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# Time to call it quits

Guilderland Police Chief Carol Lawlor will retire after 41 years on the force

#### **By KAITLIN LEMBO**

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**GUILDERLAND** — In September 2018, Guilderland Police Chief Carol Lawlor said she had much to do before retirement. Fifteen months later, she's ready to hang up her shield.

The 63-year-old chief, who became the first female police chief in 2008 after a brief interim, will step down in mid-January. Daniel McNally will assume the position.

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Chief Carol Lawlor will step down later this month and retire from the police force.

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#### POLICE BLOTTER

#### **Xmas Eve crash leads** to DWI arrest

GLENMONT — On Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019, at 5:35 PM, the Bethlehem Police Department responded to a report of a head-on, two vehicle crash, on Glenmont Road, in the area of Glenmont Court.

Upon arrival Bethlehem police found a 2017 Honda, operated by Xin Fu, 34, of Watervliet, had crossed the double yellow solid line into on-coming traffic and struck a 2013 GMC that was occupied by four people. The four occupants of the GMC, all adults, were treated at the scene by Delmar-Bethlehem EMS for minor injuries.

Fu was interviewed at the scene and after failing filed sobriety tests, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Fu was transported to the Bethlehem Police station where he was administered a chemical test due to his intoxication. As a result of this test and the investigation, Fu was charged with misdemeanor counts of driving while intoxicated, and operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content of greater than 0.08 percent, as well as an infraction of failure to keep right. Fu was released on appearance tickets, and is scheduled to return to the Town of Bethlehem Court on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 5:30 p.m..

The Bethlehem Police Department reminds all motorists of the active campaign of "Drive Sober or get Pulled Over" which is taking place during this holiday season. We want to see everyone make it home safely during this holiday season, and are joining with our law enforcement partners in having extra patrols out on the roadways this holiday season in efforts to remove drunk and drugged drivers from the roadways.



A Christmas Eve fight caught on video doesn't lead to arrests

WESTMERE - No arrests have been made since a scrum of Christmas Eve brawlers left a Crossgates Mall store in shambles.

The Guilderland Police Department continues to investigate a fight that broke out inside the

Beef Jerky Outlet store at Crossgates Mall. The crowd dissipated before the police department's mall substation could respond

A 24-second video of the fight was recorded on a bystander's phone, and later posted to social media where it has since been viewed more than 3 million times as of this weekend.

The video appears to capture a fight between at least two people as it spills into the store. Nearly a dozen people surround the group as fists appear to be thrown. It's not clear whether the group was trying to break up the fight or encourage it. Someone appears to be thrown against a wall display before another is tossed across a table. Store products were thrown in the air and splayed across the floor. The phone video appears to be taken from several yards away and fails to capture

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any discernible faces.

The store was reportedly closed for Christmas Day, but it was opened without evidence of the incident by the following morning.

Crossgates Mall has long been an attraction for high school teenagers and college students since it first opened in 1984. The Pyramid Company mall has evolved from a predominantly retail center to an entertainment destination over the years. The 1.7 million-square-foot mall features more than 200 stores and restaurants, an 18-screen IMAX Regal Cinema theater, a day spa, comedy club and various live entertainment venues. In years past, it was not uncommon for parents to drop their teenaged children to the mall to spend the day with friends.

The Christmas Eve brawl was reminiscent of incidents that led to Crossgates Mall instituting an escort policy in 2005. In that year, a brawl resulted in the arrest of eight people – two had to be restrained through the use of a Taser gun. Another incident involved the stabbing of

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#### COMMUNITY

# Do you want to build a snowman?

Tickets for BCMS production of 'Frozen Jr.' go on sale Jan. 7

#### By DIEGO CAGARA

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BETHLEHEM — Get ready to journey back to the kingdom of Arendelle as the Bethlehem Central Middle School is staging "Frozen Jr." in January 2020

Performances are scheduled to happen from Jan. 16 to 19 at the middle school auditorium; tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Students will sell tickets in the middle school's front lobby from Jan. 7 to 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; on Jan. 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.; and on Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The musical production, lasting around 90 minutes, closely follows the original 2013 "Frozen" film and its namesake Tony Awardnominated Broadway musical. Expect a mix of iconic songs like "Let It Go" and "For the First Time in Forever" as well as new numbers for "Frozen Jr." Audiences would see princesses Elsa and Anna, iceman Kristoff, snowman Olaf, reindeer Sven and the shady Prince Hans of the Southern Isles dazzle onstage.

At the helm of "Frozen Jr." are director and choreographer Lindsay Dashew, musical director



Bethlehem Central Middle School students practice as they prepare for the January 16 opening night of 'Frozen Jr.'

Diego Cagara / Spotlight News

Jason Dashew and technical director Katy Daly. Around 148 students, half are cast members and the other half are crew members, are involved in this production, along with dozens of parent volunteers.

This being her eighth year doing middle school productions now, Lindsay said, "I love Disney-ish shows for the middle school age and I think they're good stories to tell. We also tend to draw in a little bit younger audience. To do shows

that are appropriate for all audiences is really important." She added that she enjoys how the film revolves around two loving sisters and has themes of self-empowerment and supporting strong women.

Auditions had been held in the fall and rehearsals began in early October.

Coincidentally, a
national tour of the
"Frozen" Broadway musical
stopped by Proctors in
Schenectady this past
November and Natalie
Wisdom — an actress,
singer and dancer who

played a Swing in the cast — visited the middle school on Nov. 18. Wisdom spent two hours holding an after-school performing workshop for the "Frozen Jr." cast.

Lindsay said her visit happened because Wisdom is a personal friend of Lindsay's brother who is an actor too. "The kids loved it and sometimes, they get tired of listening to me," Lindsay chuckled. "But then you bring in someone who has this experience that they are all also hoping to have, and they enjoyed it and I think they got a lot out of it."

Such a visit related to how the Bethlehem school district has "a very robust theater program," Lindsay said, and many students also study and do theater outside school. "I think that theater here is respected and therefore, the kids really consider pursuing it," she said. "Every year, some kids graduate to go on to do theater in high school or college or so on. In our district, we are well-respected and well-supported, and the kids look at it as a real thing."

When asked if she felt any pressure doing a show based on an iconic media franchise, Lindsay said, "It's actually kind of the opposite. These kids grew up with Frozen and are very familiar with it so when it came to teaching the music and knowing the

lines, they already know it because they watched the movie hundreds of times." She also said her own eight-year-old daughter had watched the film many times. "She was like oneand-a-half when it came out," she said.

Since the film is fairly recent, doing research on props, set designs and costumes were easy, according to Lindsay. She added that the students and parent volunteers helped build the props and create costumes, although some costumes are rented from a third party.

"So, come and see 'Frozen Jr.' and buy your tickets early!" she concluded.

#### **EDUCATION**

## Parent cries foul on BCSD

Her child with special needs was denied transport to Guilderland, but sees district bus dropping off in Albany —— says it is unfair

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**BETHLEHEM** — A small, yellow Bethlehem Central School District bus, for students with special needs, dropped a young boy off at the Center for Disability Services on Albany's South Manning Boulevard for his after-school program on Oct. 7, at 4:30 p.m.

This may seem normal to the average eye but district resident Lauren Kasper, a mother of three — two of whom have special needs — who works at the CDS building, noticed the same BCSD bus has dropped the boy off every weekday.

And she sensed something was off.

Kasper's two children with special needs are her 21-year-old son, Ari and 18-year-old daughter, Lexi. Ari has autism and limited conversational skills. He goes to a "day-habilitation" adult services program through another CDS location in

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#### COMMUNITY

# There's a choice on how to plug in?



Bethlehem is looking into the option of enrolling in the Community Choice Aggresgation program, which may allow it to choose renawable energy resources. A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 8.

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Town Board plans public hearing to discuss joining local communities in enrolling into energy aggregation program

#### **By DIEGO CAGARA**

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BETHLEHEM — A public hearing has been set for the Jan. 8 town board meeting at 6 p.m. where people can comment on how Bethlehem intends to pass a local law authorizing the creation of a Community Choice Aggregation program.

Since October, Bethlehem originally began exploring — but not officially enrolled in it yet — a regional CCA program with Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance, a local corporation that helps the town purchase electricity in bulk from renewable energy resources. Ten other municipalities have also joined to explore the program: the towns of Guilderland, New Scotland, Niskayuna and Knox, the villages of Kinderhook and Voorheesville, and the cities of Glens Falls, Troy, Watervliet and Saratoga Springs.

Bethlehem's participation in the regional CCA program would only go into effect much later in 2020 if the town decides to officially enroll in the program. Even though Bethlehem is exploring the program now, there is still a chance that the town can ultimately not enroll in it. MEGA also still needs to identify potential suppliers, negotiate pricing, review bids and reconnect with the town government in the months to come.

The aforementioned local law is needed in order for Bethlehem to continue exploring the CCA program but it does not force the town to ultimately enroll in it, according to Louise Gava, the CCA project leader for MEGA. "The town board still has to have a local law to give themselves authority to proceed but it doesn't mean they have to use it," she said.

"The town hasn't voted

to officially participate in the program yet and they're still exploring it. We don't know if Bethlehem will actually participate yet," Gava added. "It's still going to be a number of months for pricing to come in. After pricing comes in, then the town board will show the pricing to the public. Then, they'll start educating the public about pricing, the supplier and they'll also get a letter in the mail with information about it and also how to opt out if they want to."

Gava said she imagines that negotiating pricing would happen in spring 2020 while the education aspect would be in the summer.

#### **Background**

CCA lets municipalities purchase electricity in bulk from suppliers on behalf of their residents and it aims to get most or all electricity from renewable energy sources like solar, hydro and wind. National Grid supplies and delivers electricity by default.

But under CCA, National Grid would still deliver electricity while a new supplier would be hired through a bidding process by a contracted CCA administrator — in this case, MEGA — that works with enrolled municipalities.

MEGA would identify and recommend certain suppliers to the enrolled municipalities, based on the suppliers' pricing per kilowatt hour, contractual language, work experience in New York state and with National Grid, and whether they offer 24/7 customer service.

Even if a municipality ultimately joins CCA, National Grid will still maintain and update physical infrastructure — like handling power outages, substations, wires and power poles. CCA plans to offer stable prices for residents in enrolled

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municipalities and seek 100 percent clean energy if possible. National Grid's price changes monthly but with CCA, the price is determined and fixed so residents know in advance how much they will pay.

#### **Opting out**

A key feature to note is that residents are not forced to join the regional CCA program even if the municipality they live in does enroll in the program.

Gava initially explained that once a supplier is finalized, every Bethlehem resident will receive a letter in their mailbox, containing information about the CCA program, pricing, contract's terms and how, if they choose to, opt out of it. Residents will have 30 days to opt out of the CCA program after receiving the letter; if they don't opt out, they will automatically get enrolled in it. But residents can still opt out of the program at any time with no penalty even after the CCA program begins.

"The opt-out feature is a critical piece because it is what creates the bulk purchase," Gava said. "Because everyone

who's eligible would be automatically included, that's what creates the value that allows most people to stay in the program. Right now, in Bethlehem, you're all also in an opt-out program already. If you want something other than National Grid, you have to opt out. The town must be comfortable with the opt-out option to continue exploring the program."

Town Supervisor David VanLuven similarly brought up how the state established National Grid as people's default electricity supplier but people can opt out of that and switch to another if they choose. "With a CCA, rather than having the state of NY determine who our automatic electricity supplier is, municipalities will do it," VanLuven wrote in an email to Spotlight News. "This is home rule. This is local control. Better, the CCA will make it extremely easy for people to opt out, unlike the system we have today."

If Bethlehem chooses to enroll in the program, Gava said besides the mailbox letters, MEGA intends to work with the town to hold educational public sessions so residents can learn more and ask questions; post information on MEGA's and the town's websites; share on social media platforms; use circulating print and e-newsletters, and more — all to reach out to as many residents as possible.

#### **Discussion**

The opt-out feature may conjure up questions and concerns though, especially about how there are certainly residents who do not actively look through their mailbox or newsletters or go on the internet or social media. This could mean that some residents may not even know about the CCA program and they would be automatically enrolled in it without realizing.

Town Board member Joyce Becker, who has been involved in Senior Services and Senior Projects for many years, said she looks forward to getting the pricing and supplier options from MEGA so that the town can be better informed on how and whether to move forward or not

Regarding spreading

information, she noted that some seniors are computersavvy while others are not. "It's important that we should use all avenues as we can. For seniors, I think the best way is to let senior residents call the town to get in contact with Senior Services if they have any questions about the program," she said. "I find it's possible that when people have questions, the town can dedicate one of its phone line extensions to answer questions about it. Like leaving your name and number and a person will answer. This phone line extension could be for a certain time, maybe a month or so.'

Becker brought up other potential ways to inform residents:

Encouraging seniors to take computer literacy classes at the public library

Using e-newsletters from Senior Services, the library and the town

## Reading the newspapers

Sharing information over Facebook, likely the most widely-used social media platform for older residents

Posting flyers across town, like at Town Hall, churches and community centers

VanLuven similarly said, "We will really try to reach everybody but if someone shifts and decides in a month or year or so that they don't want to be in the program anymore, MEGA makes it super easy to switch."

He continued, "We're going to communicate with every avenue to get the information out, like mail, e-newsletters, newspapers, displays around town and more."

Town Board member Jim Foster said he wants to see a "robust education program" about the CCA program if it ultimately comes to pass. Regarding spreading information, he said, "There's no silver bullet to answer the communication issue. Invariably, there are folks we can't reach but we can knock on every door and send follow-up letters. We can attempt to do our best and try as many vehicles and media types to inform folks as possible."

He also said he appreciated that residents have the option to opt out of the program if they don't agree with the pricing or supplier, giving them options and not forcing them into anything.

For more information, visit megacca.org.

#### **Police warn of scams**

**DELMAR** — The Bethlehem Police Department has received an increased amount of complaints from residents regarding scam telephone calls.

Authorities warn people to be cautious of giving credit card information over the phone, unless it is a call they initiated. Likewise, legitimate companies or corporations, or bail bondsman, will never ask people to purchase prepaid credit cards to purchase items or pay fees. They recommend people take precautionary steps if they are skeptical of the caller or organization.

If residents are unsure of the person calling is legitimate, then they should contact the local police.



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#### Brawl in the mall

a 25-year-old man in a reported gang-related dispute. In that time, the Guilderland Police Department established a substation inside the mall.

Since 2005, Crossgates Mall has enforced a parental escort policy that requires visitors under 18 years old to be accompanied by a parent or guardian starting at 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The policy had garnered national headlines as more malls adopted similar policies to combat against unruly behavior.

According to the mall's website, approximately 20 million people walk through its doors each year. Outside of petit larcenies reported each week, these are some of the more notable incidents captured by the Guilderland Police Department in its 2018 annual report.

In May 2018, a
Diamond and Gold
customer climbed over
the counter and punched
the store manager in the
side of his head after he

grew irate over a piece of jewelry he purchased that needed repair. The manager was taken to the hospital and diagnosed with a perforated ear drum. The suspect was later arrested, pled guilty in Guilderland Town Court and ordered to pay restitution to the victim.

In September 2018, two juvenile girls were stabbed near Original Cookie after an altercation over shoplifted property. The suspect attempted to grab property from the two juveniles before a fight broke out. The suspect pulled a knife and stabbed both juveniles, sending both to the hospital. The suspect later threatened the two girls over social media after learning they were reported to the police. Albany and Guilderland police took the suspect in custody, and the suspect was later sentenced to time in the Albany County jail.

— Michael Hallisey



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#### Time to call it quits

"I'm looking forward to doing more traveling and getting to relax some more," Lawlor said. "We are going to spend some more time in Maine."

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Lawlor credits her success to her "wonderful" force, who are as much a part of the decision making as she is. Lawlor said the team will sit down and have open discussions about what needs to be done. She understands you can't do it all, and she's willing to accept help.

"We provide such a solid service for residents and I'm really proud of the force we have here," she said.

Lawlor steadily rose up the ranks to where she is now. For 29 years, she rose up the ranks — starting as an officer at age 21, steadily rising up from officer to police sergeant, police lieutenant and finally, as acting police chief after the former chief retired. She recalled the period when

she was being considered for chief overwhelming because "it was clear a couple of town board members did not want me."

Lawlor was born to be a public servant and knew she wanted to do police work from a young age, she said. Her mother, a public servant who worked for the town, is one of her biggest inspirations. Her father, a salesman, is her other big inspiration — she credits her parents' kind nature and example as the reason she decided to enter the world of public service.

"I was a regular kid that wanted to help people," she said. "When I went to college, I had an internship with a small police department, and then I rode with police once in a while. I worked dispatch for a period, too."

Lawlor is known, amongst many things, for being Guilderland's first female chief and she said Guilderland Police Chief Carol Lawlor has served on the town's law enforcement agency since 1978, which makes her the longest serving member of the force.

Spotlight file photo

it hasn't been an issue for years, stating her team is used to having a woman in charge. "It's become such a normal thing," she continued.

The equestrian looks forward to seeing her former coworkers around town after retirement. As a resident, she will have a front row seat to what comes next. But, she stresses she will no longer be chief and her days of stress are coming to a close.

"You have to trust who you work with," she said. "I trust my force. All of our officers are very well educated and highly trained; most have either a bachelor's or master's degree. ... I trust my force at the end of the day to make the best decision it can. I'm proud to say we have a great group of professional officers to keep this community safe."

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#### HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

# Eagles shut out GMSSV

**ALBANY** — Jackson Carroll scored a hat trick plus one in a 5-0 Bethlehem win over the Storm on Saturday, Dec. 28 at the Albany Academy.

Jonathan Thibodeau scored the other goal for Bethlehem in the holiday tournament against the team with players from Guilderland, Mohonasen, Scotia-Glenville, Schalmont and Voorheesville high schools.

Ben Bryant had 14 saves for The Eagles.

As the regular season heats up, CBA and GMSSV are atop the Capital District High School Hockey League with conference records of 3-0. Adirondack is at 3-2, Queensbury is at 3-1 and Bethlehem is 2-1.

On Saturday, Jan. 4, Bethlehem will host Saratoga and GMSSV will play a non-conference game in Rome.

Check out our website for more photos of the game.

—Jim Franco











## Bethlehem boys place third at CBA





**COLONIE** — The Bethlehem boys lost a non-conference game to Utica Proctor during the CBA Holiday Tournament on Friday, Dec. 27, by a score of 61-54.

Will Davis had 23 for The Eagles (4-0, 5-2) while Marko Gibbons had 10 and Orlando DiBacco had eight.

Utica had four players in double figures including Cameron Johnson with 20 and Isaiah Warmack with 13. The team beat CBA in the championship game on Saturday, Dec. 28, 64-58 to win the annual tournament. Bethlehem beat Amsterdam 72-60 to place third.

Bethlehem will play a to be determined team on Tuesday, Jan. 7 and host Columbia on Friday, Jan. 10. Check out our website for more photos of the game.

—Jim Franco







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3060 AVENUE U LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/19/19 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 3060 Avenue U, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-234454

#### NOTICE OF LLC **FORMATION**

3101 ASTORIA REAL ESTATE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/21/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stefano Troia 203 Aldershot Lane, Manhasset, NY 11030. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-234620

#### NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION 311 W 4th LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/25/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 217 Centre Street, New York, NY Purpose: Any #274 10013. lawful purpose. D-234913

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

334 FAILE ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/18/19. Office: SSNY Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 334 Street, Bronx, NY 10474. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

#### NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION 40 WYCKOFF LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the on 12/19/19. Of-SSNY Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Management Co., 7018 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237075

#### NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION 410 CENTRAL AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2030 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-236792

NOTICE TO BIDDERS ELM AVENUE PARK -**OUTDOOR POOL** COMPLEX DIVE/SLIDE POOL

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CONSTRUCTION TOWN OF BETHLEHEM ALBANY COUNTY, **NEW YORK** 

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Bethlehem (Town) hereby invites sealed bids for the necessary construction services to complete the construction of either a replacement Dive Pool or the construction of a water slide and associated slide pool, located at the Town's Elm Avenue Park off of Elm Avenue in Delmar, New York. Sealed bids will be received by the Town at Bethlehem Clerks Office,

Delaware Avenue, Del-mar, NY 12054 until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 30, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Del-mar, NY 12054. Bids shall be in sealed

envelopes which shall bear on the face thereof. the name and address of the bidder and subject of the bid. All bids must be made on the official bid form or an exact copy by reproduction thereof and enclosed in a sealed envelope. Original and one (1) copy shall be submitted. This is a lump sum bid as described in the Instructions to Bid-No Bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of five percent of the base bid in accordance with

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the Elm Avenue Park Outdoor Pool Complex, Delmar, NY 12054

the Instructions to Bid-

The work includes providing all labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and other means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion the work shown on the plans and described in these specifications including, but not necessarily limited to the following:

Provide all necessary mobilization, site preparation, demolition, construction and cleanup work associated with both pool options. as designated within the bid documents for the Dive Pool Construction (Bid Alternate #1))and the Slide Pool Construction (Bid Alternate #2) Work shall include but is not necessarily limited to erection and delivery onto the premises of any equipment or apparatus furnished, proper installation of the new pools and equipment, electrical bonding of installed items per NEC 680 code, pool piping

modifications for con-nection to the existing

pool systems, pool finishes including tile work,

disassembly and re-

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designated to be removed and stored during construction, temporary storage and protection, progress inspection decking repair and re-placement, anchor and insert replacements, replacement of any areas (including landscaping) that was destroyed during construction/demolition, filling of the selected pool along with the final testing and calibration of pool equipment Drawings and Specifica-

after construction. tions may be examined at the office of CHA, III Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205 and at the Town of Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Delmar, New Avenue, York 12054.

Complete sets of the drawings, specifications forms may be obtained from CHA at III Winners Circle, Albany New York 12205, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders on January 2, 2020 at 8:00 Contract Documents will be provided electronically on a compact disc (CD) in PDF format and`máy be obtained at no cost. Contractors that obtain Contract Documents from a source other than the Issuing Office must notify the Issuing Office in order to be placed on the official Plan Holders List in order to receive Addenda and other Bid correspondence. Bids received from Contractors will be evaluated for completeness and may be rejected if deemed inaccurate to the project's scope of work (including Bid Addenda).

The successful Bidder be required to furwill nish construction performance and payment bonds in the full amount of the contract price. The successful Bidder will be required to comply with all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804). Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive any and all informalities and the right to disregard all nonconforming, non-responsive or Conditional Bids.

ENGINEER:

**III Winners Circle** Albany, NY 12205 Phone: (518) 453-2887 Attn: John Hickok, PE jhickok@chacompanies.com

OWNER: TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Town Hall 445 Delaware Avenue Delmar, NY 12054 Phone: (518) 439-4955

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk Dated: December 23, 2019 D-237202

assembly of all deck equipment that is **FORMATION** 424 44TH STREET ALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/01/16. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC concrete upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 424 44th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-236325 **NOTICE OF LLC** 

**FORMATION**43.3 PROOF II LLC. Arts.

of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/27/19. Office: SSNY Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, c/o James McKenna, Harding Avenue. NY 10704 Yonkers, Purpose: Any lawful pur-

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION EMMUT PROPER-TIES LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/19. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 12/06/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 521 West 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1A, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: lawful purpose. D-236275

#### NOTICE OF LLC **FORMATION**

446 LIBERTY, LLC. Arts. Org. filed with the on 10/07/19. Of-SSNY fice: Albany County. SSNY designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 70 Bluebird Lane, Plain-NY 11803. Purview, pose: Any lawful purpose. D-234172

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

453W.21ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/25/19. Of-Albany County. fice: designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1350 Avenue of the Americas 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-234914

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION 532 CLINTON LLC. Arts.

of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/19. Of-Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 9728 3rd Avenue, Suite 133, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235175

#### NOTICE OF LLC

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599 CAFE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/11/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY des-

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ignated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Paleudis Law Firm, LLC, 100 Canal Pointe Blvd., Suite 125, Princeton, NJ 08540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose: D-236107

#### **NOTICE OF LLC**

**FORMATION** 599 OWNER LLC. Arts. Org. filed with the on 12/11/19. Of-Albany County. designated as SSNY agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Paleudis Law Firm, LLC, 100 Canal Pointe Blvd. Suite 125, Princeton, NJ 08540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-236109

#### **NOTICE OF LLC** FORMATION

6B200E21 LLC. Arts. Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/15/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 92 Whitney Road, Short Hills, NJ 07078. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235669

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

70 SECOND STREET RE-ALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/17/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 49 Brookdale Place, Rye, NY 10580. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-233912

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MADISON STUDIO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on with the SSNY on 12/16/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 101 Chrystie Street, #24, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-236386

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

90PHC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/22/18. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 90 Lexington Av-Unit PHC, New enue. NY 10016. Pur-Any lawful purpose: D-234343

#### **NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION** INDUSTRY CITY

LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/04/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of

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process to the LLC, 960 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-236760

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION AKVELON CITY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/25/19. Office: Albany County. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 207 East 57th Street, Unit 4C, New York, NÝ Purpose: Any lawful purpose D-234912

#### **NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

ALGOL PROPERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/26/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 91 process to the LLC, Moffitt Boulevard, Suite C, Bay Shore, NY 11706. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235078

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

**ADVISORY** LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 145 E. 81<sup>st</sup> Street, Apartment 8E, New York, 10028. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ARTISTA HOLDINGS. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/25/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designatwith ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Gleich, Farkas Emouna LLP, 36 South Station Plaza, Great Neck, NY 11021. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-235801

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

AVA REALTY SERVICES GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 151-69 134th Av-Jamaica, enue, 11434. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235313

#### NOTICE OF LLC **FORMATION**

Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/24/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1212 Woodrow Road, Staten Island, NY 10309. Purpose: Anv lawful purpose.

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BGnyc19 LLC. Arts. Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/26/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom pro-cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the 23 Shore Road Westhampton Beach, NY Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235077

#### **NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

FRANKLIN LLC. BMN Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/21/19. Office: Albany County. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 132 Jefferson Boulevard. Staten Island, NY 10312. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-234101

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BOOK NOOK WEA LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/27/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Book Nook, 23 Warren Street. Store No. 8. New York, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-234989

#### **NOTICE OF LLC** FORMATION

BRIJ LLC. Arts. of Org. with the SSNY on 12/06/19. Office: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 115 West 29th Street, New York, NY 10001, Pur-Any lawful purpose: D-235764

#### NOTICE OF LLC **FORMATION**

VARET BUSHWICK FUNDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/26/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Hirschmark Capital LLC, 15 West 26th Street, Suite 901, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-236926

#### NOTICE OF LLC **FORMATION**

LEGACY, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/19/17. Office: Albany County. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 6 Hard-wick Place, Lake Grove, NY 11755. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-236436

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CAMBURI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/18/18. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be

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served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 11 Beach Street, Unit PHD, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235538

#### **NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

COL D'AUBISQUE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/22/19. Office: Albany County. designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o The Greenwich Lane, 155 West 11th Street, Unit New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235544

#### NOTICE OF LLC **FORMATION**

COL DE PEYRESOURDE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/22/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Greenwich Lane, 155 West 11th Street Unit 135, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-234338

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

COLONIE KEYS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/31/19. Office: Albany County. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 12 Colby Street, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235427

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

COMPLETE ADMISSION SOLUTIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/06/19. Of-Albany County. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 115 West 29th Street, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235765

#### NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

DANIELE LEVINE OCCU-**PATIONAL** THERAPY PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on with the SSNY on 11/15/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLIC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC. 70 East 12th Street, Apartment 2A, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Forthe practice of the profession of Occupational Therapy

#### **NOTICE OF LLC** FORMATION

D-235608

DEFINITELY MAYBE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/19/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 70

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Bluebird Lane, Plainview, NY 11803. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-237060

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CONSULTING GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/27/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3240 Henry Hudson Parkway, Apartment 4M, Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235690

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DOWNTOWN HEALING COLLECTIVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/25/19. Of-Albany County. SSNY SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Steven R. Ebert, Esq. of Barton, LLP, 711 Third Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-235656

#### NOTICE OF LLC

**FORMATION** ELIXIR 809 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/27/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1020 Grand Con-1020 Grand Concourse, Unit 19T, Bronx, NY 10451. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ENFIELD SYSTEMS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/19/19. Office: Albany County designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1559 E. 21st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235397

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

**ENVIRONMENTAL SAFE-**TY ADVISORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the on 10/15/19. Of-Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 180 East 17th Street, Apartment 401, Brooklyn, NY 11226. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-234589

#### **NOTICE OF LLC**

EPIC PARTNERS II, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 05/15/19. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 03/04/2005. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the

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LLC, 116 West 23rd St, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235662

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FITRUS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/02/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 114 First Avenue, New York, NY 10009. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-234988

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GRAND PAUSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 825 W. 187<sup>th</sup> Street, Apartment 1B, New York, NY 10033. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235951

#### **NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION GREENWELL**

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Arts. of MERCE LLC. Org. filed with the SSNY 10/15/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the ĽĽC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Teerawee Unchalipongse, 630 First Avenue, Suite #25M, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

INVESTMENTS GROUP, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 11/22/19. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Utah on 08/14/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Haus Investments LLC, ATTN: II-Group, soon Yang, 1 Broad Street, Unit 17A, Stamford, CT 06901. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235399

#### **NOTICE OF LLC**

**FORMATION** HURON MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/14/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 8118 13th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-234132

#### NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

JAMES FANG DDS PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/15/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC,

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136-20  $38^{th}$ Avenue, Suite 5C, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry. D-236297

#### **NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

JEFF MCLAUGHLIN MU-SIC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/13/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Jeffrey McLaughlin, 101 Cooper Street, Apart-ment 6F, New York, NY 10034. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

#### **NOTICE OF LLC**

**FORMATION** JOE P HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/13/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Pietronuto, 917 Esplanade, Pelham Manor, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235056

#### NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION KABACK CORPORATE SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/13/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Denise 7 LLC, c/o Denise Z. Kaback, 300 East 75th Street, Apartment 18H, New York, NY 10021 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-234515

#### NOTICE OF LLC **FORMATION**

KORDAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/26/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 45 Willoughby Av-Brooklyn, 11205 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237058

#### **NOTICE OF LLC** FORMATION

PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/27/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 91 Moffitt Boulevard, Suite C, Bay Shore, NY 11706. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-235149

#### **NOTICE OF LLC** FORMATION

MAbad Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/13/19. Latest date to dissolve: 10/31/2119. Office: Al-bany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Mary Abad,

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1331 Mace Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469, Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-234571

#### **NOTICE OF LLC** FORMATION

MAKERY POKERY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/14/19. Office: Albany County. designated as SSNY agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, c/o James Blatt, 350 Motor Parkway, Suite 308, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-234010

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MANT6428 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/03/18. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the 1 West End Av-Unit 29A, New NY 10023. Purenue. York. pose: Any lawful pur-D-234339

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION MAPLE 14 GLENWOOD

LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/06/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Troia & Associates, 59 Maiden Lane, 41st Floor, New York, NY 10038. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235767

#### NOTICE OF LLC **FORMATION**

MATIN FAMILY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY 09/10/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 212 East 47th Street, Unit #11E, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-236929

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MBT NYC REAL ESTATE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/24/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SŠNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 236 East 47th Street, #17-E, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-235179

#### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: MEDICAL ARTS PHARMACY OF

Articles of Organization were filed with the Sec-retary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 12, 2009. Office location: 360 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, County of Albany, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

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a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Anthony V. Cardona, Jr., Esq., 22 Clinton Avenue, Albany, New York 12207 for any lawful purpose. D-235051

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MINTAKA PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/26/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC whom process upon against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 91 Moffitt Boulevard, Suite C, Bay Shore, NY 11706. Purpose: Any lawful pur-

#### D-235079

**FORMATION** MISFIT TOYS COMMU-NICATIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/19/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the c/o Diane Briskin, 345 East 93rd Street, Suite 11D, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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D-237051

MLO NEW YORK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/12/19. Latest date to dissolve: 12/11/2119. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 213-21 73rd Av-Unit B, Bayside, NY 11364. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-236187

#### **NOTICE OF LLC**

**FORMATION** MONTELIUS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/18/18. Of-Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 11 Beach Street, Unit PHD, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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**NOTICE OF LLC** FORMATION HOUSE MUI BFRRY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/22/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Suzanne Marie Cotton, 1181 Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221-

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ful purpose. D-234346

NICOLLS PLAZA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/21/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 83-24

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Cornish Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-234694

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PARSONS FLUSHING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY 10/30/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC. c/o Hirshmark Capital IIC 1140 Broadway, Suite New York, 10001. Purpose: lawful purpose.

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# Bullet journaling for beginners

eep track of plans and ideas better in the new year through bullet journaling! On Saturday, Jan. 4, at 1 p.m. the library is holding Bullet Journal 101 for beginners. Bring a journal or notebook and see how easy and fun it can be to get organized. If you already keep a bullet journal, you're invited to share your insight and experience. Sign up online at www. bethlehempubliclibrary.org or call (518) 439-9314.

#### New iPad? No problem!

Do you have a new iPad? We'll show you how to use it at our iPad Basics program on Monday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m. Bring your iPad and



Apple ID and password. Sign up online at www. bethlehempubliclibrary.org or call (518) 439-9314.

In November, we asked

our Bethlehem friends

#### **Discussion** continues

and neighbors to take part in a public brainstorming workshop to talk about the evolution of library services and how the library's space can be used to best meet those needs. Now library architect Paul Mays returns for a We Heard You meeting to talk about those responses and what priorities emerged from

that discussion.

Please join us Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m. as we present some of the ideas we've heard from library users and other members of the community. If you were unable to join us at the November meeting, you can use this opportunity to share your own thoughts and goals for the library. This is an ongoing ideas-gathering process that is an important step in the development of the Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees' Long-Range Plan.

For more information, call (518) 439-9314 or visit www. bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Paul Mays, of Butler Rowland Mays Architects, LLP in Ballston Spa, specializes in library design and renovation. He has recently worked on the

Colonie, Saratoga Springs, Guilderland and Kingston libraries, among others.

#### **Learn with Kanopy**

Did you resolve to learn something new in 2020? The Great Courses on Kanopy can help! From cooking instruction to history and finance, further your lifelong learning goals with the Great Courses. This streaming video service is available to Bethlehem cardholders.

Kanopy digital content can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku. To get started, click on the eContent graphic on the library's

home page at www. bethlehempubliclibrary or visit bethpl.kanopy.com.

#### Storm and ice warning

In the event of inclement weather, the library's telephone system will provide information on a closing or delayed opening. Weather conditions can occasionally cause icing near the entrances that could lead to closure even when the town roadways are clear. Call ahead at 518-439-9314 if you are unsure. Information may also be available on our website at www. bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

#### Other upcoming events

All events are free and take place at Bethlehem

Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For more information, call 518-439-9314 or visit bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

#### **KBA: Kids Builder Association**

Monday, Jan. 6

Build your own fun with Legos, Snap Circuits, K'nex, blocks, puzzles, origami and more, 4 p.m.

#### Check 'Em **Out Books**

Monday, Jan. 6

Discuss "The Expatriates" by Janice Y.K. Lee, 7 p.m. Copies are available at the information desk. Large-print audio and downloadable copies may be available.

- Kristen Roberts

# New year, new streaming service

tarting in January, your Guilderland library card grants you access to streaming videos from RBDigital!

Watch your favorite BBC shows on AcornTV, independent films on IndieFlix, a concert from your favorite musician on Qello, or learn something new with the Great Courses!

Sign up for a one-onone session with a librarian to take full advantage of all we offer, and bring your library card and a mobile device to the appointment. Call 518-456-2400, ext 3 for more information.



#### **Winter Reading** Challenge

Can YOU help us read 4,000 books during the month of January? Over 1,000 libraries are taking part in Beanstack's Third Annual Winter Reading Challenge. Last year we read 3,775 books, so this year we've set the bar even higher! Log your books online at guilderlandlibrary. beanstack.org. If we're a top reading library, we

could win an author visit or other great prizes from Penguin Random House! Happy Reading!

#### **Baseball HOF President Visit**

Baseball fans: you're in for a special treat as President of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Tim Mead visits us on Mon. Jan. 6, at 10 a.m. Prior to assuming leadership in Cooperstown, Mr. Mead

spent 40 years on staff for the Los Angeles Angels. He'll cover the upcoming Hall of Fame elections and his experiences working with three Angels owners, including Gene Autry and Arte Moreno, as well as two of the greatest players in baseball history, Mike Trout and Albert Pujols. He'll also field your questions on all things baseball following his remarks. Join us!

#### 2020 Vision **Boards**

Make the most of this fresh start to a new year (and decade!) on Mon. Jan. 6 at 6:30 p.m. with

a fun craft that puts your goals into a visual context you can constantly refer to. You'll thumb through magazines to create a colorful collage for yearlong inspiration. Families are welcome at this all-ages activity. Please register online, by phone or in person.

#### **Family STEAM** Night

Children in grades 2-6 and their families are encouraged to attend our Family STEAM Night on Mon. Jan. 6, at 6:30 p.m. The Tang Museum will be on hand to offer their

hands-on expertise. This is a rescheduled event, and space is extremely limited. Please register online, by phone or in person.

#### **Internet Safety** and Cyber Security

It's important to be mindful of cyber risks and learn how to combat these threats. On Tues. Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m., staff from the NYS Division of Homeland Security will provide an informative overview on common cyber threats, plus tips and tricks.

— Luanne Nicholson

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# Giving Tree

ring hope and warmth to others! Help the Voorheesville Public Library decorate our Giving Tree with handmade or store bought mittens, scarves, hats, and socks. The Library will be accepting donations from December 1 through January 13.

All donations will be distributed to one or more local agencies that support children, families and adults who may not have the necessary winter outwear.

#### Musical Storytime

On Tuesday, January 7, at 10 a.m., Matt Yeager from Music Together will be offering a special music filled morning of rhythm, song, dance, and instruments! Music Together is an internationally recognized early childhood music and movement program for ages 0-4 and their accompanying caregiver.



Please register for this special storytime.

#### **Family Winter STEAM**

On Saturday, January 11, from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., children ages 3 to K with caregiver will explore, play and learn at a STEAM program. Think cold, think cool, think chilly winter fun! Join Ms. Amy and Ms. Lisa for a snow-tastic day of winter themed STEAM! Stations may include snowman shape matching, playing with snow-dough, making a neat optical illusion called a Thaumatrope, and as a special treat, ICE CREAM making! It's never too cold for that! Please register.

#### **Toddler Yoga & Music Time**

Bring your toddler and join us for a fun, creative and playful FREE yoga

class, from 6 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 14. Toddler Yoga & Music allows the youngest of beginners to use their imaginations as they learn simple yoga poses, playful breathing exercises and relaxation. The class incorporate songs, musical instruments, and games as an introduction to Yoga. Tricia Kandefer is a certified yoga instructor, who specializes in working with young children and families. For toddler ages 22 months through 3-years-old with parent/ caregiver. Please register

#### Registering

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

— Lynn Kohler

# King of the Hall of Fame

Tim Mead, president of the **National Baseball Hall of** Fame and Museum, visits **Guilderland Public Library** on Monday, Jan. 6, at 10

Provided photo



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#### Learn to skate at any age

**DELMAR** — Bethlehem YMCA and Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce are hosting a series of ice skating classes at the YMCA beginning on Jan. 5, at 12:30 p.m. and continuing each Sunday through Feb. 2.

Want to learn how to ice skate? The Bethlehem Area YMCA is one of only six YMCAs in the country with an ice rink. It offers ice skating lessons for ages 3 to adult on Sundays between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Registrations must be

mailed to the YMCA or completed at the Membership Desk.

The Bethlehem YMCA is located at 900 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

#### The probate process

LOUDONVILLE — William K. Sanford will host The Probate Process on Monday, Jan. 6, at noon.

This seminar teaches the basics of the probate process, including explanations of probate, fiduciaries, and the steps involved in the process.

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228 East Post Road, White Plains, NY 10601. Purpose: Any lawful pur-

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PLAYA REESE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/19. Office: Albany County.
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QB-68 PROPERTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/17/19. Office: Albany County. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Band, Rosenbaum & Public Accountants, 440 Mamaroneck Avenue, Ste 508, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-236764

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QEMIRA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/29/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY des-

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ignated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Marc A. Daniels, Esq., Law Offices of John H. Daniels, 114 Old Country Road, Suite 600, Mineola, NY 11501. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235437

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QUINCY 3B LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/20/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 711 Third Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235119

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION ROBERT P. GALLIGAN PSYCHOLOGY, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 26 Court Street, Suite 2501, Brooklyn, NY 11242. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Psychology.

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION ROCKAWAY BOA

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## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of SBJ Properties LLC (the "LLC") were filed with the Secretary of State of New York State of New York ("SSNY") on December 4, 2019, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail the LLC 8 Delsmere Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in the conduct within the purposes for which limited liability companies may be

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formed under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New

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Sportsexcitement, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/19. Office: Albany County. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Angel Trujillo, 118-18 Union Turnpike, Apartment 8-K, Kew Gardens, NY 11415. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-235839

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YPOGA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 42-20 67th Street, Woodside, NY 11377 Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-235318

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#### Parent cries foul

Albany — CDS provides his transportation.

Lexi has autism and schizoaffective disorder. Lauren said Lexi is still part of BCSD and it transports her to the Wildwood School's Young Adult program in Latham where she is expected to stay until she is 21.

Two months ago, Lexi was accepted to the Charles Park After School and After Work Respite and Vacation Program on Charles Boulevard in

Guilderland. "The Charles Park program would definitely help her with her social and vocational experiences, learn how to navigate through difficult situations," Lauren said. But, the BCSD has told her it cannot transport her daughter there because it is outside the school district. That presents a challenge as Lauren won't always be able to drive her daughter there.

As she keeps seeing a BCSD bus at CDS in Albany every day, she

wonders, how is this allowed when district buses are not allowed to transport students to before and after childcare locations outside the district?

#### Issues

Lauren said she reached out to BCSD superintendent Jody Monroe, the Board of Education and Special Education and Students Services director Kathleen Johnston. She asked in October where she could find a written policy dictating bus transport for students with special needs, and for students in need of transportation to before

outside the district.

Lauren showed Spotlight News an exchange of emails with the district, including where Monroe provided a link to a written policy on the district's website for her called "Policy 8413.2: Transportation to Childcare Locations for Grades K-8". It states that the district "shall provide transportation to students in grades K-8 between before/after childcare locations and school, but only for children attending public or nonpublic schools located within the school district boundaries." The full written policy is available at www. bethlehemschools.org/boe/ policies/support-servicesseries-8000/#p8413.2.

Lauren noted several issues with the policy. It does not mention anything related to transport for students with special needs, even those still in school until age 21; and it only concerns students in grades K through eight.

Relating back to the young boy getting dropped off, Lauren said this is a breach of policy because the CDS afterschool program he's going to is outside the

and after childcare locations district yet a BCSD bus is transporting him. At the same time, Lauren said it is unfair as Lexi is most likely not able to attend Charles Park Center because she would receive no transport by a BCSD bus.

"I'm really saddened by this decision and they're taking a unique opportunity from her," she said. "I just don't understand who they think they are to pick and choose what policy to breach and how one family gets to be the exception to that policy."

She added that the district should amend its policy to touch on special needs students, including those aged up to 21.

Spotlight News reached out to Monroe, the BOE and Johnston but the district stated it would not comment.

Lauren's emails with district officials continued through December. In those emails, Monroe wrote that she was unable to discuss the young boy's transportation matters, that no policy has been recently updated to facilitate his transportation and that the district ensures that all policies are followed. Holly Dellenbaugh, the BOE

president, also emailed Lauren to redirect her inquiry to Johnston, who then spoke with Lauren over the phone.

However, Lauren's issues with the district and policy breach remain unresolved despite her attempts. She expressed frustration at how the district keeps referring to the aforementioned written policy in several emails but it still does not concern students with special needs.

She said, "I'm happy the young boy receives the transport and services as he obviously needs it but this is against policy. What you do for one family, you have to do for all."

Lauren brought up that she still sees a BCSD bus drop the young boy off at the Albany CDS location daily and she is unsure if the district will do anything to amend its policy.

"It looks like Lexi will stay at Young Wildwood until she is 21," she concluded. "I want to fight for these families with children who could benefit from having that kind of transport and in the right

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#### **Romp and Read**

LOUDONVILLE — William K. Sanford will host Romp and Read on Friday, Jan. 3, at 10 a.m.

Toys, stories, and songs for little ones to enjoy with an adult. For toddlers ages up to 36 months.

William K. Sanford Town Library is located at 629 Albany Shaker Road.

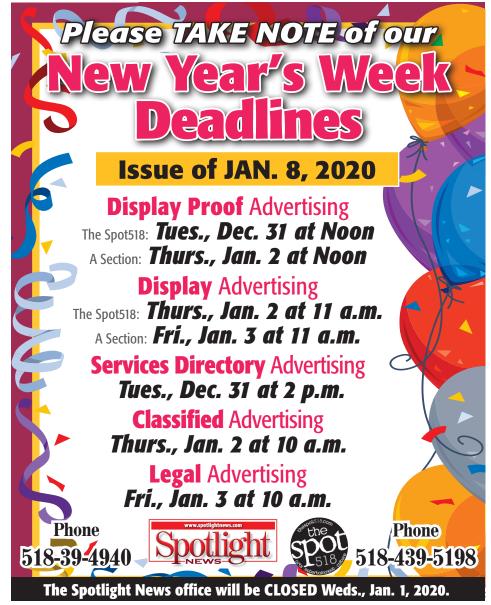
#### **Teen Time**

**VOORHEESVILLE**— Voorheesville Public Library will host Teen Time on Friday, Jan. 3, at 3 p.m.

Take the bus to the Library after school to unwind, play geeky games, use the laptops or make something, whether high- or low-tech. This week's optional activity will be testing out our new sewing machines by sewing fleece hats for the Giving Tree. Open to students in grade 6 and up. Space on the bus is

To register, visit voorheesvillelibrary.

Voorheesville Public Library is located at 51 School Road,









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#### quote of the week

"I think most fans have a sense of the awesome music community we have here in the Albany. For me as a fan, I only had a small idea of the relationships beyond the community of fans and musicians. As a musician I have seen how much further it extends than I fully realized. Between all of the other bands, the bar owners and staff, promoters, other artists, just everyone else involved that you don't initially think of, there is an incredible amount of collaboration and support that makes all of this work. We've met so many amazing people since we have started this and are very lucky for that."

> Chanda Dewey, drummer for **Glass Pony**



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# State lends gift to Hall

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall receives \$1.1 M in state funding

TROY — The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Corporation was awarded a \$1.1 million grant from Empire State Development through the Regional Economic Development Council.

The Capital District was a top performer and had 120 economic development projects funded, for a total of \$84.1 million out of \$761 million from New York State.

The Music Hall will use this grant to help renovate the lower floors of the historic building in anticipation of housing their new collaboration with the Empire State Youth Orchestra. The Hall will expand its existing space to create shared administrative space for Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and Empire State Youth Orchestra staff, and expanded production areas. It will create new event and rehearsal space to support year-round programming and relocate the box office to an accessible on-street location.

"This award will help us realize the vision we have been working on for nearly five years." said Music Hall Executive Director Jon Elbaum, "It will help insure the iconic Music Hall building remains the cultural keystone of Troy and the Capital Region."

Rebecca Calos, Executive Director of the ESYO added, "We are so grateful to the Regional Economic Development Council, and we are thrilled by this level of support. We are eager to advance the project, and look forward to sharing the exciting details of our plans with the community."

Completed in 1875, The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall has hosted performances by legions of worldrenowned artists, from legends like Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, Isaac Stern, Sergei Rachmaninoff, and Vladimir Horowitz, to the best on today's contemporary music scene, including Joshua Bell, Andrew Bird, Steve Martin, Lyle Lovett, John Prine, and many others. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Music Hall is celebrated worldwide for its superior acoustics and hosts over 150 events and activities annually, serving nearly 50,000 patrons. For more information, visit troymusichall.org.

The Empire State Youth Orchestra challenges and inspires young people to achieve excellence through music in a rigorous learning environment leading to high-level performance opportunities. More than 600 youth from the Capital District of New York and western New England are selected by audition each year for the ESYO program.

In 2015, ESYO launched ESYO CHIME (Creating Harmony, Inspiring Musical Excellence). ESYO CHIME seeks to expand access to music in underserved communities, and by doing so, empower children and their families to overcome the barriers to musical excellence caused by economic inequality. Founded in 1979, ESYO is a not-for-profit organization that has been recognized as a premier music education/performance program for youth and has received three ASCAP awards. For more information, visit esvo.org.



Grammy Award-winner Chris Botti as he performs at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. Michael Hallisey / The Spot 518

#### Music Hall announces intimate concert series

TROY — The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Corporation recently announced four upcoming shows as part of an exciting and unique new concert series.

The Lift Concert Series is four performances of new, independent music featuring regional performers, curated by local artists Sam Torres and Sophia Subbayya Vastek.

The list of acts include the following artists.

Ashley Bathgate, January 29 Taina Asili, February 19 Colossal Organ, March 4 The Westerlies, April 29

Each concert takes place Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. The audience is invited to enter the Hall through Franklin Alley, take the freight elevator to our backstage area, and be seated onstage, with the musicians, creating an intimate concert experience.

A bar serving beer and libations from a local brewery will be available.

General admission tickets are just \$15 per show. For tickets, call 518-273-0038, in person at 30 Second Street in Troy, or online at troymusichall.org.

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Nulhegan Abenaki citizens Joseph and Jesse Bruchac give voice to our local region's native heritage with concerts, storytelling, poetry, language instruction and a vast catalog of award-winning books that are read around the globe. Their opening sets for such notable acts as The Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan and Woodstock '94 have been met with critical acclaim. Ranging from meditative to hilarious, their engaging and warm performances are a delight for all ages.

For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St.











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#### **Michelangelo Skero and Friends**

The Low Beat — Saturday, Jan. 4

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Rap artist 3ality started his career in January 2016. He was born and raised in Schenectady, where he owns Sleepless Studios and manages Shadow Pho3nix Entertainment.

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#### Whiskey sweats

The business was born from an idea during Sommer and Carey's summer after their high school senior year, ironically a time where neither was legally of age to drink yet. They had been sitting on Sommer's parents' hill in New Scotland which overlooked the Albany skyline.

"We both have this distinct memory 20 years ago where we decided to create a product from grain grown in New Scotland," Sommer recalled. "But 15 years ago, we started realizing how feasible it was, in part of being inspired by the Albany Distilling Company."

Keeping things local, New Scotland Spirits sources barley from Indian Ladder Farms in Altamont as well as rye, corn and wheat from Lime Kiln Farm in Coxsackie.

However, New Scotland Spirits has been facing ongoing legal issues with the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA), a major Scotland-based trade organization that represents the international Scotch Whisky industry.

The issues began after Sommer and Carey had begun filing trademarks — like New Scotland Spirits and Auld Lang Syne — to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to use them in their products.

Sommer initially explained that New Scotland Spirits, as a name, pays tribute to his and Carey's hometown, which, in turn, is related to immigrants coming from Scotland centuries ago. Meanwhile, Auld Lang Syne relates to a namesake Scottish poem and how it is popularly associated with New Year's Eve, making it a marketing tactic to capitalize on during that time of year.

But the SWA apparently caught wind of this and sent a cease and desist letter in July 2018 to the co-owners, alleging that the products and trademarks they intend to sell can confuse consumers into thinking they are whiskey products from Scotland. It also alleged that words like "Scotch," "Scots," "Highland," "Highlands" and "Auld Lang Syne" are associated with Scotland, which can cause



Kiki Vassilakis

further potential confusion.

Rosie Wilmot, a communications officer at the SWA, wrote in an email to *The Spot 518* that a SWA spokesperson said, "The SWA has consistently taken action in our global markets to prevent the use of Scottish indications of origin on whisky which is not Scotch Whisky. This is vital to protecting Scotland's national drink and is a deterrent to those who seek to take advantage of the quality reputation of Scotch Whisky and potentially mislead consumers."

She continued, "We have objected New Scotland Spirits' use of certain words and images that are suggestive



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of Scotland on their whisky products, and to their applications to register the trademarks 'Auld Lang Syne' and 'New Scotland Spirits." She added that as trademark opposition proceedings are still ongoing, the SWA cannot comment further.

Sommer said he does not find the SWA's reasoning as convincing enough. "The idea that someone could look at Auld Lang Syne, a brand of whiskey, and suggest, as [the SWA] has and immediately did, that the products we're distilling here could be confused with Scotch Whisky from Scotland is ridiculous." He brought up that not many people

know Auld Lang Syne is originally a poem written in Scots from Scotland and people instead generally know the anglicized version of it.

Sommer also brought up that keeping the "New Scotland" name is important as it relates back to his hometown and its focus on being a local company. "If you think about the areas around here, names like New York, New England, New Amsterdam, even the town of Bethlehem, these are not regional signifiers that are devoid of their history," he added. "They're all names that signify their past locations. It's the argument we're making and I think it's unfortunate they don't even want us to use the name of our town."

Since receiving the cease and desist letter, Sommer and Carey started trying to make compromises with the SWA.

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These include ensuring that their product designs clearly state they are from "New Scotland, New York;" spelling the word "whiskey" in American English with the letter "e," unlike how it is spelled as "whisky" in British English; and updating its website to www.newscotlandspirits.us, with the ".us" to represent that it is an American business.

Richard Sicari, who co-owns the Albany Distilling Company and has been working closely with Sommer and Carey for years now, also expressed disappointment about how New Scotland Spirits has to face these legal issues.

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For tickets, visit proctors.org.

Proctors is located at 432 State St., Schenectady.

#### Scott Sharrard

Caffe Lena — Sunday, Jan. 5

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Scott Sharrard will perform at Caffe Lena on Sunday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m.

Lead guitarist and music director of the Gregg Allman Band from 2008 to 2017, Sharrard has been hailed as "the next Eric Clapton or Mike Bloomfield." (Indianapolis Star Tribune) Sharrard's unforgettable farewell song, "My Only True Friend," co-written with Allman, earned a 2018 Grammy nomination for Americana Song of the Year. Sharrard's first post-Allman solo album, Saving Grace, reflects their shared predilection for fusing blues, soul, jazz and folk. Fans relish Sharrard's deep-soul vocals bobbing, weaving and riding atop the guitar grooves, along with his warm, heartfelt stagecraft.

For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St.

"Customers will know that when they're buying their products, they're going to know that they're buying a bottle from New Scotland, from upstate New York and







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#### **A Sunday Fire**

The Hollow Bar and Kitchen — Tuesday, Jan. 7

**ALBANY** — A Sunday Fire will perform at The Hollow on Tuesday, Jan, 7 at 9 p.m.

A Sunday Fire is a three-piece rock band out of Mobile, Alabama. The trio dropped "An Open Letter," a nine-track album they said was two years in the making.

An Open Letter is ASF's evolution into something bigger than itself. Every song on this album has been written and rewritten many times. It wasn't until it went into the studio with a clear vision of who it was and who it wanted to be that this album came to life. It bloomed into something it never thought it could be

It's available online at asundayfire.bandcamp.com. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

The Hollow is located at 79 N. Pearl St.

#### PICK OF THE WEEK



# School's in session

Josh Casano starts 'semester' at Table 41

**COHOES** — By day, he's a teacher at Schenectady High School, but in terms of the local music scene, you'll find Josh Casano mastering his loops and acoustic guitar on stage.

The affable performer puts on a show with his guitar strapped around his shoulder, and an array of looping equipment at his feet. It's a one-man show that's been put to the test, including a recent jaunt at providing the musical score for movie-watchers in Glens Falls.

This Friday, Jan. 3, Casano starts a residency at Table 41 in Cohoes. From January to June, he will spend at least two nights each month performing on the Table 41 stage.

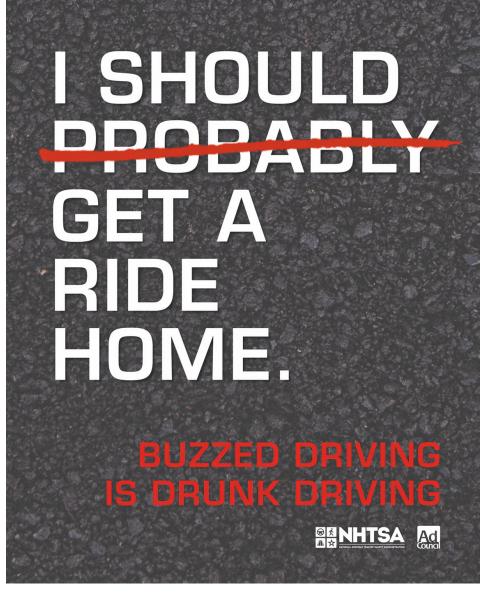
Casano is a classically trained singer-songwriter out of The College of Saint Rose's prestigious music program. He focused his studies on classical, Spanish and Flamenco guitar. By using his loop station, he has the ability to sound like a full band. Casano often mixes in his original works with covers of audience favorites. His music has often been featured on WEQX 102.7, EXIT 97.7 and Mix 106.1.

Table 41 Brewing Company is a small farm brewery in Cohoes, offering a variety of specialty beers and five staple beers.

Casano performs on Friday, Jan. 3, at 6 p.m.

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#### **CLUBS**

#### **Arsenal City Tavern**

795 3rd Ave., Watervliet 518-874-1767 Wed: New Year's Day Brunch, 10 a.m.

1814 Western Ave., Albany. 518-608-6400 Fri: TBA, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Black Bear Inn**

310 19th St., Watervliet. 518-272-9486 Wed: Trivia Night, 7:30 p.m. Tues: Open Mic, 8 p.m.

#### Caffè Lena

47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. 518-583-0022 Fri: Joe & Jesse Bruchac, 8 p.m. Sat: Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen, 8 p.m. Sun: Scott Sharrard, 7 p.m.

#### Carney's Tavern

17 Main St., Ballston Lake. 518-280-7959 Thurs: Matty Finn, 6 p.m.

#### **Centre Street Pub**

308 Union St., Schenectady. 518-393-2337 Fri: 151, 9 p.m. Fri: PJ Trio, 9 p.m.

#### Emack & Bolio's

366 Delaware Ave., Albany. 518-512-5100 Fri: Dillon Rivers, 7 p.m. Sat: Emerald Dawn, 7 p.m. Tues: Open Mic, 7 p.m.

#### **Fort Orange Brewing**

450 North Pearl St., Menands. 518-992-3103 Wed: Winter Corn Hole League, 6 p.m. Thurs: Trivia, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Fuze Box**

12 Central Ave., Albany. 518-703-8937 Fri: Miauhaus 8, 9 p.m.

#### Gaffney's

16 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs. 518-587-7359 Thurs: Comedy on Caroline, 8 p.m. Tues: Open Mic Nights w/ Rick Bolton,

#### Grappa '72

818 Central Ave., Albany. 518-482-7200 Wed: Hamilton Street Jazz Company, 6:30 p.m. Thurs: Hamilton Street Jazz Company, 6:30 p.m. Fri: TBA, 6 p.m.

#### The Hollow Bar + Kitchen

79 No. Pearl St., Albany. 518-426-8550 Tues: A Sunday Fire, 9 p.m.

#### J.J. Rafferty's

847 New Loudon Rd., Latham. 518-783-6800 Wed: Trivia, 7:30 p.m. Fri: Dashboard Anthem, 8 p.m. Sat: DJ Set, 9 p.m.

#### Jessica Stone's

738 New Loudon Rd., Latham. 518-785-8536 Wed: Talent Scout Open Mic, 8 p.m.

# HOT SPOTS EVENTS CALENDAR



## The other Queen movie

Flash Gordon has developed into a cult classic since it was first released in 1980. The Alex Raymond's sci-fi film is based off of the 1930s sci-fi comic strip of the same name. Starring Sam J. Jones as the star quarterback of the New York Jets (right?) turned hero out of necessity as Ming the Merciless sets his sights on destroying Earth. The movie has its easter eggs, such as Timothy Dalton before his days as James Bond, and an awesome soundtrack by Queen. The Palace Theatre will feature the film on Saturday, Jan. 4. **Universal Pictures** 

Thurs: Big Crunch Bingo, 7 p.m. Fri: Trivia Live, 7 p.m.

#### The Low Beat

335 Central Ave., Albany 518-432-6572 Fri: The Milk Brothers, 6 p.m. Sat: Michelangelo Skero & Friends, 7 p.m.

#### **Lucas Confectionery**

12 2nd St., Troy. 518-326-3450

Mon: Joe Barna Trio or Quartet, 7 p.m.

#### Mocha Lisa's Caffe

Clifton Park Center, 22 Clifton Country Road, Clifton Park. 518-383-5373 Thurs: Game Night, 6 p.m. Fri: Kaeli Heffner, 7 p.m.

#### **Moon and River Cafe**

115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady 518-382-1938 Wed: Jazz by Jamie, 7 p.m. Thurs: Running the River, 7 p.m. Fri: Open Mic, 7 p.m. Sat: Rick Sacchetti & Tim Barker, 7 p.m.

#### **Mouzon House**

1 York St., Saratoga Springs. 518-226-0014 Thurs: Hot Club of Saratoga Trio, 6 p.m. Fri: Mark Tolstrup & The Dixie Boys, 6 p.m. Sun: Shiri Zorn Trio, 6 p.m.

#### The Night Owl

17 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs 518-319-2300 Fri: DJ Trumstr, 10 p.m. Sat: Acadia Rae Fire, 10 p.m.

#### Panza's

129 So. Broadway, Saratoga Springs. 518-584-6882 Fri: TBA, 7 p.m. Sat: TBA, 7 p.m.

Sun: Sinatra & Friends, 5 p.m.

#### The Parting Glass

40-42 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs. 518-583-1916 Wed: Irish Celtic Session, 7 p.m. Mon: Irish Stepdancing Lessons, 5:30 p.m. Tues: Dart League, 7 p.m.

#### **Rustic Barn Pub**

150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. 518-235-5858 Thurs: Lou Solo, 7:30 p.m. Fri: Brian Kane, 8 p.m. Sat: 4 The Blues, 8 p.m. Sun: The Tradition w/ Arya Chowdhury,

#### Sake Japanese Steakhouse

611 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham. 518-785-7215 Sat: TBA, 7:30 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. Speakeasy 518

42 Howard St., Albany. 518-449-2332 Thurs: Swing Night w/ Mike Jenkins & the Fat Ties, 9 p.m. Fri: George Muscatello Trio, 9 p.m. Sat: Joe Finn Trio, 9 p.m.

#### Stockade Inn

1 North Church St., Schenectady. 518-346-3400 Thurs: TBA, 7 p.m.

#### Van Dyck

237 Union St., Schenectady 518-348-7999 Tues: Keith Pray's Big Soul Ensemble,

#### Van Slyck's

Rivers Casino & Resort 1 Rush St., Schenectady. 518-579-8800 Wed: New Year's Day Brunch, 10:30 a.m.

#### **Vapor Night Club**

342 Jefferson St., Saratoga Springs 518-581-5775

Fri: Wylder, 8 p.m. Sat: DJ NPG, 9 p.m.

#### **Waterworks Pub** 76 Central Ave., Albany.

518-465-9079 Wed: Wacky Wednesday Drag Show, 11 p.m. Thurs: Therapy Thursdays, 11 p.m. Fri: Friday Nights, 11 p.m. Sat: Saturday Nights, 11 p.m. Mon: Karao-Kiki Mondays, 10 p.m.

#### **Wishing Well Restaurant**

745 Saratoga Rd., Wilton. 518-584-7640 Fri: Rob Aronstein, 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.

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#### Flash Gordon

The Palace Theatre will host a viewing of "Flash Gordon" on Monday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. Although NASA scientists are claiming the unexpected eclipse and strange "hot hail" are nothing to worry about, Dr. Hans Zarkov (Topol) knows better, and takes football star Flash Gordon (Sam Jones) and travel agent Dale Arden (Melody Anderson) with him into space to rectify things. For tickets, visit ticketmaster.com. The Palace Theatre is located at 19 Clinton Ave., Albany.

#### The Land Before Time

Proctors will host a viewing of "The Land Before Time" on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. Presented by Steven Spielberg and George Lucas, "The Land Before Time" introduces us to dinosaur friends Littlefoot, Cera, Spike, Ducky and Petrie – following them on their first journey together — an exciting quest to find the lush, legendary Great Valley. Along the way, the prehistoric pals overcome many challenges and learn the value of teamwork and friendship. This delightful classic is the adventure that started it all and it continues to capture the hearts of viewers young and old. Rated G. 69 minutes. For tickets, visit proctors.org. Proctors is located at 432 State St., Schenectady.

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#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

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our New Year's Epic Eve party will receive a ticket for all you can drink Bloody Mary and/or mimosas for brunch. Arsenal City Tayern is located at 795 Third Ave., Watervliet.

#### MUSIC

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#### **Black Sabbitch**

Black Sabbitch will perform at Upstate Concert Hall on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. Since 2011, Black Sabbitch have been selling out shows and wowing even the most difficult to please Sabbath worshipers, gaining a rabid fan base and the respect of critics, fans and musicians alike. It was hand picked by Sharon and Ozzy Osbourne to open the inaugural Ozzfiesta and by Nick Zinner of The Yeah Yeah Yeahs to headline his curated festival Bedrocktoberfest. For tickets, visit ticketweb.com. Upstate Concert Hall is located at 1208 NY-146, Clifton Park.

#### **Blues Asylum**

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#### **Casual Friday**

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#### **Dashboard Anthem** with Rich Romano

Dashboard Anthem will perform at Nanola with Rich Romano on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. Dashboard Anthem is a six-piece casino showcase band covering classic rock focusing on stadium anthems from the 70s and early 80s. Nanola is located at 2639 Route 9, Malta.

#### Carla Fisk

Carla Fisk will join the "Music at Noon" roster at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at noon. Soprano Carla Fisk, regional finalist of the Metropolitan Opera's National Council Auditions has performed in many operas in Europe and the United States. In Rome, Italy, she was chosen to sing on Italian National Television (RAI Uno), performing Hanna from "Die Lustige Witwe." She then went on to be a part of the Baltimore Opera's Young Artist Program singing the role of Beauty in Giannini's "Beauty and the Beast" (an Educational Outreach Opera) and performing the role of Despina in Mozart's "Cosi fan Tutte." Troy Savings Bank Music Hall is located at 32 Second St., Trov.

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#### Kaeli Heffner

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#### **Abbey McGrath**

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- 5. Soft blue-gray mineral
- 11. Algerian coastal city 12. A healthy redness
- 16. El \_\_\_, border town
- 17. Part of the mind 18. Female body part
- 19. Atrocities
- 24. You can call Paul Simon this
- 25. Copyread
- 26. Large integers
- 27. Large, flightless bird 28. Bread and whiskey are two
- 29. Indicate pain or discomfort
- 31. Wild goats
- 33. Belittle 34. More supernatural
- 38. Wakes up 39. Intestinal pouches
- 40. Popular dance
- 43. American state
- 44. CSI actor 45. Having a keen enthusiasm for
- 49. Swiss river 50. Restaurant item
- 51. Intense unhappiness
- 53. Unit of loudness
- 54. Increase in velocity 56. Mesoamerican religion
- 58. Early multimedia
- 59. Forearm bone 60. An unprincipled person
- 63. Swarming with 64. Shellfish
- 65. Root of taro plant

#### **CLUES DOWN**

1. More silly 2. Adult beverage

- 3. Iron used for lofting
- 4. Noses
- 5. Smile
- 6. One who examines closely 7. Lethal dose
- 8. Denotes past 9. "This Is Us" actor Fitch
- 10. Dabbling ducks
- 13. Polish beer
- 14. A type of cat
- 15. Shows respect for
- 20. Of I 21. Commercial
- 22. Chai and chamomile are two
- 23. Lodging option
- 27. Geological times
- 29. Unit of electrical inductance (abbr.)
- 30. Where G-men work
- 31. Hot beverage 32. One of the six noble gases
- 33. Southern constellation
- . South American nation
- 35. Suitable for use as food
- 36. The back
- 37. I (German) 38. Blood group
- 40. Fit to stand trial
- 41. Praise excessively
- 42. Female's title
- 44. EU predecessor
- 45. Acutely insightful and wise
- 46. Disguised . Improved the appearance of
- 48. Generator

- 50. The real \_\_\_, the genuine article 51. Male's title
- 52. Home of the Hawkeyes
- 54. About aviation 55. At all times
- 57. Military peace officer
- 61. College degree 62. Indicates position
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#### **Seapods and Friends**

Seapods and Friends will perform at Putnam Place on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 9 p.m. A performance from Ominous Seapods (minus Dana). This year filling in for Dana will be Lo Faber of God Street Wine. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Putnam Place is located at 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.

#### **Second Sunday Bluegrass Jam**

Rustic Barn Pub will host its Second Sunday Bluegrass Jam on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. Hosted by Jeff Wasbes and Zack Cohen in a round robin style jam. Jeff and Zack will start off with a few tunes then open the stage to lead their choice bluegrass music, backed up by other pickers. Rustic Barn Pub is located at 150 Speigletown Road, Troy.

#### **Scott Sharrard**

Scott Sharrard will perform at Caffe Lena on Sunday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. Lead guitarist and music director of the Gregg Allman Band from 2008 to 2017, Sharrard has been hailed as "the next Eric Clapton or Mike Bloomfield." (Indianapolis Star Tribune) Sharrard's unforgettable farewell song, "My Only True Friend," co-written with Allman, earned a 2018 Grammy nomination for Americana Song of the Year. Sharrard's first post-Allman solo album, Saving Grace, reflects their shared predilection for fusing blues, soul, jazz and folk. Fans relish Sharrard's deep-soul vocals bobbing, weaving and riding atop the guitar grooves, along with his warm, heartfelt stagecraft. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

#### **Lonnie Shields**

Lonnie Shields will perform at The Linda on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. Lonnie Shields is truly one of the finest of the next generation of the blues. He cut his blues teeth performing with The Jelly Roll Kings. His recording career has led him through a number of studios from Memphis and Clarksdale to tours all over the world. This Delta born guitarist, singer and songwriter's style is just the opposite of his demeanor. Lonnie comes across as a mild mannered southern gentleman with a laid back nature. On stage he is

transformed into an extraordinary entertainer moving to his music and feeding off the energy of the audience. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. The Linda is located at 339 Central Ave., Albany.

#### Michelangelo Skero and Friends

Michelangelo Skero and Friends will perform at The Low Beat on Saturday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. Rap artist 3ality started his career in January 2016. He was born and raised in Schenectady, where he owns Sleepless Studios and manages Shadow Pho3nix Entertainment. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. The Low Beat is located at 335 Central Ave., Albany.

#### **A Sunday Fire**

A Sunday Fire will perform at The Hollow on Tuesday, Jan, 7 at 9 p.m. An Open Letter is ASF's evolution into something bigger than itself. Every song on this album has been written and rewritten many times. It wasn't until it went into the studio with a clear vision of who it was and who it wanted to be that this album came to life. It bloomed into something it never thought it could be. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. The Hollow is located at 79 N. Pearl St., Albany.

#### **Taimane and Her Trio**

Taimane and Her Trio will perform at Proctors on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. Born and raised in Hawaii of hapa Samoan descent, Taimane is renowned for both her pyrotechnics on the four-string island staple and prowess in using music and movement to paint vibrant images that elicit deep emotional response. From Bach to rock, flamenco infernos to tribal hymns, Taimane lights up the stage like no other. For tickets, visit proctors. org. Proctors is located at 432 State St., Schenectady.

#### **The Young Wildcats**

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## **A Sunday Fire on Tuesday**

A Sunday Fire is a three-piece rock band out of Mobile, Alabama. The trio dropped "An Open Letter," a nine-track album they said was two years in the making. An Open Letter is ASF's evolution into something bigger than itself. Every song on this album has been written and rewritten many times. It wasn't until it went into the studio with a clear vision of who it was and who it wanted to be that this album came to life. A Sunday Fire will perform at The Hollow on Tuesday, Jan, 7 at 9 p.m.

Tennessee. The Low Beat is located at 335 Central Ave., Albany.

#### **EXHIBITS**

#### 2019 The Members' Show

The Members' Show will be held unti Friday, January 10. The Opening Reception will be held on Friday, December 6, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in conjunction with the Fort Orange Holiday Market taking place in the Arcade Building hallway. At the Opening Reception, we will be awarding over \$300 in cash prizes, along with other prizes and awards. The show will be ju-

ried by Julie Lohnes of Union College. ACG's Members' Show highlights and recognizes a wide range of talented members, bringing together a dynamic cross-section of artists, diverse in medium and degree of establishment. Members vary from student and emerging artists to established and international artists, from painters and photographers to sculptors and mixed media artists. ACG sees this show as an opportunity for promotion and appreciation of all who have invested their time and energy in supporting ACG, making it what it is today. The Members' Show runs from now until Friday, Jan. 10,

2020. Albany Center Gallery is located at 488 Broadway, Suite 107, Albany.

#### A Brilliant Bit of Color: The Work of Walter Launt Palmer

The Albany Institute of History & Art holds the largest public collection of works by artist Walter Launt Palmer (1854–1932), son of Albany sculptor Erastus Dow Palmer. It includes oil and watercolor paintings, pastels, pencil drawings, a rare painted ceramic cup, as well as letters and photographs. A new exhibition at the Albany Institute offers a visual overview of Palmer's life, travels, and artistic output. The exhibition

includes works from all three of Palmer's major series: the early interior views where Palmer lavished attention on the textiles, ceramics, furniture, and wall decorations that filled well-furnished homes; his Venetian scenes that capture the luxuriant colors of the sea, sky, and buildings of this island city; and the snow scenes that continue to enchant viewers with their masterful tonal subtleties. Drawings, photographs, and ceramics accompany the exhibition. A Brilliant Bit of Color: The Work of Walter Launt Palmer is on exhibit from now until Friday, June 7. Albany Institute of History and Art is



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## **Brothers night at Lena**

Nulhegan Abenaki citizens Joseph and Jesse Bruchac give voice to our local region's native heritage with concerts, storytelling, poetry, language instruction and a vast catalog of award-winning books that are read around the globe. Their opening sets for such notable acts as The Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan and Woodstock '94 have been met with critical acclaim. Ranging from meditative to hilarious, their engaging and warm performances are a delight for all ages. Joe and Jesse Bruchac will perform at Caffe Lena on Friday, Jan. 3 at 8 p.m. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

Joseph and Jesse Bruchac

located at 125 Washington Ave., Albany.

#### Ancient Egypt

Egyptologist and Guest Curator Dr. Peter Lacovara has incorporated the research and scientific discoveries revealed in the GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies exhibition into a new exhibition about Ancient Egypt. Visitors to the museum will continue to enjoy the story of the Albany mummies, learn about the history of Ancient Egypt, and see how the intersection of new science, technology, and scholarship changes how we learn. In addition to the story of Mummy Ankhefenmut, theme and topics in the new galleries include: Egyptian History and Civilization; the Nile and the Environment: Crafts and Professions: Food and Drink; Gods and Goddesses; and Preparing for the Afterlife. The Jabbur Gallery now features the story of Albany's 3,000 year old mummy, Ankhefenmut, a priest and sculptor in the Temple of Mut, along with his recently discovered priest's robe, his coffin base from the museum's collection, and his beautiful coffin lid on loan from the Kunsthistoriches Museum, Vienna. The museum's Ptolemaic Period mummy and his coffin are now on view in the Heinrich Medicus Gallerv with a selection of over seventy objects highlighting ancient Egyptian daily life, afterlife, and animal mummies. Joining objects from the museum's collection are loans from the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology, Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, the Semitic Museum, Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania, Williams College, and a number of private collections. Also included are a timeline and a slide presentation highlighting the trip the Albany Mummies took to Albany Medical Center for x-rays and CT scans, which revealed

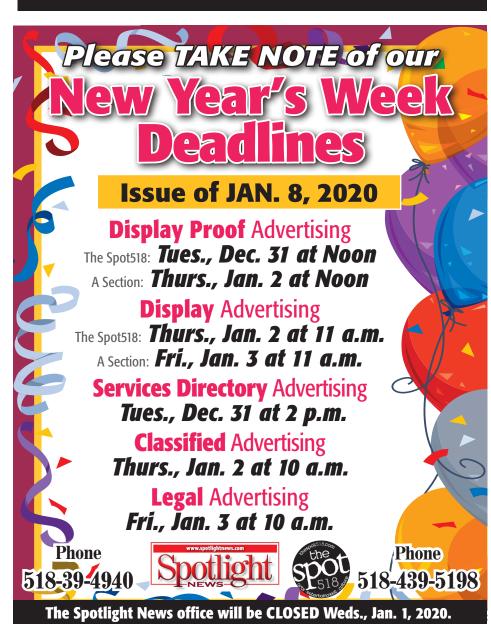
new information about the age, gender, and occupation of these mummies. Ancient Egypt is an ongoing exhibit. Albany Institute of History and Art is located at 125 Washington Ave., Albany.

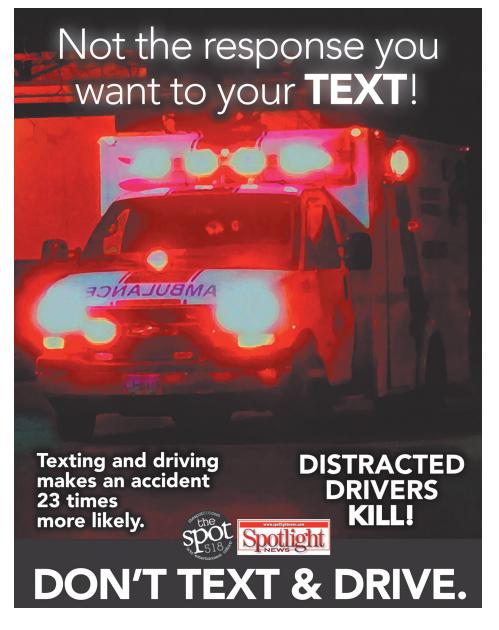
## "a small fort, which our

people call Fort Orange" Fort Orange was the first permanent Dutch settlement in New Netherland, built as a trading post by the West India Company in 1624 at the location of present-day Albany along the Hudson River. Between 1624 and 1664, the fort's role in the development of New Netherland changed—from a point of contact and trade between Native Americans and Europeans, to an enclosure with dwellings and private enterprises, and finally an abandoned space consumed by the development of Albany. Centuries later, Fort Orange on the surface had long disappeared. But in a six-month period in 1970 and 1971—just ahead of Interstate 787 construction—a small archaeology team from the State Historic Trust (predecessor to the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, or OPRHP), headed by Paul Huey and composed mostly of volunteers, made remarkable discoveries about life in the Dutch colony at Fort Orange. In 2016, a collection of 36,000 artifacts from Fort Orange was transferred from OPRHP to the New York State Museum. This exhibition examines the momentous discovery of Fort Orange and the lasting impact of events occurring there 400 years ago that shaped the character of the region, New York State, and the nation. The exhibition title is a quote taken from The New World by Johannes De Laet, a director of the Dutch West India Company, recorded in 1625. Select artifacts, film footage from the excavation, and four decades of historical and archaeological research are highlighted—including renderings of the fort by Historical Artist Len Tantillo. Dutch ceramics on loan from the Albany Institute of History & Art help bring life to the story. This exhibition is supported as part of the Dutch Culture USA program by the Consulate General of the Netherlands in New York and in partnership with Historic Albany Foundation. Special thanks to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for their support in promoting understanding of New York State history. "a small fort, which our people call Fort Orange" is presented in the Adirondack Hall from now until Tuesday, May 5, 2020. New York State Museum Cultural Education Center is located at 222 Madison Ave.,

#### **Enterprising Waters: New** York's Erie Canal (Phase Two)

The Erie Canal directed the course of New York and American history. When it opened in 1825, this "boldest and biggest American engineering project of its century" unlocked the Western interior for trade and settlement. Boomtowns sprang up along the canal's path and New York City, with its deep harbor connecting to the Hudson River, grew to be the nation's most powerful center of international trade. One of the largest public works projects in American history, the Erie Canal inspired a nation-wide transportation revolution. Thousands of people poured into New York to work on or along the canal, or just to pass through. Though the canal would eventually be superseded by the railroad, a heady mixture of innovation and determination, and the industrious seeking and creation of wealth, was cemented in the American character. In honor of the Bicentennial of the Frie Canal's construction. New York State's Office of Cultural Education will





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present this rich story with the first phase of Enterprising Waters: New York's Erie Canal at the New York State Museum. In collaboration with organizations on the canal corridor and across the state, the State Museum will tell the Erie Canal's story with unique objects, documents, and images. Dominating the exhibition space is a gigantic windlass—a pulley mechanism that easily lifted and lowered heavy cargo from both sides of a warehouse with only one or two men. From 1831 through 1866, this windlass operated in the H. G. Root and Company Warehouse in the Village of Mohawk on the Erie Canal. The owners of the warehouse, Humphrey G. and Elias Root, also ran a general store and other small businesses along the canal. Phase Two of Enterprising Waters continues the story of the Erie Canal with components on the Canal's growth, politics, industries, social reform, and the Canal legacy. Enterprising Waters: New York's Erie Canal (Phase Two) will be presented in the New York State Museum's Exhibition Hall from now until Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020. New York State Museum Cultural Education Center is located at 222 Madison Ave., Albany.

#### The Historic Woodstock Art Colony: The Arthur A. Anderson Collection

Long before the famous music festival in 1969, Woodstock was home to what is considered America's first intentionally created, year-round arts colony—founded in 1902 and still thriving over 100 years later. Collecting the remarkable range of work produced there has been Arthur A. Anderson's focus for three decades, resulting in the largest comprehensive assemblage of its type. The artists represented in it reflect the diversity of those who came to Woodstock,

including Birge Harrison, Konrad Cramer, George Bellows, Eugene Speicher, Peggy Bacon, Rolph Scarlett, and Yasuo Kuniyoshi, among many others. Anderson recently donated his entire collection—some 1,500 objects by almost 200 artists—to the New York State Museum. This exhibition introduces to the public for the first time just a sample of the highlights of this extraordinary collection, which represents a body of work that together shaped art and culture in New York and forms a history of national and international significance. The Historic Woodstock Art Colony: The Arthur A. Anderson Collection is presented in the West Gallery of the New York State Museum from now until Tuesday, Dec. 31. New York State Museum Cultural Education Center is located at 222 Madison Ave., Albany. The Hudson River School: Landscape Paintings from the Albany Institute The Albany Institute holds a large and important collection of nineteenthcentury American landscape paintings, works often associated with the term "Hudson River School." They number more than ninety paintings and range in dimension from large wall-sized canvases to small business card-sized oil sketches on paper. We know from visitors the Hudson River School paintings are among the Institute's most popular collections, and other museums request to borrow them for exhibitions more often than other collections. With such great interest in these works of national significance, the Institute is making them more accessible.In the summer of 2017, the Institute opened a reinstallation of its Hudson River School paintings in the Hearst Gallery on the museum's third floor. For the first time, nearly all ninety paintings from this important collection is on view. These landscapes, painted by artists like Thomas Cole, Frederic

Church, Jasper Cropsey, Asher Durand, and numerous others, capture America's scenic grandeur in all its magnificence from rugged coastal scenery to imposing mountains and rivers. Many paintings in the Institute's collection depict the nation during decades of transformation from a country of small towns and farms to one of industrial works and sprawling urban centers. The nation was also in the midst of rapid westward expansion and political conflict that reshaped its social identity and cultural outlook. Developments in transportation allowed artists to travel more widely, frequently beyond the nation's borders, to Europe and more distant corners of the globe, and return to their home country with sketchbooks full of inspiration and new ideas. The paintings on view, therefore, reveal a visual history of the United States during the nineteenth century, including its aspirations and growing nostalgia for a simpler and more harmonious past. The Hudson River School: Landscape Paintings from the Albany Institute is an ongoing exhibit. Albany Institute of History and Art is located at 125 Washington Ave., Albany.





### These young cats got the blues

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Hey Mr. D.J.

I've been on a 90s **R&B**, New Jack Swing kind of vibe as of late. Hey, if you're a fan, you have to own it, wear it, slap it up, flip it, and rub it down. You'll be on the receiving end of some jokes, but at the end of the night, the DJ is going to throw one of these on and all those talking stuff about you will be on the dance floor declaring their love for Color Me Badd. Remember that. And, make them pay later.

— Michael Hallisey



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#### INTERVIEW

# From the crowd to the stage

After stepping out onto the local scene in 2019, Glass Pony sets its eyes onto a bigger, better 2020

#### **By PETE MASON**

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he Capital District scene has produced great bands for decades - Blotto, Ominous Seapods, Mister F, Formula 5, Wild Adriatic, Annie in the Water, Candy Ambulance, just to name a few. Add Glass Pony to the list of bands with immense promise and potential who calls the greater Albany area home. The quartet has risen over the past year with a psychedelicjam sound that has brought in a large swath of fans to shows across the region.

Making short work of the area jam scene, this high-energy

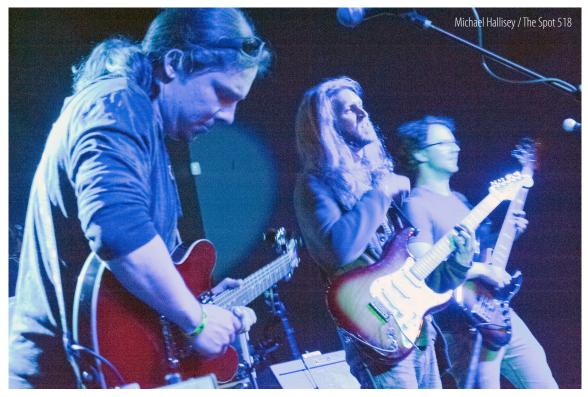
troupe has already received the stamp of approval from Ominous Seapod's Tom Pirozzi.

"It will be my birthday so I wanted to make this gig a party," stated Pirozzi on social media, "and no one better to kick off a party than Glass Pony! Not only are they close friends of ours, they are also an amazing band."

The Seapod bassist has shared the bill a few shows with Glass Pony throughout the past year, and will do so shortly in Saratoga Springs.

Seapods and Friends: The Great North Country Freak-Out will feature the Ominous Seapods (sans Dana Monteith) and Glass Pony at Putnam Place on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Glass Pony spoke with NYS Music's Pete Mason shortly before the band dropped its debut album last November with a show at Parish Public House in Albany. Members of the band shared their insight on



the album, what it's like seeing the local scene from both sides of the stage, and where they see themselves in a few years.

Pete Mason: The first track on Glass Pony, "Grover's Mill 1938," find's its roots in Orson Welles' 'War of the Worlds', with a spooky, creeping build throughout the song. How did interest in an 80-year-old radio program lead to writing a song about this infamous New Jersey town? Greg Pittz: This is Eddie's tune, and it was one of the first things we ever worked on. I remember him showing me the demo on his phone while we were at Blue Sky one night. It's an interesting song, because at first we didn't take the jam out too much beyond the chord structure, but now it's one of my favorite vehicles. It's grown into a very strong show piece.

**Eddie Hotaling:** Honestly, I had just finished watching a

documentary about the broadcast. It's such an interesting story. Imagine what it felt like for those people who actually thought that Martians were invading Earth. It was Halloween eve and war was on the horizon... put yourself in their shoes and try to imagine the panic that people felt when they turned on their radios and heard what sounded like an actual news broadcast reporting an alien invasion. That's where the song comes from, it's from the perspective of somebody who

## HOBOSCOPES (S)(S)(S)(S)(S)(S)(S)(S)

#### ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

There is more to a situation than meets the eye, Aries. Delve a little deeper this week to get to the truth. Uncovering the truth will allow you to move forward.

#### TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

Taurus, take a break for a few days to recharge your batteries. If you work too hard, you are going to suffer from burnout. Make this a week of rest and recreation.

#### GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

You have a funny way of looking at things sometimes, Gemini. That can work to your advantage in providing a fresh perspective that others may overlook.

#### CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

Cancer, when you are approached with a potential career opportunity, do not immediately dismiss it. It may not be the right time currently, but take inventory of your future goals.

#### **LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23**

This week you need to make your mark in some way, Leo. You have many clever ideas circling in your head that want out, so think of how you can deploy your creative side.

#### VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

Virgo, accept help when it is offered this week, even if it tugs at your pride a little bit. Sometimes even the strongest can benefit from a shoulder to lean on.

#### LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

A failure to recognize all sides of the equation could put you into an unfortunate situation, Libra. Do not assume that your perspective is the right one; do your research carefully.

#### SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

Scorpio, just when you think you have everything figured out, something changes. Just because you don't have the rule book doesn't mean you can't plot a course.

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#### SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

Devote more of your attention to family matters in the days to come, Sagittarius. Work may seem all-consuming, but home is where your heart is.

#### CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

Fun times are just around the corner, Capricorn. You must have the patience to get there. Put some social events on your calendar so you have something to forward to.

#### AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

Before you give up on an idea, run it by some trusted confidantes, Aquarius. You may be missing just one detail that can make this a recipe for ultimate success.

#### PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

Pisces, it's time to get a better feel for your finances. Tweak things as necessary, and make all decisions with your finances in mind.

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lived through those few hours of terror that night with an image of that New Jersey town under attack burning into their mind.

#### PM: What is the story behind the 10-minute odyssey of "Maximus"?

**GP:** This was the first thing I wrote for us, and in a way it sort of encapsulates everything about my musical tastes. I grew up playing death metal, and this song has some very traditional metal "punches" that set up the fast, dancey verse grooves. Those "punches" also come with some killer bass bombs and organ screams. I love all of that. You can hear a lot of organ slides like that in versions of "The Other One" from the 80s - Brent was great about that. The intro to the song comes from my love of post-rock – that music style is all about the build up. You need some patience, but it can be so effective. The dark, spacey middle section is an homage to my love of Pink Floyd, especially the song "Dogs." Matt's synth is killer here, and I'm really hoping listeners go to another place when they're listening. Eddie also did a great job on his lead work for this part. He had a clean slate – I just had the chords, and he came up with his parts on top. This section gives way to a big, triumphant guitar melody that I absolutely love to

As a musician in the 518 music scene I have learned that anything is possible if you have the right people to work with. .... I used to think it was rocket science to play with a jam band and still maintain that level of interest and consistency. But it's not, its very accepting and open to basically any direction we want to go. ... We can go anywhere we want with this jam and to me that's the beauty of it.

#### — Jeff Picarazzi, for Glass Pony

play live; when it's really working, it feels so good, especially with Jeff's bombs underneath. It might be my favorite thing for us to play live, and I like it too because the bar count is odd for this section - it's a seven-bar phrase, which is kind of weird. It gives a sense of tension and movement, and I love Chanda's drum fills here, we're all moving together as a unit. I didn't intentionally set out to write a song like this, a big

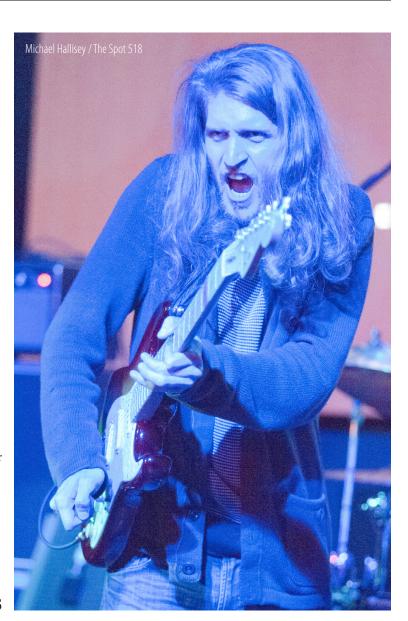
thing with multiple sections, but it just came together that way. I'm glad Matt (Richards, Formula 5, Annie in the Water) was able to play on this song too, because his keyboard work is exactly what I always envisioned it having when I wrote it.

EH: This was the first song Greg wrote for the band. The prog and post-rock elements help establish the variety that makes this band unique.

PM: "Bolly Golly" is easily your most catchy song and loved when performed live. Imagine this song as a music video. Where is it set and what is the tone of the video?

**GP:** So, this is a funny story. I go to a post-rock festival called bassist-vocalist Dunk! Festival every year in Belgium. Two summers ago, I came home from the festival and when I picked up my guitar, literally the first thing I played were the chords that became the verse and main rhythm for this song. I must have been primed for creativity, because it was literally, literally the first thing that came out, and it was so different than all of the music I had heard at the festival. The rhythm is sort of based around the Bo Diddly beat, and post-rock never uses that. Lyrically, the song is about

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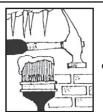
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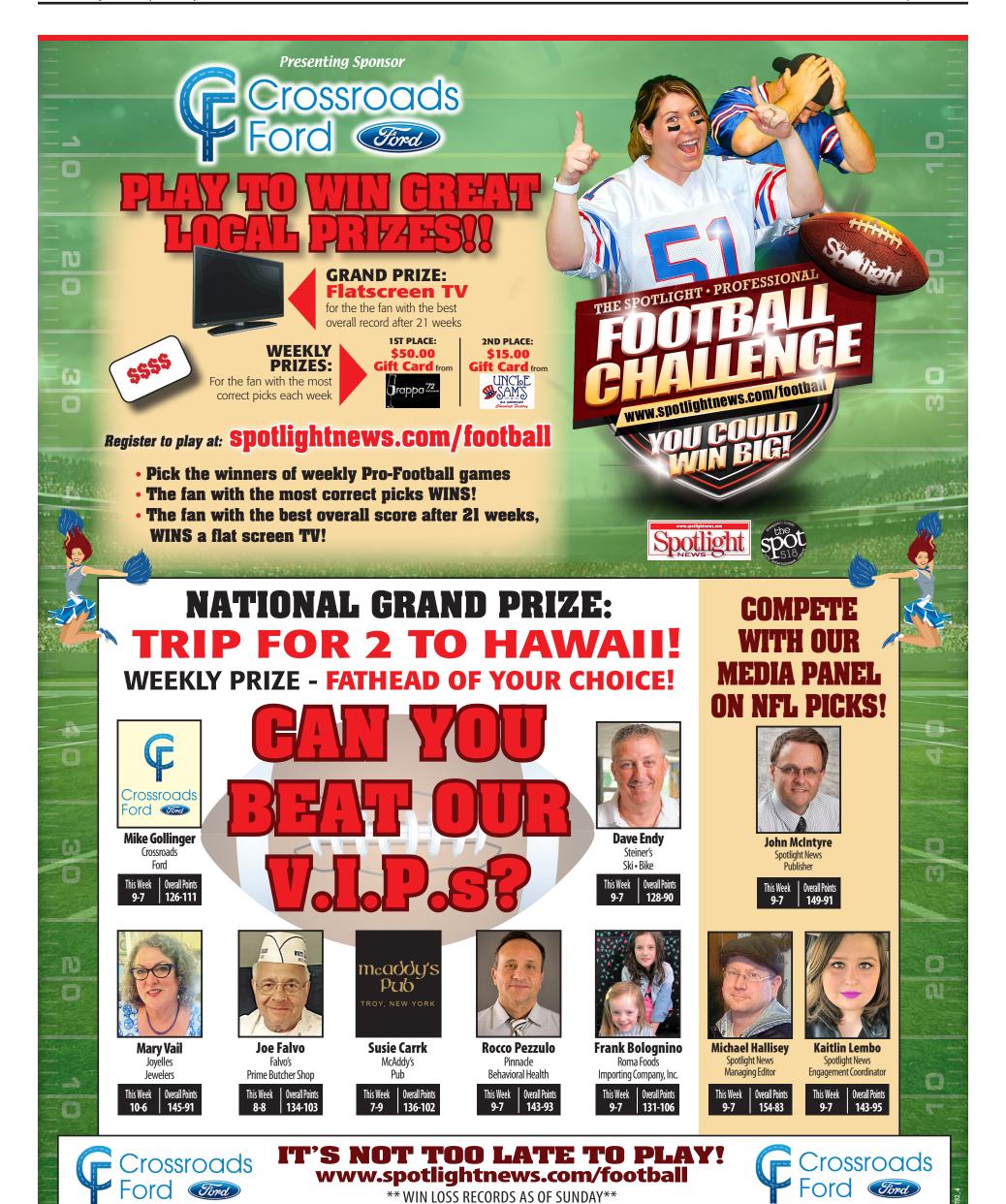
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## Glass Pony

Eddie's trip to Ireland and his discovery that there are, for some reason, palm trees in Ireland. I don't know if it was the first time we jammed on it, but Eddie came up with the guitar and vocal melody while we were jamming. The chorus lyrics were written while I was on a bike ride – a lot of stuff comes to me when I ride my bike for some reason. I was about to pass over Delaware Ave on the Rail Trail here in Delmar, and I immediately took my phone out and punched in the words. As a music video, is it too on-thenose for it to be set in Ireland?

Chanda Dewey: We start off at a beach party, drinking Corona's with Kenny Chesney. We're all hanging and Kenny introduces us to the Bolly Golly palm trees, they are cool little cartoon palm tree folk. Then the band ends up getting on a boat, but the boat is really a spaceship and we're kidnapped by the Grover's Mills aliens. We are pretty concerned and try to escape but when we get to their home planet we find out that the Bolly Golly palm trees are there too so all is good. End scene would be us partying with the aliens and palm trees.

**EH:** The music video, directed by Twinkie (his directing debut),

follows a tasty treat trying to escape his death after being chosen from a Japanese vending machine by a hungry postman. It's set on a breezy summer day in Japan. It's warm inside the vending machine but nobody is melting, and it's a pretty relaxing afternoon. The postman stops for a break and picks a snack. Panic fills the chocolate treat as it falls to what is sure to be it's last moments of life. Just as the jam starts about half way through the song, the treat slides out of the postman's hand and begins an escape. It is almost caught several times but as the jam comes to an end the treat takes a crucial turn and secures his freedom for another day. It's not easy being a tasty snack and the ups and downs of that life is something that is brilliantly portrayed in the Bolly Golly music video.

PM: "Hypnos" reminds me of Patti Smith, a little bit of Chris Robinson, and some spoken word mixed in. From what influences did this song originate, and how does the energy reflect on the band's core sound?

**GP:** This is kind of our goth-krautrock song, and it's become a big crowd favorite and maybe our

most potent jam vehicle. I love The Cure and Kraftwerk, and the dancey 80s motorik drum beat thing with spacey guitars over top could fuel me forever. I can't get enough. (If you like "Hypnos," you need to listen to "Red Flags and Long Nights" by She Wants Revenge, "Hallogallo" by Neu! and "Entrada" by Barrows.) I think this song works well because even though it's darker, it's still dancey, and jambands don't really play dark music these days. I wrote the song to be about all the nonsense we get bombarded with today - empty distractions that don't really fulfill us. Kids who get everything given to them, people who troll Tinder looking for meaningful connection, people who always have to have the new, shiny thing, etc. It's kind of a snarky condemnation, and I must have been feeling salty at the time. I think its energy is really reflective of what we do well though dancey grooves with explosive jams. When we do it right, the climax is one of the most potent things we have in our arsenal. I always feel like I'm surfing a tornado when we get there, it's all chaos and a whirlwind, and then we slam back into the theme and it's just a great, great feeling. When we're done, I feel like I've held my breath through the whole thing.

EH: I remember Greg telling me he had a new song that had sort of a Talking Heads vibe. The song has a lot of energy and opens up for an upbeat jam. It's also a song I get to scream in, which I think is another element maintain that level of interest and consistency. But it's not, its very accepting and open to basically any direction we want to go, which I knew all along as listener but not as a musician. We can go anywhere we want with this jam and to me that's the beauty of it, we can rely on the things we know and groove and it doesn't need anything else. If I can recognize and acknowledge that the groove is happening and it is now, the opportunities are endless.

GH: As far as playing Albany and local shows, the biggest thing for me is a feeling of "we belong." When I was younger, I always saw the stages and venues as these lofty things that "professionals" had a right to be playing. It didn't seem like a thing that I could take part of – it was always outside of me. Now, I realize they're simply there for the taking if you're willing to work hard and earn your spot.

CD: I think most fans have a sense of the awesome music community we have here in the Albany. For me as a fan, I only had a small idea of the relationships beyond the community of fans and musicians. As a musician I have seen how much further it extends than I fully realized. Between all of the other bands, the bar owners and staff, promoters, other artists, just everyone else involved that you don't initially think of, there is an incredible amount of collaboration and support that makes all of this work. We've met so many amazing people since we have started this and are very

started playing more. It makes me wonder why I waited so long; if you wait to start doing something until you're perfect, you won't ever start. This area has a lot of passionate artists doing some very creative things and I'm so grateful to be a part of it.

### PM: Where do you see yourselves at the start of 2021?

**JP:** At the start of 2021, I would like to have played a New Years Eve set or show to ring in the new year, and playing a lot more outside of the Capital Region and New York as a whole. I would like to have Colorado in our foresight and weekend-tours booked for the upcoming spring in states and territories we haven't been. That being said, I am so happy to see how far we have come in this past year! It's a lot to take in sometimes but at the rate we are going those aspirations of mine for 2021 seem more like a plan and less than a wish.

GP: At the start of 2021, we're looking to begin moving outside of Albany and take our weird thing to the people elsewhere. We also have a ton of new material beyond this album that we're looking to get recorded also, but I'm not sure when that will happen. Just keep moving forward to grow and grow!

**CD:** We've got a solid amount of material that came up around or after the time we recorded this album. Hopefully we can get some of those songs recorded and have another album ready by early 2021. Beyond that, we are hoping to start playing outside of Albany, we haven't done too much of that yet.

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#### — Chanda Dewey, drummer for Glass Pony

that helps set us apart in the jam scene. The jam has a very high energy peak at the end and it's a hell of a lot of fun to play live.

PM: Arising from the Albany scene and playing in the greater 518, what are some things you have observed as musicians that you didn't see as fans?

Jeff Picarazzi: As a musician in the 518 music scene I have learned that anything is possible if you have the right people to work with. Meeting, playing and making friends with all these traveling musicians, promoters, bar owners, sound engineers helps make it all possible. I used to think it was rocket science to play with a jam band and still

lucky for that.

**EH:** I've been part of the Albany scene for years not only as a fan but also professionally as a live sound and recording engineer. Even though I had been writing and recording my own music for years I saw myself more as a behind the scenes person. I think part of that was from the insecurities I felt from being surrounded by such great musicians all the time. Although I was confident in my writing I hadn't done too much performing. The support and encouragement that this artistic community gives each other is incredible and that's the biggest thing that has stuck out to me since we have

EH: I'm very proud of how far we've come in the last year and I think the next year is going to be even better. By the end of this year we'll have our first album out and hopefully by the end of 2020 we'll release our second. We already have a batch of songs that are ready for the next release and we're excited to get those recorded. In 2020 we're also planning on getting outside of Albany and starting to establish some connections in other cities so hopefully by 2021 we'll have made some friends and new fans in places across the Northeast and we'll be working on growing those audiences and setting our sights even further out.

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According to the 2019 report "The State of Online Gaming" from Limelight Networks, gamers are spending more time than ever before engaged in play. Gamers spend an average of seven hours and seven minutes each week playing games, which represents a 20 percent spike from last year. Gamers between the ages of 26 and 35 are playing for more than eight hours a week. All that gaming can leave gamers vulnerable to injury.

Many individuals are now experiencing overuse injuries from extended gaming sessions. Dominic King, D.O, a sports medicine physician at the Cleveland Clinic, says gaming athletes can be injured in similar manners to traditional athletes. Doctors have seen overuse injuries of the hand associated with eSports. Carpal tunnel syndrome, overuse in the elbow and shoulder, tendinitis, and even something called "gamer's thumb" can occur. Gamer's thumb is a nickname given to a condition called de Quervain's tenosynovitis, which occurs when the tendons that move the thumb become inflamed, leading to limited movement. Gaming and even smartphone use

can result in this condition.

Staying informed about the potential for injury can keep gamers in better health. Gamers also can take steps to prevent common conditions.

- Eye strain: Staring at a screen for hours while immersed in play can cause eye strain. Symptoms can include pain, redness, dryness, and blurry vision. Taking breaks and focusing on items at various distances can help rest the eyes.
- Gamer's thumb: Stretching the hand and thumb before playing and during breaks can rest the tendons in the hand and reduce the risk of inflammation.
- Carpal tunnel syndrome: This occurs when there's a pinched nerve in the wrist that causes hand or wrist pain, numbness, tingling, or weakness. Stretches that engage the palms, fists and thumbs can help. A chiropractor or physical therapist can help people learn stretches and find relief.
- Hearing damage: Wearing headphones and listening to loud game play can damage hearing. Keeping the volume low and avoiding earbuds that keep the noise close to the eardrum can help reduce risk.
- Back and neck strain: Improper posture while playing may lead to pain in the neck and back. Rest, breaks and stretching can help reduce and alleviate pain. Look for ergonomic gaming chairs, which may help prevent injury.

Gaming is popular, but eSports players need to be smart about their health when engaging in play.



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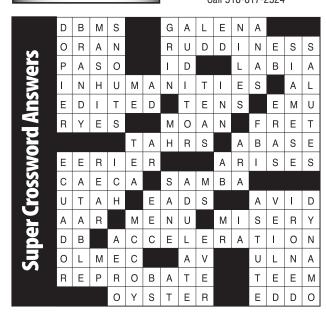
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New York State Museum — unitl Apr. 26

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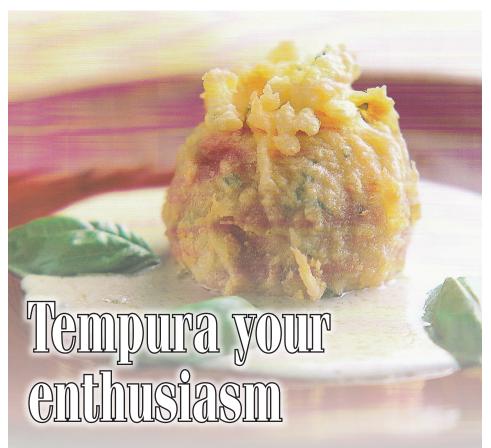
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Even though it has a Japanese name and has been enjoyed in that country for centuries, tempura actually has European origins. Food historians say that tempura can be traced back to the influence of Portuguese merchants and missionaries who arrived in Japan in the 16th century.

Almost anything can be added to a tempura batter. However, in this recipe for "Fruit Tomato Tempura" from Takashi Sugimoto and Marcia Iwatate's "Shunju New Japanese Cuisine" (Tuttle), a sweet variety of tomato known as a fruit tomato is used. The fruit tomato is a recently developed tomato hybrid that has a reduced water content and a great level of sweetness. The fruit tomato is smaller and firmer than most tomatoes. Overcooking fruit tomatoes will increase their acidity, so they should be deep-fried quickly.

#### Fruit Tomato Tempura

#### **Ingredients: Serves 4**

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cup ice water

cup all-purpose flour, sifted

- and refrigerated
- fresh basil leaves, roughly torn (plus extra whole to garnish)
- fruit tomatoes, substitute with small, firm vine-ripened tomatoes
- cup fresh cream
- 11/3 ounces hard cheese, such as Gouda
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#### Instructions

- 1. Beat the eggs and ice water in a bowl, then add the flour and torn basil. Stir briefly with thick chopsticks. Do not mix to a smooth batter as tempura batter should always contain lumps of flour.
- 2. Pour vegetable oil in a saucepan until it reaches 6 inches in depth. Heat to 374 F.
- 3. Dip a whole, unpeeled tomato in the batter and deep-fry for 11/2 minutes; overcooking the tomato causes it to become acidic. Make sure that you maintain the temperature of the oil at 374 F. Remove the tomato with a slotted spoon and drain on a rack. Repeat with remaining tomatoes.
- 4. Melt the cream and two kinds of cheese in a microwave oven or over low heat. Season with natural sea salt. Spread the cheese cream sauce on a plate, place the fried tomato in the middle and garnish with whole basil leaves.

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customers would support the brand," he said, referring back to how New Scotland Spirits products will also be clearly labeled as being bottled by the Albany Distilling Company.

However, Sommer and Carey's compromise attempts seem to be in vain and the trademark battle and legal issues remain unresolved as of December 2019.

Looking ahead, it is uncertain how long the issues will continue for which raises the question of whether New Scotland Spirits can actually start selling its products in 2021 without worsening legal matters with the SWA.

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"That's a bridge we'll cross when we get there but at this point, we're not willing to give up the name, 'New Scotland Spirits,' because that's what we are — we are spirits from New Scotland," Sommer said.

Sicari chimed in, "Small companies like ours are proud of our hometowns and we're really paying homage to them. I think if [the SWA] wants to go about it the right way, they could somehow partner with us and understand that we are not taking market share from them. In the grand scheme of things, people who buy our products do want to support something

He added, "There should not be any

confusion as to what [Sommer and Carey] are putting out and what scotch is."

Sommer concluded, "This project is worth it to me because of how much I love the people and places where I grew up. We still want to honor our hometown, like this little corner on the planet, and we wanted to memorialize it in our labels so our neighbors can take pride in. I'd love to be able to have this upstate New York product that celebrates New Scotland with the broader world."

For more information, visit New Scotland Spirits' website at www. newscotlandspirits.us.

