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TOP STORY

Coming soon



Wren and Rail to move into Toll Gate in Slingerlands

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SLINGERLANDS — A little birdy may be moving into a familiar hang out in town.

According to signage perched inside the restaurant's two large windows, Wren and Rail is soon moving into the vacant Toll Gate Ice Cream and Coffee Shop. A chalk and slate sign stating, "A little birdy told me something's coming soon" sits prominently in the storefront. A similar sign depicting a small bird with the words, "Coming Soon," "Toll Gate Revival" and "WXR."

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Wren and Rail currently runs business as a food truck off of New Scotland Avenue just over the New Scotland and Bethlehem town borders. Signs recently placed inside the windows of Toll Gate indicate that will change soon.

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Bethlehem girls softball and lacrosse teams finished their seasons last week.

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■ POLICE, COURTS, and EMERGENCY CALLS

DWI charges

GLENMONT — A 46-year-old Albany man was arrested on DWI-related charges on Friday, May 31 at 9:14 p.m. on 239 River Road in Glenmont.

Bethlehem police got a call about a motor vehicle accident and responded to the scene where a black 2014 Chevrolet Equinox appeared to have heavy front end damage. The driver was identified as Craig Douglas Foy. When interviewing him, police noted an odor of an alcoholic beverage from his breath and his watery bloodshot eyes. Foy, who said he had consumed two beers earlier, was subjected to field sobriety tests, passing one of them.

Placed in custody, Foy was transported to BPD where he submitted to a chemical test, revealing he had a BAC of 0.09 percent. He has an appearance ticket for Tuesday, June 18 at 4 p.m. Foy was charged with a DWI misdemeanor, a DWI misdemeanor with a BAC of 0.08 to 1 percent, and following too closely.

Host of charges

GLENMONT — A 44-year-old Selkirk man was arrested on a host of charges on Friday, May 31 at 2:28 p.m.

Bethlehem police saw a white 2008 Ford U-Haul box truck parked behind a vacant building on 716 Route 9W and observed a male exiting the building. Upon investigation, the man verbally identified himself as Bryan R. Irving and said he “entered the building with the intent of stealing metal to sell as scrap,” according to police. Police found a glass pipe containing a residual amount of crack cocaine in the truck’s center console.

Irving was transported to BPD without incident. He has an appearance ticket for Tuesday, July 2 at 5:30 p.m. Irving was charged with burglary in the third degree felony, a petit larceny misdemeanor, criminal possession of a controlled substance, aggressive unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle by an unlicensed driver.

Charges pending

SLINGERLANDS — A 69-year-old Delmar man was arrested on driving-related charges on Sunday, June 2 at 7:19 p.m. at the intersection of the Slingerlands Bypass and Maher Road in Slingerlands.

Bethlehem police arrived and found a white 2015 Nissan Sentra in the roundabout with tire marks leading up to it. The driver identified himself as Ronald David Trevett with his credit card as he did not have his driver’s license.

Trevett said he had consumed three beers. He was unable to do field sobriety tests, and he was arrested. While the police were unable to get breath samples from Trevett, Trevett agreed to provide a blood sample.

Trevett was charged with a driving while intoxicated first offence, and driving on the shoulder. More charges are pending upon blood test results. He has a scheduled return court date on Tuesday, June 18 at 5:30 p.m.

BC alum killed in crash

AMSTERDAM — A 28-year-old Glenville motorcyclist, who passed away from injuries sustained in a vehicular accident on Route 5S on Friday, May 31, was an alum of Bethlehem Central High School.

According to police reports, Dylan J. Eder was traveling westbound on Route 5S on his 2014 Kawasaki motorcycle at approximately 6:30 p.m. when an eastbound 2014 Subaru turned left onto Route 30 in front of him. The Subaru was operated by an unnamed 83-year-old Amsterdam resident.

Eder, who graduated from Bethlehem Central High School back in 2008, was then transported by helicopter to Albany Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries. He was known for playing lacrosse and football in high school, and serving in the United States Marine Corps for around six years as a Corporal and a platoon leader.

The Subaru driver’s injuries were treated at the scene and he was taken to St. Mary’s Hospital for further medical attention. This driver received a ticket for failure to yield the right of way while making a left turn. Alcohol and speed were determined to not have played a role in this accident.

According to Eder’s obituary by the Delmar-based Applebee Funeral Home, he was born on June 22, 1990



The late Dylan J. Eder, above.

Source: Applebee Funeral Home

and was engaged to be married at the time of his death. Bob Bickmeyer, a local passer-by who witnessed the accident, was specifically praised in the obituary for calling 911 and he had “stayed with Dylan, holding his hand and speaking to him until the EMTs arrived.”

Calling hours for Dylan were on Wednesday, June 5 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Applebee Funeral Home on 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. A funeral mass happened at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 6 at St Thomas the Apostle Church on 35 Adams Place, Delmar.

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■ EDUCATION

One pertussis case confirmed at BC

School district wants parents to know what pertussis is

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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BETHLEHEM — Bethlehem Central Superintendent Jody Monroe and the Albany County Department of Health confirmed last week that there has been a case of pertussis at the high school.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, pertussis can also be known as whooping cough; it “is a highly contagious respiratory disease ... caused by the bacterium *Bordetella pertussis*.”

It can affect any age group but it is especially serious, sometimes deadly, for babies who are not a year old yet. Other types of people who are high risk include those with impaired



While one case of pertussis has been confirmed at Bethlehem Central, Superintendent Jody Monroe said that case has been handled and the afflicted individual is “no longer contagious.”

Spotlight file photo

immune systems or moderate-to-severe asthma.

A person afflicted with it would undergo uncontrollable, violent coughing which makes breathing more difficult; the person would often also have to breathe deeply

afterwards, which causes a so-called “whooping” sound.

Regarding Bethlehem, Monroe wrote in a mass email that the individual with pertussis, whose identity and exact timeline of contracting pertussis

were not disclosed, has “received appropriate medical care and was excluded from school until no longer contagious.”

While she added that anyone who possibly had contact with the person are “being identified and will

be contacted directly,” she encouraged parents and students to be aware of what pertussis is.

Pertussis typically starts with cold-like symptoms, like a fever and mild cough, but it worsens after a week or two.

By then, the person could experience many coughing fits, vomiting, breathing issues and exhaustion.

The cough generally worsens at night and cough medications may not solve it.

Such coughing fits could last for many weeks but people who had been vaccinated prior to contracting pertussis may experience milder symptoms and not have the “whoop” sound when breathing. However, people who had been vaccinated during their childhood could still contract pertussis “because protection decreases over time,”

according to Monroe.

Monroe also wrote that if a child starts having a persistent cough for over a week, the child should be evaluated by a healthcare provider. If pertussis is discovered, antibiotics can help treat the child to make them feel better faster as well as decrease the likelihood of spreading it to other people. According to Monroe, a child is not allowed to resume any school, work or extracurricular activities unless five days of antibiotic treatment have passed or the healthcare provider approves.

For more information about pertussis, visit <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2171>. For any other queries, the public is encouraged to contact their respective healthcare provider, the school nurse or the Albany County Department of Health at 518-447-4640.



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COMMUNITY

Down the garden path

Annual Garden Tour and Botanical Boutique on June 12

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Garden Club is hosting its 23rd Annual Garden Tour from 4 to 8 p.m. and a brand-new Botanical Boutique from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12.

Tickets are \$15, rain or shine, and available only on the day of the events. They will be sold at the Delmar Presbyterian Church — on 585 Delaware Ave. at the corner of Delaware and Cherry avenues — and the parking lot of, albeit not inside, the Slingerlands Price Chopper Plaza, on 1395 New Scotland Road. The ticket comes in the form of a brochure that contains a map, driving directions, information



L-R: Master Gardener Martie Teumim, member Peggy Mull and Bethlehem Garden Club president Dodie Seagle helped prepare flower pots for the June 12 Botanical Boutique; it is new this year.
Beverly Goodfellow / Bethlehem Garden Club

about each garden, and local same-day restaurant discounts.

The Garden Tour is meant to be a self-

guided driving tour so ticket holders would not necessarily need to exit their vehicles to tour each garden across town. At

each garden, its owner and a number of Bethlehem Garden Club members are there to give more information or answer

queries.

Bethlehem Garden Club president Dodie Seagle said the locations for the gardens “are the best kept secret that even many Garden Club members don’t know them either.” She added that the gardens had been chosen by a committee last summer and they vary in size, shape, color, the need for sun or shade, and in terms of features, like being hilly, having rocky features, being accompanied by decorative pools, and more.

“It’s a great opportunity for people to learn about the beauty of the gardens and it’s an overall benefit to Bethlehem,” she said. “It would help improve beautification and environmental education for all ages. It also gives a sense of community as people love getting together and we try to promote Bethlehem as a great community.”

“We want to continue creating a sense of community, beautification, a sense of peace and enjoyment in the outdoors, and offer people more knowledge about gardens and gardening.”

— Dodie Seagle, Bethlehem Garden Club president

Accompanying the Garden Tour is the Botanical Boutique which is a new event this year for the organization. People are able to buy hand-decorated pots and crafts, while supplies last, which can be used for their own gardens.

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■ COMMUNITY

A young teen, an ambitious goal

Hopes people attend fundraiser on June 22 at O'Slattery's

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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BETHLEHEM — David Bloom, a local 15-year-old boy who attends Bethlehem Central Middle School, looked content as he sat beside his adoptive mother, Amie, smiling as he ate a dark chocolate cookie on their living room sofa.

For a few moments, the room was filled with a comfortable silence as David continued enjoying his treat. Positivity radiated around the room on this late June afternoon but David never directly spoke up for the interview, electing to converse with his mother with a few barely-audible words instead, with whom he felt more comfortable. Hence,



David Bloom, above, has Dup15q, a neurodevelopmental disorder, but he does not let it deter his goals and everyday life.

Source: Amie Bloom

Amie spoke on his behalf.

Background

Amie explained that David has a genetic condition called Dup15q, where his 15th chromosome was duplicated. It has caused

autism-like symptoms, affecting his social-communicative skills and even inducing seizures. Having had it his whole life, Amie said that he had first been acknowledged as “globally developmentally-delayed” by the time he was

only a year old, indicating that his cognitive and physical development were slower than usual. His genetic condition was eventually confirmed when he was around six or seven, said Amie, after they factored in the seizures David had for an effective diagnosis.

At the time of his diagnosis, Amie said that there was no information about this neurodevelopmental disorder but in recent years, there have been clinics in cities like Boston and New York City to address it. She added that there are multiple children in Bethlehem who have the same disorder but it is on a spectrum “where some children are not affected at all while others are very developmentally-affected, like having trouble talking and walking.”

In David's case, Amie said that he can actually

speak but often chooses not to as his communication ability is not strong when interacting with others. But when he does feel like talking, he could “talk your head off and very often, it's very repetitive,” according to Amie.

The wish

But despite his situation, David possesses a huge heart and an ambitious goal within — he wants to raise \$10,000 this year.

He is the de facto face of David's Dream Team, a local fundraiser for Make-A-Wish, and they are having a fundraising event at O'Slattery's on 318 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Saturday, June 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Make-A-Wish is a non-profit organization that literally grants children with critical illnesses, conditions or afflictions a wish such as travel or meeting a celebrity, for instance.

The event will feature live music from acts like Maddy Hicks and Rock Voices; family-friendly entertainment like magician Jim Snack, face painting, and a tattoo/craft table; and food and beverages by O'Slattery's itself. According to Amie, this is the first time O'Slattery's has hosted a fundraiser.

David's goal is for the hopefully-raised \$10,000 to go back to Make-a-Wish so that it can help another child with a critical health condition to have their own wish granted. David's selfless nature stemmed partially from how Make-a-Wish had already granted his own wish.

When David was 12, Amie had applied to Make-a-Wish for her son. While Dup 15q is not a terminal illness, it still qualified as a serious disorder. For David, his dream had long been to visit Disney World in Florida, which became true in April 2016. “David's three passions in life are LEGOs, Mickey, and Make-A-Wish,” Amie

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EDUCATION

Tri-Village School on the lookout

Preparing for its 75th anniversary

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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BETHLEHEM — While the local Tri-Village Nursery School's 75th anniversary is still in 2021, Alison Fisk, its education director, said it has begun preliminary plans for the occasion.

Located on 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar in the First United Methodist Church, TVN offers classes for three- and four-year old children, with an average of 60 to 75 students annually since 2016. Despite being located in a church and sharing spaces with it, it remains the only local non-religious, non-discriminatory and cooperative nursery school in the area, Fisk said.

Fisk added that since its creation in 1946, generations of local



The Tri-Village Nursery School in Delmar is searching for alumni and former staff to get in contact and invite them for the school's planned 75th anniversary celebration for 2021.

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residents have gone through the school and it has been looking into reaching out to alumni and even former teachers to prepare for the 75th anniversary celebration.

"We've been here for so long and we're approaching such a milestone year and we've been talking about how to contact alumni and teachers who were here," Fisk said. "We want to

"We have developed a wonderful community and amazing connections ever since the school first opened. That's why we'd love to certainly welcome everybody back home, to celebrate what it's meant to all of us."

— Alison Fisk,
Tri-Village Nursery
School education
director

reach out to them so we can try to show and celebrate what the school has meant to the people who have walked through the school and the local community."

Since plans for the anniversary are still in its infancy, Fisk said that the occasion would at

least include a celebration somehow within the school for such former staff, alumni, and their parents, who all have been through the school.

But she said that it has been quite a challenge to do that so far.

"We have some records of how to get in touch with people but we don't have all their contact information or even the names for all of the people that were involved in the founding of this wonderful school," she said. "I wouldn't be able to find the names and contact information for some of the teachers who were here in its first 20, or even 30, years. So, we want to get the word out and how amazing it is that Tri-Village is still here, still thriving."

Not all hope is lost though regarding reaching out to alumni since Fisk said that some of the school's current students' parents had been students themselves there in the

past. She added that seven of the school's current teachers once had their children attend Tri-Village too.

"So it's a place where people return to as their home, a sort-of first home for learning, which has just been so wonderful," she said. "As students' parents used to go here, we've also realized that their grandparents were also in these hallways, picking up their children then. It's just phenomenal."

Fisk brought up that when the grandparents picked up their children — who are now the current students' parents — back then, the grandparents would have first gathered together and gotten ready inside the building to pick up their children, who were lined up in the hallways.

"This was an example of how it was a nice time for the grandparents to get to know each other and build that first community, and that support system is so important when you have young children," Fisk

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■ HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

The Eagles season comes to an end

MALTA — The Bethlehem softball team made it to the Section II, Class A finals but ran into a Colonie squad that was hitting its stride on Tuesday, June 4.

The Raiders hit four homeruns in the 17-4 win to win its first Section II, Class AA crown since 2010.

Chloe Vanburen had two home runs in the decisive nine-run third inning, her third and fourth of the season all came in the last three games when the No. 4 seed Colonie got by Shaker 2-1 the first round and then upset the No. 1 seed team from Shen 4-3 in the semis.

Bethlehem, the No. 3 seed, upset the No. 2 seed Columbia to earn a chance to play in the finals, tied the score at 1 after the first inning but then saw Colonie score 16 unanswered. The Eagles scored three in the bottom of the fifth, but by that time they were down 17-1 and the game ended via the 10-run mercy rule.

Sophomore Carly Gemmet allowed just six hits against the Eagles to pick up the win.

She went 3 for 4 with four RBIs while Jaclyn Dyer, the No. 2 hitter, went 2 for 4 with a double and a homerun and four RBIs and Jen McCumber went 1 for 3 with a homerun and three RBIs.

Sophia DeFrancesco went 2 for 2 for Bethlehem while Ana Losee went 1 for 3 with a double and three RBIs and Clare Boegel went 1 for 3 with an RBI.

The Raiders traveled to Syracuse on Friday, June 7 and lost to Cicero-North Syracuse 6-4 in the state quarterfinals.

“I told the team today, that not a lot of kids play for any kind of title and the AA competition here is very, very tough so to come out on top is very special,” said Colonie coach Sean Merchant after beating Bethlehem.

— Jim Franco



Girls lacrosse team loses heartbreaker

By **PHIL BLACKWELL**
Special to Spotlight News

CORTLAND — Already the Bethlehem girls lacrosse team had put together an historic season, but now it wanted to go where no Section II side had ventured before, all the way to a state Class A championship.

But the state’s top-ranked team, Baldwinsville, didn’t care much for the Eagles’ dreams, even when it erased a six-goal deficit to the Bees and led twice late in regulation of Friday’s state Class A semifinal.

It ultimately went to overtime, where Katie Pascale, a force

throughout the game, claimed the all-important and, 48 seconds later, poured in the game-winner and B’ville edged Bethlehem 15-14.

Even this defeat, painful as it was, proved a special moment for Bethlehem, as head coach Dani Blanchard recognized.

“I couldn’t be more proud,” said Blanchard. “We wanted to leave everything on the field, and we did everything we could.”

Bethlehem responded to a rough start as B’ville roared out to an 8-2 lead, led largely by Pascale, who had three goals and three assists in that initial stretch.

Shut out for more than nine

minutes, Bethlehem broke that drought with Lauren Riker’s goal midway through the first half. Back-to-back goals, the latter of them a pretty behind-the-back shot that found the net, pulled Bethlehem within 8-4 late in the half before Pascale and Emma Gebhardt scored 24 seconds apart.

But again the Eagles pushed back, Riker’s third goal following one by Avery Jones, and though it trailed 10-6 at halftime, it had not allowed the Bees’ initial surge to crush them.

Jones, Riker and Piper Gregory each found the net early in the second half, and when

Avery Jones scored with 17:32 left, the Eagles tied it, 10-10. It went back and forth until Lindsey Ayres found the net with 8:47 to play and Ashlynn McGrath converted four minutes later,

Now it was the Eagles protecting a 13-11 lead, but Pascale scored with 1:52 left, and 38 seconds later Jenna Pastore poured in the goal that pulled the Bees even 13-13.

Caroline Wise claimed the draw, called a time-out, and surprised B’ville by having defender Sophie Glassman find the net with 45.9 seconds left. But Pascale beat Wise for the

ensuing draw, and with 26.4 seconds to play, Emma States tied it again, 14-14.

With a chance to win it at the end of regulation, the Eagles turned it over, and it all hinged on the OT face-off. B’ville charged toward the net and the Eagles fouled Pascale, who used her free-position shot to put it past Sophia Koch.

Bethlehem returns six starters, and Blanchard said her team has every intention of returning to the state final four.

“There’s more to come from this team,” she said. “We’ve got a young group of girls, and we’ll be back.”

From page 6 ... Garden Club

This event will happen at the Delmar Presbyterian Church and would also feature bird feeders and candle holders. Seagle added that all proceeds from the Garden Tour and the Botanical Boutique will support four local community gardens, to continue giving out scholarships for students who are interested in pursuing environmental studies, and help attract outside speakers into the local area, whom she said may sometimes have fees.

"We want to continue creating a sense of community, beautification, a sense of peace and enjoyment in the outdoors, and offer people more knowledge about gardens and gardening," Seagle said. "The Garden Club is open to all people who want to learn all aspects of gardening and share them with the community too." To learn more, visit www.bethlehemgardenclubny.org or its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BethlehemGardenClub.

From page 7 ... Ambitious goal

said. "And when his wish was granted and we got to fly out to Disney World for a week, it changed his life. We had the time of our lives in Disney and it was way more than I ever expected."

Amie provided two photo albums, which featured many photographs of their time at Disney World, including smiling and posing with figures like Mickey Mouse and Buzz Lightyear.

"And he's wanted to give back to Make-A-Wish ever since," Amie said.

She added that David's Dream Team has walked for Make-A-Wish in the past few years, including having raised \$5,000 in 2018.

For 2019, David also wants to raise money in memory of Amie's niece, Samantha, who was 17 and living in California when she passed away from cancer just a month ago.

"We want to donate all the money raised this year in her memory to Make-A-Wish," Amie said.

Looking ahead

While David's dream of going to Disney World has been granted, Amie said that his next goal is to visit a LEGO store in Manhattan, referring back to how he also has an affinity for that brand — he has visited the LEGO store at Crossgates Mall in Albany already. To help finance that trip, David has been mowing local lawns since last year.

"He has earned around \$320 so far and lawnmowing is easier for him as a job because it's very routine and it's a lot of repetitiveness," Amie said.

Amie related David's experiences and hopes to how he does not let his condition hinder him from enjoying life. "It's about finding your path even if you have limitations. I think that when people meet David, they don't see all he has to offer as there are not a lot of 15 year olds who work to earn their own money or give back to a cause," she concluded. "The fundraisers we've had and will have later this month are very driven by David. It also helps that he has such a supportive community around him."

From page 8 ... Tri-Village Nursery

said. "It's really important to be connected to other families going through the same stages and ages at the same time. So the grandparents got that experience through the school which just makes the school a better place."

She also said that it is smart to have parents generally come into the building to pick up their children, instead of waiting in their cars or picking them outside in the parking lot because "they otherwise would not have talked to each other."

Since it is a cooperative nursery school, students' parents have to help out in the classroom as volunteers in some capacity for at least once a month. Such ways to get involved include giving snacks to the children or helping the teacher out or serving on a committee. Parents who are not able to come in once a month can still enroll their students in the school, which could result in a higher tuition rate.

This reflects on families' changing needs in recent decades, where it is more common for a student to have two full-time working parents who cannot carve out time to volunteer at the school, according to Fisk.

Regardless, Fisk believes that having parents feel included in the school further helps form a stronger and supportive community for the students, one that could last for years to come.



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"For our current kids, we want to make that transition into kindergarten as smooth as possible so we try to really savor these magical years of being three, four and five. And having that support and community do help a lot," Fisk concluded. "We have developed a wonderful community and amazing connections ever since the school first opened. That's why we'd love to certainly welcome everybody back home, to celebrate what it's meant to all of us."

For more information or to reach out to the Tri-Village Nursery School, call 518-439-1455, send an email to trivillagenurseryschool@gmail.com or visit its website at www.trivillagenurseryschool.com.

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Signs in each window tease the news of Wren and Rail "coming soon" to Toll Gate Ice Cream and Coffee Shop in Slingerlands.

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From page 1 ... Toll Gate

The owner of Wren and Rail declined to comment.

Toll Gate has been owned by the Zautner family since it first opened in 1949. It closed in January 2017 after Rob Zautner fell ill. The family closed the store indefinitely to address subsequent medical bills. He was the family's third generation to own the Slingerlands store after his father died in 2012.

"Once my brother took over for my dad, he poured

everything he had back into the business." Mary Zautner Smart told *The Spotlight* in 2017. Though a popular landmark within the Slingerlands Historic District, she said the shop had struggled to attract customers. "The economy is different, you know, and the business environment is different. There are less mom-and-pop operations. It's been difficult for him to keep up."

Toll Gate stands at the

intersection of Kenwood and New Scotland avenues. It's in the middle of the Slingerlands hamlet. At one time, the hamlet's post office was housed within the same building. That section is now occupied by Trustco Bank. Through the years, neighborhood families and those driving past to visit the Indian Ladder Trail would stop for dinner.

Or, they'd just skip to the ice cream, for which the restaurant was best known. A wooden soda bar encircled the center of the floorplan, within which employees would craft ice

cream cones, milkshakes and floats. Up until the restaurant shuttered its doors more than two years ago, it retained much of the same decor from decades past.

A recently revitalized feature from Slingerland's past has drawn visitors back to the area. The Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail runs immediately behind the store's parking lot. The rail trail has become an attraction for visitors and real estate investors since it broke ground a few years ago.

Wren and Rail established its food truck business in 2017 in New Scotland, just a few miles west from Toll Gate. All Over Albany contributing writer Denna Fox described it as "a little piece of nirvana" in a favorable 2017 article on the news website. The food stand offers locally sourced food on a circulating menu that can include grass-fed Angus beef burgers, shrimp Bahn Mi and hand-cut fries, among other items. In her review, Fox stated how its location, set well off the side of New Scotland Avenue, was a challenge for the casual traveler to find. A move to the Toll Gates location would be perceived as a potential improvement.



Eye on the ball

Magee Park played host to a series of skill games involving area Little League players in support of the Bethlehem Eagles 12U baseball team on Saturday, June 8. This young hitter smacked a home run during the day's home run hitting contest. Michael Hallisey / Spotlight Newspapers

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cost of political corruption

Editor, *The Spotlight*

I laughed at the reference to “Old Machine” Democrats in Mr. Joyce’s letter published in the May 29th *The Spotlight*. Who are they? Breslin Machine Democrats? Coyne Machine Democrats? Mike Breslin has not been the county executive for four or six years and Jim Coyne for twenty-four or twenty-six years. Perhaps, if Mr. Joyce wanted to guide Bethlehem voters, he should have discussed the political corruption of “New Machine” Democrats that are being challenged by three progressive county legislator candidates here in Bethlehem.

I could write pages about Albany County political corruption. Instead, I want to focus on the aspect of political corruption that is often overlooked - its unseen, full cost. The burdensome cost to taxpayers is not so much the theft of honest services of the salary and state retirement benefits for the two no-show twenty-hours-per-week jobs provided to a Dan McCoy campaign volunteer. Nor is it the cost of paying the full salaries and benefits for county legislators when they are absent from county legislative and committee meetings, such as frequent “no-shows” Bethlehem county legislators Bill Reinhardt, Joanne Cunningham and Charlie Dawson (since he announced he is not running for a new term) and Colonie county legislator Alison McLean Lane. It is the governmental failures that result from these absences that are the true, burdensome cost.

Here are two examples from Bethlehem. In my opinion, John Clarkson’s frequent absences as town supervisor led him to misjudge the extent and seriousness

of the risk of the dumping of loose soil on the Normanskill slope that collapsed into the creek and the opposite bank, causing multiple millions of dollars of liability to be divided between Normanside and the Town of Bethlehem that permitted the dumping in the first place. The rare appearances at work of Joanne Cunningham’s husband, Brent Meredith, as our town superintendent of highways led him to overlook the discrepancy in accounts of the Rupert Road Transfer Station between the the tonnage that was hauled away to the lesser tonnage that was received and billed. By not being aware of what was going on in the highway department, he overlooked the need to rotate staff at the transfer station to disrupt potential scams like the one the Town of Bethlehem suffered, where the individual town employee allowed, presumably for remuneration, commercial haulers to dump without going on the scale first. The estimate of the loss to the town was \$1 million, the discrepancy between the estimate of the tonnage hauled to what should have been billed but had not.

We will NEVER make progress in Bethlehem with public officers ignobly serving self instead of the folks. Let this be the year, as Democratic voters, that we reject the lies and half-truths, often to disguise the speaker’s repeated wrongdoings. There is a saying on Wall Street, “If you don’t know who the dumb money is in the room; it’s you.” We can do better. Much better.

Jared King
Delmar

Corona for Family Court

Dear Editor,

On June 25, voters in Albany County will be asked to cast their votes in Democratic primaries for several important races, including two open positions in Family Court. I urge voters to educate themselves on the qualifications of the candidates, because in Family Court, experience matters.

Family Court is a specialized court dealing with critical issues affecting families and children, some of the most vulnerable people in our community. It is not a jumping off point for candidates seeking higher office nor is it a training program for attorneys who have always wanted to be a judge.

The candidates who are elected to Family Court will immediately be pressed into action with hundreds of cases. They will be required to evaluate evidence, apply the law, and make difficult decisions, all while maintaining decorum in a courtroom where passions run high.

Jen Corona is, in my opinion, the most qualified candidate for Family Court.

She has real, substantial experience on both sides of the bench. For almost 20 years, she maintained a private practice as a family and matrimonial lawyer, representing clients in Family and Supreme Court. Since 2016, she has been working as a Support Magistrate in Family Court where she now spends every day presiding over cases and making critical decisions that affect families and children.

On a personal note, I worked side-by-side with Jen Corona when she was President of the Capital District Women’s Bar Association. I know that Jen is committed to improving the lives of children and families, both personally and professionally. She’s intelligent, strong, professional, hardworking, and has the perfect temperament for this challenging court.

Please educate yourself about the Family Court race. Our community deserves qualified, competent and experienced Family Court judges.

Cara J. Brousseau
Slingerlands

Sean Raleigh is our guy

Dear Editor,

We are both life-long Democrats who served on the Bethlehem Democratic Committee from 2014-2015. As committee members we came to know Sean Raleigh who was also on the committee during that time period.

Sean is currently in a primary race for the Democratic line for Albany County’s 35th Legislative District.

Based on our experience working with him on the committee, for Democratic voters interested in a candidate with solid character, who will advocate for openness and transparency, and who will work collaboratively and tirelessly within the county legislature, we urge them to vote for Sean Raleigh for Albany County Legislator on Primary Day, Tuesday June 25th.

Sincerely,

Mike and Judy Coyne

Members of the Bethlehem Democrat Committee 2014-2015



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Democracy dies behind closed doors

Elections are decided by voter participation and candidates depend on a high turnout of their supporters, especially on Primary Day when the representative of a political party is chosen for a particular position. For the most part, a primary is the more critical election because the result determines whether a candidate is on the ballot or whether the campaign continues.

For far too long in Bethlehem the outcome of our Primary elections has been decided by a small minority, typically about 33 percent of eligible voters, taking the few minutes necessary to make democracy work and have their voices heard. Sadly, the silent majority of voters has no say and must live with the consequences until the next election.

Voter apathy over the past eight years has resulted in the election of town officials who approve

rampant overdevelopment and the destruction of forests, farmland and pristine areas throughout town that cannot be reversed. The Working Families Party candidates Coffey, Cunningham and Kuhn, a/k/a "Dewey, Cheatam and Howe," have brought us obscene increases in undeveloped land assessments forcing overburdened taxpayers to sell their property to developers. I implore the silent majority to vote, for a change and vote for a change.

These three have worked for years behind the scenes urging our assembly member and our state senator to introduce legislation allowing a 2 percent Transfer Fee. The seller of a home would be required to pay the municipality 2 percent of the sale price allegedly for conservation of green space even though a fund for that purpose already exists in Bethlehem. When asked

about their position on the fee, they will not give you a straight answer. The 2 percent Transfer Fee bill was introduced in January in the State Senate and I urge everyone to contact Senator Breslin's office and request he withdraw the bill from consideration.

Finally, the pay-for-no-work corrupt behavior of our Albany County Legislator, Joanne Cunningham, in the 34th Legislative District must be stopped. She cannot effectively advocate on our behalf for countywide clean water, protection of the environment, replacement of disintegrating infrastructure, support for the agricultural community, Rail Trail oversight or other smart progressive ideas that we care about in central Delmar and Elsmere when she is not in attendance. She was absent from Legislative meetings of 8/8/16, 4/12/17, 8/14/17, 9/11/17 and 9/12/18 and Caucus meetings of

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Vote on Primary Day, June 25, 2019, to end the scourge on Albany County that is Ms. Cunningham!

*George T. Harder
Delmar,
Democratic candidate
for the Albany County
Legislature*

End nepotism, cronyism

Letter to the Editor of the Spotlight News

In response to: "Joyce asking for 'reinforcements,'" Letter to *The Spotlight*, May 29, 2019

On Machines, Mavericks and Reformers

"We wear the clumsy attacks of the waning old guard of machine politicians and their lackeys as badges of honor..." -Andrew Joyce

Andrew Joyce, Chairman of the Albany County Legislature, published a letter in May 29th *The Spotlight*.

His message is clear. Mr. Joyce wants Bethlehem Democratic primary voters to support his candidates for the county legislature. Those candidates, once elected, will then support him and his policy priorities.

In his assertion of unspecified "attacks" undertaken by an unspecified "old guard of machine politicians and their lackeys," Mr. Joyce wants voters to believe he is a maverick of sorts. That's interesting, because Mr. Joyce, has the dubious distinction of being the first Albany County Legislature Chairman in history to assign committee leadership

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Vote for Sean

Dear Mr. Hallisey, I would like to recommend my very good friend and neighbor, Sean Raleigh. We are in great need of a local county representative with fresh perspectives and

innovative initiatives who has demonstrated a strong community commitment. Sean is this person and I completely support him.

*Yours sincerely,
Dr. Galen B. Ritchie
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Jeff Kuhn is good and fair

To the Editor:

On a local level Albany County faces many of the challenges that our larger society confronts.

Partisan gerrymandering, whether practiced by "our side" or by "the other guys," has become so pervasive that it has seriously undermined the legitimacy of the democratic process and of the policies, laws and regulations that flow from that process. The climate is changing, not just "out there", in some far-away or exotic place as seen on the nightly news, but here, where the Monarch butterflies and the fireflies don't show up the way they used to. And while it's great that more people want to raise their children here, just as we did, it's also difficult to watch many of our local farms, and open space in general, be transformed into yet another subdivision.

And so I think we need to elect local officials who

can perceive how these and other national problems are expressed locally, and who understand that yes, there are things we can do to confront those problems. That we cannot just wait for national solutions to filter down to the smaller places, like Bethlehem or Albany County, where people like us actually live. This work also needs to be built from the ground up.

That's why I'm supporting Jeff Kuhn's bid to represent the 35th District in the Albany County Legislature in the Democratic primary on June 25.

Albany County has repeatedly faced legal challenges to its legislative districting, and it has repeatedly lost those challenges. It's past time for the county to end its long tradition of partisan redistricting and gerrymandering. This is the first issue on Jeff's platform, and it is perhaps the most

important.

Secondly, at a minimum, the county should ensure that all of its new construction is energy efficient, that Albany works towards the sustainability and resiliency of its infrastructure, and that it supports the creation of jobs that are grounded in the growing, green economy. These standards, which are also a part of Jeff's platform, will help us to avoid much more costly remediation and operational impacts in the not too distant future and can also align the county's economic future with industries that are growing.

And finally, what I think we need at an even more basic level is to identify and elect political leaders who have respect for the thoughts and opinions of the people they represent, and who have the humility to listen. We need, perhaps nowhere more than in Albany

County, representatives who genuinely want to be of service and who are willing to work with people with whom they disagree. I have had the good fortune to work with Jeff since 2012 to transform Bethlehem's Democratic Committee into a more open and representative party. His leadership, good judgment and inherent sense of fairness were indispensable in that effort. I know he will bring those same qualities to his work as an Albany County legislator.

Wendy Jordan

Albany County Democrats – I think – would prefer less maverickness in their Chairman. Further, Mr. Joyce is precisely the wrong individual to be raising the flag regarding political machines. He now represents the machine, and one of the candidates he is endorsing – Jeff Kuhn – played machine politics to the hilt while Chairman of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee (BDC). Though professing to be champion of transparency and anti-machine, Kuhn was quite the opposite.

In his endorsement of Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Joyce neglected to mention that Kuhn had been the Chairman of the BDC for six years before stepping down towards the end of 2018. It was Kuhn who engineered the 2017 electoral train wreck that unfolded when Brent Meredith withdrew his candidacy for Superintendent of Highways. Kuhn, without consulting the committee at-large, created a second candidate vacancy. What followed included improperly completed

election documents, a court battle, and Bethlehem Democrats losing two town-wide seats. It was a debacle.

Mr. Kuhn wants voters to believe that he will be a reformer who will lead the charge on good government and put an end to nepotism and cronyism. Don't even get me started. Just look at his track record as BDC Chairman, and his odd dealings with the Independence Party just weeks ago—aka "Checkgate."

A committee endorsement has decidedly less meaning if it serves to advance the personal political aspirations of its leadership, which too often seems to be the case with the Bethlehem Democratic Committee. Bethlehem Democratic primary voters in Albany County's 35th Legislative District have an opportunity to send a strong message opposed to a friends and family/self-promoting candidate like Mr. Kuhn.

Sean Raleigh
Democratic Primary Candidate,

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positions to members of the Republican Party; that of course includes the tenure of his father, Harold Joyce, who held the same position. If that's being a maverick, most

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Clearing obstacles

Hasty Page drops new album next week despite several challenges

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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Hasty Page has been quite visible within the local music scene over the past few years, which makes it hard to believe all three band members are still in school.

Josh Morris, Zane Agnew and James Paolano make up the trio Hasty Page.

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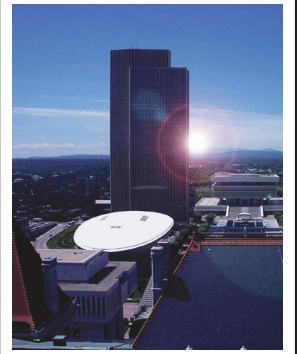
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Wheels on a Troy road

Lucinda Williams to celebrate 20th anniversary of 'Car Wheels on a Gravel Road' in Troy

TROY — Lucinda Williams and her band Buick 6 is to appear at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 18, as part of a special celebration for the Grammy Award-winning artist.



In celebration of the 20th anniversary of her highly-influential masterpiece, "Car Wheels on a Gravel Road," three-time Grammy Award-winner Lucinda Williams will perform the album in its entirety, followed by a second set of songs from throughout her remarkable career. The Car Wheels on a Gravel Road set will feature visual elements to enhance the storyteller style Williams has used for the special performances

The influence of "Car Wheels on a Gravel Road" is immeasurable, and it is considered one of the cornerstones of what is now called Americana. Following its release, the record was named Best Album of 1998 in the *Village Voice's* annual "Pazz & Jop" critics poll and received a four-star review in *Rolling Stone*, while garnering critical praise throughout the press. The album went on to win the Grammy for Best Contemporary Folk Album and *Rolling Stone* has ranked it No. 304 on their list of the "500 Greatest Albums of All Time."

In a long and celebrated career, Lucinda Williams' art is as genuine and soulful as when she began writing, and there are no signs of her slowing down any time soon.

Tickets are available via phone at 518-273-0038 or online at www.troymusichall.org. The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Box Office is located at 30 Second Street in downtown Troy, and is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information on the Troy Savings Bank Music

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW



William Tyler

William Tyler

The Low Beat — Wednesday, June 12

ALBANY — William Tyler will perform at The Low Beat on Wednesday, June 12 at 6 p.m.

William Tyler is a Nashville guitarist and composer. He spent years woodshedding and touring with Nashville groups like Lambchop and Silver Jews before breaking away to focus on his own version of instrumental guitar music. This is Williams second time at The Low Beat and we couldn't be happier!

For tickets, visit www.Eventbrite.com

The Low Beat is located at 335 Central Ave, Albany

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Riverfront Park — Wednesday, June 12

TROY — Live at the Fillmore will perform at Rockin' on the River on Wednesday, June 12 at 5 p.m.

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■ FEATURE

City celebrates milestone Capital Pride

Marking 50 years of the modern LGBTQ rights movement

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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ALBANY — Downtown Albany became much more colorful on Sunday, June 9 as droves of people came together for the annual Capital Pride Parade and Festival, which began at noon and ended officially around 5 p.m.

As June has been the de facto month for LGBTQ Pride Month, many lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people were joined by their straight allies; many were adorned with rainbow-themed glitter, iridescent outfits, and positive messages.

Capital Pride Parade, sponsored by Hannaford, began at State Street, then went through Lark Street and Madison Avenue,

before concluding at Washington Park, which was where the Capital Pride Festival was held.

“Pride Month means hope to me,” said Martha Harvey, the executive director and CEO of the Pride Center of the Capital Region. “Pride Month is the recognition of Stonewall, LGBTQ and human rights, and protections and freedom of everyone, regardless of their sexuality or expression.”

Speaking of Stonewall, it helped explain why the immense celebration and turnout at Albany’s Pride events was expected, said Harvey.

She said that 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots at the Stonewall Inn, a prominent gay bar in Manhattan, where members of the LGBTQ community rallied against police officers in retaliation of a police raid at the bar on June 28, 1969.



At the time, discrimination was much more pronounced against LGBTQ people, where

such people would often face ostracism from family and friends, risk losing their jobs, or worse.

The Stonewall riots served as a catalyst for the modern LGBTQ rights movement both

in the United States and worldwide.

“When Stonewall happened, many people said, ‘This is enough. I’m tired of being discriminated against and not being equal,’” said Harvey. “How brave were those people all those years ago to stand up to the police and say, ‘We’re done. Stop arresting and harassing us. We’re not hurting anyone. We want to love.’”

Scott Levine, vice president of the Pride Center of the Capital Region, said, “We’ve come so far in 50 years and to me, Pride is getting everyone together in one voice for at least one day. It’s a very diverse community and we want to celebrate and stand up together.”

Levine added that he felt grateful that both the city of Albany and the state overall have been supportive of

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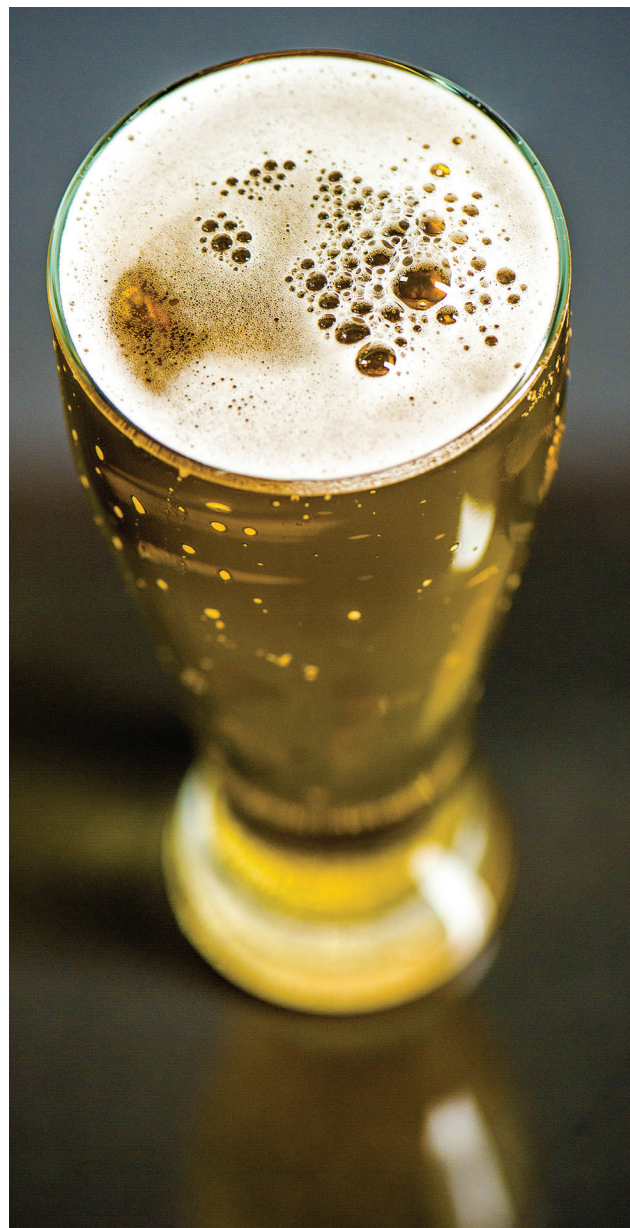
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LIFESTYLE

The art of brewing

Home brewing essentials

Home brewing is a rewarding hobby that's skyrocketed in popularity in recent years. A 2017 survey from the American Homebrewers Association found that 1.1 million in the United States brewed their own beer at home. Incredibly, 40 percent of them had started doing so in the previous four years.

Perhaps due to the craft beer boom, which has seen professional brewers experiment with new styles and ingredients, many people have discovered a passion for beer they never knew they had, ultimately motivating them to try to make their own beer at home. As prospective home brewers gain more experience, they might want to expand their horizons and purchase more advanced equipment. But the AHA notes that the following are the basics that novice home brewers will need to get started.

- **Fermenter:** Fermenters hold the wort as it ferments into beer.
- **Airlock and bung:** The airlock inserts into the top of the fermenter, allowing carbon dioxide to escape without letting contaminants in. Some fermenters will require a bung to secure the airlock.
- **Brew pot:** Sometimes called the "kettle," the brew pot is where the boiling process takes place. The size of the batch will dictate the size of the brew pot, but the larger the batch, the larger brew pot brewers will need.
- **Heat source:** The pre-boil volume needs to be heated

up, and a kitchen stove might suffice as a heat source for small batches. But the AHA notes that, as batch size grows, a more powerful heat source might be necessary to ensure timeliness of the heating process.

- **Siphon/tubing:** Siphon/tubing makes it easy and less messy to move hot wort and the finished product around. It's possible to lift and pour the hot wort and finished product, but that increases the risk of spillage. The AHA notes that auto-siphons are an option some home brewers might want to consider.

- **Cleaner:** Home brewing materials need to be cleaned thoroughly after each batch. The AHA recommends avoiding scented products, as scents can linger, potentially affecting the flavor and aroma of the finished product.

- **Sanitizers:** Sanitizers prevent microorganisms from adversely affecting brewing equipment. Brewers can create their own sanitizer by adding one ounce of bleach per gallon of water, or they can purchase sanitizers at brew shops.

- **Hydrometer:** The AHA notes that hydrometers, which measure the gravity and sugar density in water, are not technically necessary to brew beer at home. However, hydrometers allow for close monitoring of fermentation and let home brewers calculate specifications like alcohol content.

These are the essentials necessary to begin a home brewing operation. More information about products necessary for home brewing, including mashing equipment and the bottling process, is available at www.homebrewersassociation.org.

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Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila

Street, Saratoga Springs.

Smittix

Pauly's Hotel — Wednesday, June 12

ALBANY — Smittix, Voice of Addiction, Lame and We're History will perform at Pauly's Hotel on Wednesday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m.

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ALBANY — The City of Albany and SEFCU present Dad Fest, a free Father's Day event at the Washington Park Parade Grounds on Sunday, June 16, from 1 to 6 p.m.

Dad Fest will feature a classic car show, presented by Keeler Motor Car plus live music from Refugee: The Ultimate Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers Experience, Ten Most Wanted, The Flurries "Tail of the Comet", great food, vendors, kids' activities and more family fun.

Now in its fifth year, Dad Fest is the City of Albany's celebration of all the fantastic fathers out there. It's a chance for the whole family to kick back and enjoy an early summer afternoon at one of the Capital District's most picturesque parks, surrounded by classic cars, good folks, good tunes and good times. Of course, you don't



Refugee: The Ultimate Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers Experience have to be a dad to enjoy Dad Fest – this event offers a little fun for everyone.

In the event of inclement weather, Dad Fest will be held at the Corning Preserve Boat launch.

For more information on Dad Fest and all of the City of Albany's free, family-friendly events, visit www.albanyevents.org, 518-434-2032 or follow [albanyNYevents](https://www.facebook.com/albanyNYevents) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Thurs: Heather Maloney, 7 p.m.
Sat: Jocelyn & Chris Arndt, 8 p.m.
Sun: Paul Green & Two Worlds, 7 p.m.
Mon: Open Mic Night, 7 p.m.
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Gaelic Storm

Thurs: Trivia, 6:30 p.m.

Sun: Father's Day Tour and Tasting,
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Thurs: Hamilton Street Jazz Company,
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Fri: Pete Sweeney, 6 p.m.

Hamlet and Ghost

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Hangar on the Hudson

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8 p.m.

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Fri: Karaoke, 7 p.m.
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Jessica Stone's

738 New Loudon Rd., Latham.
518-785-8536
Wed: Talent Scout Open Mic, 8 p.m.
Thurs: Big Crunch Bingo, 7 p.m.
Fri: Trivia Live, 7 p.m.

Jupiter Hall

Lucky Strike Social,
1 Crossgates Mall Rd., Albany.
518-556-3350
Fri: Revenge — A KISS Tribute, 8 p.m.

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Sun: Rockstar Open Mic, 7:30 p.m.
Mon: Wistful, 7 p.m.
Tues: Jazz Jam, 7 p.m.

Mouzon House

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Thurs: TBA, 6 p.m.
Fri: Take Two Trio, 6 p.m.
Sat: Zach Ferrara & Romario, 6 p.m.

Putnam Place

63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.
518-584-8066
Thurs: The Wheel, 8:45 p.m.
Sat: Putnam Paddy Party, 8 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub

150 Speigletown Rd., Troy.
518-235-5858
Thurs: Open Mic w/ Brian Kane, 8 p.m.
Fri: The Tradition, 8 p.m.
Sat: Back 40 Band, 8 p.m.

Salt & Char

453 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.
518-450-7500
Every Sun: Hot Club
of Saratoga, Noon

Saratoga City Tavern

19-21 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.
518-581-3230
Thurs: Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Mon: Bingo, 8 p.m.
Tues: Trivia, 8 p.m.

Savoy Taproom

301 Lark Street, Albany
518-599-5140
Fri: Girl Blue, Belle Skinner, Caity Gal-
lagher, Zan & The Winter Folk, 9 p.m.

Skyloft

1 Crossgates Mall Rd., Albany.
518-869-5638
Thurs: Outlaws, 8 p.m.
Fri: Gaelic Storm, 8 p.m.
• DJ Reel, 11 p.m.

Speakeasy 518

42 Howard St., Albany.
518-449-2332
Wed: Weekly Bartender Throwdown,
8 p.m.
Thurs: Swing Night w/ Mike Jenkins &
the Fat Ties, 9 p.m.
Fri: Tyler Giroux Quartet, 9 p.m.
Sat: Graeme Francis Trio, 9 p.m.

Speakeasy 518

42 Howard St., Albany.
518-449-2332
Thurs: Teresa Broadwell Trio, 6 p.m.
Fri: Kevin Green, 7 p.m.
Upstate Concert Hall

Van Slyck's

Rivers Casino & Resort
1 Rush St., Schenectady.
518-579-8800
Fri: TS Ensemble / DeeJay Element /
Keith Sweat, 8 p.m.
Sat: Funk Evolution & DeeJay Element,
8 p.m.

Vapor Night Club

Saratoga Casino Hotel
342 Jefferson St., Saratoga Springs.
518-581-5775
Fri: The Audiostars, 8 p.m.
Sat: Fighting Friday, 8 p.m.

Waterworks Pub

76 Central Ave., Albany.
518-465-9079
Wed: Wacky Wednesdays Drag Show,
11 p.m.
Fri: Friday Nights, 11 p.m.
Sat: Saturday Nights, 11 p.m.

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Not a star ... yet

Girl Blue earned notoriety after her 2016 release "I Am Not A Star" took the Spotify streaming service by storm. Her next album is due out next month. She joins a talented setlist of local artists — Belle-Skinner, Caity Gallagher, Zan & The Winter Folk — for a free performance at Savoy Taproom on Friday, June 14.

Kiki Vassilakis Photography

Wishing Well Restaurant

Fri: Mike Purcell, 6 p.m.
Sat: Rob Aronstein, 6 p.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

Live at the Fillmore

Live at the Fillmore will perform at Rockin' on the River on Wednesday, June 12 at 5 p.m. Live at the Fillmore offers an exact reproduction of the live concert performances of the original Allman Brothers Band featuring Duane Allman, Dickey Betts and Berry Oakley. Musically and sonically, LATF creates the experience of hearing one of the greatest live bands of all time as they sounded in 1969 to 1971. Riverfront Park is located next to Dinosaur BBQ, Troy.

Pride Open Mic

Caffe Lena is celebrating LGBTQ Pride Month with their annual Pride Open Mic presented in collaboration with Saratoga Pride! Join them for a very special evening of expression on Wednesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs

William Tyler

William Tyler will perform at The Low Beat on Wednesday, June 12 at 6 p.m. William Tyler is a Nashville guitarist and composer. He spent years woodshedding and touring with Nashville groups like Lambchop and Silver Jews before breaking away to focus on his own version of instrumental guitar music. This is Williams second time at The Low Beat and we couldn't be happier! For tickets, visit www.Eventbrite.com. The Low Beat is located at 335 Central Ave, Albany

Smittix

Smittix, Voice of Addiction, Lame and

We're History will perform at Pauly's Hotel on Wednesday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. Pauly's Hotel is located at 337 Central Ave, Albany.

Sister Harmony, Laurie and Sherree

Laurie and Sherree will perform at the Moon and River Cafe on Wednesday, June 12 at 6 p.m. The Moon and River Cafe is located at 115 S Ferry St, Schenectady.

Chris Dukes Band

Chris Duke's band will be performing at Empire State Plaza on Wednesday, June 12 at 12 p.m. 12 weeks of FREE daytime concerts crossing all genres featuring the popular Empire State Plaza Farmer's Market and the adjacent Plaza food truck program. Located on the grassy area between Agency Buildings 2 and 3. Empire State plaza is located in Albany

The Wheel

The Wheel continues its June residency at Putnam Place on Thursday, June 13 at 8:45 p.m. Founded in 2010, Andy Morse was looking to play to his roots of years chasing the Grateful Dead, and current incarnations around forged "The Wheel." The group is continually rolling, covering new terrain in creative spaces before it as it spins 24 hours a day. Putnam Place is located at 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs..

Heather Maloney

Heather Maloney will perform at Caffe Lena on Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. Diffuser said it best about this incredible talent: "With an exceptional mix of indie rock and Americana, Heather Maloney has crafted an unforgettable album with Making Me Break. Slated to hit the streets in late April, the new disc is a fascinating listening experience front to back, combining intricate melodies with dynamic musical arrangements and thoughtful lyrics — culminating in one of the most exciting records we've heard in a long time." For tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com.

eventbrite.com. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

Travie McCoy

Travie McCoy will perform at the second 2019 Alive at 5 show at Jennings Landing on Thursday, June 13 at 5 p.m. Geneva, New York's own Travie McCoy is a rapper, songwriter and singer. Founding member and frontman for Gym Class Heroes, he exploded on the scene as a solo artist with his debut solo album Lazarus. The lead single from the album, "Billionaire" featuring Bruno Mars, peaked at number four on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and sold 15,000 copies in its first week. McCoy has collaborated with Jason Mraz, Panic! at the Disco lead singer Brendon Urie, Sia and more. Jennings Landing is located in Albany.

Those People

Those People will perform at Club Helsinki on Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. and Friday, June 14 at 7 p.m. Upstage Productions Inc. Proudly Presents: Those People. A celebration of the quirky, strange, hilarious, bizarre, and geeky life in the theatre during the last 25 years and what it means to be "Those People". A brand-spankin' new cabaret starring local, talented members of the community - all who have made 25 years of upstage productions possible. Created and Directed by Adam Harrison and Christina Kokonis-Viggers. For tickets, visit www.Eventbrite.com. Club Helsinki is located at 405 Columbia St, Hudson

SM Wolf

SM Wolf, Haunted Cat, and Pencildive will perform at Pauly's Hotel on Thursday, June 13 at 8:30 p.m. Pauly's Hotel is located at 337 Central Ave, Albany.

Next Chapter, Laurie and Craig

Laurie and Craig will perform at the Moon and River Cafe on Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. The Moon and River Cafe is located at 115 S Ferry St, Schenectady

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CLUES ACROSS

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- Luke's mentor ___-Wan
- Muses
- IBM operating system
- Hungarian village
- Popular conversation topic
- N. Atlantic island
- Fail to discern correctly
- The President has one
- Irish Gaelic language
- Gasteyer and Ivanovic are two
- Garnished
- National capital
- Basics
- Initial public offering
- Winged horse
- English synthpop duo
- Mars crater
- A lot
- Small organelles
- By reason of
- "Growing Pains" actor Kirk
- Free from contamination
- Genus in the mahogany family
- Body part
- A belief in a supreme being
- Talk a lot
- Actors' group
- Unit of measurement
- Slick
- No seats available
- A way to change color

CLUES DOWN

- Belongs to the daughter of Chaos
- Wardrobe
- Derek and Jeff are two
- Disfigured
- Hawaiian dish
- What a hack drives
- Horse gear
- Do away with
- Narrow straits between Sinai and Arabian peninsulas
- Corrie
- Hawaiian flower necklace
- Midway between northeast and east
- Insecticide
- Comfort
- Town in Galilee
- Informal greeting
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Used to check the heart
- Western India island
- Credit card term
- Female deer
- British football team
- Persian jurisdiction
- Freshwater mussel genus
- Opposite of happiness
- Ban on trade
- Bitterly regrets
- Assented
- Well-proportioned
- Part of (abbr.)
- Indigenous people of Thailand
- A man of your stature (abbr.)
- Advantageous
- Female sibling
- Electronic countermeasures
- Swiss river

Answers on Pg. B21

The Lawn Sausages and Super 400

Hangar on the Hudson will host The Lawn Sausages and Super 400 on Friday, June 14 at 7 p.m. For tickets, visit www.brownpapertickets.com. Hangar on the Hudson is located at 675 River St., Troy.

The Outlaws

The Outlaws will perform at Skyloft on Friday, June 14 at 8 p.m. For 40 years, the southern rock legends celebrated triumphs, endured tragedies and survived legal nightmares to remain one of the most influential and best-loved bands of the genre. Now The Outlaws return with new music, new focus and an uncompromising new mission: It's about a band of brothers bound together by history, harmony and the road. It's about a group that respects its own legacy while refusing to be defined by its past. But most of all, it's about pride. For tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com. Skyloft is located at 1 Crossgates Mall Road, Albany.

Revenge: A KISS Tribute

Jupiter Hall will host Revenge: A KISS Tribute on Friday, June 14 at 8 p.m. Revenge is a New York non-make up era tribute band dedicated to the energy, spirit, power and fun of the iconic rock band KISS. With special appearances from Wasteland Junction and The Hard Luck Souls. For tickets, visit www.ticketfly.com. Jupiter Hall, located inside Lucky Strike Social, is located at 1 Crossgates Mall Road, Albany.

Albert Cummings

Albert Cummings will perform at the

Egg Performing Art Center on Friday, June 14 at 8 p.m. Albert Cummings, New England's favorite blues man, brings his barrage of guitar pyrotechnics – effortlessly shifting from raucous roadhouse raunch to soaring stinging lead lines to subdued stylings as heard on his most recent recording Someone Like You. For tickets, visit www.theegg.org. The Egg Performing Arts Center is located at Empire State Plaza, Albany.

Girl Blue, Belle-Skinner, Caity Gallagher, Zan & The Winter Folk

Girl Blue, Belle-Skinner, Caity Gallagher and Zan & The Winter Folk will perform at Savoy Taproom on Friday, June 14 at 8 p.m. Savoy Taproom is proud to present... An Evening of Powerful Female Vocals featuring 2019 Eddie 'Solo Artist of the Year' Girl Blue, award winning alternative folk singer-songwriter Belle-Skinner, folk rock singer & songwriter Caity Gallagher of Honey Slider and 2019 Eddie 'Folk Artist of the Year' nominated Zan & The Winter Folk on Friday, June 14th at 9pm. This is a FREE show with no cover charge. Savoy Taproom is located at 301 Lark Street, Albany

Pearl

Cynthia, Roger and John will perform at the Moon and River Cafe on Friday, June 14 at 7 p.m. The Moon and River Cafe is located at 115 S Ferry St, Schenectady

TS Ensemble & DeeJay Element

TS Ensemble will perform at Rivers Ca-

sino on Friday, June 14 at 8 p.m. and DeeJay Element will perform at Rivers Casino on Friday, June 14 at 9 p.m. Rivers Casino and Resort is located at 1 Rush St, Schenectady

Keith Sweat

Keith Sweat has been rescheduled to perform in Rivers Casino on Friday, June 14 at 8 p.m. Rivers Casino and Resort is located at 1 Rush St, Schenectady

J Yager and The Audiostars

J Yager and the Audiostars will perform at the Vapor Nightclub on Friday, June 14 at 8 p.m. J Yager and The Audiostars get the party started and keep it there all night long! No cover. Happy Hour Drink Specials 8pm-9pm: \$4.50 Corona, \$5.00 Captain Morgan Cocktails, 21+ to enter. Save your seat for the night. Call 518-581-5775 for Table & Lounge Reservations. Vapor Nightclub is located at 342 Jefferson St, Saratoga Springs.

Funk Evolution & DeeJay Element

Funk Evolution will perform at Rivers Casino on Saturday, June 15 at 8 p.m. and DeeJay Element will perform at Rivers Casino on Saturday, June 15 at 9 p.m. Rivers Casino and Resort is located at 1 Rush St, Schenectady

Putnam Paddy Party

Putnam Place will host Putnam Paddy Party on Saturday, June 15 at 8 p.m. Hellcat Maggie, Morrighan's Flight, and Kilashandra bring Celtic pride to Putnam Place for one incredible night. This show will have a \$10 admission charge. Put-

nam Place is located at 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.

The Magdalens w/s/g Belle-Skinner

Hangar on the Hudson will host The Magdalens w/s/g Belle-Skinner on Saturday, June 15 at 8 p.m. The Magdalens are an alt-folk/rock band. They perform original songs and cover a unique blend of Americana classics and indie music. Belle-Skinner (aka Maria Brosgol) is a singer-songwriter, guitarist, and producer from New York. With a hauntingly beautiful, lilting soprano and innate sense of melody she crafts tales of song-birds, sirens and desert nomads — nuanced and layered stories which bridge the gap between past and present. Hangar on the Hudson is located at 675 River St., Troy.

Gaelic Storm

Gaelic Storm will perform at Skyloft on Saturday, June 15 at 7 p.m. It's hard to imagine a band just coming into their own after 20 years of success, but that's exactly what makes a true anomaly. This multi-national, Celtic juggernaut grows stronger with each live performance, and as you can imagine, after two decades and over 2000 shows, it is a true force to be reckoned with. With their latest release, Go Climb a Tree, their music has never sounded more representative of themselves as musicians and as live performers. For tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com. Skyloft is located at 1 Crossgates Mall Road, Albany.

DJ Reel

DJ Reel will spin some hits at Skyloft on Saturday, June 15 at 11 p.m. Join the staff at Skyloft and DJ Reel for Skyloft Saturdays! For tickets and dress code

information, visit www.eventbrite.com. Skyloft is located at 1 Crossgates Mall Road, Albany.

Jocelyn and Chris Arndt

Jocelyn and Chris Arndt will perform at Caffe Lena on Saturday, June 15 at 8 p.m. Jocelyn and Chris Arndt are a sibling blues-rock duo from Upstate New York. With powerful vocals, retro-rock guitar, and lyrics that run deep, this duo is creating a new generation of retro-style rock. Chris' guitar playing weaves together his rock n' roll roots with his own modern flavor while Jocelyn sings with a raw, Janis Joplin-inspired voice. For tickets, visit www.brownpapertickets.com. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

Red Molly with Ellis Paul

Red Molly and Ellis Paul will perform at the Egg Performing Art Center on Satur-



Who's your daddy?

Keith Sweat, a dominate figure in the early days of New Jack Swing, is coming back to the Capital District to play a show at Rivers Casino on Friday, June 14, at 8 p.m.

Keith Sweat

AT THE PLAZA SUMMER

FREE EVENTS

NEW YORK STATE'S 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
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Salt-N-Pepa
Aug. 14 | 5:30-8:30pm

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July 13 | 12:00-5:00pm

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Located in West Capitol Park
Double Indemnity
Aug. 21 | 8:00pm
My Fair Lady
Aug. 28 | 8:00pm

JAZZ ON THE PLAZA
Located on the patio of Cornerstone at the Plaza
Doc Scanlon
Sep. 4 | 5:30-7:30pm
Fleur Seule
Sep. 11 | 5:30-7:30pm

HOPS & HARVEST
The Dawg Trio – With David Grisman, Sam Grisman, and Danny Barnes
Sep. 18 | 5:00-9:00pm

HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION
Toby Love
Sep. 28 | 6:00-10:00pm



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day, June 15 at 8 p.m. Red Molly – Laurie MacAllister (bass), Abbie Gardner (Dobro), and Molly Venter (guitar) – weave together the threads of American music – from Americana folk, bluegrass, and heartbreaking ballads to barn-burning honky-tonk – as effortlessly as they blend their caramel voices into their signature soaring, crystalline three-part harmonies. For tickets, visit www.theegg.org The Egg Performing Arts Center is located at Empire State Plaza, Albany.

Miss Sherry Vine

Miss Sherry Vine will perform at Club Helsinki on Saturday, June 15 at 7 p.m. Miss Sherry Vine Brings Gay Cabaret to Helsinki Hudson. Having established herself as one of NYC's downtown darlings, Miss Sherry Vine also tours the world with her all live singing, comedy shows. Miss Vine is a founding member

of Theatre Couture and has starred in all of their productions including; the smash sold out hit CARRIE, DOLL and the Off Broadway hit TELL-TALE. Sherry can also be seen in numerous films and two seasons of her variety show, She's Living For This, now on Hulu. Sherry has earned the status of YouTube sensation with her hysterical video parodies that have been viewed over 18,000,000 times and in 2016 launched the network gay SVTVworld (a one stop destination for all your gay entertainment needs!) on her channel. For tickets, visit www.Eventbrite.com Club Helsinki is located at 405 Columbia St, Hudson.

Confused Products Media presents B*stard-geddon

B*stard-geddon will be held on Saturday, June 15 at 7 p.m. Come on out June 15th to B*stard-geddon hosted by your favorite Gas Mask Goons over

at Confused Products Media! With Special Guests Mission Infect's own Madd Maxxx, Simply The Rabbit, Mike Cleopatra, Kraeyzie PayN, Lou Laden of The Oven Party and It That Betrays. The Low Beat is located at 335 Central Ave, Albany

Call Shotgun

Call Shotgun, The Pedestrians and The Winning Season will perform at Pauly's Hotel on Saturday, June 15 at 8:30 p.m. Pauly's Hotel is located at 337 Central Ave, Albany.

Fighting Friday

Fighting Friday will perform at the Vapor Nightclub on Saturday, June 15 at 8 p.m. Known as Boston's best rock band, Fighting Friday brings their unique mashups and insane energy back to Vapor! No cover. Happy Hour Drink Specials 8pm-9pm: \$4.50 Corona, \$5.00 Captain Mor-



Be warned

The Lawn Sausages approach the fine line between humor and indecency and obliterate it with their unique musical style. The band is to perform at the Hangar on the Hudson on Friday, June 14 at 7 p.m. For tickets, visit www.brownpapertickets.com.

The Lawn Sausages

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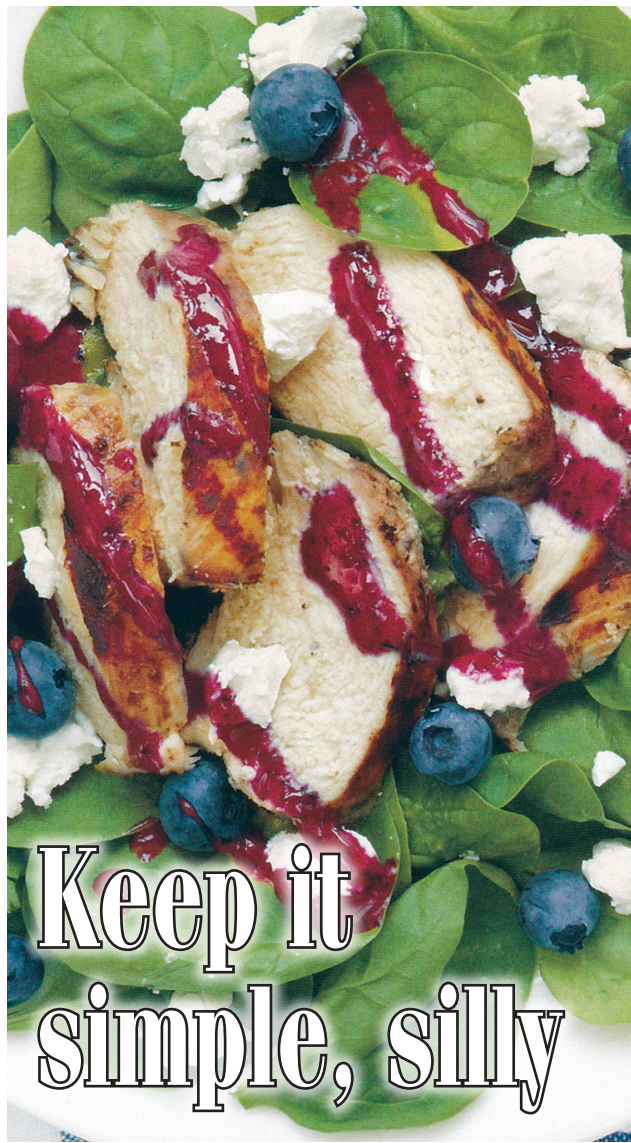
gan Cocktails, 21+ to enter. Save your seat for the night. Call 518-581-5775.

MISCELLANEOUS

16th Annual Troy River Fest
The 16th Annual Troy River Fest will be held on Saturday, June 15 at 9 a.m. Showcasing carefully curated, locally crafted handmade goods and local cuisine in an open-air bazaar situated in the scenic, historic downtown district. This event is an organic, grassroots festival designed to mimic the flow of the Hudson by encouraging visitors to ramble throughout the streets of downtown Troy. The Troy Business Improvement District is located at 251 River St, Troy

Fitness at the Plaza
Fitness at the Plaza will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, June 4 to Aug. 29, at 5 p.m. Presented by BlueShield of Northeastern New York, Fitness at the Plaza features HIIT by Catrina K Fitness on Tuesdays and Sunshine Flow Yoga by The Hot Yoga Spot on Thursdays! Plaza Level, between Agency Buildings 2 and 3 Rain Space - The Hart Lounge in the Egg Free and open to everyone regardless of age, fitness level, or experience. All participants are required to sign a waiver in order to participate. You may register for individual classes to sign the waiver in advance and to allow us to contact you regarding updates to the schedule. Walk-ins are always welcome. For more information visit: <https://empirestateplaza.ny.gov/fitness-plaza-presented-blueshield-northeastern-new-york>.

FOOD & VINO



When the warm weather beckons, people are apt to spend more time enjoying the great outdoors. Many people also are less likely to prepare heavy meals when the weather warms up. Rich, filling foods can make people feel sluggish, especially on hot days and nights. That's why salads and summer are such a perfect match.

Salads can be made with whichever ingredients home chefs prefer or have on hand. What better way to maximize the summer season than by incorporating summer berries into the salad mix? In this recipe for "Blueberry Spinach Salad with Grilled Chicken" from "Cooking Light: Fresh Food Superfast" (Oxmoor House) from the Editors of Cooking Light, iron, folate, vitamins, and rich antioxidants combine to create a light, tasty meal that's perfect for summer evenings.

Blueberry Spinach Salad with Grilled Chicken

Ingredients: Serves 4

- 3 6-ounce skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- Cooking spray
- 1 6-ounce package fresh baby spinach
- 1 cup crumbled goat cheese
- 1 cup blueberries, optional
- Blueberry-Thyme Dressing (see below)

Prepare Blueberry Thyme Dressing.

Place chicken breasts in a medium bowl. Add 1/3 cup dressing, toss to coat.

Heat a nonstick grill pan over medium-high heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Add chicken mixture to pan; cook 5 minutes on each side, or until desired degree of doneness. Let chicken stand 3 minutes before cutting crosswise into 1/2-inch slices. Cover and keep warm.

While chicken cooks, place 1 1/2 cups spinach on

each of four plates. Top salads evenly with chicken slices; sprinkle evenly with goat cheese and, if desired, blueberries. Drizzle evenly with remaining dressing.

Blueberry-Thyme Dressing

Ingredients: Serves 5

- 1 cup blueberries
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Place all ingredient in a blender; process for 30 seconds or until smooth.

Pairing:

Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc
Kim Crawford — New Zealand

This time of year, we may be leaning more towards the whites. Warmer days call for a chilled bottle of wine. At least, that's what we're craving these days. However, we went with a sauvignon blanc to complement the goat cheese in this dish.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Starting off right

Should you skip breakfast while dieting?

The secret to losing weight involves a careful balance. The number of calories that go into a person should be exceeded by the energy expended by exercise and the normal biological functions of the body. This often involves controlling caloric intake, which can be simple when people cut back on portion sizes.

Some people believe they can lose weight by limiting what they eat and even skipping certain meals altogether. But skipping a meal like breakfast could actually have an adverse effect on weight-loss efforts.

People who lose weight and keep it off are generally those who eat a large, healthy breakfast. In a 2017 study about meal frequency and changes in body mass index published in *The Journal of Nutrition*, researchers found that those who made breakfast the largest meal of the day were more likely to have a lower body mass index (BMI) than those who ate a large lunch or dinner. A portion-controlled breakfast full of lean protein and whole grains can help people to feel fuller longer. Breakfast can curb hunger pangs before lunch, reducing the likelihood that people will reach for unhealthy vending machine fare to tide them over until their midday meals.

The nutrition experts at Runtastic, a resource for avid

Some people believe they can lose weight by limiting what they eat and even skipping certain meals altogether.

runners, find that eating breakfast stimulates the body's natural thermogenic process, which is the use of energy to store food in the stomach, transport it through the digestive system and burn energy. Furthermore, studies have shown that eating a meal in the morning boosts metabolism more than eating the same meal in the evening. That's because, in the morning, the meal is jump-starting the body's metabolic process for the day.

Eating breakfast also can have a positive impact on blood sugar concentration and may reduce postprandial hyperglycemia (higher blood sugar levels after eating) in people who have diabetes.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recommends people divide their total daily food intake into four or five meals, including breakfast, over the course of the day. This provides constant fuel and will help one to avoid hunger pangs and blood sugar drops that may lead to impulse eating.

When choosing breakfast foods, certain options are smarter than others. Look for lean proteins, vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat dairy products. High-fiber foods, like oatmeal, can quell hunger pangs quickly and stabilize blood sugar after a meal. Protein also is filling. A 2005 study of overweight women published in the *Journal of the American College of Nutrition* showed that eating eggs for breakfast instead of a bagel significantly increased feelings of fullness and reduced food intake later in the day. Increasing fiber intake from fruits also can create feelings of fullness and promote weight loss.

Breakfast is an important meal that shouldn't be skipped, even by people aiming to lose weight.

HOROSCOPES

June 2019
Week 2

ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

Start sorting through things, Aries. You have many irons in the fire and not much time to get things done. You might have to call in a backup team to help out.

TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

Relationships take work, Taurus. You have to put in the effort if you want to see yours blossom to its full potential. Schedule some time to spend with your sweetheart.

GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

Gemini, everyone at work needs to pitch in to get a job done. If you feel like you are putting in more of the effort than others, you may need to speak up.

CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

Put a strong face on if upsetting news comes your way, Cancer. You're tough enough to get through it, and you may need to take a leadership role.

LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

Leo, don't throw in the towel when things do not go your way. Simply find another work-around or tactic that may prove a path to success. Keep trying.

VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

A few things are coming up that will be completely out of your control, Virgo. Letting go of the reins can be good for you once in a while. And you may learn a thing or two.

LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

You are doling out tons of advice lately, and it suits you, Libra. Others want to know your opinion on many different things, and you are ready and willing to offer it to them.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

"When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." Why not turn it into lemon meringue pie instead, Scorpio? Really put a positive spin on the situation, and you'll feel better.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

Investigate some travel options that can get you away for a little bit, Sagittarius. A change of scenery can do you good, and you will feel reinvigorated after your trip.

CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

After a bumpy start, the week will smooth out quite nicely and can prove very enjoyable for you, Capricorn. Invite some friends over or go out for happy hour.

AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

It is time to put yourself first, Aquarius, even though that's not always your style. Find some interests and let work slide for a little while so you can recharge.

PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

Be sure to periodically check your on your finances, Pisces. If much has been flowing out, you may have to curb spending for a little bit.

From page B1 ... Clearing obstacles

The band's name has been on the setlist for high profile gigs, Tulip Fest and Pearlpalooza both immediately come to mind. The latter of the two was no small task. The trio of students from the College of Saint Rose's prestigious music program beat out a cadre of local bands in a month-long battle of the bands competition. They earned the spot in a two-way tie with Front Biz to open upstate New York's largest one-day festival. The annual block party often features the best up-and-coming alternative acts in the country, and they were on the bill, too.

Two years after releasing their debut LP "Distance," Hasty Page is about to drop its follow-up LP, "Things to Do Before I Die." They do so with an album release performance set at The Linda WAMC's Performing Arts Studio on Friday, June 21, with Gabby Hammond and El Modernist. For drummer and vocalist Josh Morris, the new release takes the band right where it left off with Distance two years ago.

"The concept behind it is kinda where we are in our lives right now," said Morris. "We're stuck in the middle of college right now."

The album was recorded in August of 2017 with the intent to release it a year later. "Body Shots," the album's first single, was released on Spotify last June followed by "Vices" a few months later. While introducing listeners to new music, new ideas, and new styles with this release,

the band stays true to who they are by continuing to write honest, heartfelt lyrics, as well as rock-driven guitar riffs and catchy pop hooks.

Hasty Page is an alt/indie rock power trio from Queensbury. Morris, Zane Agnew and James Paolano formed the band in 2015 as the three were still in high school. The sound in which they've pioneered is without any boundaries; crossing genres, taking risks and writing how they feel. Morris said "Things to Do Before I Die," was put together at a time in which the trio was challenged. The three were separated as academic studies drew them overseas through distant learning programs.

Paolano was the inspiration behind the name of the band's first album. He was left behind in high school as the other two went off to college. "Distance," literally, called to his separation from the band. He goes to school at Berkeley. Morris and Agnew attend Saint Rose. When the band competed to play Pearlpalooza, they hired the services of another musician — Will Fredette, of El Modernist.

"It's kinda ironic because our bass player is even further away right now," said Morris. "He's 3,000 miles away, in Spain."

This distance creates a "complicated" dynamic, said Morris. All three are dedicated musicians with a "get your work done" attitude, he said. The band tries hard enough to write songs together, but the distance makes that difficult. Instead, they continue to write songs on their own. Sometimes, he said, those songs work out as a side project. Morris recently started playing drums with Dark Honey.



"As a band, we're kind of in a confusing place right now," said Morris. "We kind of take it as it comes."

Despite the challenges, "as it comes" has earned the band success. "Vices" has been placed into four different Spotify playlists, amassing over 4,000 streams. The band has also seen a 663 percent jump in Spotify streams with a total of 3,000 monthly

listeners and climbing. Now with a new music video to support the track, things appear to be taking off for this young band. Last December, the band played at Saratoga's First Night festivities.

Close the distance between these three and it would be a wonder to see what they could accomplish without the obstacles they now overcome.

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Empire State Plaza – Wednesdays June - August

ALBANY — Chris Duke's band will be performing at Empire State Plaza on Wednesday, June 12 at 12 p.m.

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Empire State plaza is located in Albany.

The Wheel

Putnam Place — Thursday, June 13

SARATOGA SPRINGS — The Wheel will perform at Putnam Place on Thursday, June 13 at 8:45 p.m.

Putnam Place is located at 63a Putnam St., Saratoga

Springs.

Heather Maloney

Caffe Lena — Thursday, June 13

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Heather Maloney will perform at Caffe Lena on Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m.

Diffuser said it best about this incredible talent: "With an exceptional mix of indie rock and Americana, Heather Maloney has crafted an unforgettable album with Making Me Break. Slated to hit the streets in late April, the new disc is a fascinating listening experience front to back, combining intricate melodies with dynamic musical arrangements and thoughtful lyrics — culminating in one of the most exciting records we've heard in a long time."

For tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com.

Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

Travie McCoy

Jennings Landing — Thursday, June 13

ALBANY — Travie McCoy will perform at the second 2019 Alive at 5 show at Jennings Landing on Thursday, June 13 at 5 p.m.

Geneva, New York's own Travie McCoy is a rapper, songwriter and singer. Founding member and frontman for Gym Class Heroes, he exploded on the scene as a solo artist with his debut solo album Lazarus. The lead single from the album, "Billionaire" featuring Bruno Mars, peaked at number four on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and sold 15,000 copies in its first week. McCoy has collaborated with Jason Mraz, Panic! at the Disco lead singer Brendon Urie, Sia and more.

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ALBANY — Fitness at the Plaza will be held every Tuesday and Thursday June 4 - August 29* at 5 p.m.

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*Please note there will be no Fitness at the Plaza program the week of July 4.

Next Chapter, Laurie and Craig

Moon and River Cafe — Thursday, June 13

SCHENECTADY — Laurie and Craig will perform at the Moon and River Cafe on Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m.

The Moon and River Cafe is located at 115 S Ferry St, Schenectady.

“Those People”

Club Helsinki — Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14

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ALBANY — SM Wolf, Haunted Cat, and Pencildive will perform at Pauly's Hotel on Thursday, June 13 at 8:30 p.m.

Pauly's Hotel is located at 337 Central Ave, Albany

The Lawn Sausages and Super 400

Hangar on the Hudson — Friday, June 14

TROY — Hangar on the Hudson will host The Lawn Sausages and Super 400 on Friday, June 14 at 7 p.m.

For tickets, visit www.brownpapertickets.com.

Hangar on the Hudson is located at 675 River St.,

Troy.

The Outlaws

Skyloft — Friday, June 14

ALBANY — The Outlaws will perform at Skyloft on Friday, June 14 at 8 p.m.

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For tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com.

Skyloft is located at 1 Crossgates Mall Road, Albany.

Revenge: A KISS Tribute

Jupiter Hall — Friday, June 14

ALBANY — Jupiter Hall will host Revenge: A KISS Tribute on Friday, June 14 at 8 p.m.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Lyrics on Grenada's history, immigration



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Tying her family's history and Grenada's past with her music

By LAURA DAPOLITO
nysmusic.com

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Grenadian-Canadian banjo singer and vocalist, Kaia Kater, returned to Caffè Lena on Thursday, June 6 to promote her folk album, Grenades. The 2018 album highlights Kater's lush, tenor voice to tell the story of her father's immigration from Grenada after the US invasion in 1983. The talented Kater, whose velvety voice and traditional use of folk tells a story of social injustice, inspired a small group of fans to leave their home sofas. They sat on Lena's comfy couches for the night to hear songs laced with themes exposing racism and ethnocentrism, told with raw honesty and soothing

sound.

Accompanied by Dan Riccione on electric guitar and vocals, and Andrew Ryan on upright bass and vocals, Kater informally took the stage at the historic Caffè Lena with a brief "hi" before launching into her song "St. Elizabeth." The small crowd of approximately 40 audience members quieted quickly as she plucked her banjo, creating a soul-soothing sound. And just like that, Kater had the house's full attention.

The 25-year-old Kater demonstrated wit and dry humor when speaking of herself as "much older and wiser now," when contrasted to her tour approximately three years ago that brought her to Saratoga. Her current tour was intended to showcase the new album Grenada, an album she envisioned would help her move forward "by looking at the

past." But first, she revisited "The Heavenly Track," an earlier piece that used vocal harmonies to raise the audience's spirit and sense of hope.

Kater played newsreels and interviews with her father sporadically in between the songs inspired by his immigration story, starting with the excitement of her father Dino's memory of the peaceful revolution that brought Maurice Bishop to power in 1979. Her responsive songs captured the hopeful energy of a time with major chords and somewhat naïve lyrics representing a time in Grenadian history, that shifted despair to hope for many. "Meridian Ground" and "Canyon Land" both paired faster-moving sections of the songs with slower, drawn out choruses, emphasizing both the uncertainty and the hope of the era.

Kater returned to a previous favorite next with "Nine Pin," juxtaposing satisfying harmonies once again with desperate lyrics about loss of self. Shortly after, as if reading the audience's emotional state, Kater returned to the Grenada theme, playing a newsreel about how the National Women's Organization in the early 1980s were providing education and social service support to the young. The trio, accompanied only by the bass, sang a folk-esque song in French, sounding like children's voices. Kater smiled, admitting she liked singing that song. The audience had too, resting back a bit more, and breathing easier.

"Starry Day" and "New Colossus" finished the first set. Kater, just like those in folk before her, had a reason to tell her stories and was pleased to share them with the focused audience. She shared that "New Colossus" was inspired by the famed Emma Lazarus poem printed on the Statue of Liberty. "I always loved the Statue of Liberty. Here's this huge woman, holding a torch, taking up space." She suggested the statue was a reminder of how "bad-ass" women can be,

and her song: a reminder to women to take up the life long work to be bigger and take up space. The inclusion of the statue, often a sign of hope for immigrants, brought the audience back to the reminder that the overarching story of the night belonged truly to immigration.

After a longer break of thirty minutes, the trio returned for a second set. "Everything is free" was her opener, a song by Gillian Welch and David Rollings. Featuring both guitar and bass solos, the group's energy seemed to crescendo into the second song, "Little Sorrow," written by

Kater's aunt, Julia Kater. The bass' long and slow bow strokes, combined with Kater's authentically sorrowful voice, translated the meaning of the song sung in French, even for non-French speakers.

And from there, the

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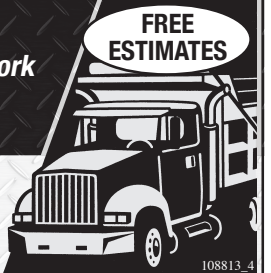
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From page B17 ...

Kaia Kater

group transitioned back to Grenada with perhaps one of the most powerful pieces of the night: "Grenade."

Ronald Reagan sent war to Grenada in 1983 with over 18,000 troops landing on the small island. Punished for their successful use of African culture and social-economic successes based in community efforts, supporters of Maurice Bishop on the island found themselves with nowhere to hide. The Reagan recording expressed Grenada's successes were a threat somehow to Americans; he demanded its citizens to "act like the hemisphere" in which they live rather than embracing African cultures or face invasion. And with that, the US brought war to Grenada.

The song's minor key shadowed the sadness felt in all that was lost, including Dino's dreams of serving his community as a lawyer. The song described the dogs of war marching into the small island and the sense of powerlessness felt by the citizens there: "You can shout at the mountain / but they've already crowned him."

It reflected that there was little resistance to the US's government

of choice for Grenada. "We always seem to get played" was a heartbreaking reminder of how America's ethnocentric policies were more than rhetoric; implemented in developing countries around the world to enforce American values. These policies stole the very hopes and dreams of entire countries and led us to our current crisis within the world as well.

Kater didn't let the audience stay with this heartbreak, though. She told a light-hearted story about a Swedish vampire movie that inspired the next song, "The Right One." Watching the bass player look at Kater, it wasn't hard to imagine that he believed she is absolutely his right one. Gazing at her in a trance, the musician's admiration for his colleague was tremendously moving and joyful. Riccione and Ryan playfully made 'scary movie' music as she tried to playfully explain her song, and even Kater started to laugh at their antics.

The ensemble's friendship is a part of its charm. From there, they ran through a number of other songs, bouncing between moods, like a rapidly cycling manic-depressive. "Everly" reflected on falling apart, while "Little Pink" was a traditional song from West Virginia, demonstrating Kater's vocal range.

Kater humbly thanked the audience repeatedly and expressed



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enjoyment in playing at the historic Lena. She finished the night with her father's story of resiliency. He was able to escape Grenada through a student program chosen to tour Quebec to raise empathy and awareness of the plight of those in developing countries. Encouraged by his grandmother, Kater's father let go of his dream to work in the public sector in Grenada and pursue his new life in Canada. "Poets be buried" was a moving testimony

to his struggles and courage.

Kater generously returned for an encore performance of "Trouble in Mind," a bluesy folk song with a heavy bass line and smooth guitar. She let go of her banjo and crooned about the ups and downs of life. "Sometimes I feel like living, sometimes I feel like dying," she sang.

Kater began the night by sharing her belief that she had to look at her past in order to

move forward, and her album Grenade looks at Grenada's past with honesty that is painful at times. It is also inspiring, hopeful, and at the end of the concert, mindful, that being human includes sorrow alongside joy. Kater certainly appears ready now to move forward, fully aware of her family's past and using the tradition of folk's raw honesty juxtaposed with great beauty offers hope.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Mountain Man plays sold out show



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An intimate performance at Levon Helm Studios

By **SEAN NEVISON**
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WOODSTOCK — The sun shone across the beautiful woods, and glistened on nearby lakes, surrounding Levon Helm Studios as fans gathered in eager anticipation of Mountain Man.

Zephyr, the barn pup, greeted each car at these hallowed grounds. It was peaceful, as the sold-out crowd entered one of New York's most treasured venues, last Saturday, June 1.

Singer-songwriter from Toronto, Doug Paisley, began the evening with a cozy set of original songs

from his new album, Strong Feelings, recorded in his hometown.

His beautiful imagery synced brilliantly with intricate guitar work. Paisley also charmed the audience with his storytelling, setting the mood for a very intimate show.

Mountain Man took the stage, surrounding one microphone.

Amelia Meath, Alexandra Sauser-Monnig and Erin Sarle all took turns on lead vocals, switching places and positions to find their perfect harmony points. Sarle and Sauser-Monnig also alternated on the guitar for several songs throughout the evening. The performance was stunning and mesmerized the audience. One could hear a pin drop at any point

of the evening, excluding a thunderous applause after each song.

The performance felt like you were sitting around a campfire in the woods, or at a laid back house party with best friends. It carried a wonderful weight and elegant presence that left all applauding and wanting more. Each of the three women made everyone feel comfortable and at ease with laid back jokes and stories.

The night before they had actually returned to Bennington, VT where they all met eight years ago and began Mountain Man, during College. Judging from the response they received at Levon Helm Studios and their tour dates quickly selling out, we are certainly lucky that they met all those years ago, and have reunited again.



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From B4 ... Capital Pride

Pride Month and the LGBTQ community.

Examples of the city's support include the creation of a rainbow-painted crosswalk on Central Avenue since late May — stretching between ROCKS and Waterworks Pub which are two local

significant gay bars — and the raising of the rainbow LGBTQ flag over the state Capitol for the first time in history on Wednesday, June 5.

Harvey chimed in, "To see the Pride flag be raised over the state Capitol for the first time ever is wonderful. We are very fortunate to be in a very supportive state."

Despite the positivity around, both Harvey and

Levine acknowledged that the LGBT community still faces a tough road to acceptance ahead.

"There's still kids coming out and they get kicked out of their homes or get beaten up in school, or get cyberbullied over social media which can be 24/7, even in New York state," said Harvey.

"It's a huge state with a lot of narrow-minded people. But it's also

important to remember that it takes a hell lot of bravery to be who you are."

Levine said the Capital Pride events are meant to empower the community and as more people come out every year and attend them, "It's really their first time going as they fully are. And they are accepted no matter what. It makes no difference in what labels society put on them."

The Capital Pride

Parade and Festival are not the only events that LGBT people and their allies can go to as a resource.

Capital Pride still has events scheduled through Wednesday, June 26 and people can go online like the Pride Center of the Capital Region's website at www.capitalpridecenter.org.

With such resources, safe spaces and events, Harvey gave some advice to people who still do not feel

comfortable coming out or accepted.

"Remember it's okay to be who you are and not hide. Don't give anyone else that power and it has to come from within and believe in yourself, regardless of what is said to you or what people think," she said. "Don't give them that power, you have the power in you and that's all you can ever be."

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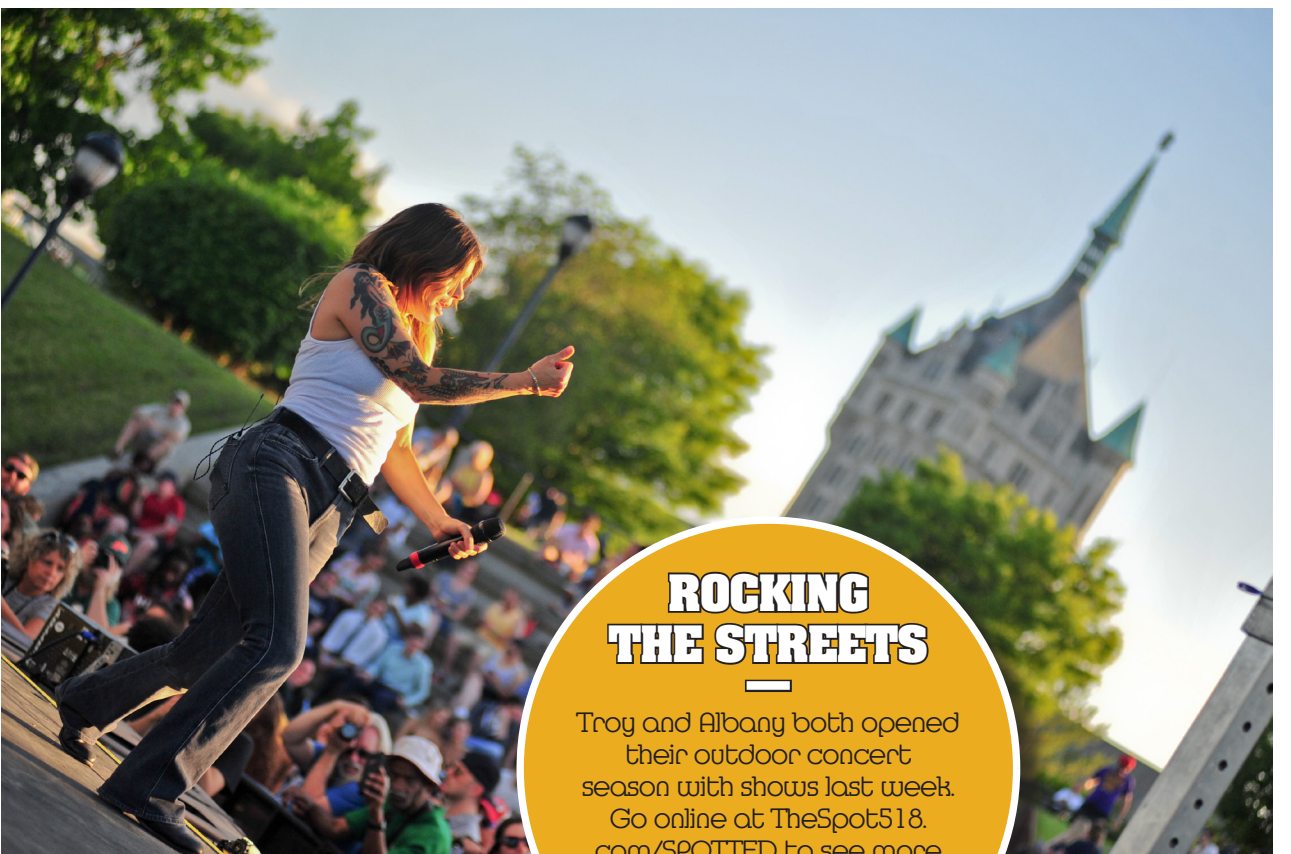
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