to express my personality... each style shows a different part of me... I love entertaining people, and I love the challenge of it. You never stop growing with dance."

Blanchard will be one to watch as she is in the process of choreographing the next steps in her career. In addition to "SYTYCD," she's preparing to move to Los Angeles, where she ultimately hopes to dance commercially and tour with renowned music artists such as Taylor Swift, Justin Bieber and Beyonce.

Blanchard advises young, aspiring dancers who are looking to succeed to "be confident, passionate, and have a thick skin... And if you work hard, and I mean really, really, hard, then you can do anything and accomplish whatever you set your mind to."

Follow Rachael Blanchard's journey on "So You Think You Can Dance" every Monday night at 8 p.m. EST on FOX/ WXXA FOX 23.

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**PICK OF THE WEEK**

# Romance on Lark Street

C.K. and The Rising Tide is to hold an album release party for 'American Romance' at Savoy Taproom on Saturday

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
halliseym@spotlightnews.com

**A**lternative folk singer Curtis "C.K." Flach is two years removed from his first solo project and is back with another album, this time a collaborative effort with The Rising Tide.

The ten-track album titled "American Romance" dropped as a digital release in May; however, the group is throwing a release party to unveil the physical product at Savoy Taproom on Saturday, June 30, at 9 p.m.

Flach said the unusual gap between digital and physical release was so as not to compete with this year's MOVE Festival. The one-day music festival, in which C.K. and The Rising Tide performed, was within days of the record's digital release.

*"They'll all tell me that they [each] like a different song. And, to me, it's a good thing. I'm happy to hear that, because that means each song is doing something for somebody, and that's kinda what my hope was across the board."*

— C.K. Flach,  
of C.K. & The Rising Tide

Flach has been pushed into the forefront of the local music scene since performing solo at last year's MOVE Festival. That's when he shared the same billing as Sawyer Fredericks, and Jocelyn and Chris Arndt — two bands with burgeoning pull on the national scene — at Cohoes Music Hall. He commands the stage as a master wordsmith with a vocal range akin to the late Lou Reed. He does so, also, as a versatile musician. He played every instrument in his 2016 release

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**Sunday:** Closed

## WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

### Kimono Dragons

River Street Pub — Friday, June 29

TROY — Kimono Dragons headline a triple bill at River Street Pub on Friday, June 29, at 8 p.m.

The evening also features Eternal Crimes and The Jagaloons, and is part of Troy Night Out.

River Street Pub is located at 194 River St. in Troy.

### Foam N' Glow

Jupiter Hall — Saturday, June 30

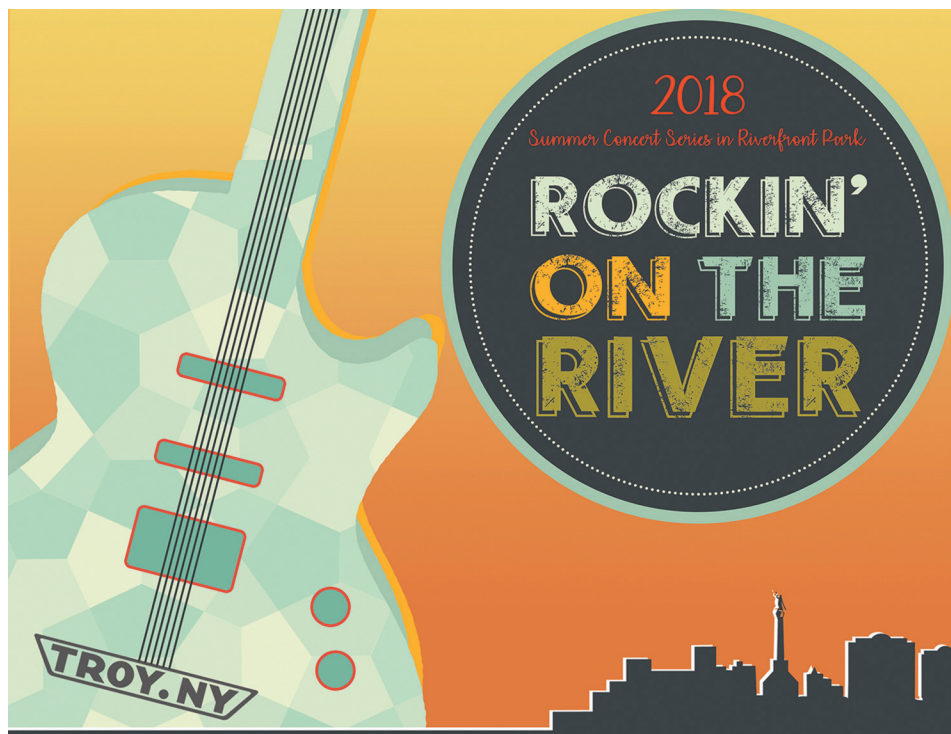
ALBANY — Jupiter Hall turns into

a giant foam party on Saturday, June 30, starting at 9 p.m.

The show concept leads fans on a journey of unimaginable atmosphere and unforgettable emotions. An electronic dance concert that promises to blur the lines between fantasy and reality with state of the art visual effects, ground-shaking bass and world class DJs.

General admission costs \$22.50 while VIP packages cost \$75 each. Tickets are available online at foamnglow.com.

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Country music star Luke Bryan, pictured playing at a concert in Houston, Tex, will be performing at Country Megaticket 2018 at Saratoga Performing Arts Center tonight, Wednesday, June 27.

Luke Bryan / Facebook

### NIGHT: Country Megaticket 2018

Saratoga Performing Arts Center — Wednesday, June 27

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Keith Urban, Rascal Flatts, Jason Aldean, Dierks Bentley and Luke Bryan all to play here in the Capital District on Wednesday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$38.50 and can be purchased through Livenation.com.

Saratoga Performing Arts Center is located at 108 Avenue of the Pines in Saratoga Springs.

### DAY: Eat Drink Saratoga

Saratogian Building 20 Lake Ave — Saturday, June 30

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Eat, drink and be merry as you take in the best the Spa City has to offer for a good cause at the old Saratogian Building at 20 Lake Ave. on Saturday, June 30, starting at 1 p.m.

It's a celebration of local restaurants, breweries, distilleries, wineries and cideries to benefit the Saratoga County Children's Committee.

General admission tickets cost \$60 and VIP admission costs \$75. For tickets and information, visit eatdrinksaratoga.com.



**CLUBS**

**9 Maple Avenue**  
9 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs.  
www.9mapleave.com  
Fri: **Tim Olsen Quartet** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **John Savage Quartet** | 9 p.m.

**Arsenal City Tavern**  
795 3rd Ave., Watevliet. (518) 874-1767  
Thur: **Karaoke Night** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Reverberators** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Missing Link Band** | 9 p.m.

**Arthur's Market**  
35 N. Ferry St., Schenectady.  
(518) 382-1938  
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Fri: **Peter Van Keuren** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **Kitchen Jazz** | 2 p.m.  
**Andrea Scow Band** | 4:30 p.m.  
**Hot Tuesday** | 7 p.m.

**Athos**  
1814 Western Ave., Albany. (518) 608-6400  
Fri: **FRESH** | 6:30 p.m.

**Blue Hen**  
Adelphi Hotel, 365 Broadway,  
Saratoga Springs. (518) 678-6000  
Sat: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 11 a.m.  
Sun: **Kenny Kakaty** | 10 a.m.

**Caffè Lena**  
47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.  
(518) 225-0882  
Wed: **Acoustic Blues Open Mic & Jam**  
| 7 p.m.  
Thur: **Susan Werner** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Mark Tolstrup** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Pierce Pettis** | 8 p.m.  
Sun: **Todd Coolman Quartet** | 7 & 9 p.m.  
Mon: **Skidmore Jazz Institute** | 7 p.m.

**Carney's Tavern**  
17 Main St., Ballston Lake. (518) 280-7959  
Every Thur: **Matty Finn** | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **Pat Giola** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **Craig Todd** | 7:15 p.m.

**Carson's Woodside Tavern**  
57 NY-9P, Malta. (518) 584-9791  
Thur: **Erin Harkes** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Dos Amigos** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **The Heaters** | 7 p.m.  
Tues: **The Heaters (fireworks)** | 7 p.m.

**Centre Street Pub**  
308 Union St., Schenectady.  
(518) 393-2337  
Thur: **The Riverside Bros.** | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **Justin Friello** | 5 p.m.  
**Dark Honey** | 10 p.m.

**Chatham Brewing**  
59 Main St., Chatham. (518) 697-0202  
Thur: **Trivia Nights Live!** | 7:30 p.m.  
Fri: **The Wild Weeds** | 8 p.m.

**Chrome Food & Spirits**  
405 Hudson River Rd., Waterford.  
(518) 326-2725  
Fri: **Chief Big Way** | 8 p.m.  
Mon: **Inanimate Existence w/ The Last of Lucy, Fields of Elysium, Seaspan, and Head of Hydru** | 6 p.m.

**Club Helsinki**  
405 Columbia St., Hudson.  
(518) 828-4800 or helsinki@hudson.com  
Mon: **Bobby Previde's Double Trio** | 8 p.m.

**Daily Grind Troy**  
46 3rd St., Troy. (518) 272-8658  
Sun: **Jeff Nania** | noon

**Diamond Club Grill**  
Embassy Suites, 88 Congress St.,  
Saratoga Springs. (518) 886-1111  
Fri: **Just Nate** | 6:30 p.m.  
Sat: **John Stack** | 6:30 p.m.

# HOT SPOTS EVENTS CALENDAR



## Lookshire to play Mocha Lisa's

Carmen Lookshire, one of the Capital District's up and coming singer songwriters, returns to the cafe, located at Clifton Park Center, for a show with another one of the area's rising stars, Katie Louise, this Friday night at 7 p.m.

Photo courtesy Carmen Lookshire's Music page on facebook.com

**Dinosaur Bar-B-Que**  
377 River St., Troy. (518) 308-0400  
Wed: **The Wheel** | 8:30 p.m.  
Fri: **Repeat Offender** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Dr. Jah and The Love Prophets** | 9:30 p.m.

**Dukes Chophouse**  
Rivers Casino, 1 Rush St., Schenectady.  
(518) 579-8850  
Fri: **Rob Aronstein** | 5:30 p.m.  
Sat: **Cliff Brucker** | 5:30 p.m.

**Eden Cafe**  
269 Osborne Rd., Loudonville.  
(518) 977-3771  
Wed: **Mike Miner** | 4:30 p.m.  
Thur: **Life's Guilty Pleasures** | 4:30 p.m.  
Fri: **Brian Edward's Network Jam** | 6 p.m.  
Sat: **Dan Bernstein: Let's Sing to Feed the Hungry** | 6:30 p.m.  
Tues: **Open Mic Al Dente** | 7:30 p.m.

**Emack & Bolio's**  
366 Delaware Ave., Albany (518) 512-5100  
Every Tue: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.  
Fri & Sat: **Live Music (Acts TBA)** | 7 p.m.  
Sun: **Live Music (Acts TBA)** | 6 p.m.

**Fuze Box**  
12 Central Ave., Albany. (518) 703-8937  
Sat: **Born Low (record release)** | 7 p.m.

**Gaffney's**  
16 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.  
(518) 587-7359  
Wed: **Masters of Nostalgia** | 8:30 p.m.  
Tue: **Open Mic w/ Rick Bolton** | 8 p.m.

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

**The Half Moon**  
48 S. Front St., Hudson.  
thehalfmoon@hudson.com  
Sat: **A Botanica Annual Day and Night Party with Lil Deb & Friends** | 3 p.m.

**Hamlet and Ghost**  
24 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.  
(518) 450-7287  
Wed: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 7 p.m.

**The Hollow Bar + Kitchen**  
79 N. Pearl St., Albany. (518) 426-8550  
Fri: **The Mallet Brothers Band with The North & South Dakotas** | 9 p.m.

**J.J. Rafferty's**  
847 New Loudon Rd., Latham.  
(518) 783-6800  
Wed: **Live DJ** | 8 p.m.  
Thur: **John & Amy** | 6 p.m. • **Live DJ** | 9 p.m.  
Fri: **Josh Casano** | 5 p.m. • **Live DJ** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Karaoke** | 5 p.m. • **Live DJ** | 9 p.m.

**Katie O'Byrne's**  
121 Wall St., Schenectady. (518) 395-5999  
Thur: **Melissa Sgambelluri Trio** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Steve Cowles** | 8:30 p.m.

**The Low Beat**  
335 Central Ave., Albany. (518) 432-6572  
Every Wed: **The Deadbeats** | 10 p.m.  
Thur: **Lucy, The Tins, Bendt** | 7:30 p.m.  
Sat: **The Gerry Garcia Band with Chloe Macyn** | 8 p.m.

**LT's Grill**  
2305 Nott St. E., Niskayuna. (518) 374-7455  
Wed: **Catch the Mania Trivia** | 7 p.m.  
Thur: **Running the River** | 6:30 p.m.

**McGeary's**  
4 Clinton Square, Albany. (518) 463-1455  
Wed: **Best Damn Open Mic Ever with Mother Judge** | 7:30 p.m.  
Thur: **Innocent Bystanders** | 5 p.m.

Fri: **The Chris Busone Band** | 8:30 p.m.  
Sat: **Soul Sky** | 8:30 p.m.  
Every Sun: **Blues Jam** | 7:30 p.m.

**Mocha Lisa's Caffe**  
Clifton Park Center, 22 Clifton Country Rd.  
Clifton Park. (518) 383-5373  
Wed: **Open Mic** | 6:30 p.m.  
Fri: **Katie Louise and Carmen Lookshire** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **Tarot with a Twist** | 10 a.m.  
**Jim McArdle** | 7 p.m.

**Moon & River Café**  
115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady.  
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Sun: **rkStar Open Mic w/Dan Goodspeed** | 7:30 p.m.

**Mouzon House**  
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Thur: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Mark Tolstrup & The Dixie Boys** | 6 p.m.  
Sat: **Joe Gitto & Dan Wancyk** | 6:30 p.m.  
Sun: **Jeanine Ouder Kirk Trio** | 6 p.m.

**Nanola**  
2639 US Rte. 9, Malta. (518) 587-1300  
Fri: **The Henchmen** | 6 p.m.

**Newberry Music Hall**  
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Every Fri: **DJ Frankie Ramos (Latin Night)** | 9 p.m.

**Nine Pin Cider Works**  
929 Broadway, Albany. (518) 449-9999  
Thur: **Ryan Leddick Trio** | 6 p.m.

**Number 10**  
10 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass.  
(413) 528-5244  
Fri: **Robert Smith, Luthier** | 8 p.m.

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

**O'Slattery's Irish Pub**  
318 Delaware Ave., Delmar. (518) 439-5634  
Wed: **Ryan Rossman** | 7 p.m.  
Thurs: **Dan Sherwin** | 6:30 p.m.  
Fri: **Jim McArdle** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **Katsura** | 7 p.m.  
Tues: **DJ Trivia** | 7 p.m.

**Parish Public House**  
388 Broadway, Albany. (518) 365-0444  
Thur: **Kevin Daniel, Sherman Ewing, Hilltop** | 9 p.m.  
Fri: **Vicious Jimmy w/s/g Ponder** | 8 p.m.

**Panza's**  
510 NY Rte. 9P (on Saratoga Lake), Saratoga Springs. (518) 584-6882  
Fri: **Arzaam Hameed** | 6:30 p.m.  
Sat: **Noreen Pratt** | 7 p.m.

**The Parting Glass**  
40 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs.  
(518) 583-1916  
Wed: **Irish Celtic Session** | 7 p.m.  
Thur: **The McKrells** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Kevin McKrell** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **John Kribs** | 8 p.m.

**Pauly's Hotel**  
337 Central Ave., Albany. paulyshotel.com  
Thur: **El Modernist, Dizzy Bats, Patch Kid, Gracie Lineham** | 8:30 p.m.  
Fri: **Hat Madder, Heavy Gaze, Odd Body** | 8:30 p.m.  
Sat: **Big Huge, Mystery Girl, Postage** | 3 p.m. • **Birdgangs, Pontoon, Lame Dude** | 8:30 p.m.  
Sun: **Lunas, Sorrytown** | 8:30 p.m.  
Tue: **Escuela, Your Brain On Drugs** | 8:30 p.m.

**Prime at Saratoga National**  
458 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs.  
(518) 583-4653  
Wed: **Larry Hooker** | 6 p.m.  
Thur: **Rich Ortiz** | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **Bobby Dick and Susie** | 6 p.m.  
Sat: **Dan Sherwin** | 6 p.m.  
Every Sun: **Joe Sorrentino Trio (Jazz brunch)** | 10:30 a.m.

**Provence**  
Stuyvesant Plaza,  
1475 Western Ave., Albany. (518) 689-7777  
Fri: **Roben & Kosek Jazz & Blues** | 6 p.m.  
Sat: **Take 2 Trio** | 6 p.m.

**Putnam Place**  
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.  
(518) 584-8066  
Every Wed: **Open Mic** | 9 p.m.  
Thur: **Duocracy feat. Keith Pray and John LaRoy** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Lucy, Good Fiction, Dutch Tulips, Balcony** | 9 p.m.

**Ravenswood Grill & Tavern**  
1021 NY 146, Clifton Park.  
(518) 371-8771  
Fri: **Sean Lyons** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Bob Lee** | 8 p.m.

**Renaissance Hall**  
820 Eastern Ave., Schenectady.  
(518) 237-2787  
Sun: **Cliff Brucker & Friends** | 11:30 a.m.

**River Street Pub**  
194 River St., Troy. (518) 271-4177  
Every Wed: **Karaoke** | 8 p.m.  
Fri: **Kimono Dragons, Eternal Crimes, The Jagaloons** | 8 p.m.  
Tues: **Star Spangled Bonanza 5: feat. The Slaughterhouse Chorus, Charmboy!, Henry's Rigle, Pony in the Pancake** | 7 p.m.

**Rustic Barn Pub**  
150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. (518) 235-5858  
Every Thur: **Open Mic with Bob Gamache** | 8 p.m.  
Fri: **Soul Sky** | 8 p.m.

**Salt & Char**  
453 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.  
(518) 450-7500  
Sun: **The Dustin de Luke Jazz Trio** | Noon

**Savoy Taproom**  
301 Lark St., Albany. (518) 599-5140  
Wed: **Laughs on Lark Comedy Open Mic** | 8 p.m.  
Thur: **Woody & the Rebel Alliance** | 8:30 p.m.  
Fri: **Laughs on Lark Presents: Rob Haze and Adam Mamawala** | 7 p.m.  
• **Andrew James and The Preachers w/s/g D.W. Doucet** | 10 p.m.  
Sat: **C.K. & The Rising Tide** | 9 p.m.

**Speakeasy 518**  
42 Howard St., Albany. (518) 449-2332  
Wed: **John Le Roy** | 8 p.m.  
Thurs: **Terry Gordon and Roger Noyes** | 9 p.m.  
Fri: **Justin Henricks Trio** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Ryan Sgroi Trio** | 9 p.m.  
Mon: **Joe Finn** | 8 p.m.  
Tue: **Mike Jenkins and The Fat Ties (swing night)** | 8 p.m.

**Sperry's Restaurant**  
30 1/2 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs  
(518) 584-9618  
Wed: **The Jeanine Ouder Kirk Trio** | 6 p.m.

**Stockade Inn**  
1 North Church St., Schenectady.  
(518) 346-3400  
Thur: **Sonny & Perley** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Peg Delaney Trio w/Earl Davis** | 7 p.m.

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Fri: **Brian Beaudoin** | 7 p.m.

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Sat: **Tuck & Patti** | 6:30 p.m.  
Tues: **Keith Pray's Big Soul Ensemble**  
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**Van Slyck's at Rivers Casino**  
1 Rush St., Schenectady. (518) 579-8800  
Wed: All in Trivia | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Lifespeed** | 8 p.m. • **DJ Ketchup** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **The Hey Nows** | 8 p.m. •  
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Sun: **TS Quartet** | 5 p.m.  
Mon: **Young at Heart** | 2 p.m.

**Vapor Night Club**  
Saratoga Casino Hotel  
342 Jefferson St., Saratoga Springs.  
(518) 581-5775  
Fri: **Houston Bernard Band** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **DJ Stantastic** | 9 p.m.

**Vintage House**  
897 Broadway, Albany. (518) 650-6546  
Wed: **Bobbie Van Detta** | 6 p.m.  
Tues: **Chris Dollard** | 6 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.

**Wicked Sports Pub**  
1602 U.S. Rte. 9, Clifton Park.  
(518) 383-8771  
Wed: **Acoustic Night w/Dos Amigos**  
| 5:30 p.m.

Thur: **Bike Night with Tommy V Live** | 5:30 p.m.  
**Open Mic** | 8 p.m.  
Fri: **Wylder** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **Beatin' the Odds** | 7 p.m.

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

**Wolf's 1-11**  
111 Wolf Rd., Albany. (518) 275-0561  
Sun: **Flour de Swing** | 11 a.m.

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

## MUSIC

**Rusticator**  
Enjoy music by this acoustic Americana band for this week's installment of Lunchtime at the Plaza near the Outdoors at the Plaza Farmers Market. Wed., June 27, at noon. Empire State Plaza, downtown Albany. Free. (518) 474-4759 or www.ogs.ny.gov/ESP/summer/

**Blues for Breakfast**  
Grateful Dead cover band returns to perform at Rockin' on the River. Wed., June 27, 5 p.m. Riverfront Park, River and Front streets, Troy. Free. (518) 279-7997 or www.downtowntroy.org

**Moriah Formica**  
The teenage rock and roll singer/songwriter who gained a massive following both locally and abroad as a contestant on Season 13 of NBC's "The Voice" performs. Wed., June 27, at 7 p.m.; held rain or shine. Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. www.FreedomParkScotia.com

**Peg Delaney Trio**  
This formidable pianist, and Capital District treasure has been fronting her own ensemble for decades. She has been among the vanguard of women in Jazz working steadily, performing, composing, arranging and teaching: in short, making amazing music. This performance is part of the Capital District Jazz Wednesday Jazz at the Spring Concert Series. Wed., June 27, 7:30 p.m. Spring Street Gallery, 110 Spring St., Saratoga Springs.

Advance, \$15; increases to \$20 at the door. (207) 798-1280 or cdjazz.org.

**JAZZ IS PHS**  
A collective of musicians from the jazz and jam scene who have come together to reimagine the music of Phish. Wed., June 27, at 7:30 p.m. Swyer Theatre, The Egg Performing Arts Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$22. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

**Keith Urban**  
Australian country singer brings his "Graffiti U" tour to town. American country pop singer/songwriter Kelsea Ballerini, opens. Wed., June 27, at 7:30 p.m.; held rain or shine. Amphitheatre, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Lawn tickets, \$38.50; amphitheater tickets sold out. More details and link to purchase tickets at spac.org/event/keith-urban or by phone at (800) 745-3000. No refunds or exchanges.

**Peg Delaney**  
The jazz pianist who draws from American, Latin and Brazilian idioms headlines this week's installment of Jazz on Jay. Thurs., June 28, noon. Jay Street Pedestrian Mall, downtown Schenectady. (Rain location: Robb Alley at Proctors). Free. (518) 573-2922.

**B.B. King Blues Band**  
Superstar Tito Jackson has teamed up with the band that defined blues to perform classics by B.B. King, The Jackson 5 and The Jacksons. The Age, a soul artist from upstate New York, opens. Thurs., June 28, 5 p.m. Jennings Landing, 1 Quay St., Albany. (Rain location: Corning Preserve Boat Launch, Albany.) Free. (518) 434-2032 or www.albanyevents.org

**Kevin Maul**  
Steel guitarist and vocalist will perform live as part of the Thursday Night Patio Sessions series. Thurs., June 28, at 5:30 p.m. The Restaurant at the Pointe, 3 Carondelet Dr., Watervliet. (518) 250-4525 or eatatthepointe.com

**Emily Teller**  
The Saratoga-Springs based acoustic rock singer songwriter starts off this year's Ballston Spa Concerts in the Park series presented by the Ballston Spa Business &

Professional Association. Thurs., June 28, at 6 p.m. Wiswall Park, 39 Front St., Ballston Spa. Free. (518) 885-BSPA (2772) or www.ballston.org

**Erin Harpe & The Delta Swingers**  
The Boston-based electrified delta blues, boogie and soul band led by the fishnet-wearing guitarist headlines tonight's Rock the Block Summer Concert. Get ready to dance the night away to some of your all-time favorite songs! Thurs., June 28, 6:30 p.m. Canal Square, 72 Remsen St., Cohoes. Free. www.cohoes.com

**Open Mic: Goin' Underground**  
Musicians, storytellers and poets welcome. Try out new material or get a little stage time (up to 10 mins.) in a friendly, supportive space. Later in the evening, attendees will break out into a circle and jam; back each other up, sing lead, join in harmonies and/or try something new. Presented by The Eighth Step. Host TBA. Thurs., June 28, sign up begins at 6:45 p.m.; performances start at 7 p.m.; jam begins around 8:30 p.m. Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady. No cover. Additional details: 8thstep.org/8thstep.org/Open\_Mic.html

**Diva and the Dirty Boys**  
Enjoy an evening of rock 'n roll, blues and more from the 1960s and 1970s. Part of Niskayuna's 2018 Summer Concert Series. Thurs., June 28, at 7 p.m. Gazebo, Town Hall, 1 Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna. Free. www.niskayuna.org/home/news/concerts-gazebo

**New York Players**  
This popular Capital District wedding and party band performs as part of the Summer Concert Series. Thurs., June 28, at 7:30 p.m. Guilderland Performing Arts Center, Tawasentha Park, Free. (518) 456-3150

**VickiKristinaBarcelona**  
Rachelle Garniez, Amanda Homi, and Terry Radigan make up this power trio dedicated to re-imagining the songs of Tom Waits via gorgeous three-part harmonies and a treasure trove of instruments including banjos, bottles and bells, creating a world of sound at once powerful, playful and poignant. Thurs., June 28, 8 p.m.

The Linda; WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. \$15. (518) 465-5233 or www.thelinda.org/event/vickikristinabarcelona

**Skidmore Jazz All-Stars**  
Concert features Ingrid Jensen (trumpet), Jim Snidero (tenor saxophone), Steve Davis (trombone), Jeb Patton (piano), Dave Stryker (guitar), David Wong (bass) and Dennis Mackrel (drums). Presented as part of this year's Skidmore Jazz Institute. Thurs., June 28, at 8 p.m. Ladd Hall, Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Adults, \$8; seniors and Skidmore community members, \$5; students and children, free. (518) 580-5321 or www.skidmore.edu/zankel/ticketevents.php

**Imagine Dragons**  
Alt rock band brings its Evolve World Tour to the Spa City. Singer songwriter Grace Vanderwaal, who often accompanies herself on ukulele, opens. Fri., June 29, at 7 p.m. Amphitheatre, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Lawn tickets, \$35; extremely limited number of amphitheater tickets remain; prices range from \$140 to \$409; VIP packages available. More details and link to purchase tickets at spac.org/event/imagine-dragons or by phone at (800) 745-3000. No refunds or exchanges.

**Al DiMeola**  
Prolific composer and prodigious six-string guitar player performs as part of his Notorious-Opus Electric Tour 2018/2019, playing songs from his albums Elegant Gypsy to Opus and more. Brand X opens. Fri., June 29, at 8 p.m. Hart Theatre, The Egg Performing Arts Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$39.50 to \$79.40; VIP ticket package available also available; details at www.theegg.org/event/al-dimeola-notorious-opus-electric-tour. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

**Jazz Institute Student Concert**  
Participants in this year's Skidmore Jazz Institute perform. Fri., June 29, at 8 p.m. Ladd Hall, Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. (518) 580-5321 or www.skidmore.edu/zankel/ticketevents.php

**Rusticator**  
Get an early start to your Independence Day celebrations with a concert by this acoustic Americana band. Fri., June 29, at 8 p.m., concert will be followed by fireworks display. Held rain or shine. Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. www.FreedomParkScotia.com

**Bela Fleck and the Flecktones**  
The American band that combines jazz and bluegrass music. Fri., June 29, at 8 p.m. Koussevitzky Music Shed, Tanglewood Music Center, 297 West St., Lenox, Mass. Lawn seats, \$33; shed seats (limited availability) start at \$49 and \$69. (888) 266-1200 or www.bso.org/Performance/Detail/93834

**Live From Here**  
American Public Radio's popular show returns to Tanglewood with its new host, Chris Thile, for a live broadcast. Features performances by Punch Brothers, Lake Street Dive and duet partner Aoife O'Donovan. Sat., June 30, at 5:45 p.m. Koussevitzky Music Shed, Tanglewood Music Center, 297 West St., Lenox, Mass. Lawn seats, \$21; shed seats start at \$45, \$60, and \$80. (888) 266-1200 or www.bso.org/Performance/Detail/93228; click on the appropriate link under the BUY TICKETS banner

**Journeyman**  
The inaugural season of the Harbor Jam Concert Series continues with a performance by this Eric Clapton tribute. Sat., June 30, at 6 p.m. Mohawk Harbor Amphitheater, Rivers Casino & Resort, 1 Rush St., Schenectady. Free. (518) 579-8800 or riverscasinoandresort.com

**Steely Dan and The Doobie Brothers**  
Pair of American rock bands with classic hits from the 1970s bring their "The Summer of Living Dangerously Tour" to the Spa City. Sat., June 30, at 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Lawn tickets, \$29.50; limited number of amphitheater tickets remain; prices range from \$59.50 to \$199.50; Platinum tickets also available. More details and link to purchase tickets at spac.org/event/

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Green and yellow citrus fruit
- Type of clock
- Die
- A hammer needs one
- Leopard (Hebrew)
- In the Hebrew calendar
- Away from wind
- Type of footwear
- Malaysian coastal city
- Arm bones
- A type of diligence
- Banquets
- Home of The Beatles
- Electromotive force
- Small amount
- Type of cola
- Adult female
- Astronomy unit
- Hall of Fame
- Type of gazelle
- Places
- Women from the Mayflower
- Liquid served with food
- Predatory semiaquatic reptile (abbr.)
- Angle (abbr.)
- Touched lightly
- Cannister
- Crony
- Tell on
- Body of water
- Sorts out
- Mammary gland of female cattle
- Collegiate athletic conference
- Sword
- Protein-rich liquids
- Emaciation
- Italian seaport
- Agreement
- Chinese ethnic group
- University of Miami's mascot
- People who buy and sell securities
- Genus of mosquitos
- Holds up your head

### CLUES DOWN

- Two-toed sloth
- Impudent behavior
- The right to take another's property
- Refers to end of small intestine
- Mandela's party
- Inserted strips of fat before cooking
- Secret love affair
- Responds to stimulation
- Wife
- Desert mammal
- A nearly horizontal passage from the surface into a mine
- Uncommon
- \_\_ Kristofferson, actor
- Where buildings are built
- Chain attached to a watch
- Holiday (informal)
- Clod
- Synchronizes solar and lunar time
- Australian eucalyptus tree
- Aerosol propellant
- Coats with a sticky substance
- Master of ceremonies
- The venerable \_\_, British theologian
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Witch
- Strike with a light blow
- The First State
- Satisfies
- A way to fish
- Magnetic tape used to make recordings
- For each
- Flower cluster
- Closes off
- One who supports fanatically
- Type of vaccine
- Approves food
- Hoofed grazing animal
- Drearily dull
- Youngster
- \_\_ Clapton, musician
- Take a chance
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Female sibling

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steely-dan-and-the-dooie-brothers or by phone at (800) 745-3000. No refunds or exchanges.

### Martha Redbone Roots Project

This trio, which embodies the folk and mountain blues of her Redbone's youth in the Appalachian Hills of Kentucky mixed with the grit of her teenage years in Brooklyn, headlines this installment of the Caffé Lena @ SPAC series. Also includes performances by Heard, which aims to enliven your heart and get you dancing with its blend of jazz and West African rhythms, and the Quinton Cain Quintet, led by Cain, a senior at Niskayuna High School. Sun., July 1, at noon. Charles R. Wood Gazebo Stage, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Free. (518) 584-9330 or www.spac.org/event/caffe-lena-spac/

### Ry Cooder and Emmylou Harris

The American musician, songwriter, record producer and film score composer known for his slide guitar skill shares the bill with the Grammy-Award winning folk, alternative and country songbird. Sun., July 1, at 2:30 p.m. Koussevitzky Music Shed, Tanglewood Music Center, 297 West St., Lenox, Mass. Lawn seats, \$33; shed seats (limited availability) start at \$49 and \$69. (888) 266-1200 or www.bso.org/Performance/Detail/93834; click on the appropriate link under the BUY TICKETS banner

### 7 Bridges Road

Seven of the area's finest vocalists and musicians come together to form this tribute to The Eagles. Sun., July 1, at 7 p.m. Held rain or shine. Clifton Common, Vischer Ferry Road, Clifton Park. Free. (518) 371-6667 or www.cliftonpark.org

### The Legendary Characters

Four-piece band celebrates the sound and genres from the 1920s and 1960s. Sun., July 1, at 7 p.m.; Held rain or shine. Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. www.freedomparkscotia.com

### Steve Miller Band with Peter Frampton

Band known for hits including "The Joker," "Take the Money and Run," and "Rock 'n Me" returns to Tanglewood for the first time since 2013, while the British rocker known for his guitar solos and classics such as "Show Me the Way" and "Do You Feel Like We Do," makes his Tanglewood debut. Mon., July 2, at 7 p.m. Koussevitzky Music Shed, Tanglewood Music Center, 297 West St., Lenox, Mass. Lawn seats, \$33; shed seats (limited availability) start at \$55, \$75, \$89, and \$109. (888) 266-1200 or www.bso.org/Performance/Detail/93914;

### Lustre Kings

Enjoy a night of roots rock by this internationally-renowned rockabilly band. Presented as part of the Tuesday Nights in the Park 2018 concert series. Tues., July 3, at 6:30 p.m. Frank A. Leak Amphitheater, Cook Park, Shambrook Parkway, Colonie. Free. (518) 218-7782 or www.colonieville.org/amphitheater

### Tedeschi Trucks Band

The American blues rock group led by Susan Tedeschi and Derek Trucks returns to SPAC with special guests Drive-By Truckers (Alt Country/Southern Rock) and Marcus King Band (led by the 21 year old songwriter, guitarist, singer and bandleader). Tues., July 3, at 7 p.m.; held rain or shine. Amphitheatre, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Lawn tickets, \$19.50; limited number of amphitheater tickets remain; prices range from \$39.50 to \$89.50; Platinum tickets also available. More details and link to purchase tickets at spac.org/event/steely-dan-and-the-dooie-brothers or by phone at (800) 745-3000. No refunds or exchanges.

### Vince Neil

After an epic 34-year run with Mötley Crüe, Neil continues to perform the band's classic hits and even some of his own solo album hits at venues all over the world. His natural talent and passion for performing

is sure to light up the Electric City. Mullett, the Premier Rockers for hair band fanatics, will open by recreating classics from the 80's, with authentic sights and sounds from a generation that knew how to rock. Tues., July 3; doors at 7 p.m. for 8 p.m. show. Events Center, Rivers Casino & Resort, 1 Rush St., Schenectady. General admission, \$35; reserved seats range from \$45 to \$65. Tickets available through the Proctors Box Office: (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org. Venue information: (518) 579-8800 or www.riverscasinolandresort.com

### Expansions:

#### The Dave Liebman Group

Led by NEA Jazz Master Dave Liebman (soprano saxophone and wooden flute), this quintet includes Bobby Avey (piano/keyboards), Matt Vashlishan (alto sax, flute, clarinet), Alex Ritz (drums) and Tony Marino (bass). Presented as part of this year's Skidmore Jazz Institute. Thurs., June 28, at 8 p.m. Ladd Hall, Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Adults, \$8; seniors and Skidmore community members, \$5; students and children, free. (518) 580-5321 or www.skidmore.edu/zankel/ticketevents.php

#### New York State's 4th of July Celebration

Children's activities, including the Price Chopper hopper, dozens of vendors and live music performances by local favorite Moriah Formica and multi-platinum pop stars Smashmouth. Also features the most exciting and patriotic fireworks display in Upstate New York. Presented by Price Chopper and Market 32. Wed., July 4, from 3 to 10 p.m. Empire State Plaza, downtown Albany. Free. (518) 474-4759 or www.ogs.ny.gov/ESP/summer/july4.asp

#### Ray LaMontagne with Neko Case

A pair of American singer/songwriters tour in support of their latest releases, "Part Of The Light" and "Hell-On." Wed., July 4; gates open at 5 p.m. for 7 p.m. concert. Brewery Ommegang, 656 County Highway 30, Cooperstown. Show only advance tickets, \$55; Advance camping add-on, \$15 per person. VIP packages also available. www.dspshows.com

#### Dark Desert Eagle

A riverside fireworks display will follow a performance by this ultimate Eagles tribute band. Wed., July 4; concert at 7 p.m.; fireworks scheduled to begin around 9 p.m. Mohawk Harbor Amphitheater, Rivers Casino & Resort, 1 Rush St., Schenectady. Free. (518) 579-8800 or riverscasinolandresort.com/events/fourth-of-july/

#### Keith Pray Quartet

This week's installment of Jazz on Jay features this critically acclaimed modern jazz group, which specializes in original materials while embracing songs from the jazz canon. Thurs., July 5, noon. Jay Street Pedestrian Mall, downtown Schenectady. (Rain location: Robb Alley at Proctors). Free. (518) 573-2922.

#### Ballston Community Band

Community band will perform a program featuring classic wind ensemble compositions, Broadway show tunes, TV show themes, marches, jazz standards, pop standards, movie music and much more. Thurs., July 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. Wiswall Park, 39 Front St., Ballston Spa. Free. (518) 885-BSPA (2772) or www.ballston.org

#### Body and Soul

This eight-piece, high energy party band opens this season's Concerts at the Crossings in Colonie. Thurs., July 5, at 6 p.m. The Crossings, 580 Albany Shaker Rd., Loudonville. Free. (518) 783-2760 or www.colonie.org/departments/parksandrec/thecrossings

#### The Audiostars

This kinetic, four-piece band will deliver know 'em by heart classics with an energy and passion that will keep the party at this week's Rock the Block concert going strong. Thurs., July 5, at 6:30 p.m. Canal Square, 72 Remsen St., Cohoes. Free. www.cohoes.com

### Girl Blue

Local singer-songwriter Arielle O'Keefe whose single "Fire Under Water" garnered more than a million plays on Spotify not only makes her Upbeat on the Roof Concert debut, but also kicks off this season's series of performances. Thurs., July 5, at 7 p.m. Rooftop, Tang Teaching Museum, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. (518) 580-8080 or tang.skidmore.edu

### Skidmore Jazz All-Stars

Ray Vega (trumpet), Dick Oatts (tenor saxophone), Michael Dease (trombone), Bruce Barth (piano), Dave Stryker (guitar), Doug Weiss (bass) and Matt Wilson (drums). Presented as part of this year's Skidmore Jazz Institute. Thurs., July 5, at 8 p.m. Ladd Hall, Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Adults, \$8; seniors and Skidmore community members, \$5; students and children, free. (518) 580-5321 or www.skidmore.edu/zankel/ticketevents.php

### Professor Louie & The Crowmatix

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the release of one of the most influential recordings in American music: The Band's "Music From Big Pink," along with the 25th anniversary of The Band's reunion album "Jericho" as well the recently discovered "Lost Band Tracks." Accompanied by the Woodstock Horns, Professor Louie — who worked on the latter recordings and performed with members of The Band — will play highlights from all three recordings as well as other classics by The Band and Crowmatix originals steeped in Rock n Roll, Blues, and American Roots Music. Legendary album producer John Simon, who worked on both albums will provide insight into working with The Band on these recordings — and other stories from his new book "Truth, Lies and Hearsay — A memoir of a Musical Life In and Out of Rock 'n Roll." This concert is a fund raiser for radio station WEXT 97.7 on the occasion of its 11th birthday. Fri., July 6, at 7:30 p.m. Swyer Theatre, The Egg Performing Arts Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$25. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

### 107.7 WGNA Countryfest

Features performances by Rascal Flatts, Dan + Shay, Maddie & Tae, Carly Pearce and Hometown Risers winner Chelsea Sulkey. Sat., July 7, at 4 p.m.; held rain or shine. Amphitheater, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Lawn tickets, \$28; limited number of amphitheater tickets remain; prices range from \$33 to more than \$200. Platinum tickets and VIP packages also available. More details and link to purchase tickets at spac.org/event/107-7-countryfest-featuring-rascal-flatts or by phone at (800) 745-3000. No refunds or exchanges.

## THEATER

### 'Cabaret'

Kander and Ebb at their best, this classic is packed full of smash hit songs, high drama, with plenty of laughs along the way! This fierce musical, set in Berlin, follows the writer Clifford Bradshaw as he enters the decadent and hypnotic world of The Kit Kat Club. There he meets the vivacious headliner Sally Bowles. A romance ensues as the world around them changes dramatically. Through Sun., July 1. Shows: Wed., June 27, at 2 p.m.; Thurs., June 28, at 2 and 8 p.m.; Fri., June 29, at 8 p.m.; Sat., June 30, at 4 and 8 p.m., and Sun., July 1, at 2 and 7 p.m. Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 NY Rte. 203, Chatham. Adults, \$39.50 (evening) or \$36.50 (matinee); children \$15. (518) 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org

### 'Kalamazoo'

A romantic roller coaster about two 70-year-olds: an Irish Catholic woman and a Jewish East Coast man who meet on an online dating site. But after their first date, complete with body shots and morning-

after tattoos, they discover that they still have a little growing up to do. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre. Preview performance: Thurs., June 28, at 7:30 p.m. Opens Fri., June 29, and runs through Sat., Aug. 4. Shows: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m.; and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Additional matinee performance on Sat., July 7 at 3 p.m. Curtain Call Theatre, 1 Jeanne Jugan Lane, Latham. \$25. (518) 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com

### 'Damn Yankees'

Park Playhouse continues its 30th Anniversary season with this Broadway mega-hit, which won seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Joe Boyd, a middle-aged baseball fanatic, trades his soul to the Devil, also known as Mr. Applegate, for a chance to lead his favorite team to victory in the pennant race against the New York Yankees. Young baseball sensation Joe Hardy transforms the hapless Washington Senators into a winning team, only to realize the true worth of

the life that he's left behind. But can he reverse the deal and return home to his wife? Or will he be stuck for all eternity? Opens Fri., June 29, and runs through Sat., July 28. Shows: Tuesdays through Sundays, at 8 p.m.; No performance on Wed., July 4. Performances may be cancelled due to inclement weather; visit website for latest weather information and cancellation policies. Albany Medical Center Stage, historic Washington Park, Main Entrance at intersection of Madison and New Scotland Avenues. Table seats, \$25; Center section, \$20; Side section, \$18. Group rates also available. Amphitheatre lawn seating is free; patrons may hold their spot beginning at noon on each performance day. (518) 434-0776 or www.parkplayhouse.com/damn-yankees

### The Merry Widow

Hanna Glawari, the Merry Widow, is beautiful and rich... and she's captivated every man in the country. But Hanna is looking for true love. Will she be able

to find a suitor that is not only after her wealth? Will the nation of Pontevedro slip into economic collapse if she marries a foreigner? Will all those dancing girls prove too distracting for the audience?! One of the most popular operettas across the globe returns to Opera Saratoga for the first time in 30 years. Shows: Fri., June 29, at 7:30 p.m., Sun., July 8, at 2 p.m. and Fri., July 13, at 7:30 p.m. The Spa Little Theatre, Saratoga Spa State Park, 19 Roosevelt Dr., Saratoga Springs. Ticket prices start at \$50, \$72.50, and \$95. Sun., July 1, show is sold out. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org (scroll to then click on preferred performance date and time).

### 'Rocking Horse Winner' and 'Vinkensport, or The Finch Opera'

Double bill features the American premiere of 'Rocking Horse Winner,' the critically acclaimed chamber opera based on D.H. Lawrence's short story of the same name, and the world premiere of a new chamber

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version of "Vinkensport." "Winner" explores the relationship between Paul and his emotionally distant mother. Paul becomes dangerously obsessed with solving the "bad luck" of his family in order to win his mother's love. His pursuit awakens a strange magic that connects him not only to luck, but also to powerful voices only he can hear — voices that tell him which horses will win at the track. "Vinkensport" is a bittersweet comedy in one act that explores the nature of competition and the need to win through the frame of an obscure Flemish folk sport, Finch-Sitting. We see a motley assortment of contestants battle to see who has the most melodious bird. As they compete, the joys, sorrows, delusions and all-too-stark realities of their trainers are revealed. Please note that both productions contain suggestive, comedic adult content that may not be suitable for children. Shows: Sat., June 30, at 7:30 p.m.; Fri., July 6, and Sat., July 14 at 2 p.m. The Spa Little Theatre, Saratoga Spa State Park, 19 Roosevelt Dr., Saratoga Springs. Ticket prices start at \$50, \$72.50, and \$95. (518) 584-9330 or tickets.spac.org (scroll to then click on preferred performance date and time).

**'Mamma Mia'**

The musical featuring all of Abba's greatest hits finally makes its Mac-Haydn premiere. Runs Thurs., July 5, through Sun., July 22. Shows: Wednesdays at 2 p.m.; Thursdays at 2 and 8 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 4 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. Matinee performances on Thurs., July 5 and Wed., July 11 are sold out. Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 NY Rte. 203, Chatham. Adults, \$39.50 (evening) or \$36.50 (matinee); children \$15. (518) 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org

**'Ring of Fire:**

**The Music of Johnny Cash'** Take an exuberant ride on the rails, into the backwoods and onto the wide-open highway with the music of Johnny Cash! This remarkable life story is brought to

life with 31 foot-stompin', emotionally-packed songs such as "Country Boy," "A Thing Called Love," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Daddy Sang Bass," "Ring of Fire," "I Walk the Line," "I've Been Everywhere," "A Boy Named Sue" and "Sunday Morning Coming Down." Performed by a multi-talented cast of actor-musicians, this story of family, humor, tragedy, sin and redemption is filled with colorful characters and exhilarating music worthy of a legend! Preview performances Fri., July 6, through Sun., July 9. Opens Tues., July 10 and runs through Sun., Aug. 5. 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. Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany. \$25 to \$69.50. **Note: Limited availability for the entire run.** Tickets through Proctors Box Office: (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org.

**COMEDY**

**The Comedy Works:**

**Saratoga Springs**

**Ten Dollar Thursdays with Frank Del Pizzo & Guests:** Former auto mechanic turned stand-up comedian with unique ability to take ordinary conversations and turn them into hilarious routines. Thurs., June 28, 7:30 p.m., \$10; **Open Mic:** Thurs., June 28, at 9 p.m. Sign up begins at 7 p.m., free to attend or participate. **Frank Del Pizzo & Jay Lafarr:** Lafarr, who writes for children's shows and has appeared on Amazon Prime and Netflix and frequent contributor to Humor for Heroes, shares the bill with Del Pizzo. Fri., June 29, and Sat., June 30, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Advance, \$20 (show only) or \$44.95 (dinner + show; only available at 7:30 p.m.) **Note: Prices for the Friday and Saturday night shows above increase \$5 when purchased on the day of the show. All tickets are subject to a \$2 service fee.** 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. (518) 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com

**The Funny Bone**

**Rich Vos:** No-holds-barred performer who destroys in comedy clubs around the country. A comedian's comedian, he can be heard regularly on Opie and Jimmy and as a guest on the most popular podcasts including WTF with Marc Maron and Rogan. Thurs., June 28, at 7:30 p.m.: \$12; Fri., June 29, at 7:30 and 10 p.m.; and Sat., June 30, at 7 and 9:45 p.m.; all \$15; and Sun., July 1, at 7 p.m., \$12. All shows 21+ unless indicated otherwise; doors 60 to 90 minutes before early show; 30 to 45 minutes before late show. Crossgates Mall, 1 Crossgates Mall Rd., Gunderland. (518) 313-7484 or albany.funnybone.com

**Mopco Improv Theatre**

**Improv Ladies' Night:** Come see an evening of all female, all improvised comedy; ladies receive \$1 discount on beer and wine; Fri., June 29; doors at 7:30 p.m. for 8 p.m. show. Adults, \$11.53; seniors/students, \$7.32. **10 North Tonight: An Improvised Talk Show:** It's time for another episode of this live, late-night, all-improvised variety show presented by The Mop & Bucket Company. Sat., June 30; doors at 7:30 p.m. for 8 p.m. show. Adults, \$16.78; seniors, students and children (up to age 18), \$7.32. All prices inc. fees; group ticket packages also available for most shows. 10 N. Jay St., Schenectady. (518) 577-6725 or www.mopco.org

**Proctors**

**Pretty Much The Best Comedy Show with Matt Knudsen:** Actor and comedian who has appeared on multiple television shows and commercials, headlines this installment of the monthly comedy show series. Sat., June 30, 8 p.m. Education Center, 432 State St., Schenectady. Advance, \$15; increases to \$20 day of show. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

**FAMILY**

**The Zucchini Brothers**

The zany trio often called "The Beatles of Kids' Music," will present an unforgettable

musical show that will keep you on your feet dancing as part of the Town of Bethlehem's Thursdays in the Park series. Thurs., June 28, 7 p.m. Special Events Lawn (adjacent to the pool entrance), Elm Avenue Park, 261 Elm Ave., Bethlehem. (Rain location: Large pavilion at the back of the park.) Free. www.townofbethlehem.org/307/Special-Events

**KIDS! Storytime**

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

**'The REAL Story of Little Red Riding Hood'**

You've heard Little Red's side. Now it's time to hear from the big bad wolf about what really happened when they met on the way to Grandma's house. Laughs galore for the whole family in this happy musical! Fridays and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. through Sat., July 14. Mac-Haydn Children's Theatre, 1925 NY Rte. 203, Chatham. \$12. (518) 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org

**Kids Urban Art Class**

Young Futures, an organization dedicated to providing children with the opportunity to explore and express their creative passion, hosts this hour-long class every Monday at 6:30 p.m. Class on the first, second and fourth Mondays of the month will take place in the Crafters' Studio, Albany Barn, 56 2nd St., Albany; sessions on the third Monday of the month will take place at YouthFX headquarters at 45 Warren St., in Albany. Free. (518) 935-4858 or albanybarn.org

**Barker Park**

**Kids' Summer Series**

This year's series celebrates Super Heroes and kicks off with a visit from members of the Troy Fire and Police Departments. Attendees will have the opportunity to get a close up look at a big fire truck, a police cruiser, and a police bike. Thurs., July 5, at 11 a.m. Barker Park, corner of 3rd and State streets, downtown Troy. Free. (518) 273-0038 or www.troymusicall.org/shows\_and\_tickets/Barker-Park-Summer-Series\_93\_pg.htm

**StarStruck: A Cosmic Circus**

Join our intrepid Astronomer and gaze into the cosmos, where we fall into orbit with nine acrobat planets, each one the center of their own private universe. Watch these celestial celebrities rocket into stardom, exploring circus through a cosmic lens. Alone in the galaxy, their talent only eclipsed by their solar flair. Come dance among the stars while they chase comets, dive through black holes, juggle moons, and defy gravity. Prepare to be dazzled as we discover what happens when you wish upon a star. Thurs., July 5, at 7 p.m. Hart Theatre, The Egg Performing Arts Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Advance: Adults, \$18; children (12 and younger), \$15; all tickets \$20 day of show. (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., July 6, 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

**FILM**

**'Tully'**

An exhausted mother of three (Charlize Theron) is gifted a night nanny by her brother. Hesitant to accept the extravagance at first, she soon comes to form a unique bond with the thoughtful, surprising, and sometimes challenging young nanny named Tully. Also starring Mackenzie Davis, Mark Duplass and Ron Livingston. Jason Reitman directs from a script by Diablo Cody. Rated R for language and some sexuality/nudity. 95 minutes. The Addy, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$6. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

**'The Rider'**

A young cowboy's promising future as a top rodeo rider is suddenly jeopardized by a near fatal injury leading him to undertake a search for a new identity and rediscover what it means to a man in the heartland of America. Rated R for language and drug use. 104 minutes. Wed., June 27, and Thurs., June 28, at 3 and 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$6. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

**'Disobedience'**

A photographer returns to the religious community that shunned her decades earlier for her childhood attraction to a female friend. The reunion of the two women rekindles old sparks under the still disapproving gaze of a male-dominated orthodoxy. Rachel McAdams and Rachel Weisz star. Rated R for some strong sexuality. 114 minutes. Fri., June 29, at noon and 7 p.m.; Sat., June 30, at 1:30, 4 and 7 p.m.; Mon., July 2, Tues., July 3, and Thurs., July 5 at noon and 7 p.m. The Addy, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$6. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

**'Bird with the Crystal Plumage'**

Sam, an American writer (Tony Musante), has been living in Rome with his girlfriend (Suzy Kendall). While visiting an art gallery, he witnesses an unsuccessful murder attempt by a mysterious figure, and — as the assailant is believed to be an infamous serial killer — the police confiscate Sam's passport, as he is now a key witness in their ongoing investigation. Eyewitnesses, of course, are legendary for confusing or misinterpreting details, so fearing he may have missed some vital clue, Sam takes up an investigation of his own, only to discover that he may be the killer's next intended victim. In Italian with English subtitles. Rated PG. 98 minutes. Presented by It Came From Schenectady as part of its Films from the American Genre Film Archive Series. Mon., July 2, at

7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Adults, \$9; seniors (62+) and students, \$6 (discounted student tickets must be purchased in person. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

**'Coppélia'**

Swanhilda notices her fiance, Franz, is infatuated with the beautiful Coppélia who sits reading on her balcony each day. Nearly breaking up the two sweethearts, Coppélia is not what she seems and Swanhilda decides to teach Franz a lesson. The Bolshoi's unique version of Coppélia exhibits a fascinating reconstruction of the original 19th century choreography of this ebullient comedy involving a feisty heroine, a boyish fiancée with a wandering eye, and an old dollmaker. Expected running time approximately 165 minutes. Tues., July 3, at 2 and 6:30 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$15. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

**'Swan Lake'**

The Royal Ballet creates a new production with additional choreography by Artist in Residence Liam Scarlett. While remaining faithful to the Petipa-Ivanov text, Scarlett will bring fresh eyes to the staging of this classic ballet, in collaboration with his long-term designer John Macfarlane. Prince Siegfried chances upon a flock of swans while out hunting. When one of the swans turns into a beautiful woman, Odette, he is enraptured. But she is under a spell that holds her captive, allowing her to regain her human form only at night. Approx. 3 hours including two intermissions. Thurs., July 5, at 2 and 6:30 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$15. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

**'Demolition Man'**

When innocent victims get caught in the crossfire of Los Angeles' intensifying war on crime, both policeman John Spartan (Sylvester Stallone) and violent thug Simon Phoenix (Wesley Snipes) are sentenced to a state of frozen incarceration known as "CryoPrison." 36 years later, Spartan is thawed out and learns that L.A. is now a pacifist utopia called San Angeles. Phoenix, however, is also back, requiring Spartan to team up with future cop Lenina (Sandra Bullock) in order to apprehend the killer. Rated R for non-stop action violence, and for strong language. 115 minutes plus a bit of time for all of the aforementioned preshow nonsense. Presented by It Came From Schenectady as part of its Summer Blockbuster Video Series. Fri., July 6, at 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Adults, \$9; seniors (62+) and students, \$6 (discounted student tickets must be purchased in person. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

**LITERARY**

**The Troy Poetic Vibe**

Weekly reading with featured poet hosted by D. Colin on Mondays. Open mic sign up at 7 p.m. Troy Kitchen, 77 Congress St., Troy. Free. (518) 268-0068 or www.facebook.com/TroyKitchenNY

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Voorheesville Farmers Market**

Weekly market celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. This week's market features live music by Two's Company, face painting, an exhibit by the Voorheesville Village Quilters, and, while supplies last, Strawberry Shortcake for \$4. Wed., June 27, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Parking lot, First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Free. www.voorheesvillefarmersmarket.com

**Albany Food Tour**

Put on your walking shoes for an entertaining and delicious way to experience Albany. You'll sip and sample from restaurants that are spicing up Albany's food scene. Presented by Taste of Troy Food Tours every Friday, through Oct. 26. Tours depart from the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center at 25 Quackenbush Square in Albany at 12:45 p.m. Tours held rain or shine. Adults, \$59; children, \$39; max. of 12 guests. (518) 303-5034 or www.tasteoftroyfoodtours.com

**Red, White & Brew Festival**

Kick off your Fourth of July weekend a bit early by enjoying beer tastings from more than 30 local and craft breweries, multiple food vendors, live music by Cryin' Out Loud to dance the night away to and more. Must be 21+ to attend. Fri., June 29, at 5 p.m. Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Pre-sale, \$35; increases to \$40 at the door! day of; designated driver tickets available for \$15. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

**Troy Night Out**

Monthly arts and cultural event that regularly draws thousands people onto the streets of Downtown Troy. Attendees are able to enjoy countless art events, music venues, fine restaurants as well as unique boutiques of all varieties. This month's theme is Carnival! Fri., June 29, from 5 to 9 p.m. Various venues throughout downtown Troy. www.downtowntroy.org/troy-night-out

**Troy 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. Every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 27. Monument Square, River Street, downtown Troy. Free Admission. (518) 708-4216 or www.troymarket.org

**Delmar Farmers Market**

Features local, organic, and natural farm products, baked goods, seafood, prepared food, concessions and local and fair trade crafts from 45 vendors. Every Saturday through Dec. 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bethlehem Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Free. info@delmarmarket.org or delmarmarket.org

**Troy Food Tour**

Put on your walking shoes for an entertaining and delicious way to learn about Troy, its ups and downs, and the

role food is playing in bringing this architectural gem back to life. Presented by Taste of Troy Food Tours every Saturday, through Oct. 27. Tours begin at Psychedelicatessen, located at 275 River St. in Troy, at 10 a.m. Tours held rain or shine. Adults, \$49; children, \$29; max of 12 guests. (518) 303-5034 or www.tasteoftroyfoodtours.com

**Bluebirds**

Learn more about this beautiful bird and its amazing recovery in this presentation about bluebirds and other nest box inhabitants. If weather permits we will then venture outside to look for eastern bluebirds and other nest box inhabitants on Five Rivers nest box trails. Sat., June 30, at 10 a.m. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar. Free; organized groups are asked to register. (518) 475-0291 or www.dec.ny.gov/education/1835.html

**Eat Drink Saratoga Festival**

Enjoy food and beverage samples from local restaurants and regional breweries, distilleries, wineries and cideries during the inaugural edition of the festival. Sat., June 30; sessions run from 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m., with a special VIP hour from noon to 1 p.m. Parking lot, 20 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs. General admission, \$60; VIP package, \$75; and Designated Driver package, \$30. Proceeds to benefit the Saratoga County Children's Committee. For a list of participants or to purchase tickets, visit www.eatdrinksaratoga.com

**State Education Building Tour**

Take a 45-minute guided tour through the historic Education Building in downtown Albany. Explore Chancellors Hall, the Regents Room and the rotunda, adorned with murals by Albany native Will H. Low. Saturdays, June 30, July 7 and July 14. 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 person limit. Register at online.ogs.ny.gov/ogsEvents/StateEducationBuildingTours/TourDates.aspx

**Turkeys**

While turkeys have made an amazing recovery in New York state, recent surveys suggest that their populations have begun to decline. The reasons for this decline are not fully understood, so the DEC is conducting a Summer Wild Turkey Sighting Survey. We hope that this data will help us understand the reasons for the decline. Join us for this 45-minute indoor program to learn more about wild turkeys and how you can participate in this survey. Sat., June 30, at 2 p.m. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar. Free; organized groups are asked to register. (518) 475-0291 or www.dec.ny.gov/education/1835.html

**Opening Night Celebration and Revue**

Performance Spaces for the 21st Century will officially open its new state-of-the-art open air theater on Sat., June 30. Enjoy refreshments, lawn games and goodies from Chatham's own Yummy Kitchen Food

Truck beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by a ribbon cutting and performances by accordionist Guy Klucsevsek, Vanaver Caravan Dance, Comedian Hilary Chaplain, Take Dance and Parsons Dance at 8 p.m. There will be a post show Champagne toast under the stars on the north patio. PS21, 2980 NY Rte. 66, Chatham. Adults, \$50; members, \$40; students, \$10. (518) 392-6121 or ps21chatham.org/event/ps21-theater-opening-night-celebration-and-revue/

**Schenectady GreenMarket**

Festive, outdoor marketplace featuring more than 60 vendors who produce everything they sell. Enjoy live music, prepared food and the region's freshest produce. Every Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., through October. Around City Hall, 105 Jay St., Schenectady. Free admission. (518) 986-0318 or schenectadygreenmarket.org/

**Tuesday Farmers Market**

Select from a wide variety of locally grown and produced items, including vegetables, flowers, fruit, honey, maple syrup, milk, eggs, cheese, baked goods, roasted chickens and Mediterranean food. Presented by the Capital District Farmers Market Association. Every Tuesday, from 2:30 to 6 p.m., rain or shine, through Nov. 13. Parking Lot, First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Free admission. Questions: Frank Stanton at (518) 756-8228.

**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**

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 3rd St., Troy. (518) 279-7863 or www.tvcocog.net

**Geeks Who Drink**

A quiz show with eight rounds of eight questions each, including music, audio and picture rounds. Free to play, with prizes for the top two teams and bonuses throughout the game. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Olde English Pub, 683 Broadway, Albany.

**EXHIBITS**

**Albany Barn**

**Upcoming: "H20,"** a solo exhibition featuring work by resident artist Megan Ruch. Opens with reception on Fri., July 6 (Albany First Friday) from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Regular hours of operation: Weekdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Offices will be closed Mon., July 2, through Wed., July 4, for Independence Day. Free admission. 56 Second St., Albany. (518) 935-4858 or albanybarn.org

**Albany Center Gallery**

**Continuing: "Wonderland,"** featuring works by regional artists Gabe Brown, Vanessa Mastronardi, Gina Occhiogrosso, Kelsey Renko and Nicholas Warner. Through Fri., July 13. Gallery hours: Tues. through Sat. from noon to 5 p.m. or by appointment. Free admission. 488 Broadway, Albany. (518) 462-4775 or albanycentergallery.org

**Albany Institute of History and Art**

**Continuing: "Thomas Cole's Paper Trail,"** Exhibit focuses on the drawings, prints, letters, hand-written poems, and published works the renowned landscape artist left behind. Through Sun., Oct. 28. Plus ongoing exhibits. Museum hours: Wed.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs.: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. and Sat.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun.: noon to 5 p.m. Admission: Adults, \$10; seniors/students (w/ID), \$8; children 6-12, \$6. 125 Washington Ave., Albany. (518) 463-4478 or albanyinstitute.org

**Albany International Airport**

**Continuing: "Upon the Ground, Below the Water,"** Richard Barlow, Daesha Devon Harris, Matt Frieburghaus, Tanya Marcuse, Kingsley Parker and Claire Sherwood observe features of landscape marked by human endeavor. Through Mon., Sept. 3. 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 www.albanyairport.com/arts

**Albany Pine Bush**

**Discovery Center** **Continuing: Permanent and long-term exhibitions.** Learn about what makes the Albany Pine Bush rare and adventurous through hands-on and interactive exhibits. Center hours: Weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Open Independence Day) and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. 195 New Karner Rd., Albany. (518) 456-0665 or www.albanypinebush.org

**American Italian Heritage Museum**

**Continuing: "Gifts of Our Grandfather,"** The grandchildren of Italian born artist Julius Pardi (1884-1961), present an exhibit of his classical artworks, poetry and musical compositions. Many items were commissioned by General Electric, where Pardi worked in the porcelain department for 47 years. On view in the Special Exhibit

Room. Closes Sat., June 30. Museum hours: Thursday and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment. Admission: Adults, \$5; seniors (65+), \$4; students, \$3; children up to age 12, free. 1227 Central Ave., Albany. (518) 435-1979 or www.americanitalianmuseum.org

**Arlene's R Gallery**

**Continuing: Robert Guille.** Exhibit features pieces created by Guille, a local mixed media collage artist, photographer, and photopolymer gravure printer. Closes Thurs., June 28. Store Hours: Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Free admission. Arlene's Artist Materials, 57 Fuller Rd., Albany. (518) 482-8881 or www.arlenesartist.com

**Arts Center of the Capital Region**

**Continuing: Fence '18 Salon.** Now in its 53rd year, The Fence Show got its name when members' artwork was exhibited on the iron fence surrounding the Arts Center's original location. The artwork is displayed salon style (from floor to ceiling) with works by member artists of all levels. Through Sun., July 15. 265 River St., Troy. Gallery hours: Daily, Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., noon to 4 p.m. Free admission. (518) 273-0552 or artscenteronline.org

**The Clark Art Institute**

**Upcoming: "Jennifer Steinkamp: Blind Eye."** The Institute's inaugural video installation features six of the Los Angeles-based media and installation artist's most immersive projections, including a never-before exhibited piece created in tandem with The Clark's natural setting and the Tadao Ando's Lunder Center. Opens Sat., June 30. On view through Mon., Oct. 8. **Continuing: "Women Artists in Paris, 1850-1900."** Exhibit showcases the remarkable artistic production of women artists working in Paris in the latter half of the 19th Century. Includes works by Berthe Morisot, Mary Cassatt, and Rosa Bonheur.

On view through Mon., Sept. 3 (Labor Day). Also, **"The Art of Iron,"** which features 36 pieces from the Musee Le Secq des Tournelles in Rouen, Normandy, France, that invite viewers to marvel at the creativity and technical skills of their makers. On view through Sun., Sept. 16. Plus permanent collections and exhibits, including the American Arts Decorative Arts Galleries and The Manton Collection of British Art, along with French Impressionist paintings, and works by Winslow Homer, George Inness and John Singer Sargent. Museum hours: Daily, Tues.-Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: Adults, \$20; children 18 and younger, free. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. (413) 458-2303 or www.clarkart.edu

**The Esther Massry Gallery**

**Continuing: 2018 Art + Design Faculty Show.** On view through Tues., July 31. Summery Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Friday, from noon to 5 p.m. Massry Center for the Arts, The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Free admission. (518) 485-3902 or www.strose.edu/campus-offices/massry-center-for-the-arts/esther-massry-gallery or www.facebook.com/esthermassrygallery

**The Hyde Collection**

**Continuing: "Rockwell Kent: Prints from the Ralf C. Nemeck Collection and Paintings from North Country Collection."** Complementary exhibitions celebrate Kent (1882-1971), the American painter, printer, and illustrator, who settled in the Adirondacks in 1928. He painted many of his works in his Adirondack studio based on drawings, sketches, and notes taken during extensive travels to Greenland, Alaska, Ireland, and other extreme locations. Includes seldom seen paintings from North Country collections. Through Sun., July 22. Plus permanent collection. Museum hours: Daily, Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun., noon to 5 p.m. Admission: adults, \$12; seniors (60+), \$10; Children, students (w/ID)/active military members and their families, free. 161

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**Living Room Art Gallery at St. Agnes Cemetery**

**Continuing: "Rearview Mirror: Oil Paintings by Maryanne Rappaport."** From her first exploration of Egyptian "Tomb to Womb" theory 30 years ago, to the most recent developments in her studio, Rappaport's visual language remains consistent: cells, stained glass, and a grandmother's lace run through controlled spills, each representing the transparent layers of time. This body of work explores the line that separates the tomb and the womb, the division of space and time. Closes today. Gallery hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitor Center, 48 Cemetery Ave., Menands. Free. (518) 463-0134.

**Mabee Farm Historic Site**

**Continuing: "In Harm's Way: Community Responses to Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee"** An exploration of the devastating impact natural disasters have on local communities and the resiliency of our neighbors. Through Mon., Oct. 1. Museum hours: Tues.-Sat., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1100 Main St. (NY Route 55), Rotterdam Junction. Admission: Adults: \$5/person for self-guided access; or \$8/per person for tour and exhibit access; children and students (w/ID) free. (518) 887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org

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**Continuing: "BRAIN: The World Inside Your Head."** Using innovative special effects, hands-on learning activities, video games, optical illusions and interactive displays, BRAIN shows how the brain functions and how, like other parts of the body, it can sometimes malfunction. This fascinating limited-engagement exhibit for all ages provides a hands on and up close look at the human body's most essential and fascinating organ by exploring its development, geography and function. Plus ongoing/permanent exhibits. Museum hours: Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m. to 5

p.m.; Sun., noon to 5 p.m. 15 Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Admission: Adults (13+), \$10.50; seniors (65+), \$9; children (3-12) \$7.50. Additional \$5/person for planetarium show. (518) 382-7890 or www.miSci.org

**National Museum of Dance**

**Upcoming: "Dancers After Dark—Photographs by Jordan Matter,"** features photographs from Matter's 2016 book of the same title, New York Times best selling author of "Dancers Among Us." Opens Fri., June 30. **Continuing: "Art in the Foyer: Tom Caravaglia in Celebration of Alwin Nikolais."** Features images by the renowned dance photographer Caravaglia of the work of the groundbreaking choreographer and multimedia artist, Nikolais, in the 25th anniversary year of his passing. Plus ongoing exhibits. Museum hours: Daily, Tues. through Sat., from 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; free admission for all patrons on Tuesdays. (518) 584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org

**New York State Museum**

**Continuing: "a small fort, which our people call Fort Orange."** This exhibition examines the momentous discovery of Fort Orange and the lasting impact of events occurring there 400 years ago that shaped the character of the region, state, and the nation. Select artifacts, film footage from the excavation preceding the construction of I-787, and four decades of historical and archaeological research are highlighted—including renderings of the fort by Historical Artist Len Tantillo. Dutch ceramics on loan from the Albany Institute of History & Art help bring life to the story. In Adirondack Hall through May 5, 2020. Also, **"Art of the Erie Canal."** The Erie Canal, the foremost engineering marvel of the 19th century, sparked the imagination of artists in America and abroad. This

exhibition looks at the art inspired by the canal, and the opportunities it afforded artists, both trained and untrained, working in a variety of media. A selection of 60 works comes from the collections of the New York State Museum, the Arkell Museum at Canajoharie, and other cultural institutions and private lenders from across the state. Photography Gallery, through Sun., Sept. 23. 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, present this rich story with unique objects, documents, and images. Through Oct. 20, 2019. Plus ongoing/permanent exhibits. Museum hours: Tues.-Sun, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free admission; suggested donation of \$5/person or \$10/family. (518) 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

**Saratoga Arts**

**Upcoming: "10x10,"** Annual show that exhibits the works of new, veteran, young, and old artists, including both first-time and long-time exhibitors. Opens Sat., June 30; Artists' reception scheduled for Sat., July 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. On display in the through Sat., Sept. 8, in the Main Gallery. **Continuing: "Where I Wander,"** photography by Kathy Byrnes in the Members' Hall Gallery, and **"Waterfalls I Have Loved,"** photography by Susan Meyer, in the Reception Area Gallery. Through Sat., June 30. 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free admission. Gallery hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (518) 584-4132 or saratoga-arts.org

**Schenectady County**

**Historical Society**

**Continuing: "Mapping Schenectady."** Some of SCHS' most prominent and interesting maps are now on permanent display in the Map Gallery. Also, **"Beyond the Pines: Early Schenectady,"** an exhibit focused entirely on early

Schenectady: its founding, its people, and what life was like for the city's earliest residents. Also, **"Changing Downtown: The Rise, the Raze and the Revitalization of Schenectady."** By exploring the forces that shaped the Electric City, we can better understand ourselves and our vision for the future. Through Fri., Nov. 30. Plus permanent exhibits. Museum hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Admission: \$5. (518) 374-0263 or schenectadyhistorical.org

**Dan Sekellic Visual Arts Gallery**

**Continuing: Ron Greenberg, photographer.** Greenberg purchased his first SLR camera in 1974 and has loved taking landscape and cityscape photographs ever since. Upon retirement 2 years ago, he decided to turn this hobby of love into a profession. Now armed with a Digital SLR, he is creating fine art on a commercial basis. Some of the more recent locales he has photographed include Costa Rica, Ireland, Italy and the California coast. Closes Sat., June 30. 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, or during performances. Free admission. (518) 674-2007 or slca-ctp.org

**Tang Teaching Museum**

**Upcoming: "Give a damn,"** features works from the Tang's collection by artists who give a damn about the world around them and the people in it. Not all artists included in the exhibition identify as activists, but through their art and its interpretations, they become advocates for freedom, equality, tolerance, justice, and understanding. Opens Fri., June 30 in the Malloy Wing. On display through Sun., Sept. 30. **Continuing: "Elevator Music 36: Takashi Murakami—Oval."** Oval is a small object created by Murakami (b. 1962, Tokyo, Japan) for the Peter Norton Family Christmas Project. The work is from an edition of 3,000 and features familiar

Murakami motifs such as the smiley-faced flower and the outsized eyeball. Music by Tokyo-based electronic music duo Zak Yumiko will be playing in the mini CD-ROM inside the base of the sculpture. On display in the elevator through Sun., June 17. Also, **"Dona Nelson: Stand Alone Paintings,"** which features more than 30 works from the last 40 years to demonstrate the breadth and continuity of her influential painting career. In the Wachenheim Gallery through Sun., Aug. 12. Also, **"to be with art is all we ask: Radical Print Culture from the Steven Lieber Archive (1976-1987),"** features more than 200 works on paper from the archive of the pioneering collector and dealer who specialized in artists' books, editions and ephemera. On view in the Bernhard Atrium through Sun., July 1. Also, **"Tel\_:"** Artist Kamau Amu Patton's continually evolving interpretation of what a museum community space can be. In the State Farm Mezzaine Gallery. Through Sept. 1, 2019. Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Museum hours: Tues. - Sun., noon to 5 p.m.; Thurs. until 9 p.m. Free admission; suggested donations of \$5/adult; \$3/child 13+; seniors, \$2. (518) 580-8080 or tang.skidmore.edu

**Union College Galleries**

**Now open: "Wherever the Mushrooms Grow: Natalya Brill.** Senior presents a harmony of discord in her solo exhibition. Using incongruous phrases combined with digitally altered drawings, she creates a curious, ambiguous ether for viewers to meander through. Brill encourages viewers to disassemble the pairings, and consider both what they see initially, and what can be extracted by separating the written and visual elements. Through Sun., Sept. 16 in the Wikoff Student Gallery. **Continuing: "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." In the Castrucci Gallery, inside the 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. Closes Sat., June 30, in the Schaffer Library Learning Commons. Hours (all galleries): Daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 807 Union St., Schenectady. Free. (518) 388-6004 or muse.union.edu/mandeville/home

**University Art Museum**

**Upcoming: "Younger Than Today: Photographs of Children (and sometimes their mothers) by Andy Warhol,"** features more than 60 Polaroids and photographs culled from the shared holdings of the Warhol x 5 collaborating institutions will be installed in the Main Gallery on the first floor. Taken between 1974 and 1985, all are related to childhood, sibling relationships, and the Maternal. Also, **"Mickey Mouse has grown up a Cow,"** is a collection of videos by artists including Kalup Linzy, Yoshie Sakai, Frances Stark, and Abbey Williams present differing points of view in addressing the representation of children and parenting and engage in dialogues often attributed to the work of Andy Warhol. Also **"Triple: Alex Bradley Cohen, Louis Fratino, and Tschabalala Self,"** brings together emotionally resonant and highly charged new works by three artists who are redefining the contemporary portrait. All three exhibits open on Fri., June 29, and will remain on view through Sat., Sept. 15. Plus items from the permanent collection which reflect more than 30 years of contemporary art, features more than 3,000 items. Uptown Campus, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Summer Museum Hours (through Tues., Aug. 29): Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. (518) 442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum

# HOROSCOPES

## June 2018 Week 4

**ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20**

Opportunity is knocking, Aries. You must tune in and listen to it this week. Stay passionate in your endeavors, but exercise a little caution as well.

**TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21**

Taurus, honesty may be the best policy, but you may have to temper how much information you reveal at one time. Be a little stingy around sensitive people.

**GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21**

Gemini, this week may be off to a bumpy start, but you are perfectly capable of turning things around in a hurry. Just don't race too far ahead without a plan.

**CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22**

Cancer, you are heading in the right direction, but you may have to fine-tune the destination this week. Your intended romantic target may not be the perfect fit.

**LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23**

Planning and project management seemingly takes over your life, Leo. Just when you think there is no time for fun, an exciting opportunity falls in your lap.

**VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22**

Virgo, your creative muse has come calling and you can't resist her siren's song. Dabble in any artistic or crafty project you can get your hands on in the next few days.

**LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23**

People often see you as even-keeled, Libra. But tempers may flare this week if you don't get your way. Others should watch when you're fired up.

**SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22**

Scorpio, cater your plan and speech to the audience receiving it. You can gain more support if your message is well-received. Figure out new ways to communicate.

**SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21**

You do not have an argumentative nature, Sagittarius. So when you're bothered, it is probably for a good reason. Don't come out ready for a fight; instead, focus on mediating.

**CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20**

Capricorn, your energy is all over the map, so it may be best to schedule any major meetings or presentations for another time when you are more up to the task.

**AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18**

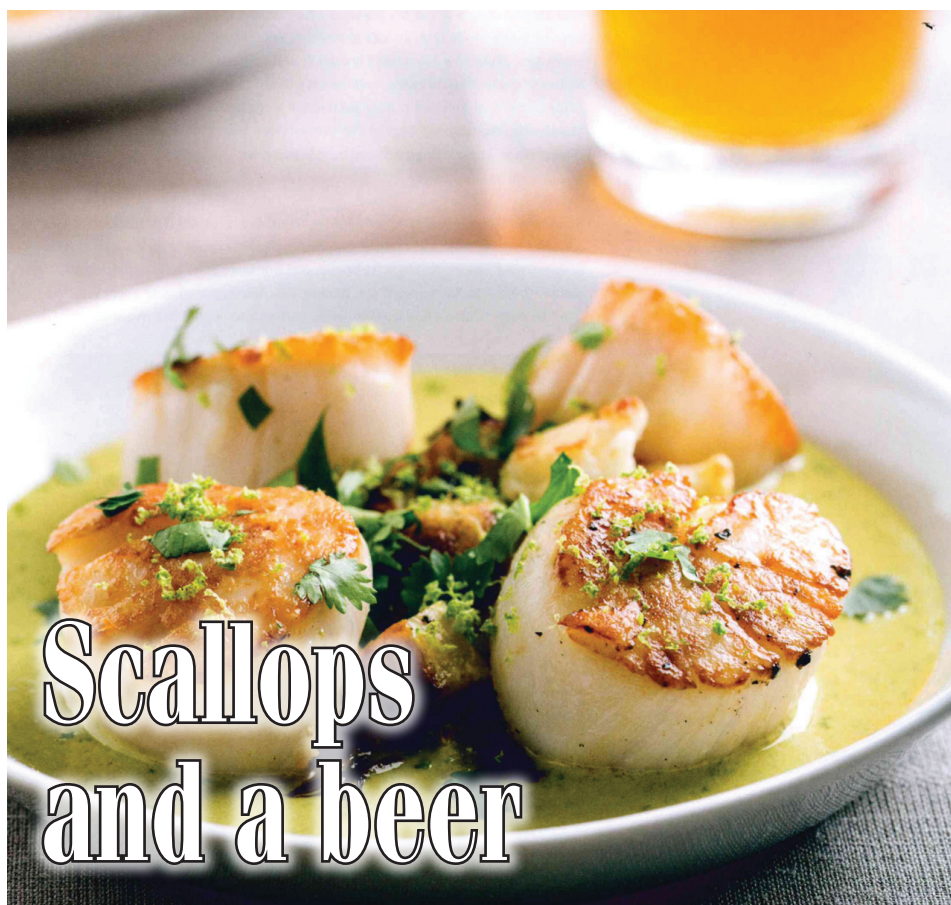
Aquarius, it may seem like you're feeling extreme highs or lows. Soon things will settle down. Enjoy some well-deserved escapism for the time being.

**PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20**

This week you will have the ideal blend of patience and passion, which has people lining up to be on your team, Pisces.



## FOOD & VINO



# Scallops and a beer

When people look for the perfect beverage to pair with food, many may assume wine earns that distinction. But author John Holl believes there's a perfect beer for every meal, and even suggests numerous pairings in his book, "The American Craft Beer Cook Book" (Storey).

Grilled Diver Scallops and Fall Vegetable Shish Kebabs with Hazelnut Brown Butter

### Ingredients — Serves 4

- 12 large fresh diver scallops
- 4 fennel bulbs, trimmed, cored, and diced into 1 1/2-inch cubes
- 4 large parsnips, peeled and diced into 1 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 medium butternut squash, peeled, seeded and diced into 1 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

- 1 12-ounce can of beer (see pairing)
- 8 skewers (if using wooden skewers, soak them in water for 1 hour before grilling)
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped toasted hazelnuts

### Directions

Remove the scallops from the refrigerator to come up to room temperature. Prepare a medium fire in a gas or charcoal grill. If using charcoal, arrange the coals in a thin layer to evenly control the heat.

Combine the fennel, parsnips and butternut squash in a large bowl and toss with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil. Transfer the vegetables to a cast-iron skillet (or another grill-safe pan), season with salt and pepper, and place the pan on the grill. Cook, with the lid closed, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are a light golden brown, about 25 minutes.

Remove the skillet from the grill and deglaze with 1/4 cup of the beer. Remove the vegetables from the skillet and let cool for 5 minutes. Reserve any drippings in the

skillet for later.

Using two skewers for each shish kebab, alternately thread the scallops, fennel, parsnips, and butternut squash onto the skewers. You should use three scallops on each set of skewers. Using two skewers for each kebab will prevent the ingredients from spinning on the grill.

Season the kebabs with salt and pepper and lightly coat with the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil. Grill the kebabs, turning once, until you've reached the desired level of doneness for the scallops, about 5 minutes per side for medium. Set aside and tent with foil while making the sauce.

Return the skillet to the grill; add the butter, hazelnuts and remaining 1 1/4 cups beer to the vegetable drippings. Cook,

stirring occasionally, until the butter is melted and lightly browned.

Transfer the kebabs to a serving plate, pour the brown butter sauce over the scallops and serve immediately.

### Pairing

For this of "Grilled Diver Scallops and Fall Vegetable Shish Kebabs with Hazelnut Brown Butter," Holl recommends Lagunitas Pils, Oskar Blues Mama's Little Yella Pils, Samuel Adams Noble Pils, Saranac Bohemian Pilsner, or Summit Pilsener.

*Of course, the best pairing is one of your own choosing. Let us know what you think by reaching out to us on Facebook at TheSpot518.com. Please share what pairings you ultimately went with.*



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## ■ WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

### JAZZ is PHISH

The Egg — Wednesday, June 27

ALBANY — A collection of musicians gather to reimagine music by Phish at The Egg on Wednesday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Musicians from both the jazz and jam scenes come together to play Phish. The lineup includes Matthew Chase on drums, Felix Pastorius on bass, Rob Compa on guitar, Domi DeGalle on keys and Alicia Aubin on trombone. They are joined by Phish's own Dave Grippo on saxophone.

Tickets cost \$22 and can be purchased at theegg.org.

The Egg is located at the Empire State Plaza in downtown Albany.

### Ray LaMontagne & Neko Case Mass MoCa — Friday, June 29

NORTH ADAMS, Mass — Ray LaMontagne and Neko Case stop to play the Mass MoCa stage on Friday, June 29.

The Grammy Award-winning artist is on tour in support of his 2018 release "Part of the Light."

General admission tickets cost \$49 and can be purchased through ticketnetwork.com.

Mass MoCa is located at 1040 Mass MoCa Way in North Adams, Mass.



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## ■ HEALTH & FITNESS

# A summer's mind is like a sieve

Entertaining ways to prevent summer learning loss

Summer vacation presents an opportunity for students to enjoy an extended break from the classroom. While this respite from routine may be a welcome change to youngsters, teachers frequently lament that valuable educational lessons seem to be forgotten each summer. Educators then face tougher hurdles when students return to school in the fall.

Such a phenomenon is dubbed "summer learning loss," but it can occur during any extended break from school. Scholars have realized for some time that students' rate of academic development declines during summer vacation. Oxford Learning, a tutoring and education training group, offers these eye-opening statistics.

- Over the summer, students tend to lose 2.6 months of math skills and two months of reading skills.

- Summer learning loss can be seen in students as young as six.

- It can take up to two months from the first day of school to get students' brain development back on course.

Summer learning loss, sometimes called "brain drain," can be prevented. Proponents of year-round schooling at The National Association for Year-Round Education recommend a more balanced school year, where summer vacation lasts only 30 days and other school breaks are lengthened. In this scenario, the school year would still last about 180 days, but without the lengthy breaks.

Parents may prefer the status quo, and those who do can take several steps to prevent summer learning loss from affecting their children.

- Encourage more reading. Schools recommend summer reading lists, but students should also learn to read for pleasure. Research from the National Literary Trust indicates reading for pleasure can improve reading attainment and writing, as well as one's general knowledge. Children can bring books to the beach that they can read between frolicking sessions in the waves.

- Enjoy family game nights. Games can be customized to highlight certain skills that require reinforcement. For example, math-centered games that require counting or addition can strengthen generalized math skills. Problem-solving board games may help children become better critical thinkers.

- Make vacations educational. Add travel to historical sites or other places of interest to help history come alive. When visiting new towns and cities, read the placards that explain important moments in history that took place in each town or city, making sure to include some thought-provoking areas of interest on your itinerary.

- Look for science moments. Trips to the seaside, parks and much more present myriad opportunities to learn about science. Children can stage their own experiments with items they find in nature, such as learning about tides, wind and water flow by sailing homemade boats.

- Teach kids through daily tasks. Barbecuing, making a cake, building a raised garden bed, seeding the lawn — each of these moments present educational opportunities for parents who want to keep their kids' minds sharp during summer.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

## Matt Knudsen

Proctors — Saturday, June 30

SCHENECTADY — Comedian Matt Knudsen is the featured act in the next installment of Pretty Much The Best Comedy Show at Proctors on Saturday, June 30, at 8 p.m.

The Hawaiian-born comedian has traveled the world as a merchant marine and has appeared in high-profile projects that include Emmy and Golden Globe winning shows like "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," "Key & Peele," "Workaholics," "The League" and more.

General admission costs \$15. For tickets and information, visit Proctors.org.

Proctors is located at 432 State St. in Schenectady.

## Lucy at Putnam Place

Putnam Place — Saturday, June 30

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Lucy follows its performance at The Low Beat with a night at Putnam Place on Saturday, June 30, at 9 p.m.

The night is to also include Good Fiction, Dutch Tulips and Balcony.

Admission to the show is free.

Putnam Place is located at 63 Putnam St. in Saratoga Springs.

## Matilda

Proctors — Sunday, July 1

SCHENECTADY — Proctors will feature a free showing of the movie "Matilda" on Sunday, July 1, at 10:30 a.m.

The 1996 film, starring Danny DeVito and Mara Wilson, is an adaptation of a Roald Dahl work that tells the story of a gifted young girl who uses the power of telekinesis to ward off the nastiness of crude parents and a terrifying school principal.

There is a second showing scheduled for 1 p.m.

Proctors is located at 432 State St. in Schenectady.

## Tedeschi Trucks Band

Saratoga Performing Arts Center — Tuesday, July 3

SARATOGA SPRINGS — The Tedeschi Trucks Band is to perform at Saratoga Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, July 3, at 7 p.m.

The concert is a GE Kids in Free Show, where one child 12 years old or younger can get in free.

Ticket prices range from \$19.50 to \$69.60 and can be purchased through Livenation.com.

Saratoga Performing Arts Center is located at 108 Avenue of the Pines in Saratoga Springs.

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■ LIFESTYLE

# A Sweet, Spotify Summer

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The sun beats down on my sun-blocked skin, kids jump and splash in the water and my Dad has taken up residence by the grill. My friends and I play badminton and cornhole as the sweet, humid air accompanies the fiery, vibrant sunset. Fireworks burst and sparkle over a campfire cooking fluffy marshmallows. I sit and watch the night sky and ponder over the never-ending map of stars.

But my amazing summer is not complete. What is missing? Music.

Music is powerful. It is able to shift a mood, change a mindset, and influence one's being. Music tells stories of experience, history, and hope. It is impacted by the past and affects the present and future. I grew up listening to music, and know that any summer accompanied by music is sure to be full of unforgettable memories.

As the temperatures rise most people gravitate toward water. At the beach, lake or pool, spark a happy mood while singing along to classics like "September" by Earth, Wind & Fire, "Come On Eileen" by Dexys Midnight Runners or "Build Me Up Buttercup" by The Foundations.

My favorite place to listen to music is in the car. Roll down the windows, invite in the cool breeze and turn

up the volume while playing "Electric Feel" by MGMT or "Love Is Bigger Than Anything In Its Way" by U2. The feel-good groove and contagious beat will have you pressing re-play for every road trip.

Two years ago, I saw Fitz and The Tantrums at Upstate Concert Hall, and their hits like "The Walker," "Roll Up" and "Out of My League" are the perfect additions to a pool party playlist. Their catchy tunes are sure to keep everyone having fun in the sun.

At your Fourth of July barbecue, keep the parents happy with Bruce Springsteen's "Born in U.S.A." or pretend you are at Tanglewood's annual James Taylor concert with "Fire And Rain." The feel good classics will have every adult belting out their favorites.

In high school, the best times are spent with friends, whether it be playing sports and games, hanging around the campfire, or going on late night adventures. Stay young and fun with songs like "8TEEN" by Khalid, or "Feel It Still" by Portugal. The Man.

Finally, take a hike or bike ride, or chill out under the stars to finish a great summer day. Listen to "Island In The Sun" by Weezer or "1612" and "Wait for the Moment" by Vulfpeck to relax and groove to their unique sounds.

In my opinion, the perfect summer is scripted by the sound of song, and no backyard barbecue, pool party or road trip is ever complete without music. On Spotify, check out TheSpot518's "Summertime in the 518" playlist to find songs for every summer day.

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■ INTERVIEW

# JAZZ IS PHISH

JAZZ IS PHISH founder Adam Chase discusses band and shows in upstate New York this month

By **PETE MASON**  
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**J**AZZ IS PHISH is in the middle of their Northeast tour across New York, with stops in New Hampshire and Boston, bringing with them an incredible lineup of musicians who explore the music of Phish with a focus on improvisation of the group's many compositions. Adam Chase, co-founder of the ensemble, is introducing broader audiences to not only the music of Phish from musicians who did not come up in the jam world, but to also introduce Phish fans to musicians that may or may not have been on their radar.

The current tour includes familiar faces in the jam scene such as Rob Compa of Dopapod, a Berklee School of Music graduate who has been performing recently with Mike Gantzer of Aqueous, where you can hear Compa's jazz influences come out from a smooth sounding acoustic duo. A trio of horns features trombonist Alicia Aubin of Big Mean Sound Machine and Ithaca College alumni who has performed across the country with the high-energy funk band, and as far away as China and Russia. Rounding out the horns section are Carl "Geerz" Gerhard and Dave "The Truth" Grippo of Phish's Giant Country horns, the latter two of which performed with Phish numerous times in the early

90s. Grippo continues to perform with Grippo Funk Band in the Burlington area and has toured with Trey Anastasio Band on numerous occasions.

Familiarity with these players will make jam fans feel at home, while Felix Pastorius and Domi Degalle will add in fresh jazz takes on the music of Phish. Son of Jaco, Felix Pastorius walks in his father's footsteps as a bass guitarist, who at the age of 19 was recommended by Victor Wooten to fill the bass chair in Jeff Coffin's Mu'tet. He won a Grammy with jazz mainstay The Yellowjackets, and now based in New York City, has started his own projects, including an incredible jazz fusion group The Hipster Assassins. Domi is a teenage musical prodigy and was brought up in a musical family in France and began playing music at age 2, entered Conservatory at age 5 to study classical and jazz. She is now studying on a full scholarship at Berklee College of Music and has performed with the likes of Thundercat, David Gilmour, Ghost-Note, MonoNeon, Louis Cole & More. Both musicians are well known in jazz circles and join the band for a different angle on the music of Phish, a twist on your everyday troupe.

The group will perform this month in Albany at The Egg on June 27, at Buffalo Iron Works on June 28, and ANTHOLOGY in Rochester on June 29. They recently stopped at Brooklyn Bowl to perform with Strange Machines on June 16. Check out a photo gallery over at Relix. Adam Chase, who also plays drums in JAZZ IS PHISH spoke to NYS Music

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# From page B5 ... American Romance

“Empty Mansions.”

Flach was still putting hammer to anvil last year while performing in support of that album. When we spoke with him last July, he hinted he was working with a few musicians on another album. Those musicians were The Rising Tide.

Flach’s folk style and resemblance to Reed would seem to fit somewhere in New York City’s Greenwich Village. A place to sit down to clean delivery of music and lyrics that tell stories of personal struggle and current events. Flach said hosting the release party in Albany’s own Village neighborhood only worked out because the band practiced within a few steps of the bar. Flach said he’d never walked into the Savoy Taproom before. Once he stepped in, he said it was perfect.

Turning the creative switch back from solo to collaborative was an adjustment, Flach said, adding that he likes to write songs by himself.

“There were creative differences that arose,” said Flach. “Differences makes it sound a little bit negative. There was just other input. Input coming from different places as we went. Some songs took totally different avenues than I had planned.”

The differences between band members sprung creative epiphanies Flach said he would not have been able to develop on his own. With “Desire,” he said he walked into the studio with an idea and then was presented another by the band’s bass player, Chris Brant.

“When we were recording the song ‘Desire,’ I had one idea for the song,” said Flach. “Then, our bass player comes in with this bassline that’s like this bluegrass back-and-forth bassline. I just never thought of something like that. I liked it right away, it’s just I’m not a bass player. I never would



“American Romance” will be available for pick up at the Savoy Taproom on Saturday.

Album art

everyone walked into the studio with an open mind.

“The beautiful thing about recording is that you can always change it,” said Flach.

The end result is a patchwork quilt of personal themes. The poet said he won’t name any of the ten songs as a favorite, as it changes with his mood. However, people who approach him about the album each share the name of a different track as their favorite song; something he said is indicative of a well-balanced piece of work.

“They’ll all tell me that they [each] like a different song,” said Flach. “And, to me, it’s a good thing. I’m happy to hear that, because that means each song is doing something for somebody, and that’s kinda what my hope was across the board.”

have thought to go there.”

Flach said there was another instance when Danny Boudreau, the band’s keyboardist, introduced a piano melody for “Contraband.” The group loved the sound, as did Flach, who already wrote the words for the song. However, his rhythm wasn’t matching with the melody. He scraped the lyrics and wrote a new one. Flach said

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# From page B17 ...

## JAZZ IS PHISH

interpretations of Phish's music stands apart from others.

### Pete Mason: How did you assemble this tour's lineup for Jazz is Phish?

Adam Chase: I really like combining musicians from a variety of backgrounds on each show, whether it's older and younger musicians, male and female, black and white, etc. And for this project the musical backgrounds being diverse is very important, regardless of gender or ethnicity.

Having a combination of musicians that are familiar with the music and musicians that never listened to Phish before I introduced them to it is the best recipe for really doing justice to the compositions while pushing the boundaries of what the tunes can sound like.

For this run I am particularly excited about having the teenage piano prodigy, DOMi, on the road with us. Having grown up in France and having her exposure to music in America be through jazz and classical professors at Berklee School of Music and through her collaborations with Thunder Cat, Knowler, and Ghost Note, her lack of knowledge of Phish has been really fun for me. She is so talented that she can take the sheet music I give her and not only play the complex compositions with ease, but is also able to expand the ideas and improvise in a way that I've never heard within the framework

of a Phish song.

Being able to pair her talents with Felix Pastorius is very exciting for me as well. As many people know, Felix is the son of Jaco Pastorius, which carries a fair amount of weight for the level of talent one would expect, but what a lot of people don't know is that Felix himself is one of the best bassists around and he has his own voice on his instrument. His knowledge of music and his approach to playing bass is mind bending and he is one of my favorite musicians to play with.

In addition we have Rob Compa of Dopapod who is great guitarist and amazing human being, Alicia Aubin from Big Mean Sound Machine who will be making her debut with us and Dave Grippo of The Giant Country Horns. It's always fun for me to play music with guys like Carl Gerhard and Dave Grippo, because growing up in the 90s as a Phish head, I had a ton of cassette tapes of those guys playing with Phish. They are quintessential figures in the Phish experience.

### PM: What makes the interpretations of Phish's music done by JAZZ IS PHISH different from those of other Phish tributes?

AC: There are lots of Phish cover bands. I don't consider this to be a Phish cover band, though it is absolutely a Phish tribute. I may be splitting hair with terminology, but when I think of a Phish cover band, I think of a band trying to play Phish songs like Phish did in attempt to recreate the experience of seeing Phish (or as close to that as they can get). With

Jazz Is Phish our goal is to create a unique experience, where the music is a vehicle for incredible musicians to put their own identity into the music. Not just from an improvisational perspective but also from a compositional perspective.

Every song that we have done arrangements for have happened in a group setting with musicians that range from Chris Bullock of Snarky Puppy and Kofi Burbridge of Tedeschi Trucks Band, but also Michael Ray of Sun Ra Arkestra and Anthony Wellington of Victor Wooten Band. With each arrangement, we have not only reharmonizes the vocal melodies to fit into a horn section but for many songs we have composed original parts, reworked existing parts and even mashed up Phish songs with jazz songs and in some cases even jazz influenced hip hop.

A recent mashup we did took the popular Phish cover "Yamar" (which is actually an old calypso song) and mashed it up with the Q Tip song "ManWomanBoogie." What makes this mashup so cool is that the Q Tip song was a variation of a sample of a Wayne Shorter jazz piece. What makes this so relevant to me is that jazz is often trapped in a box and held to just being swing music or a sound associated with the legends of the origins of jazz. But jazz is much more than that. Just follow the career of Herbie Hancock and you will see how jazz has evolved into funk, hip hop and so much more. The idea of jam music to me is the intersection of jazz and rock and roll. So to be able to explore the brilliant music of

Phish in this way is what jazz is all about.

### PM: Is there an era of Phish that lines up with the sound of Jazz is Phish more than any other?

AC: I think what we are doing is very unique and different so it would be hard to say if it lines up with any particular era of Phish. I do however enjoy turning on musicians to some of the early compositions of Phish as the complexity of the arrangements are very "Zappa-esque" and provide a challenge and in some cases an explanation of what a musician would find so charming about Phish's music. But really there are Phish songs throughout their career that lend themselves so well to a horn driven, instrumental, funky jazzy setting.

### PM: This is your first time in Albany, and you're playing in The Swyer Theater at The Egg - what can fans expect from a show in this intimate venue?

AC: We are particularly excited to play this beautiful room. It's always special when playing this type of music, to be in a room with great sound and a great feel. It really opens up the dynamics of the music and the creativity the musicians feel. I find that shows in rooms like this, feel like they have room to breathe, which is very exciting. I am looking forward to really giving each musician an opportunity to showcase their talents while also exploring the music collectively in a way that will really connect everyone in the audience with everyone on stage. When everyone on stage and the audience are all listening wholeheartedly and in the moment, magic can be made.



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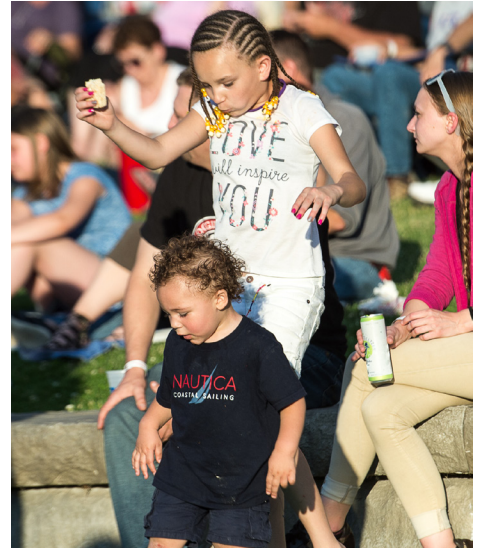
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### Belmont

**Jupiter Hall — Thursday, June 28**

ALBANY — Delirium Entertainment presents a night of punk at Jupiter Hall on Thursday, June 28, starting at 6 p.m.

Belmont headlines a bill that includes Rarity, Stickup Kid, Viewpoints, Subtleties and Luciano Ferrara.

Advance tickets cost \$12 (\$15 at the door) and can be purchased at ticketfly.com.

Jupiter Hall is located at 1 Crossgates Mall Road in Albany.

### Red, White & Brew Festival

**Proctors — Friday, June 29**

SCHENECTADY — Kick off your 4th of July weekend with local craft beer and food at Proctors on Friday, June 29, at 5 p.m.

The Red, White & Brew Festival showcases some of the best beers from local craft breweries, an assortment of food vendors, and live music to dance the night away.

Druthers, Ommegang and Saranac will be mixed into the mix of breweries that also includes Magic Hat, Sam Adams, Brooklyn Brewery and many more.

Pre-sale tickets cost \$35, which includes 15 beer samples. Designated drivers can purchase tickets at \$15 each. For tickets and more information, visit proctors.org.

Proctors is located at 432 State St. in Schenectady.

### The Session Brothers

**On Tap Bar and Restaurant — Friday, June 29**

LATHAM — The Session Brothers is the next featured act to the on-going Patio Concert Series at On Tap Bar and Restaurant on Friday, June 29, at 6 p.m.

It's a concert series featuring free, live music outdoors with the opportunity to

enjoy beer and food specials.

The show starts at 6 p.m.

On Tap Bar and Restaurant is located at 400 Old Loudon Road in Latham.

### Al Di Meola

**The Egg — Friday, June 29**

ALBANY — Al Di Meola is to perform at The Egg on Friday, June 29, at 8 p.m.

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