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TOP STORY

Honoring her memory

Filmmaker's new independent movie inspired by his late teen daughter

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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GUILDERLAND — Los Angeles-based filmmaker Dmitry Gelfand hopes his upcoming independent film, "My True Fairytale," is one way he can help people realize the fragility of life and come to terms

with how he was not with his 17-year-old daughter, Alyssa, when she died from a car crash on Hurst Road in Guilderland in May 2017.

Gelfand directed and wrote "My True Fairytale" which blends mystery, thriller and teen drama. Filming was done in mid-May 2019 in L.A. and it is in post-production now. Alyssa and her death serve as inspiration for the film's main character, Angie Goodwin,

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▲ Alyssa Gelfand, above, died after a car crash in Guilderland in May 2017. While grieving her loss, her father, Dmitry, became inspired to use his filmmaking craft to honor her legacy.

Provided photo

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Press to impress

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■ POLICE AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Perceived threat against school

BETHLEHEM — A 17-year-old teenager was arrested for making a perceived threat against the Bethlehem Central High School on Thursday, Feb. 13.

According to Bethlehem police, the school administration discovered graffiti containing the aforementioned threat which caused concern.

Bethlehem police and school district officials worked together to identify the teenager allegedly behind it.

The teen was then charged with one felony count of making a terroristic threat and one misdemeanor count of making graffiti.

The teenager was transported to Albany County Court Youth Part where the case will be handled.

While it has been determined that there was no imminent threat, the investigation is ongoing.

Petit larceny

SLINGERLANDS — A 28-year-old Troy woman was arrested on two charges on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m.

According to police, a fraud investigator alerted Bethlehem police on Jan. 28 about Aisha Serina Brown cashing a fraudulent payroll check at Price Chopper on 1355 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands on Jan. 13. After investigating video footage and paperwork, police contacted Brown on her cell phone and she voluntarily came to the Bethlehem Police Department to speak about the alleged incident, implicating herself.

Brown said she received the fraudulent check from Isaiah Pringle, 29, of Troy. Pringle said he received the check from Rasheem Robinson, 29, of Albany.

Brown was charged with petit larceny and criminal possession of a forged instrument. She was arraigned and released with a court return date of March 3, at 3 p.m.

Substitute teacher charged with photographing student in bathroom

Victim reportedly turned camera on suspect

COLONIE — A 42-year-old substitute teacher at Shaker High School was arrested for allegedly attempting to photograph a 17-year-old student in the bathroom.

Instead, the student managed to take the substitute teacher's photo and turned those photos into authorities leading to an arrest.

According to police and school officials, Jeffery Wellman, of Albany, had been working as a non-certified substitute through Capital Region BOCES since 2015.

On Tuesday, Feb. 11 the student was in one of the stalls at Shaker High when he spotted a



WELLMAN

cell phone come under the divider from the adjoining stall.

At first the student thought the person dropped the phone, but noticed it wasn't just resting on the person's foot but angled up into his stall. The phone appeared to flash two or three times and the student realized the person was trying to take his photo.

The student grabbed

Wellman's leg and held on while he used his own phone to take a video.

Wellman ran out of the bathroom and sent a text to school officials, saying he was ill and had to go home.

After examining the student's video, it was determined it was Wellman. Also, video cameras in the hallway show Wellman pacing in front of the bathroom before entering. Once he did enter, he stayed in the bathroom for more than 20 minutes before exiting suddenly.

The student and his mother were interviewed by the School Resource Officer, Brianna Pierce, and together they went to the Colonie Police Department to file a formal statement.

Investigators went to Wellman's home in Albany and arrested him on the charge of unlawful surveillance, a felony.

His phone and his laptop were confiscated.

According to Wellman's Facebook page, he graduated from the University at Potsdam in 2001 and graduated from Bethlehem High School in 1995.

Winn said "there is no indication or reports of other victims, but due to the nature of the charge and defendant's profession anyone that may have been victimized or who has information about the defendant is urged to contact the Colonie Police at 518-783-2744.

— Jim Franco

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Pool bids are in



Bethlehem Central High School senior Luke Johnson, above, was among the numerous speakers at the Feb. 12 Town Board meeting who supported rebuilding the dive pool, saying it represents many people's childhoods. Diego Cagara / Spotlight News

Town Board to vote on pool option at its Feb. 26 meeting

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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BETHLEHEM — Jason Gallo, the town's Parks and Recreation administrator, recommends the Town Board should vote at its Feb. 26 meeting to rebuild the dive pool after the bids came in last week.

Two contractors submitted bids, which were presented at the Wednesday, Feb. 12 meeting. The dive pool's construction would cost \$822,000 if the town moves forward with the Buffalo-based P&S or \$719,000 with the New Jersey-based Mid Atlantic. Also, the slide pool would cost \$1.1 million with the former or \$757,000 with the latter. Gallo said these numbers should not be subject to change as they were included in the official bid packages.

When asked why he recommends the dive pool option, Gallo said that besides the lower projected costs, "The dive pool has been an instrumental part of the town's pool complex for more than four

decades. There's a clear affinity among the community for it."

However, he said that regardless of which pool type the Town Board will choose, summer construction does not seem likely; instead, it would ideally start this fall and be finished by spring 2021.

The original dive pool was erected in 1973 but was closed in summer 2019 after its deteriorated structural integrity was discovered to be beyond repair. This launched a townwide discussion on whether to replace it with another dive pool or a new two-slide pool. Also last year, many residents expressed they wanted the original dive pool repaired or replaced when they spoke to the Town Board and took part in two public online surveys.

A special interactive public forum happened on Feb. 12 where Town Supervisor David VanLuven said, "I want this forum to be an environment where everyone is not only welcomed to speak but feels safe speaking."

The resident speakers were mostly

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Businesses have a say

Preparing for the Glenmont roundabout

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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GLENMONT — A dozen business owners and residents shared ideas and concerns with the Albany-based Baker Public Relations firm on Thursday, Feb. 13 at Glenmont Elementary School about how to deal with the upcoming Glenmont roundabout's construction and traffic impact.

Such discussions will inform the strategic communications plan that the firm will finish by April 1. The aforementioned roundabout project will convert the current four-way stoplight intersection of Feura Bush Road, Glenmont Road and Route 9W into a roundabout by spring 2021.

Attendees were given surveys to fill out during the meeting, including questions like what industry sector their business belongs to, where do they go to read town news, which social media or communication platform their business uses, and what ways they could use to communicate to their patrons about the roundabout's construction progress, traffic delays and detours.

"These are going to help us out tremendously in quantifying your feelings and how you receive information from the town and to your businesses," said Jason Politi, the firm's public relations and marketing director. "What this meeting will do is inform the communications plan, not so much discuss details of the construction plan."

The strategic communications plan will help the town and Chamber of Commerce communicate with businesses operating and residents living near the roundabout construction site. It will



Business owners and residents asked questions about the Glenmont roundabout project and exchanged ideas for how to best stay updated about construction and traffic impact. Diego Cagara / Spotlight News

also provide tools to help businesses communicate with their customers and be a template the town can use for future major roadway construction projects, including the Delaware Avenue Complete Streets and Road Diet.

Besides filling out the surveys, people debated how often they should expect updates about the construction and traffic impact; which communication platform to best get them from; if having a webpage on the town's website can be a central resource; and maybe installing a webcam that overlooks the construction site.

Selkirk Fire District Commissioner Chuck Wickham said having constant updates is important because Route 9W is a major road that firefighters, police and EMS use when responding to emergencies. "Route 9W is a route we use to go to Albany Med," he said. "If you could somehow relay to us about detours or traffic, we will make sure we will relay that to our members so they all know

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Contract agreement reached for nursing home

Agreement ratified between prospective buyer and employees

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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DELMAR — Employees at a town nursing home have reached a contract agreement that ensures they can keep their health insurance which quelled fears of losing it and their jobs.

Mindy Berman, a spokeswoman for 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East — the Good Samaritan Nursing Home and Kenwood Manor employees' union — said that employees voted "overwhelmingly" to ratify the contract agreement on Thursday, Feb. 13 and Friday, Feb. 14.

The agreement, first announced on Wednesday, Feb. 12, was between them and Centers Health



Good Samaritan employees like Teneisha Addison, center, had worried for months about losing their health insurance and having to quit their jobs but the new contract agreement may help.

Diego Cagara / Spotlight News

Care, the Bronx-based prospective buyer of the facilities.

The facilities' operator, the Lutheran Care Network, had not been paying into the employees' Health Benefit Fund since October 2019 and filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in December.

Staffing levels and supplies declined as a result, with many employees worrying about losing their health insurance and the well-being of the nursing home residents.

However, a scheduled three-day strike late last month was canceled after Centers Health Care, which originally did not plan on maintaining the employees'

health insurance, became open to negotiations.

"This is an incredible victory and this is a great solution," said Berman. "This was really a great effort between workers, residents, families and lots of the community members who came out in support of it too."

As the contract agreement was ratified, the Centers Health Care is one step closer to purchasing the facilities and a bankruptcy hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 25.

John Makoyi, an employee and caregiver of over 18 years, also expressed relief at the news. "But we also know this is only the

"But we also know this is only the first step. We are hoping the bankruptcy hearing will go smoothly so that the new operators can come in and start to invest in the facility. That investment must do what is necessary to improve staffing and help to recruit and retain a stable workforce."

— John Makoyi, Good Samaritan employee

to the next trying to help one another," she said. "But the care and compassion of these workers are still there and you can tell they're truly attached to their jobs and the residents."

She added it is beneficial whenever there is enough regular staff to care for her mother but the Lutheran Care Network's recent financial struggles have threatened that.

"That caring and level of connection is so vital to the resident population. To hear about the new potential owner coming in saying all the right things is a huge relief as long as it goes forward," she said. "My mother is not aware of the whole situation but I know she's somehow connected to her staff and she recognizes she's safe because it's a safe space. When there's a lot of turnover or random staff members coming in for shifts, that's very distressing to my mom and other residents."

quality of care and staffing were optimal when they first came in, those two factors have declined in the last nine months. "I've since noticed a lack of staffing — minimal staffing at best — and nurses and aides floating from one unit

first step. We are hoping the bankruptcy hearing will go smoothly so that the new operators can come in and start to invest in the facility. That investment must do what is necessary to improve staffing and help to recruit and retain a stable workforce."

Robbin Colandrea, an Averill Park resident whose parents have been at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home for three years, said her family chose it because of its reputation and how it could take in both her parents.

Her father has since died but her mother is still a resident, receiving care as she has Alzheimer's.

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Mindy Berman

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■ HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Bethlehem beats Colonie in OT

BETHLEHEM — In overtime, the Eagles beat the Raiders in Suburban Council matchup on Friday, Feb. 14 by a score of 59-56.

With one game left in the regular season, a makeup game against Niskayuna that was snowed out, The Eagles stand at 11-3, in second place to undefeated Shenendehowa in the competitive Blue Division. Niskayuna and Saratoga are at 10-3. With the loss, Colonie slides to 9-5 and 14-6 overall with one game left.

Bethlehem started out slow and fell behind 17-8 after the first quarter and were down 24-20 at the half. The Eagles, though, had a strong third quarter, outscoring Colonie 17-10.

Colonie's Marcus Shelton led all scorers on Friday with 19 points while Victor Pharr had 11. Will Davis had 15 to lead Bethlehem while Marko Gibbons had 14 and Kendrick McCann had 13.

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, Bethlehem hosted Nisky and Colonie hosted Saratoga.

Check out our website for more photos of the game.

— Jim Franco



Section II gymnastics

COLONIE — Saratoga won its 19th Section II gymnastics title with a combined score of 173.650.

Bethlehem came in second at 167.5, followed by Guilderland with 160.450 and Shaker with 157.975.

Blue Steaks gymnasts took the top three places too: Sophia Damiano finished in first with a combined score on the four exercises of 37.350. Ava Dallas finished in second with 36.95 and Carly Ruschack third with 34.6.

Bethlehem's Alison Gray placed fourth with 34.5 and her teammate Chloe Kosoc came in fifth with a score of 34.425. Addison Seebode, of Guilderland, placed sixth with a score of 34.150 followed by Trinity Walters, of Bethlehem (33.1), Giana Aquino, of Shaker (32.8), Carli Rem, of Guilderland (32.675) and Allison Rem, of Guilderland (32.25.)

Damiano set a meet record on the vault with a score of 9.450 and won the balance beam and the floor exercises. Dallas won the uneven bars with a score of 9.225.

Qualifying Section II gymnasts will travel to the state meet on Feb. 29 at Cold Spring Harbor High School.

Photos by Jim Franco and Shaker High junior Sarah Hamilton.



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Honoring her

portrayed by actress Emma Kennedy, and its main storyline respectively.

However, Gelfand — who also assumes the moniker, D. Mitry, in his career — said it does not closely follow what happened in real life. The film’s website describes the plot: “Angie Goodwin runs away after a horrific car crash to make her dream of becoming a superhero come true.” He added that it takes place in a fictional place in Florida called Gardenland, a reference to Guilderland.

When asked why he wanted to make a personal film, Gelfand said, “I wanted to create something that would not only heal me and my family but also possibly help a lot of people including our friends and the affected community, and possibly those beyond. In essence, it’s an inspirational film and making films is what I know how to do best. I know it may sound crazy but I feel close to her even after her departure.”

Background

Alyssa was a junior at Guilderland High School, transporting two friends one evening but sustained fatal

injuries when the car crashed into a tree. She died in hospital two days later but her friends survived. Guilderland police determined speed and the way the road dipped up and down — if one drives fast, their vehicle may briefly become airborne — contributed to the crash. In 2000, two teens perished in a car crash near where Alyssa’s crash occurred.

Gelfand explained that he and Alyssa’s mother had divorced a year before Alyssa’s death, the former then moving to Los Angeles to continue his filmmaking career and the latter relocating to Seattle. He said that he wanted their daughter to live in a stable place where she could attend high school without disruption because his career had him traveling around the country and even to foreign countries at times. After a family discussion, it was determined Alyssa would live in Guilderland with her grandparents.

When the crash happened, Gelfand received a phone call while he was in L.A. from Alyssa’s grandparents who said she was in hospital.



Director and writer Dmitry Gelfand, above, filmed “My True Fairytale” in May 2019, two years after Alyssa’s death. Provided photo

“I just remember at that moment that everything was in slow motion and you couldn’t comprehend anything at all,” he said. “It was like I was in a vacuum and everything was soundless and motionless. I also had to call Alyssa’s mother to tell the news.”

Inspiration

After Alyssa died, Gelfand said he went through several emotional breakdowns but one

“I distinctly remember I was taking a shower and I just started to cry ... because I felt [Alyssa’s] presence. Maybe I was in denial but I felt she was there and I didn’t want her to go away. That was the first time I wanted to do this story.”

— Dmitry Gelfand, director and writer of “My True Fairytale”

stuck out to him. “I distinctly remember I was taking a shower and I just started to cry and I remember thinking I have to do something because I felt her presence,” he said. “Maybe I was in denial but I felt she was there and I didn’t want her to go away. That was the first time I wanted to do this story.”

Then, he began reaching out to Alyssa’s friends in Guilderland, receiving support from his family and ending up writing the film’s script within five months. The film began taking form after contacting Barcelona-based cinematographer Pablo Diez who has done dozens of English and Spanish-language films, music videos and commercials.

“[Diez] gave me time to

explain because the story touched him and then obviously, that gave him a reason to read the script which really touched him too,” Gelfand said. “Then, I started building a group of people who believed in me and this story, including the cast. It was like a chain reaction where one started to believe in the story, then another, then another.”

Gelfand noted how Kennedy’s portrayal of main character Angie Goodwin is similar to Alyssa physically and personality-wise.

He said, “Were there moments on set where I got a bit emotional? Yes and that’s when I had to excuse myself for a few minutes. But at the end of the day, I’m a director and directing a film is a very technical thing. I want to leave the feelings for the audience to experience and I think Emma Kennedy was absolutely brilliant.”

Message

“Without giving the storylines away, we’re dealing with a notion of what it means to be a superhero specifically,” Gelfand said. “One of the biggest points I’m trying to make in the film is that we’re all superheroes and we have a superpower called love that’s stronger than anything. It’s eternal and lives on.”

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By **SPOTLIGHT STAFF**
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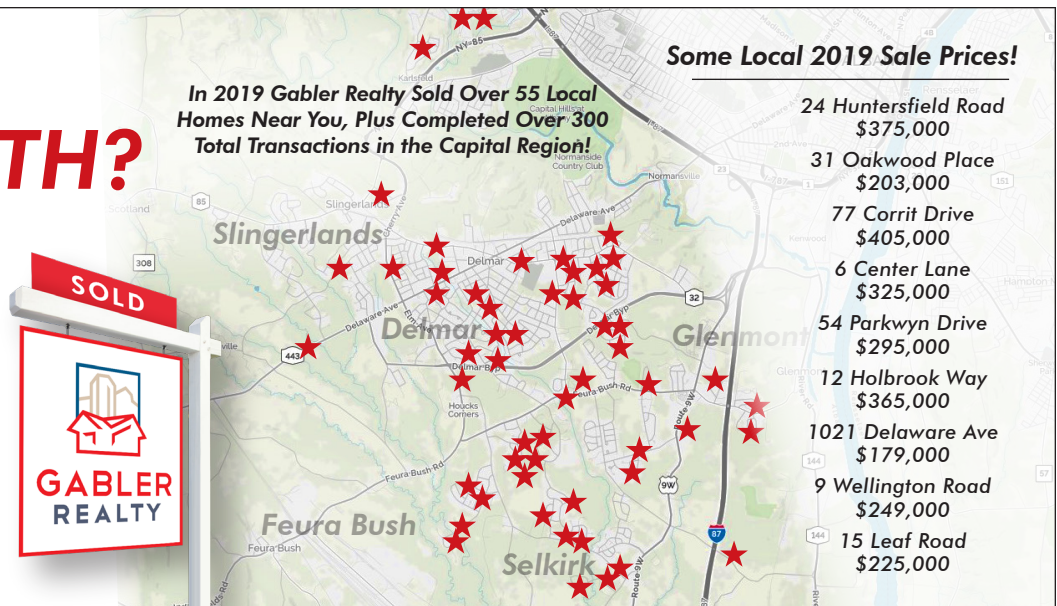
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A library for all

At Bethlehem Public Library, community feedback is an important part of the planning process

By KRISTEN ROBERTS
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DELMAR — For over 100 years, Bethlehem Public Library has been a center of lifelong learning and a gathering place for the community. With more than 325,000 visits in the past year, the library is a hub of activity in a town that embraces and supports its cultural assets.

In 2019, the Board of Trustees embarked on a comprehensive Long Range Planning process that will

outline goals to deliver the services and experiences that are a priority to the people who use the library – as well as those who will use it in the years to come. To do that, library staff and trustees have been reaching out to residents and community stakeholders over the past months through brainstorming workshops, surveys and individual interviews to hear their ideas for the future of the library.

The feedback has been plentiful, with many voicing a desire for the library to



Public input has been an essential part of Bethlehem Public Library's Long Range Planning process as staff and trustees look ahead to how the library will serve the community in the coming years.

"We are now bringing together all of these ideas that we've been hearing in order to come up with a comprehensive vision of our service and space needs as we look ahead,"

— Geoffrey Kirkpatrick,
Library Director

maintain or expand traditional collections of books and media while seeking opportunities to provide additional quiet study and gathering spaces for groups of varying size. A number of people also said they were interested in seeing enhanced teen and children's areas, as well as improved access to the building itself.

"We are now bringing

together all of these ideas that we've been hearing in order to come up with a comprehensive vision of our service and space needs as we look ahead," said Library Director Geoffrey Kirkpatrick.

He noted that public input has been an essential part of planning for the library's future.

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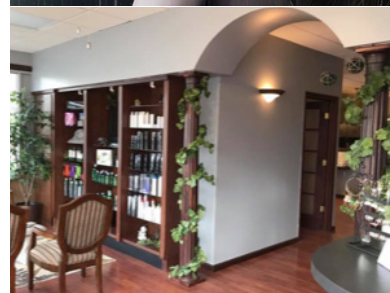
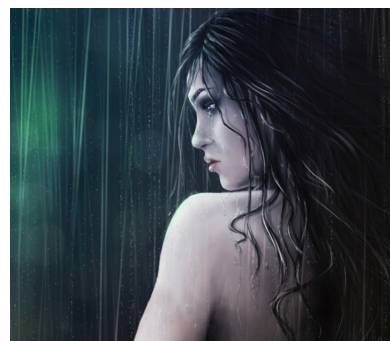


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“The library’s Long Range Plan will truly be a document informed by the community. When we started the process, we tried to make sure there were no preconceived ideas of what the end result would be. We want to make sure it reflects what people in Bethlehem are actually telling us they want from the library.”

A final draft of the Long Range Plan is expected by the end of the year, but library staffers are not waiting until then to look for new, innovative ways to serve the community – they’ve been doing it all along.

The library is gearing up for another season of bringing the Pop-Up Library to the Saturday Farmers Market and other local events this summer. The Pop-Up Library is just one of the many ways Bethlehem Public Library extends its service beyond the

brick-and-mortar structure. Another is Free Library WiFi in public areas throughout the community, including the town park and Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. BPL librarians are also regularly out and about in the schools hosting programs and book discussions in collaboration with the teachers and school librarians.

This spring, the wildly popular seed library will return for a second year with a host of supporting programs. Checkouts from the Library of Things were up 22 percent in the past year as patrons borrow new technology like laptops and WiFi hotspots, along with “just for fun” items like karaoke machines, telescopes, GoPro cameras, American Girl Dolls and more. And Kanopy streaming video service was also recently added to the list of e-materials available to Bethlehem cardholders.



The library offers all of these new services and materials in addition to its core collection and traditional programs like story times, book discussions, lectures, concerts and performances.

Since its founding in 1913, Bethlehem Public Library has been a true reflection of the community’s interests

and values, and a Long Range Planning process that incorporates vital public feedback means that it will remain so in the years to come.

Kristen Roberts is former managing editor of Spotlight Newspapers and is presently the public information specialist for the Bethlehem Public Library.

A group of local Girls Scouts dropped by the library in mid-January to discuss the Long Range Planning process with Library Director Geoffrey Kirkpatrick and to share their visions for the library’s future.

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How Delmar fits into a 'Super Zip'

Coined by a think tank scholar, Super Zips are associated with pocket communities characterized by its wealth and education

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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Before he was voted in as Bethlehem Town Supervisor, before he and his wife placed a downpayment on their Delmar home, David VanLuven went "community shopping."

VanLuven's family transplanted from New England. They lived north of Boston, faced with exorbitant commutes to and from work and had no prospect of affording a home in a good school district. In Boston, the median home value exceeds

half a million dollars. You could drive 50 miles by *cab* and you still won't be able to buy a three-bedroom, 1,500-square-foot home for the average price here. So, when he landed a job opportunity that would require a move to the Capital District, they jumped.

As they looked for a place to establish roots, VanLuven said they looked for three things; school districts, libraries and a general feel of the community. They narrowed their sights on Voorheesville, Niskayuna and Bethlehem Central. Only one of those districts

has what sociologist and political scientist Charles Murray would call a "Super Zip."

The American Enterprise Institute scholar coined the "super" phrase to describe the most prosperous, highly educated demographic clusters in the country. Zip codes themselves were just a means for the United States Postal Service to define a territory within which mail is delivered. What has been observed over time are pocket communities that have been sought after for their unique combination of amenities. Property values rise and develop into affluent neighborhoods.

In November 2013, Washington Post reporters Ted Melnik and Carol Morello named neighborhoods where the

"typical" household income was more than \$120,000, and 68 percent of adult residents held college degrees. At the time, 650 communities confined by postal code, were identified as Super Zips.

In the Washington Post report, Delmar and Slingerlands were on the cusp. Melnik and Morello attributed a number between 0 and 99 representing the area's average percentile rank in both college education and income. Super Zips were 95 or above. Delmar scored a 93 and Slingerlands a 91.

But, that was seven years ago.

When statisticians speak of averages they usually speak of one of two different numbers — mean and median. The layman's definition of median is what



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number lies in the middle of a field of many numbers. The mean takes the sum of those numbers from that field and divides it by the number of occurrences, like the grades on your report card. Statisticians tend to like medians because they recognize anomalies — one very large or small number — can skew the average off the more practical middle.

Based on Murray's definition of a Super Zip, Delmar still falls short. According to American Community Survey data, 68 percent of Delmartians possess a college degree. The U.S. Census states that its median household income is only \$100,677. However, the mean household income is \$125,375, meeting both thresholds to be defined as a Super Zip.

No matter how you massage the numbers, Slingerlands still falls short of qualifying as a Super Zip. You can flip

the switch from median to mean household income and derive to \$138,820, but it falls a few percentage points short in education. Only 63 percent of adults own a degree.

So, what does a Super Zip look like? Well, it goes back to defining those highly sought after amenities. When VanLuven was looking for a new hometown, he wasn't far off.

Libraries serve as a good gauge to measure a community, said VanLuven. Like visiting the home of a new acquaintance, he looked over the CD collection at Bethlehem Public Library. He's a fan of music, anything from pianist and composer Philip Glass to Australian electronic rock band Pendulum.

"It had a really strong opera and jazz section," he said. "It wasn't just pop. It was an eclectic mix. I felt that that said a lot about

the people going to the library, in addition to what the library was."

That helped convince VanLuven and his wife, Isabelle Bleecker, to buy a home in Delmar. They have since spent nearly 20 years calling it home along with their three daughters, Catie, Juliette and Emma.

Real estate trends

Realtors would describe the current environment as a "seller's market." In a supply-and-demand game, those looking to buy in Delmar far exceed those who are selling, driving the price for available properties up. It also heightens the sense of urgency for buyers to place a bid once they see a home within their price range.

The average sale price has soared in recent years. Since March 2015, where Zillow.com reports the average Delmar home



priced at \$241,000, that figure climbed to a high of \$283,000 last May. Since a dip in the market that witnessed the price of that same home drop to \$276,000 last October, the market has been climbing.

The current hot real estate market is not exclusive to the Delmar zip code. That same pattern of consumer behavior has been witnessed in surrounding neighborhoods, too. Though \$276,000 is high, it's lower than Guiderland's \$281,000 (12084). It's also lower than the overall \$290,000 figure across Bethlehem. Slingerlands (12159) bucks the curve while boasting a median home value of \$361,000.

But, the homes that do sell in Delmar go quickly. According to Global MLS, 232 homes sold in Delmar in 2019. The average median price for those homes was approximately

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Super Zip

\$280,000. And, as houses across the Capital District stayed on the market for a little over two months, those in the 12054 zip code sold in 33 days.

The hamlet of Delmar is defined by its Four Corners. Its two busiest streets continue to be Kenwood and Delaware avenues. Where the two intersect you will still find a grocery store, a handful of shops, several houses of worship, a funeral home and a few restaurants. Town Hall and its post office have moved a little further away over the years, but they both remain within walking distance of the intersection. In terms of real estate, that walkability factor is key.

"A lot of people who are moving into the Delmar area are looking for a

bedroom community that has walkability," said real estate broker Judi Gabler. She said, home shoppers are looking at top-rated school districts, but they also want to walk to the farmer's market, the local coffee shop and the wine bar. "I think knowing that they are going to be a part of a town and a community that is efficient and has entertainment, they can live comfortably here."

Crime

Bethlehem is often called a "bedroom community." It's another way of calling a town boring. Business owners hate it. Residents may balk at it. But, in terms of crime activity, it's a welcomed way to call your neighborhood safe.



Last May, U.S. News & World Report named Bethlehem Central High School ranked among the top 1000 public schools in the country.

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Numbers specific to Delmar were unavailable, but Bethlehem police were dispatched to nearly 22,000 calls in 2018. By comparison, Guilderland police responded to more than 28,000 calls. The two towns are nearly identical to one another. Guilderland, which stands between both

Albany and Schenectady, has a population of 35,000. Bethlehem has almost 34,000 residents. The largest factor that divides the two, however, is Crossgates Mall. The mall drives more than 20 million guests each year, and with that, draws more instances for crime.

Bethlehem police states its highest concern is traffic safety. Of the dispatch calls in 2018, nearly 900 involved auto related property damage. Violent crimes are almost non-existent. Police were dispatched to 286 violent crimes throughout the town that year, roughly 1 percent

of all their calls. Among them were 26 assaults and 27 fights. In contrast, police responded to 39 calls of youth being annoying.

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A visit to the past



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The ballroom is back, and we learned more

By **KAITLIN LEMBO**
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DELMAR — Looking at the old Bank of Bethlehem, located at 343 Delaware Ave., it looks like any other bank building.

Having housed at least four banks since the building was assembled in 1928, the lobby boasts a bunch of counters, an empty, open bank vault and a place for waiting. Across the room from the counters, long-vacant offices sit silently. The building is dark, dingy and abandoned. As Berkshire Hathaway continues to market the land, the doors remain locked. People still show up for viewings, but the

building sits empty.

However, I had the opportunity of getting into the building twice, once during the original article's research and again about six months later. The secret lies at the bottom of the hidden stairs to the left of the lobby, to the left, and down a cement hallway. Down a few more stairs, the realtor turned his phone flashlight on and looked at me. "This is it," he said. "This is where the ballroom was."

A gray, cement floor is hidden under a few inches of water. Five wrought-iron chandeliers hang from the ceiling, dusty but still functional. The chandeliers are accompanied by ceiling lights you'd find in any modern business. Wires hang from the ceiling, where ceiling tiles have since disappeared. The

walls are cement, but white adhesive is still attached methodically, with horizontal wooden planks and white outlets in increments. The crusty paste once allegedly held mirrors to the walls, giving the room a taste of elegance.

There are no windows and no outside light; only the light from our phones gave us the ability to see around. An extra vault is on the far left wall. Long emptied, the door is open.

Another exit leads out the back. The room is not big, but not small; it lies underneath where the drive-thru now is.

Fast forward to mid-2019, Jim Franco and I got into the room again. We noticed there was no checkered floor, like I remembered the first

time. We were able to get pictures. The white, sticky paste was more disintegrated than I recalled. The bank vault on the left wall was still open. An aluminum, pipe-like tube hung from the ceiling on the right side. Six months later, wires were still on the floor, as water still sat. Debris was still casually strewn about. We figured out the steps went out the back door like we were told.

The research

We learned the secret ballroom was used for a multitude of reasons, both the ones listed last year and for uses we didn't know about. To recap last year's research, the building began as the Bank of Bethlehem, opening at the height of the Prohibition era,

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according to Bethlehem Town Historian Susan Leath's new book, "Historic Tales of Bethlehem, New York." Plans for the building were created by Galen H. Nichols, and construction was done by the C.V. Soule Company of Delmar in about five months. D.A. Bennett owned the land and was a director of the bank when it opened. Bennett and a business partner started the bank because there were no local banks at the time; all banking was located in Albany and was about a day's journey. "Historic Tales" cites the bank as a source of charming, historic ads for a local newspaper.

In 1937, the bank was acquired by the National Commercial Bank and Trust, according to "Historic Tales." NCB&T traces its history back to 1825 when it was chartered by Gov. Dewitt Clinton as the Commercial Bank of Albany. The bank adopted

the KeyBank name in 1979.

The ballroom was possibly used as early as 1928 by a fraternal organization called the Improved Order of the Red Men. The Redmen, as they were commonly called, often put on dances at a hall once located at 10 Hallwood Road, right behind the bank building. The dances date back to 1890, Thomas Drake, the grandson of D.A. Bennett, said.

"The Redmen would use the dance hall on Hallwood for functions," Drake said. "We're unsure if they ever used the room under the bank."

Along with the dances, the organization would perform new member ceremonies, minstrel shows and banquets. While The Redmen did not have a Delmar chapter, there were several active ones in Albany at the time, David Lintz, Director of the Red Men Museum and Library, said at the time of publication.

Although Lintz could not confirm a meeting was ever held there, "the use of the ballroom under the bank would depend on what it had that the other locations did not," Lintz explained. "It was very common for the group to hold private parties in rooms like these."

There were other uses besides fraternal. Meyers Funeral Home owner Ben Meyers said the Glenmont Community Church used to use the room for services until its chapel was built. Meyers was called for floral arrangements whenever a funeral was held. Since publication, we learned a sect of former members from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Missouri synod, who left the church due to "strict rules of not being able to be members of certain organizations," founded Faith Lutheran Church and used the room for its services, according to Sheree Wright. The church later moved onto another

building once it found a new home. Bethlehem Community Church also held services in the room when Pastor Art Gay was leading worship, according to Dale Hilchie. At the time, National Community Bank occupied the building.

Former Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce member Marty DeLaney was intimately familiar with the ballroom's use. In her almost four-decade tenure, she remembered back to the mid-1970s, when chiropractor Joseph Barile, M.D., hosted wellness meetings in the room.

"Interestingly, I remember [Barile] was a proponent of mini-trampolines for home exercise," DeLaney said, "and at one meeting, we held a demonstration using a mini-trampoline."

DeLaney added the room had a few meetings throughout time, but was often snubbed due to its difficult accessibility; it did

not have an elevator and either way, you were faced with maneuvering concrete stairs.

DeLaney had asked to use the room for meetings once she became involved with the chamber, but was told it was used only for storage, she said. A few years after she was told it was no longer available to the public, the chamber's business organization hosted an event in the lobby when it housed Evergreen Bank. The ballroom was not used.

A common sentiment amongst former employees is not being aware a room was even there. Many of the people we spoke to during last year's research and in the time since expressed surprise that such a room even existed. Further, there's no indication of what kind of storage the room housed when it was used as such.

One year later, the building at 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar, is still up for sale. Berkshire Hathaway

is still managing the sale. The room is still quiet, still dark and still eerie. There is a stillness in the air that only time can bring. While the light bulbs on the chandeliers look to be recently installed, the chandeliers themselves don't look like they've been touched.

However, if I close my eyes and focus, I can almost see the lights. I can hear the music. I can visualize the trampolines. I can smell the flowers. I can taste the hymns coming off my tongue. For a minute, I can go back in time.

But, this isn't the 20th century. It's an empty ballroom at the bottom of some old bank stairs. It's been dark longer than I've been alive. The place with a story larger than life just sits.

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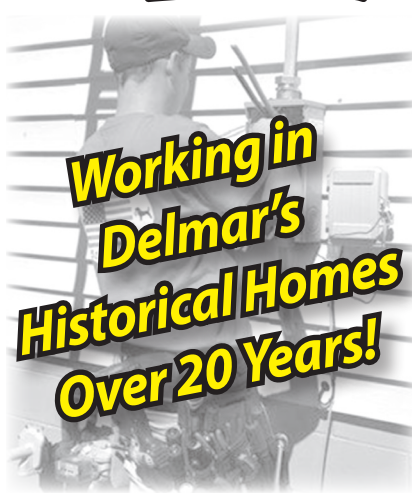
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online service that helps high school students and their parents weed through prospective colleges. Users can cross reference schools based on their classroom performance. They can wait for messages to hit their email account, and investigate their chances of getting into schools based on factors such as their SAT scores.

According to several sources, the national average SAT score resides around 1050. Package that with good grades and the Princeton Review states a student has a "solid chance" of earning admission to several schools. In 2019, Bethlehem Central students scored a mean average of 1,236. Cappex states that a 1200 score ranks at approximately the 74th percentile, making it

possible for that student to be competitive for admission at a "sizable number of colleges" throughout the nation.

Last May, Bethlehem Central High School was named the top ranked public high school in the Capital District in U.S. News & World Report's annual Best High Schools Rankings. Nationally, the school ranked at No. 917 out of 23,000 high schools reviewed by the publication.

"The district's reputation is well known so it is actually something our candidates often mention, not the other way around," said Bethlehem Central Superintendent Jody Monroe, when asked how prospective educators are vetted for employment. "Instead we

focus on hiring the most qualified individuals and impress upon them that our students come to us with different abilities and unique learning styles. And our mission is to educate and prepare each and every one of them to reach their potential. We want our teachers and staff to understand that this mission extends beyond academics to enriching the lives of students in the areas of character, community and wellness so that when students leave us they go on to be healthy, happy and successful adults."

Bethlehem Central graduated 97 percent of its seniors last year, and 93 percent had plans to attend college. But, once those students finish college with a degree in hand, they may not be able to earn enough to purchase their own one-family house in their hometown.

More than half of Bethlehem homeowners

possess a mortgage payment that exceeds \$2,000 a month. That's according to a Capital District Regional Planning Commission report commissioned by the Town of Bethlehem. The 69-page report paints Bethlehem as a "highly educated community." A majority of residents are in business, management, science and the arts, all of which require advanced education: one out of three people who live here have a graduate or professional degree.

The report suggests that mortgage bill "may be difficult" for the average Albany County family that earns a median household income of \$65,743, alluding to a condition the Washington Post addressed the exclusive nature of a Super Zip community.

Bethlehem has more owner-occupied homes (75.8 percent) than the rest of the country (63.8), leaving a small amount of

"Over 50 percent of Bethlehem's resident home-owners with a mortgage are paying more than \$2,000 per month in monthly housing costs, but the Town's high median household income of \$96,384 may suggest these high housing costs aren't unaffordable to the average resident. Affordability may be difficult for households with incomes at or below \$65,743 (reflecting the Albany MSA) that currently reside or desire to reside in Town."

— Town of Bethlehem Demographic and Growth Analysis 1991-2018

rental properties available. Only one fourth of housing units are rented. The report left to question whether the town should be concerned with a "limited supply of attainable and affordable housing."

The report also forecasts that the predominantly white community within Bethlehem is growing even less diverse.

"Census Bureau data suggests that Bethlehem may have gotten less racially diverse since 2008," the report stated, adding that nine out of ten Bethlehem residents are white, non-Hispanic (90.3 percent).

"It's getting harder and harder to buy in Delmar," said Gabler. She added that the present market continues to drive home values up "just by being an ideal place to live for the majority of buyers looking for something like this."

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From page 6 ... Honoring her memory

When asked how the film's title came about, Gelfand explained that it refers to everyday life and how "we are living in a fairytale and it's up to us to make it true. ... It's hard to tell you the reason why the film is called that way without seeing it. Everyone will have a special meaning."

He, however, disagreed that the film was a way of saying goodbye to his late daughter although it partially provides some closure for him, as well as for the rest of their family, friends and the Guilderland community. It has also made him reflect on how he was not with his daughter when the car crash happened.

Here revealed that he last saw her in person three weeks prior when they visited Syracuse University, where she expressed interest in attending.

"I flew from L.A. and took a trip with her there," he said. "She didn't tell me what she wanted to do in the future but she was interested in many things like singing, media, entertainment and even planes."

Looking ahead, while a release date has not been confirmed, Gelfand hopes the film will play in film festivals but also believes it could end up in theaters or Netflix. "We have a very meaningful and beautiful story and whatever happens with it, I'm going to do everything in my power to ensure we have a big screening for family and friends of Alyssa, and hopefully for other people in the Capital Region area," he said. "For me personally, this continues Alyssa's legacy and her message will live on."

While Gelfand thanked his cast and crew, he said Alyssa helped him write the film. "She's present in my life every single day and I think she would embrace this film very much because of its nature and message," he concluded. "And I'm so thankful to every single soul that's helped me with this project."

For more information, visit the film's website at www.mytruefairytales.com, its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MyTrueFairytales or its Instagram page at www.instagram.com/mytruefairytalesfilm.

From page 3 ... Pool bids are in

local middle and high students and some parents, who generally supported the dive pool option.

Luke Johnson, a Bethlehem Central High School senior, said the town should continue looking out for its youth and the town pool complex represents one example of that. He recalled growing up with the dive pool and said, "I was not just plunging into a pool of some 10 or 13 feet of water, I was going from boyhood to manhood in one single motion — a jump. Our children need to experience what I did. ... They need to face their fears and understand what the world has coming for them. The diving pool is the most important symbol of my childhood and should be preserved at all costs."

John Reagan, a Slingerlands resident, said he made memories at the dive pool growing up and wants to

continue making more with his children ahead. He said his family originally moved to Delmar when he was in third grade and often spent time with family and friends at the dive pool. He said he and his sister took diving lessons there too and were on the Bethlehem Swimming and Diving Team. Since becoming a father, he said he has enjoyed watching his son grow up with the dive pool and join the school's swimming and diving team.

"So, my third life at the diving pool hasn't come yet because now my kids are too cool to go diving with me," Reagan said. "So, I hope for the next generation, I'll be there with my grandchildren so please, I urge you to restore the diving pool."

When asked how he felt about the speakers, Gallo said, "I think it's tremendous. It's the best part of local government and being able to see all those people come up and speak, especially the young advocates. It's not easy to do public speaking. ... I'm happy that we're not choosing something versus nothing; instead, we are choosing between two pool options. There's really

From page 3 ... Businesses have a say

what's going to happen."

He continued, "Some of our members come from all different directions so detours or traffic will affect them. Or we may even have to move our fire apparatus around to another location."

Many attendees agreed that emailed updates is the best way for relaying construction and traffic-related information although some said texting could benefit them as it is more immediate and direct to their phones. Email and text were seen as optimal as business owners acknowledged that their businesses each use different social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram in varying degrees, which may cause confusion.

Discussions between Baker Public Relations, the town, Chamber of Commerce and businesses will continue in the near future, possibly with a second meeting. The surveys' results and the business owners' vocal opinions from the meeting will be reviewed by Baker Public Relations.

"We are really pleased with the turnout," said Town Supervisor David VanLuvan. "We received valuable insights and feedback from the diverse group of businesses who participated. Representatives from medical offices, salons, financial and educational institutions, gave suggestions on what communication tools and methods are most useful to them. Gathering this information is the first step for us to create the strongest and most effective communications plan possible."

For more information, visit www.townofbethlehem.org/844/Glenmont-Roundabout-Project.



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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

115 ATLANTIC AVE. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/20. 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, 20 Vesey Street, Suite 210, New York, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237810

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

133-01 ROCKAWAY BLVD REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/20. 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, 150-39 128th Street, Jamaica, NY 11420. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238352

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

160th STREET JAMAICA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/15/20. 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, 158 W. 15th Street, Apartment 2D, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240048

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

171 GATES AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/19. 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, 171 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238860

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

175W127E LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/03/20. 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, 174 E. 74th Street, Apartment 9D, New York, NY 10021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239847

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

19TH AND BENSON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/09/17. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 9728 3rd Avenue, Suite 133, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240450

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

25-21 STEINWAY REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/16/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Nijazija Mrkulic, 25-21 Steinway Street, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238851

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

266 DE GRAW ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/20. 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, 20 Vesey Street, Suite 210, New York, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237811

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

282 GARFIELD PLACE MANAGER, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/31/20. 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 Law Offices of Katz & Matz, P.C., 1350 Avenue of the Americas, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239744

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

323 FLATBUSH AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/19. 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, c/o Bari Lepelstat, 323 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237701

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

346 BUTLER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/29/20. 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 Bari Lepelstat, 323 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237701

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

346 UNION STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/16/20. 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 Sahin Cetinkaya, 116 Second Place, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239258

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

4085 VICTORY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/24/20. 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, 398 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239306

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

422 EAST 72nd STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/27/20. 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, 10 East 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239369

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

4310 8 AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/16/20. 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 Shiraz H. Rayani & Gulzar S. Rayani, 62-51 Booth Street, Rego Park, NY 11374. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237714

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

437 JJ & J ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/04/20. 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, 42-31 157th Street, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238606

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

477 PENN ST., LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/29/19. 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, PO Box 127, Lake Grove, NY 11755. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237920

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

587-91 THIRD RETAIL LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 01/27/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 01/22/20. 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, 161 Chrystie Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239353

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

62-39 ALDERTON STREET REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/19. 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, c/o Shiraz H. Rayani & Gulzar S. Rayani, 62-51 Booth Street, Rego Park, NY 11374. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237710

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

751 PRESIDENT STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/19. 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, c/o Bari Lepelstat, 323 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237765

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on 12/20/19. 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, c/o Bari Lepelstat, 323 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237703

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

90-19 63 AVENUE REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/19. 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, c/o Shiraz H. Rayani & Gulzar S. Rayani, 62-51 Booth Street, Rego Park, NY 11374. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237714

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

AGRUSA REALTY HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/10/20. 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, 2096 Starling Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240011

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ALTA EDITORIAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/28/20. 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, 155 Eckford Street, 1R, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239502

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ARGENTUM OBLINIT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/04/20. 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, 150 Broadway, Suite 1703, New York, NY 10038. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240010

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ATG PHOTOGRAPHY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/20. 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, P.O. Box 905, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240190

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BEDSIDE WELLNESS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/31/19. 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, 99 Prospect Park West, #4B, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237765

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process to the LLC, 99 Prospect Park West, #4B, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237765

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BIGWR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/19. 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, 632 Broadway, Ste. 601, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238314

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BOBO'S CRAB SHACK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/04/20. 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, 2096 Starling Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240011

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BOUCHERIE HUB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/31/20. 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 Emil Stefkov, 1361 Randall Avenue, Bronx, NY 10474. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240141

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BRAVO EVENTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/20. 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, 25-23 Astoria Boulevard, Astoria, NY 11102. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240191

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BRICKELL 3301 LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 07/18/19. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Florida on 07/15/2011. 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 Frederick Woodbridge, Jr. P.A., 2655 S. Lejeune Road, Suite 543, Coral Gables, FL 33134. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240185

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

C&A NY VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/07/20. 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, 2113 East 74th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238063

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2113 East 74th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238063

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CALLA DAWN COLOR, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/24/20. 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, 113 1st Place, #4, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239303

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**ON PROPOSED PROJECT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RELATING THERETO**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a(2) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "Act") will be held by the Town of Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 26th day of February, 2020 at 5:00 o'clock p.m., local time, in the Auditorium of the Town of Bethlehem Town Hall located at 445 Delaware Avenue in Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York in connection with the following matters:

Cannon Development, LLC, a New York limited liability company (the "Company"), has presented an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 26.83 acre parcel of land located on River Road in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York (tax map number 134.00-3-2) (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of an approximately 28,000 square foot building and warehouse facility with related parking (the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, and the Equipment being collectively hereinafter referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute an industrial facility to be owned by the Company, with portions of such facility to be leased to Scheib Corporation, d/b/a Burt Crane & Rigging, as a crane and storage facility, and the balance of such facility to be leased to other commercial users for various industrial and commercial uses, and any other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14)

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of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency.

The Company has requested that the Agency grant the Project an Enhanced Tax Abatement Program (beginning with a 100% abatement of the increase in the assessed valuation in Years 1 and 2 and thereafter declining at 10% per year over a twelve year period) for the Project Facility.

The Agency is considering whether (A) to undertake the Project, and (B) to provide certain exemptions from taxation with respect to the Project, including (1) exemption from mortgage recording taxes with respect to any documents, if any, recorded by the Agency with respect to the Project in the office of the County Clerk of Albany County, New York or elsewhere, (2) exemption from deed transfer taxes on any real estate transfers, if any, with respect to the Project, (3) exemption from sales taxes relating to the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project Facility, and (4) in the event that the Project Facility would be subject to real property taxation if owned by the Company but shall be deemed exempt from real property taxation due to the involvement of the Agency therewith, exemption from real property taxes (but not including special assessments and special ad valorem levies), if any, with respect to the Project Facility, subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility. If any portion of the Financial Assistance to be granted by the Agency with respect to the Project is not consistent with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency will follow the procedures for deviation from such policy set forth in Section 874(4) of the Act prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

If the Agency determines to proceed with the Project, the Project Facility will be acquired, constructed and installed by the Agency and will be leased (with an obligation to purchase) or sold by the Agency to the Company or its designee pursuant to a project agreement (the "Agreement") requiring that the Company or its designee make certain payments to the Agency. The Agency has not yet made a determination pursuant to Article 8 of

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the Environmental Conservation Law (the "SEQR Act") regarding the potential environmental impact of the Project.

The Agency will at said time and place hear all persons with views on either the location or nature of the proposed Project, or the Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency in connection with the proposed Project. A copy of the Application filed by the Company with the Agency with respect to the Project, including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Project, is available for public inspection during business hours at the offices of the Agency. A transcript or summary report of the hearing will be made available to the members of the Agency.

Additional information can be obtained from, and written comments may be addressed to: Thomas P. Connolly, Esq., Executive Director, Town of Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency, 445 Delaware Avenue, Town Hall, Delmar, New York 12054; Telephone: (518) 439-4955 ext. 1189. Dated: February 12, 2020. TOWN OF BETHLEHEM INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BY: s/Thomas P. Connolly Thomas P. Connolly, Executive Director D-240315

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CHALLENGER TELECOM, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/17/20. 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, 464 Tysens Lane, Staten Island, NY 10306-4242. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239693

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CHOCOLATE PICTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/04/20. 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 Benjamin Shweky, 2309 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240013

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

CHRISTOPHER SILARD DMD PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/17/20. 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, 320 W. 38th Street, Apartment #2330, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry. D-238948

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CORNWALL PARTNERS, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 02/04/20 under the fictitious name CORNWALL PARTNERS NY, LLC. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 02/15/2006. 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 Integrated Management Solutions USA LLC, 39 Broadway, Suite 3300, New York, NY 10006. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240009

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

COUSU MAIN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/05/20. 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, 600 West 133rd Street, Apartment 31 New York, NY 10027. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240091

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

DAVID M GOLDBERG DDS PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/15/20. 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, 247-06 Union Turnpike, Bellerose, NY 11426. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry. D-238656

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DESIGN AND CREATE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/22/20. 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, 83-07 32nd Avenue, East Elmhurst, NY 11370. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239127

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DOG GROOMING BY ANDREA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/23/20. 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, 59-68 69th Street, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239210

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DONTOU LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/07/20. 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, 3605 28th Avenue, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238065

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DUENA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/19. 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, 80-37 Cypress Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238093

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DUJAMU PACIFIC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/28/20. 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, 104 Avenue B, New York, NY 10009. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239503

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DYNAMIC HR SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/20. 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 Elliot Weinstein, 75-25 153rd Street, #909, Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239255

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ECWC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/31/20. 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 Howard Altman, Grant Tani, Barash & Altman, 9100 Wilshire Boulevard, 1000W, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239740

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

EDDIE PABON, LCSW, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/02/20. 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, c/o Eddie Pabon, 3121 Middletown Road, Suite 4N, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Licensed Clinical Social Work. D-237903

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ELBE CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/23/20. 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 Muhammad A. Mahmood, 565 Liberty Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239211

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FORDHAM-WEBSTER ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/21/08. 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 Transworld Equities, 122 East 42nd Street, Suite 4705, New York, NY 10168. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239370

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FULHAM BROADWAY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/22/20. 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, 1215 McKeel Street, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239128

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

G&F HICKS STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/20. 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 Hicks Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240250

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GJ PLUMBING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/24/19. 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, 4419 Third Avenue, Suite 4A, Bronx, NY 10457. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239256

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GO TAKE A HIKE DOG WALKING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/15/20. 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 Elizabeth D'lessandro, 18 Pierce Drive, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239339

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GOLDEN SHEPHERD REAL ESTATE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/22/20. 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 Rose, 863 E. 17th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238265

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HAB STUDIO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/22/20. Of-

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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 Aaron Boehlert, 894 Union Street, Apartment 3, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240047

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HAMMERFIST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/07/20. 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, 465 West 23rd Street, Unit 12G, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238859

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HICKS STREET PROPERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/19. 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, 27 Prospect Park West, Suite 2A, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237722

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HKST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/16/20. 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, 95 Horatio Street, Unit 67, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238847

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HNIZDECKO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/11/20. 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, 1 West End Avenue, Apartment 36C, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240401

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

J & I SHIBALA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/26/19. 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 Rose, 863 E. 17th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238265

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JAZ409 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/24/20. 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, 409 Union Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239304

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JCNR EQUITIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/16/20. 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, 291 Lincoln Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238848

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JIRS 1024-2ND AVE REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/23/20. 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, 17-01 Prospect Avenue, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239123

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JMBG, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/21/20. 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 Morsemere Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239259

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JURIEL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/08/19. 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 Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239696

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KELLIE KIELEY REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/20. 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, 408 Jessamine Lane, Schenectady, NY 12303. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240207

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

KIMBERLY HERTZ LCSW P.L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/02/20. 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, c/o Law Offices of Thomas C. York PC, 85 Broad Street, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10004.

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Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Licensed Clinical Social Work. D-237877

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KOBE81, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/18/19. 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, 1650 Margaret Street, Suite 305, Jacksonville, FL 32204. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237776

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LEADERSHIP ASPECTS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/04/20. 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, 75-08 184th Street, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240014

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LITTLE HOUSE PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/20. 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, 279 13th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238380

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LOVE DESIGN COACHING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/31/19. 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, 350 Fifth Avenue, 68th Floor, New York, NY 10118. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237792

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LUCKNAUTH PROPERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/27/20. 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, 95-13 109th Street, South Richmond Hill, NY 11419. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239354

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

M & H HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/20. 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, 106-28 157th Street, Jamaica, NY 11433. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239257

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

M.C.J.M., LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/27/20. Office: Al-

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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, 26 Crobeck Court, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239697

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MACNAIR LACTATION, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/23/20. 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, 302 Lincoln Road, Apartment 2R, Brooklyn, NY 11225. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239215

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MADAROS REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/16/20. 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, 36-25 190th Street, Flushing, NY 11358. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238849

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MARKI CREATIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/23/20. 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, 935 Rocky Point Road, East Marion, NY 11939. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239217

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MICHAEL LENCHNER HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/31/19. 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, 104-20 Queens Boulevard, Professional Apartment 1-L, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238379

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MINDWORX 17TH, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/23/20. 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, 2 Baron Place, Rye, NY 10580. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239218

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MMP CITY ISLAND AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/27/20. 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, 240

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City Island Avenue, Bronx, NY 10464. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239355

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MOSAIC FORTY NORTH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/27/19. 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, c/o Wendy Lee, 907 Palmer Avenue, D1, Mamaroneck, NY 10543. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237756

BETHEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District hereby invites the submission of sealed bids in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law for the following.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Specifications and bid forms will be available February 14, 2020 at the Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Avenue, Supervisors Office - Room C111, Delmar, NY 12054. Sealed Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m., prevailing time, on Friday February 28, 2020 at Bethlehem Central High School, Attn: Dave Norman, Music Supervisor, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054, at which time all bids will be publicly opened. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any bids submitted will be binding from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020. Board of Education BRITTANY L. BARRETT District Clerk D-240431

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NAILA MANJI DDS PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/31/20. 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 LLC, 20 East 46th Street, Suite 1300, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry. D-239741

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NEUGEBOREN PR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/08/20. 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, 347 17th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238138

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NOLATTS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/28/20. 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 Charlton Street,

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Apartment 15C, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239504

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NORTH JERUSALEM ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/19. 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, c/o Bari Lepelstat, 323 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237697

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of MATERIALS & SERVICES for the Town of Bethlehem, for the year 2020. The Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to allow all municipal and not for profit organizations authorized under the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York, to purchase any goods and/or services awarded as a result of this bid in accordance with the latest amendments to NYS GML 100 through 104. However, it is understood that the extension of such contracts are at the discretion of the vendor and the vendor is only bound to any contract between the Town of Bethlehem and the vendor. Additionally, the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to purchase any goods or services included as part of this bid from any means legally available to it at any time. Bids will be received up to 11:00 am on the 5th. Day of March, 2020 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Nanci Moquin Town Clerk of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Nanci Moquin TOWN CLERK Dated: February 10, 2020 D-240165

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Water Meters for the Bethlehem Department of Public Works and other Town departments, as and when needed. The Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to allow all municipal and not for profit organizations authorized under the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York, to purchase any goods and/or services awarded as a result of this bid in accordance with the latest amendments to NYS GML 100 through 104. However, it is understood that the extension of such contracts are at the discretion of the vendor and the vendor is only bound to any contract between the Town of Bethlehem and the vendor. Additionally, the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to purchase any goods or services included as part of this bid from any means legally available to it at any time. Bids will be received up to 11:00 am on the 5th. Day of March, 2020 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 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. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality in and/or to reject any or all bids.

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
OBSESSED NETWORK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/19. 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, 311 West 43rd Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237729

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

OLDHAM PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/05/20. 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, 29 W. 36th Street, Suite 1100, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240092

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

OUR NEW ADVENTURE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/28/20. 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 Gordon & Petkos LLP, 1790 Broadway, Suite 710, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239505

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

OxyGenesis LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/19. 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, 1200 Waters Place, Suite 105, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238181

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PAPATZIDES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/07/20. 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, 3605 28th Avenue, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238068

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

PARAS MEDICAL CONSULTING PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/02/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2119. 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, 209-43 38th Avenue, Bay-

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side, NY 11361. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Medicine. D-237809

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

POTTER DIAGNOSTICS AND ALIGNMENTS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/29/20. 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 Martin Goldsmith, 74 Potter Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239588

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PRESIDENT PLAZA ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/19. 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, c/o Bari Lepelstat, 323 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237699

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ProCFO Partners LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/19, with an existence date of 01/01/2020. 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, 149 Sullivan Street, Unit 1C, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238381

LEGAL NOTICE

R.F. Peck Air Filtration, LLC
Notice of formation of R.F. Peck Air Filtration, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 1/3/2020. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 22 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. Purposes: any lawful activity. D-237911

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

REHFUSS LACROSSE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/23/20. 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, 3 Carriage Hill Drive, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239232

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
ROBERTO'S GOURMET KITCHEN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/05/19. 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, 2048 Victory Boulevard, Space A & B, Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237778

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RUSSO REALTY HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/10/20. 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, 32-12 155th Street, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238607

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SEVEN BUCKS & FIFTY CENTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/20. 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 Bari Lepelstat, 323 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238381

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SILVER PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/05/20. 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, c/o Basha Silver, Psy.D., 244 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1000, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Psychology. D-240089

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

SIRIS COOMBS ARCHITECTURE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/19. 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, 37A 9th Street, #3, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Architecture. D-238072

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SMOLEE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/31/20. 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, 10 Barclay Street,

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Apartment 17C, New York, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240297

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

STANLEY JAY FRIEDMAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/19. 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, 200 East 71st Street, Suite 2F, New York, NY 10021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237707

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

STEXX SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/04/20. 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 Wylie Stecklow PLLC, 233 Broadway, Suite 820, New York, NY 10279. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240019

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

StratFinCo LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/19, with an existence date of 01/01/2020. 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, 1486 East 15th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237839

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

STUDIO MBM, 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 process to the LLC, 109 East 2nd Street, #11, New York, NY 10009. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237779

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

T & P ZHENG LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/24/20. 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, 25 Columbus Circle, Apartment 60F, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239305

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TEELUCK NY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/27/19, with an existence date of 01/01/2020. 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, 130 East 65th Street, New York, NY 10065. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239698

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

THE NYC MILLENNIAL AGENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/07/20. 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 Madison Avenue, Apartment 10D, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240201

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TWIN VENTURES LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 02/04/20 under the fictitious name TWIN MURRAY LLC. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 02/04/2015. 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, 40 West 57th Street, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240462

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TWO YAMS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/14/20. 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, 184 Kent Avenue, #C103, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238840

NOTICE OF LIC FORMATION

TZFANYA BROS. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/08/20. 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, 278 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238189

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

VILLAGE HEALTH REALITY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/08/20. 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, 124 East 40th Street, Suite 902, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238139

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

VSM GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/10/20. Office: Albany County.

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SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 815 Ocean Street, Lindenhurst, NY 11757. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240262

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

WALKER & ROSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/10/20. 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, 387 Manhattan Avenue, 3B, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238401

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

WideWelcome, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/23/20. 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, 210 West 19th Street, Apartment 6D, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239220

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

WILD ANGEL TREATS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/15/20. 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 Joseph Patrick, 620 West 149th Street, Suite 4E, New York, NY 10031. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-238877

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

WYGANT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/15/20. 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, 105 Rennselaer Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10312. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240183

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

Z2 COOL COMICS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/06/20. 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 Joshua Frankel, 995 5th Avenue, Apartment 8S, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-237905

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■ OBITUARY

Suzanne Mary O'Loughlin, NP 1952 - 2020

Suzanne Mary O'Loughlin slipped the surly bonds of Earth and passed away peacefully Tuesday, February 4th at her home after a short illness.

Born in Methuen, Massachusetts on August 27, 1952 she grew up in North Andover and graduated from Presentation of Mary Academy before continuing on to MGH School of Nursing where she became an RN.

She then received her BSN from Saint Joseph's College of Maine and became an NP through the Albany Medical College Nurse Practitioner program.

Throughout her career she worked at Holy Family Hospital, MGH, and CCP in Latham, NY for over 30 years. She is predeceased by her parents Dorothy and Francis O'Loughlin, and cherished Uncle Vincent O'Leary.

She is survived by her loving husband Paul Mercaitis, her loving son Dr. Orion Mercaitis, elder sister Dorothy Seed, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, coworkers, and patients.

Although grief fills the room up with her loss, there is solace in knowing she was not only loved but beloved. She loved visiting Provincetown, the ocean, and her garden.

Remembrances may be made through Cannon Funeral Home of Albany, NY and contributions made to the West End Racing Club of Provincetown, MA and the St. Peter's Volunteer Cuddler program.



■ WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Family book discussion

VOORHEESVILLE —

Voorheesville Public Library will host a family book discussion on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m.

This event will feature "Saving Marty" by Paul Griffin. Eleven-year-old Lorenzo Ventura knows heroes are rare—like his father, who died in the war, or his friend Paloma Lee, who fearlessly pursues her dream of being a famous musician.

Renzo would never describe himself as a hero, but his chance comes when he adopts Marty, a runt piglet. The evening will begin with a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages and dessert provided by the library. Griffin will be joining via Skype at 6:30 p.m.

To register, visit voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Voorheesville Public Library is located at 51 School Road, Voorheesville.

Minecraft Code Connection workshop

DELMAR — Bethlehem Public Library will host a Minecraft workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m.

Learn to code with Minecraft Education Edition in this weeklong workshop. Attend each day to build upon what you have learned. Discover new coding skills while having fun in Minecraft. For ages nine to 17.

To attend this event, you must have registered for all five days.

Bethlehem Public Library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Build with boxes

DELMAR — Bethlehem Public Library will host Build with Boxes on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m.

Do you like to build a stack? So do we. Build with boxes to create the biggest build you can.

Bethlehem Public Library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Studio Makerspace

SELKIRK — Bethlehem Public Library will host Studio Makerspace appointments everyday by appointment.

Reserve the library's A/V Studio Makerspace to easily create a video or TV show. Also available is equipment for podcast recording, VHS to DVD conversion, and cassette tape deck to USB conversion. For more information on the Studio Makerspace, please visit www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/studio-makerspace. A maximum of 5 people are allowed in the Studio Makerspace.

To make an appointment, visit bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

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Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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Board candidate information

Nominating petition forms and informational packets are available at the library Information Desk beginning Monday, Feb. 24, for candidates interested in serving on the Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees. There are two seats on the 2020 ballot, currently held by incumbents Lisa Scoons and Brian Sweeney. Scoons is seeking re-election, while Sweeney will be stepping down in June.

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and vision, and they fill a very important public service role that affects every tax-paying resident, whether that person has stepped foot in the library or not.

Board meetings are held at the library monthly and are open to the public. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. and last about two hours. Trustees are expected to regularly attend. Petitions must contain at least 50 signatures of voters residing in Central School District No. 6 of the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, Bethlehem Central

High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar by 5 p.m. on April 20.

The election and budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 19, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School.

A better bag

When the state ban on single-use plastic bags begins March 1, shoppers will be encouraged to bring their own reusable bags to shop. Get ready to tote your goods in style by customizing your own shopping bag at the library Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. We will provide the bag and fabric paint, you provide the inspiration. Teens welcome!

Newsletter

The March/April edition

of Footnotes has been mailed, and it's full of some great summer programming for all ages. You can also pick up a copy in the library or view it online at www.bethlehempubliibrary.org.

Winter break fun

On Thursday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m., we're building with boxes. Join us as we stack 'em up and see how big our box build can get – like blocks, but bigger. For kids and families.

Stop by later that day at 2 p.m. for a family book discussion focusing on Lesa Cline-Ransome's "Finding Langston," a story about a family's move from Alabama to Chicago during the Great Migration.

On Friday, Feb. 21, at 10:30 a.m. we're hosting another Escape-room

like adventure, but this time it is for kids in grades two through five. For our "Breakout EDU: Help Hansel and Gretel," participants will use their code-breaking skills to help Hansel and Gretel find their way home after visiting the not-so-scary witch. Registration required.

To register for programs, visit the website at www.bethlehempubliibrary.org and click on the calendar or call 518-439-9314.

Dorms and food

Just because you're about to begin your higher education doesn't mean you have to lower your food standards for the next few years. At the Friday, Feb. 21, Dorm Room Delicacies

program, a Hannaford dietitian will show soon-to-be college-bound students how to make healthy dishes using the appliances and utensils found in a typical dorm room. The program, geared to teens ages 13-17, begins at 2 p.m. Sign up online or call.

Intro to internet

For computer beginners, we will go over the basics of using the Internet, focusing primarily on the world wide web, 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 24.

Chess club

Sign up for one session per night and try your chess with our teen volunteers, 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24. For grades K-5.

— Kristen Roberts

A tale of chocolate

Elizabeth Zunon reads her author-illustrated picture book, "Grandpa Cacao: a Tale of Chocolate, from Farm to Family", for grades K-5 on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. A cocoa and chocolate show-and-tell will follow, and kids can decorate their own chocolate bar wrapper. Candy Kraft Candies is kindly donating chocolates for this program. Register each child for this program online, by phone or in person.

"Miracle"

We're commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the 1980 Winter Olympic



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Games in Lake Placid with the PG movie "Miracle" on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. Based on one of the greatest moments in sports history, this movie recreates the epic David vs. Goliath Cold War hockey battle. Popcorn is provided.

College, cocoa

Tweens and teens (ages 11 to 17) are invited to repurpose old magazines into original art with "Collage and Cocoa" on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 3:30

p.m. We'll savor a relaxing afternoon, sipping cocoa and creating collages at our own pace. Please register in advance.

Meet a local K-9

Ever wonder what a police dog does? Come find out on Fri. Feb. 21 at 2:00 p.m. as Guilderland Police Officer Don Jones and his canine partner, Zeus, visit GPL. Learn how police dogs are selected and trained, and watch Zeus in action. This

is a family/all ages event.

Board game club

Games, food and fun are on the agenda for our twice-a-month adult Missing Piece Board Game Club, Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. Come solo, or bring a friend or two...bring your favorites from home, or play a game from our collection of 100+ offerings...it's your choice. Fill our giant table with your favorites – game on.

Ukulele Jam

Uke players of all skill levels are welcome for our monthly jam session on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Whether you are just

getting started, or you play every day, meet up with some friendly folks and have a bit of fun. Bring your own ukulele (or check one out from us). No registration required, just drop in..

Mocktails

Playtime with a twist for caregivers. Join us Fri. Feb. 28 at 10:00 a.m. for fellowship and fun. As your child plays and socializes, you can enjoy some adult conversation and a morning mocktail. Please register online, by phone or in person.

Cookbook Club

Leap Day will be

hopping at GPL with a special edition of Cookbook Club on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 11 a.m. Alexandra Stafford, Niskayuna resident and author of Bread Toast Crumbs: Recipes for No-Knead Loaves and Meals to Savor Every Slice will be here for an author talk and food demo. Ms. Stafford will sell and sign copies of her book after the program (\$25, cash or check only). Please register at our adult reference desk and choose your recipe in advance. Bring your completed dish to share on Feb. 29 with serving utensils; we'll provide the rest.

— Luanne Nicholson

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There will be snacks to enjoy too. All ages, elementary school to adults; please register.

Happy birthday, Clifford

Would you like to visit with Clifford and wish him a happy birthday?

Barbara Lukas from WMHT and Clifford the Big Red Dog will be paying a special visit to the Library from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23.

Come enjoy some Clifford books, watch an episode of the show, make a Clifford puppet, sing happy birthday, eat a piece of birthday cake, and take



a photo with our special doggie pal, Clifford.

For ages pre-K-grade 2 and their families. Please register.

Time for tomatoes

Join us at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26 to bring home some tomato seedlings.

The Voorheesville Seed Library has many heirloom vegetable varieties and now is the perfect time to start your tomatoes and other early seeds.

We'll have everything you need.

While you're here, check out the rest of the seed collection and get ready for your spring crops.

Device advice

Drop-in technology help is the first Wednesday of

the month (March 4) from 10 to 11 a.m.

We will assist you with your questions about using the library's digital services.

Bring your device and account information with you, and we will show you how to download ebooks and audiobooks as well as other online services.

Registering for library programs

Registering for programs helps us to determine supply needs.

Unless otherwise indicated, registration is requested for all programs.

You can register in person, by phone (518-765-2791) or using our online calendar at voorheesvillelibrary.org/calendar.asp.

You do not need to be a resident of Voorheesville to attend a program.

— Lynn Kohler

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Plastic and paper bag donations

SELKIRK — Bethlehem Grange 137 is accepting donations of clean plastic and paper bags from the public.

The donated bags will be used for the organization's craft, plant and garage sales.

They can be dropped off during the Grange's meetings and the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 7.

Besides these events, the public would need to make arrangements with any of the Grange's members for drop-off.

If interested, the public can contact members Charles Ryan at 518-227-8954, Vernon Starr at 518-567-4294 or Carol Carpenter at 518-421-1384.

Bethlehem Grange 137 is located at 24 Bridge St. in Selkirk.

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

SELKIRK — Bethlehem Grange 137 is holding its Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 7.

Open to the public, the dinner will include potatoes, vegetables, Irish soda bread, rolls, butter, beverages and desserts. Take-outs are also available.

The event is handicap-accessible and has free parking.

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Pull tabs donations

SELKIRK — Bethlehem Grange 137 is accepting donations from the public for any food products with pull tabs.

Examples include pet food, canned soups and canned fish.

The donations will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Albany which will use them to help purchase equipment needed for their involved children and families.

The public can drop off donations at Bethlehem Grange 137, located at 24 Bridge St. in Selkirk.

Event planning

SELKIRK — Bethlehem Grange 137 is open to hosting private events at its banquet hall.

While the banquet hall seats 96 people, is air-conditioned and has a full commercial kitchen, possible events include birthday parties, bridal showers, baby shows, graduation parties and family dinners. It is also handicap-accessible and has free parking.

Anyone interested can contact Carol Carpenter at 518-421-1384.

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By **SPOTLIGHT STAFF**
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DELMAR — It's not breaking news that people seek this zip code as one of the best places to live — though Colonie Town Supervisor Paula Mahan would argue otherwise.

Nevertheless, we have the numbers that suggest Delmar — not Colonie — is among the most exclusive places to live in the country.

Families line up along Kenwood Avenue for the annual Memorial Day parade.


Michael Hallisey /
Spotlight Newspapers

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United States Census Bureau

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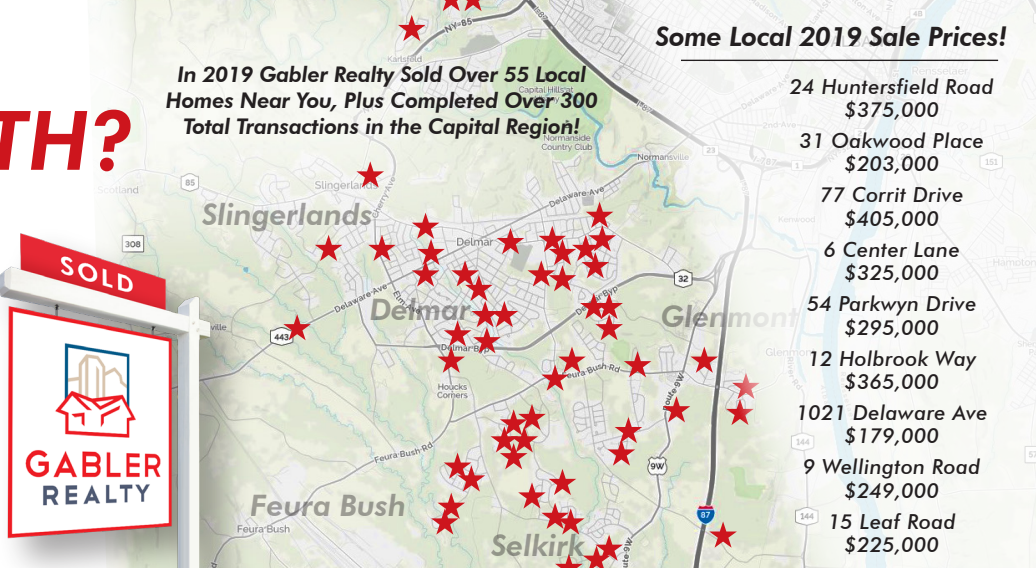
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A library for all

At Bethlehem Public Library, community feedback is an important part of the planning process

By KRISTEN ROBERTS
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DELMAR — For over 100 years, Bethlehem Public Library has been a center of lifelong learning and a gathering place for the community. With more than 325,000 visits in the past year, the library is a hub of activity in a town that embraces and supports its cultural assets.

In 2019, the Board of Trustees embarked on a comprehensive Long Range Planning process that will

outline goals to deliver the services and experiences that are a priority to the people who use the library – as well as those who will use it in the years to come. To do that, library staff and trustees have been reaching out to residents and community stakeholders over the past months through brainstorming workshops, surveys and individual interviews to hear their ideas for the future of the library.

The feedback has been plentiful, with many voicing a desire for the library to



Public input has been an essential part of Bethlehem Public Library's Long Range Planning process as staff and trustees look ahead to how the library will serve the community in the coming years.

"We are now bringing together all of these ideas that we've been hearing in order to come up with a comprehensive vision of our service and space needs as we look ahead,"

— Geoffrey Kirkpatrick,
Library Director

maintain or expand traditional collections of books and media while seeking opportunities to provide additional quiet study and gathering spaces for groups of varying size. A number of people also said they were interested in seeing enhanced teen and children's areas, as well as improved access to the building itself.

"We are now bringing

together all of these ideas that we've been hearing in order to come up with a comprehensive vision of our service and space needs as we look ahead," said Library Director Geoffrey Kirkpatrick.

He noted that public input has been an essential part of planning for the library's future.

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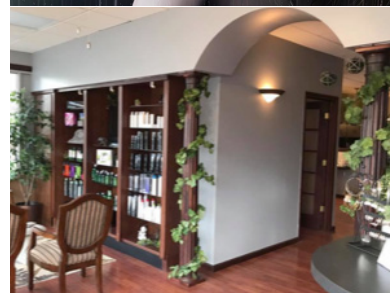
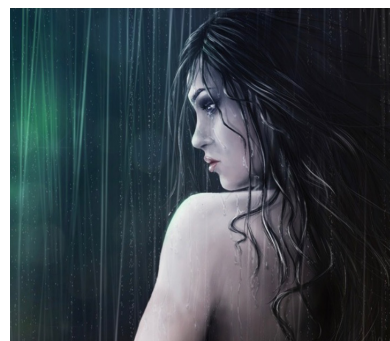


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“The library’s Long Range Plan will truly be a document informed by the community. When we started the process, we tried to make sure there were no preconceived ideas of what the end result would be. We want to make sure it reflects what people in Bethlehem are actually telling us they want from the library.”

A final draft of the Long Range Plan is expected by the end of the year, but library staffers are not waiting until then to look for new, innovative ways to serve the community – they’ve been doing it all along.

The library is gearing up for another season of bringing the Pop-Up Library to the Saturday Farmers Market and other local events this summer. The Pop-Up Library is just one of the many ways Bethlehem Public Library extends its service beyond the

brick-and-mortar structure. Another is Free Library WiFi in public areas throughout the community, including the town park and Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. BPL librarians are also regularly out and about in the schools hosting programs and book discussions in collaboration with the teachers and school librarians.

This spring, the wildly popular seed library will return for a second year with a host of supporting programs. Checkouts from the Library of Things were up 22 percent in the past year as patrons borrow new technology like laptops and WiFi hotspots, along with “just for fun” items like karaoke machines, telescopes, GoPro cameras, American Girl Dolls and more. And Kanopy streaming video service was also recently added to the list of e-materials available to Bethlehem cardholders.



The library offers all of these new services and materials in addition to its core collection and traditional programs like story times, book discussions, lectures, concerts and performances.

Since its founding in 1913, Bethlehem Public Library has been a true reflection of the community’s interests

and values, and a Long Range Planning process that incorporates vital public feedback means that it will remain so in the years to come.

Kristen Roberts is former managing editor of Spotlight Newspapers and is presently the public information specialist for the Bethlehem Public Library.

A group of local Girls Scouts dropped by the library in mid-January to discuss the Long Range Planning process with Library Director Geoffrey Kirkpatrick and to share their visions for the library’s future.

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How Delmar fits into a 'Super Zip'

Coined by a think tank scholar, Super Zips are associated with pocket communities characterized by its wealth and education

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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Before he was voted in as Bethlehem Town Supervisor, before he and his wife placed a downpayment on their Delmar home, David VanLuven went “community shopping.”

VanLuven’s family transplanted from New England. They lived north of Boston, faced with exorbitant commutes to and from work and had no prospect of affording a home in a good school district. In Boston, the median home value exceeds

half a million dollars. You could drive 50 miles by *cab* and you still won’t be able to buy a three-bedroom, 1,500-square-foot home for the average price here. So, when he landed a job opportunity that would require a move to the Capital District, they jumped.

As they looked for a place to establish roots, VanLuven said they looked for three things; school districts, libraries and a general feel of the community. They narrowed their sights on Voorheesville, Niskayuna and Bethlehem Central. Only one of those districts

has what sociologist and political scientist Charles Murray would call a “Super Zip.”

The American Enterprise Institute scholar coined the “super” phrase to describe the most prosperous, highly educated demographic clusters in the country. Zip codes themselves were just a means for the United States Postal Service to define a territory within which mail is delivered. What has been observed over time are pocket communities that have been sought after for their unique combination of amenities. Property values rise and develop into affluent neighborhoods.

In November 2013, Washington Post reporters Ted Melnik and Carol Morello named neighborhoods where the

“typical” household income was more than \$120,000, and 68 percent of adult residents held college degrees. At the time, 650 communities confined by postal code, were identified as Super Zips.

In the Washington Post report, Delmar and Slingerlands were on the cusp. Melnik and Morello attributed a number between 0 and 99 representing the area’s average percentile rank in both college education and income. Super Zips were 95 or above. Delmar scored a 93 and Slingerlands a 91.

But, that was seven years ago.

When statisticians speak of averages they usually speak of one of two different numbers — mean and median. The layman’s definition of median is what



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number lies in the middle of a field of many numbers. The mean takes the sum of those numbers from that field and divides it by the number of occurrences, like the grades on your report card. Statisticians tend to like medians because they recognize anomalies — one very large or small number — can skew the average off the more practical middle.

Based on Murray's definition of a Super Zip, Delmar still falls short. According to American Community Survey data, 68 percent of Delmartians possess a college degree. The U.S. Census states that its median household income is only \$100,677. However, the mean household income is \$125,375, meeting both thresholds to be defined as a Super Zip.

No matter how you massage the numbers, Slingerlands still falls short of qualifying as a Super Zip. You can flip

the switch from median to mean household income and derive to \$138,820, but it falls a few percentage points short in education. Only 63 percent of adults own a degree.

So, what does a Super Zip look like? Well, it goes back to defining those highly sought after amenities. When VanLuven was looking for a new hometown, he wasn't far off.

Libraries serve as a good gauge to measure a community, said VanLuven. Like visiting the home of a new acquaintance, he looked over the CD collection at Bethlehem Public Library. He's a fan of music, anything from pianist and composer Philip Glass to Australian electronic rock band Pendulum.

"It had a really strong opera and jazz section," he said. "It wasn't just pop. It was an eclectic mix. I felt that that said a lot about

the people going to the library, in addition to what the library was."

That helped convince VanLuven and his wife, Isabelle Bleecker, to buy a home in Delmar. They have since spent nearly 20 years calling it home along with their three daughters, Catie, Juliette and Emma.

Real estate trends

Realtors would describe the current environment as a "seller's market." In a supply-and-demand game, those looking to buy in Delmar far exceed those who are selling, driving the price for available properties up. It also heightens the sense of urgency for buyers to place a bid once they see a home within their price range.

The average sale price has soared in recent years. Since March 2015, where Zillow.com reports the average Delmar home



priced at \$241,000, that figure climbed to a high of \$283,000 last May. Since a dip in the market that witnessed the price of that same home drop to \$276,000 last October, the market has been climbing.

The current hot real estate market is not exclusive to the Delmar zip code. That same pattern of consumer behavior has been witnessed in surrounding neighborhoods, too. Though \$276,000 is high, it's lower than Guiderland's \$281,000 (12084). It's also lower than the overall \$290,000 figure across Bethlehem. Slingerlands (12159) bucks the curve while boasting a median home value of \$361,000.

But, the homes that do sell in Delmar go quickly. According to Global MLS, 232 homes sold in Delmar in 2019. The average median price for those homes was approximately

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Super Zip

\$280,000. And, as houses across the Capital District stayed on the market for a little over two months, those in the 12054 zip code sold in 33 days.

The hamlet of Delmar is defined by its Four Corners. Its two busiest streets continue to be Kenwood and Delaware avenues. Where the two intersect you will still find a grocery store, a handful of shops, several houses of worship, a funeral home and a few restaurants. Town Hall and its post office have moved a little further away over the years, but they both remain within walking distance of the intersection. In terms of real estate, that walkability factor is key.

“A lot of people who are moving into the Delmar area are looking for a

bedroom community that has walkability,” said real estate broker Judi Gabler. She said, home shoppers are looking at top-rated school districts, but they also want to walk to the farmer’s market, the local coffee shop and the wine bar. “I think knowing that they are going to be a part of a town and a community that is efficient and has entertainment, they can live comfortably here.”

Crime

Bethlehem is often called a “bedroom community.” It’s another way of calling a town boring. Business owners hate it. Residents may balk at it. But, in terms of crime activity, it’s a welcomed way to call your neighborhood safe.



Last May, U.S. News & World Report named Bethlehem Central High School ranked among the top 1000 public schools in the country.

Spotlight file photo

Numbers specific to Delmar were unavailable, but Bethlehem police were dispatched to nearly 22,000 calls in 2018. By comparison, Guilderland police responded to more than 28,000 calls. The two towns are nearly identical to one another. Guilderland, which stands between both

Albany and Schenectady, has a population of 35,000. Bethlehem has almost 34,000 residents. The largest factor that divides the two, however, is Crossgates Mall. The mall drives more than 20 million guests each year, and with that, draws more instances for crime.

Bethlehem police states its highest concern is traffic safety. Of the dispatch calls in 2018, nearly 900 involved auto related property damage. Violent crimes are almost non-existent. Police were dispatched to 286 violent crimes throughout the town that year, roughly 1 percent

of all their calls. Among them were 26 assaults and 27 fights. In contrast, police responded to 39 calls of youth being annoying.

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A visit to the past



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The ballroom is back, and we learned more

By **KAITLIN LEMBO**
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DELMAR — Looking at the old Bank of Bethlehem, located at 343 Delaware Ave., it looks like any other bank building.

Having housed at least four banks since the building was assembled in 1928, the lobby boasts a bunch of counters, an empty, open bank vault and a place for waiting. Across the room from the counters, long-vacant offices sit silently. The building is dark, dingy and abandoned. As Berkshire Hathaway continues to market the land, the doors remain locked. People still show up for viewings, but the

building sits empty.

However, I had the opportunity of getting into the building twice, once during the original article's research and again about six months later. The secret lies at the bottom of the hidden stairs to the left of the lobby, to the left, and down a cement hallway. Down a few more stairs, the realtor turned his phone flashlight on and looked at me. "This is it," he said. "This is where the ballroom was."

A gray, cement floor is hidden under a few inches of water. Five wrought-iron chandeliers hang from the ceiling, dusty but still functional. The chandeliers are accompanied by ceiling lights you'd find in any modern business. Wires hang from the ceiling, where ceiling tiles have since disappeared. The

walls are cement, but white adhesive is still attached methodically, with horizontal wooden planks and white outlets in increments. The crusty paste once allegedly held mirrors to the walls, giving the room a taste of elegance.

There are no windows and no outside light; only the light from our phones gave us the ability to see around. An extra vault is on the far left wall. Long emptied, the door is open.

Another exit leads out the back. The room is not big, but not small; it lies underneath where the drive-thru now is.

Fast forward to mid-2019, Jim Franco and I got into the room again. We noticed there was no checkered floor, like I remembered the first

time. We were able to get pictures. The white, sticky paste was more disintegrated than I recalled. The bank vault on the left wall was still open. An aluminum, pipe-like tube hung from the ceiling on the right side. Six months later, wires were still on the floor, as water still sat. Debris was still casually strewn about. We figured out the steps went out the back door like we were told.

The research

We learned the secret ballroom was used for a multitude of reasons, both the ones listed last year and for uses we didn't know about. To recap last year's research, the building began as the Bank of Bethlehem, opening at the height of the Prohibition era,

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according to Bethlehem Town Historian Susan Leath's new book, "Historic Tales of Bethlehem, New York." Plans for the building were created by Galen H. Nichols, and construction was done by the C.V. Soule Company of Delmar in about five months. D.A. Bennett owned the land and was a director of the bank when it opened. Bennett and a business partner started the bank because there were no local banks at the time; all banking was located in Albany and was about a day's journey. "Historic Tales" cites the bank as a source of charming, historic ads for a local newspaper.

In 1937, the bank was acquired by the National Commercial Bank and Trust, according to "Historic Tales." NCB&T traces its history back to 1825 when it was chartered by Gov. Dewitt Clinton as the Commercial Bank of Albany. The bank adopted

the KeyBank name in 1979.

The ballroom was possibly used as early as 1928 by a fraternal organization called the Improved Order of the Red Men. The Redmen, as they were commonly called, often put on dances at a hall once located at 10 Hallwood Road, right behind the bank building. The dances date back to 1890, Thomas Drake, the grandson of D.A. Bennett, said.

"The Redmen would use the dance hall on Hallwood for functions," Drake said. "We're unsure if they ever used the room under the bank."

Along with the dances, the organization would perform new member ceremonies, minstrel shows and banquets. While The Redmen did not have a Delmar chapter, there were several active ones in Albany at the time, David Lintz, Director of the Red Men Museum and Library, said at the time of publication.

Although Lintz could not confirm a meeting was ever held there, "the use of the ballroom under the bank would depend on what it had that the other locations did not," Lintz explained. "It was very common for the group to hold private parties in rooms like these."

There were other uses besides fraternal. Meyers Funeral Home owner Ben Meyers said the Glenmont Community Church used to use the room for services until its chapel was built. Meyers was called for floral arrangements whenever a funeral was held. Since publication, we learned a sect of former members from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Missouri synod, who left the church due to "strict rules of not being able to be members of certain organizations," founded Faith Lutheran Church and used the room for its services, according to Sheree Wright. The church later moved onto another

building once it found a new home. Bethlehem Community Church also held services in the room when Pastor Art Gay was leading worship, according to Dale Hilchie. At the time, National Community Bank occupied the building.

Former Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce member Marty DeLaney was intimately familiar with the ballroom's use. In her almost four-decade tenure, she remembered back to the mid-1970s, when chiropractor Joseph Barile, M.D., hosted wellness meetings in the room.

"Interestingly, I remember [Barile] was a proponent of mini-trampolines for home exercise," DeLaney said, "and at one meeting, we held a demonstration using a mini-trampoline."

DeLaney added the room had a few meetings throughout time, but was often snubbed due to its difficult accessibility; it did

not have an elevator and either way, you were faced with maneuvering concrete stairs.

DeLaney had asked to use the room for meetings once she became involved with the chamber, but was told it was used only for storage, she said. A few years after she was told it was no longer available to the public, the chamber's business organization hosted an event in the lobby when it housed Evergreen Bank. The ballroom was not used.

A common sentiment amongst former employees is not being aware a room was even there. Many of the people we spoke to during last year's research and in the time since expressed surprise that such a room even existed. Further, there's no indication of what kind of storage the room housed when it was used as such.

One year later, the building at 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar, is still up for sale. Berkshire Hathaway

is still managing the sale. The room is still quiet, still dark and still eerie. There is a stillness in the air that only time can bring. While the light bulbs on the chandeliers look to be recently installed, the chandeliers themselves don't look like they've been touched.

However, if I close my eyes and focus, I can almost see the lights. I can hear the music. I can visualize the trampolines. I can smell the flowers. I can taste the hymns coming off my tongue. For a minute, I can go back in time.

But, this isn't the 20th century. It's an empty ballroom at the bottom of some old bank stairs. It's been dark longer than I've been alive. The place with a story larger than life just sits.

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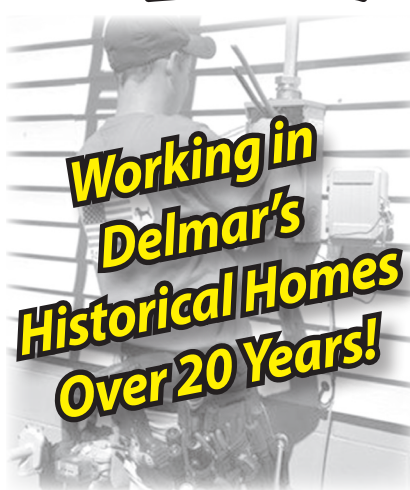
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According to several sources, the national average SAT score resides around 1050. Package that with good grades and the Princeton Review states a student has a "solid chance" of earning admission to several schools. In 2019, Bethlehem Central students scored a mean average of 1,236. Cappex states that a 1200 score ranks at approximately the 74th percentile, making it

possible for that student to be competitive for admission at a "sizable number of colleges" throughout the nation.

Last May, Bethlehem Central High School was named the top ranked public high school in the Capital District in U.S. News & World Report's annual Best High Schools Rankings. Nationally, the school ranked at No. 917 out of 23,000 high schools reviewed by the publication.

"The district's reputation is well known so it is actually something our candidates often mention, not the other way around," said Bethlehem Central Superintendent Jody Monroe, when asked how prospective educators are vetted for employment. "Instead we

focus on hiring the most qualified individuals and impress upon them that our students come to us with different abilities and unique learning styles. And our mission is to educate and prepare each and every one of them to reach their potential. We want our teachers and staff to understand that this mission extends beyond academics to enriching the lives of students in the areas of character, community and wellness so that when students leave us they go on to be healthy, happy and successful adults."

Bethlehem Central graduated 97 percent of its seniors last year, and 93 percent had plans to attend college. But, once those students finish college with a degree in hand, they may not be able to earn enough to purchase their own one-family house in their hometown.

More than half of Bethlehem homeowners

possess a mortgage payment that exceeds \$2,000 a month. That's according to a Capital District Regional Planning Commission report commissioned by the Town of Bethlehem. The 69-page report paints Bethlehem as a "highly educated community." A majority of residents are in business, management, science and the arts, all of which require advanced education: one out of three people who live here have a graduate or professional degree.

The report suggests that mortgage bill "may be difficult" for the average Albany County family that earns a median household income of \$65,743, alluding to a condition the Washington Post addressed the exclusive nature of a Super Zip community.

Bethlehem has more owner-occupied homes (75.8 percent) than the rest of the country (63.8), leaving a small amount of

"Over 50 percent of Bethlehem's resident home-owners with a mortgage are paying more than \$2,000 per month in monthly housing costs, but the Town's high median household income of \$96,384 may suggest these high housing costs aren't unaffordable to the average resident. Affordability may be difficult for households with incomes at or below \$65,743 (reflecting the Albany MSA) that currently reside or desire to reside in Town."

— Town of Bethlehem Demographic and Growth Analysis 1991-2018

rental properties available. Only one fourth of housing units are rented. The report left to question whether the town should be concerned with a "limited supply of attainable and affordable housing."

The report also forecasts that the predominantly white community within Bethlehem is growing even less diverse.

"Census Bureau data suggests that Bethlehem may have gotten less racially diverse since 2008," the report stated, adding that nine out of ten Bethlehem residents are white, non-Hispanic (90.3 percent).

"It's getting harder and harder to buy in Delmar," said Gabler. She added that the present market continues to drive home values up "just by being an ideal place to live for the majority of buyers looking for something like this."

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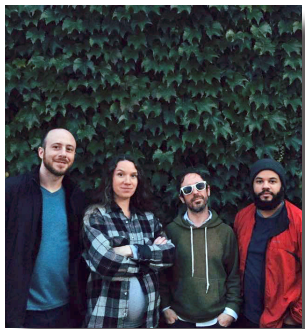
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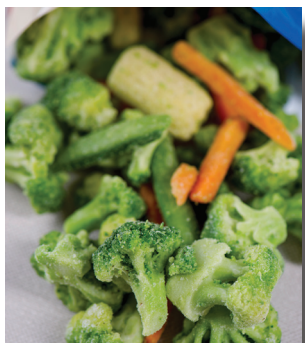


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Frozen veggies have earned a bad reputation over the years, but it may not be just.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Press to impress

Bendt drops 9-track EP on vinyl with a performance in Albany this week

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — Intended or not, Bendt once minted an indelible impression of itself as a champion for the local music scene.

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Bendt personifies a congenial music scene that is far from competing with one another, and all about supporting each other.

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Two premieres at Cohoes

'Jerry Lee Lewis vs. Jerry Lee Lewis' world premiere and 'Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill' Capital Region premiere to run in rotation in February and March

COHOES — Playhouse Stage Company continues its 32 Season of productions this month with a pair of productions at Cohoes Music Hall.

Opening on Feb. 20, "Jerry Lee Lewis vs. Jerry Lee Lewis" is a world-premiere play by Jefferson McDonald. The play features the music of rock 'n' roll's famous "killer." Opening next, on Feb. 27, "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill" by Lanie Robertson featuring the music of American icon Billie Holiday. The shows will then play in rotating repertory at the Cohoes Music Hall.

"Bringing premiere productions of not one, but two new shows to Capital Region audiences is a perfect example of the kind of artistic programming we can bring to life at the historic Cohoes Music Hall," said Playhouse Stage Producing Artistic Director Owen Smith. "It is especially exciting for our organization to present, for the first time, the World Premiere of a brand-new piece and to present a schedule of two plays in rotation," Smith continued.

Jefferson McDonald returns to Playhouse Stage after two engagements last season; first in "Million Dollar Quartet" and later in Avenue Q (a performance for which he won Best Actor for Broadway World's Berkshires region in 2019). McDonald, who has played Jerry Lee in hundreds of performances of "Million Dollar Quartet" across the country, has penned the new play "Jerry Lee Lewis vs. Jerry Lee Lewis."

It explores the dynamic and controversial life of a man torn between his devout Christian upbringing and the "wild child" persona that he found and embodied. While McDonald will once again play Lewis in this production, he will be joined by another Jerry Lee, this one referred to as "The Killer." Playing the role is Sean McGibbon, who starred as Jerry Lee in the first national tour of Million

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Dollar Quartet. Benjamin Williamson, who most recently directed Christmastown for Denizen Theatre in New Paltz, will direct "Jerry Lee Lewis vs. Jerry Lee Lewis."

Making her debut with Playhouse Stage Company, Gina Simone Pemberton will portray the legendary Billie Holiday in "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill." Joining her on piano as Jimmy Powers is Playhouse regular Brandon Jones. Veteran Playhouse Stage director Michael LoPorto will helm his first show at the Cohoes Music Hall as he leads Pemberton and Jones through the touching story of one of Billie Holiday's final performances before her untimely death. The play, written by Lanie Robertson, first ran on Broadway in 2014. Playhouse Stage will present its Capital Region premiere, creating a nightclub setting at the Music Hall with beverages served at table seats near the stage throughout the performance.

"Jerry Lee Lewis vs Jerry Lee Lewis" will play a preview performance on Thursday, Feb. 20 with an official opening Friday evening, Feb. 21.

"Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill" will open on Thursday, Feb. 27, and the two productions will begin a run in rotation.

"Jerry Lee Lewis vs Jerry Lee Lewis" will play its final performance on Sunday, March 8, and "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill" will play on its own for an additional week through Sunday, March 15.

■ WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Bluegrass Jam with Schroon River String Band

Caffe Lena — Wednesday, Feb. 19

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Schroon River String Band will host its monthly bluegrass jam at Caffe Lena on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m.

The monthly Bluegrass Jam, hosted by Schroon River String Band, is all about sharing songs, making new friends and enjoying a relaxing and casual evening of irresistible string band music. All are welcome to join the circle for an evening playing and listening to classic grass and new grass. Schroon River String Band will kick off the evening with a few tunes then open the floor for musicians to lead their favorite bluegrass music, backed up by the other pickers in the gathering. So sharpen up your axe, come prepared with your song and let us hear some good old fast, high and lonesome.

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Vapor Nightclub is located at 342 Jefferson St., Saratoga Springs.

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Press to impress

It was the WEQX Battle of the Bands at Jupiter Hall. Perhaps it was just a kind gesture, but in the 15 minutes the four had to earn the opening gig at Pearlpalooza a few years ago, they each wore t-shirts from other local bands. The spot went to another band, but the point was made. Bendt personified a congenial scene, that even in competition, there's still room to lift everyone else up.

"There's so many musicians here," said Carl Blackwood, Bendt's guitar player. "People rag on this area, but there are hundreds of bands and thousands of musicians."

Albany has a fickle temperament towards its champions. In sports, fans went to the Times Union Center to watch the River Rats win games and earn a championship, but once the team started losing, fans stopped going.

The music scene, however, is a winner that appears to be getting some

buy-in. Since that night in Jupiter Hall, we have a few more radio stations — including one internet based station in Waterford — playing local music. There's now a Grammy-style award ceremony paying homage to local talent. There's even a second attempt at a hall of fame, too.

"As a player, some of my favorite shows I've ever

been to are when people are just paying attention," said Blackwood. "There may not even be that many people there, but if they're paying attention, that's when I feel good."

Bendt doesn't have to take stewardship of the local music scene. It is, however, a knowledgeable purveyor of it. Blackwood works the sound at AMC's The Linda along with Bendt frontman Matt Plummer. They have the best seat in the house to some of the best shows that roll into town. The ability

to shape the music from the soundboard each night allowed them to walk into the recording studio with the needed vocabulary to help produce the band's latest album, "Brightness in the Barrens."

"Brightness" was produced by Justin Pizzoferrato of Sonelab in Easthampton, Massachusetts, Blackwood said Pizzoferrato captured the sound of some of the bands — Tool, David Gilmour — that have inspired the group using "old school" analog



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It's apparent to me that there are a lot of musicians in the 518 who had New Year's Resolutions to break out and release new music in 2020. Whether that's true or not is irrelevant. For you and I to appreciate is that there is new music out there to consume and enjoy. Some of the songs up top are not new to the world, but they are new to me. I find no shame in being late, just so long as I get there.

— Michael Hallisey

“As a player, some of my favorite shows I’ve ever been to are when people are just paying attention. There may not even be that many people there, but if they’re paying attention, that’s when I feel good.”

— Carl Blackwood, Bendt guitarist



Kiki Vassilakis

equipment. Each musician recorded his track in the room with the rest of the band, which Plummer said will give fans an authentic, live performance feel.

The LP features nine “epic” songs, said Blackwood, pressed on vinyl.

“The physical medium, for us, is where it’s at,” said Plummer. As physical formats go, vinyl records are still more expensive to produce than CDs and cassette tapes, which are making a comeback. “I still listen to vinyl, as do

millions of other people. We had to figure out, if we are going to do something physical, we might as well go for it.”

It’s the follow-up to the band’s 2017 self-titled EP. “It was five really good songs to start out with as a band,” said Plummer.

“But, as soon as we got those songs down, we wrote another 10, 12 songs. As you do. And, we not going to not play those songs live.” The band dropped “Symptoms” as the first release off the album last month. Blackwood’s gritty

guitar riff at the start will sound familiar. It’s been featured in area shows the past two years and has since been a favorite. “The ironic thing is those who are used to seeing us for the past two, two-and-a-half years,” he said, “they know a lot of the songs on the album.”

Bendt drops “Brightness in the Barrens” with a record release party at Lost & Found in Albany on Saturday, Feb. 29. Bad Mothers is scheduled to open the night at 9 p.m. and the night is hosted by Michael Gregg of Zan

and the Winter Folk. Admission is \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance. A \$30 ticket buys a copy of the album with admission.

Included with the album is a download card featuring studio quality downloads, including mp3 files, CD-quality recordings, studio recordings and videos. Local artist Nova Stardust designed the album art.

“We really wanted to make it a package,” said Blackwood. “It’s important to have a tangible thing.”

WHAT’S HAPPENING NOW

Low Lily

Caffe Lena — Thursday, Feb. 20

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Caffe Lena will host Low Lily on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m.

With deft playing and a meticulous vocal blend, this Vermont-based string band puts a little pop twist on traditional folk and Americana. Flynn Cohen’s deft flatpicking on guitar and mandolin and Lissa Schneckenburger’s virtuosic fiddle-playing are grounded by Liz Simmons’s percussive rhythm guitar playing, the sounds of which combine joyously in this stunning ensemble.

For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

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

‘Magic’

Proctors — Thursday, Feb. 20

SCHENECTADY — Proctors will host a viewing of “Magic” on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m.

Corky, a schizophrenic ventriloquist who fears his abrasive dummy, Fats, may be developing an exceedingly vicious mind of his own. Offered a big city TV show, Corky flees to his hometown in upstate New York in order to avoid having to take a required mental health exam. He reunites there with an old high school flame (Ann-Margret), but fears for her safety when Fats takes an intensive dislike of this relationship. Based on the best-selling novel by William Goldman (“Marathon Man”; “The Princess Bride”) and directed by Sir Richard Attenborough (“A Bridge Too Far”; “Gandhi”), Magic also stars Burgess Meredith and David Ogden Stiers. Rated R, 107 minutes.

For tickets, visit proctors.org.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Nektar

The Linda — Thursday, Feb. 20

ALBANY — Nektar will perform at The Linda on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m.

Legendary rock band Nektar is touring the world in 2020. Nektar its first single "kyWriter" this fall from its forthcoming new album, "The Other Side."

For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

The Linda is located at 339 Central Ave., Albany.

Pro Jam

Helsinki Hudson — Thursday, Feb. 20

HUDSON — Pro Jam will take place at Helsinki Hudson on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m.

The Club Helsinki Pro Jam is a bimonthly jam session featuring dozens of professional musicians from the greater Hudson Valley region. The event welcomes all working musicians in the region to sit in for a freewheeling jam session.

For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

Helsinki Hudson is located at 405 Columbia St., Hudson.

Rainbow Full of Sound

Putnam Place — Thursday, Feb. 20

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Putnam Place will host Rainbow Full of Sound on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 9 p.m.

Waynard Scheller and Rainbow Full of Sound (RFoS) play Grateful Dead songs, and it's been doing so for a while. This spring's tour will re-create the Dead's legendary 1972 tour of Europe.

For tickets, visit ticketbud.com.

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



PICK OF THE WEEK

Drift into winter slumber

Driftwood, Zan and the Winter Folk play The Hollow on Friday

ALBANY — Driftwood and Zan and the Winter Folk will share a bill at The Hollow on Friday, Feb. 21, at 9 p.m.

Anyone familiar with the Americana music scene knows Driftwood has cut its teeth on a killer live show. With a never-ending tour schedule and a steady buzz, it has built a very solid underground fan base. "The game has been live shows and nose to the ground since the beginning," said guitarist-songwriter Dan Forsyth. As

well as a devout following and a sizable discography, the band's hard work has also been a huge part of the inspiration for its music. The songs and arrangements have grown out of time spent on the road, growing closer, learning with and from each other and weathering the ups and downs of the journey together. "We have a truly special bond creatively and personally. It's the driving force behind the music," violinist-songwriter Claire Byrne adds.

For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

The Hollow is located at 79 N. Pearl St., in Albany.



Don't fall asleep on Driftwood. This five-piece band puts on a high-energy life show that will keep The Hollow hopping and smiling, despite the cold.

Driftwood



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CLUBS

9 Maple Avenue
9 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs.
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Fri: Eric Walentowicz Quartet, 9 p.m.
Sat: John Savage Quartet, 9 p.m.

Across the Street Pub
1238 Western Ave., Albany
518-438-1718
Wed: Samuel Adams Pub Trivia, 6:30 p.m.
Thurs: Colin McCarthy, 5:30 p.m.

Athos
1814 Western Ave., Albany.
518-608-6400
Fri: Teresa Broadwell Trio, 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.

Blue 82
82 N. Pearl St., Albany
518-445-8082
Thurs: Thursday Night Dance Party, 10 p.m.

Caffè Lena
47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.
518-583-0022
Wed: Bluegrass Jam w/ Schroon River String Band, 7 p.m.
Thurs: Low Lily, 7 p.m.
Sat: JigJam, 8 p.m.
Sun: Little Folks Series, 3 p.m.
Mon: Open Mic Night, 7 p.m.

Carney's Tavern
17 Main St., Ballston Lake.
518-280-7959
Thurs: Matty Finn, 6 p.m.
Fri: Dan Merchant, 7:15 p.m.
Sat: Hungry Crowes Duo, 7:15 p.m.

Centre Street Pub
308 Union St., Schenectady.
518-393-2337
Fri: Watchdog, 9 p.m.
Sat: Late Night Philosophers, 9 p.m.

City Sports Grille
c/o Spare Time Clifton Park
1668 U.S. 9, Clifton Park
518-371-4000
Sat: Hands of Time, 8 p.m.
Tues: Country Line Dancing, 7:15 p.m.

Club Helsinki Hudson
405 Columbia St., Hudson
518-828-4800
Thurs: Pro Jam, 8 p.m.
Sat: Bindlestiff Family Cirkus Cabin Fever Cabaret, 9 p.m.

Eden Cafe
269 Osborne Road #3, Albany
518-977-3771
Wed: Dave Gallagher, 5:30 p.m.
Thurs: Joe Carrick, 5:30 p.m.
Fri: Happy Hour, 5:30 p.m.
Mon: Adam Gerstenberger, 6 p.m.
Tues: Piano Bar, 5:30 p.m.

Emack & Bolio's
366 Delaware Ave., Albany.
518-512-5100
Fri: Tyler & Julianna, 7 p.m.
Sat: Gross & Hart, 7 p.m.
Tues: Open Mic, 7 p.m.

Fort Orange Brewing
450 North Pearl St., Menands.

HOT SPOTS EVENTS CALENDAR



Close and personal

A Troy Saving Bank Music Hall crowd will be treated to an intimate performance from Taina Asili Acoustic Trio, as they are welcomed to sit upon the stage for a special show on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Asili is a New York-based Puerto Rican singer, filmmaker and activist carrying on the tradition of her ancestors, fusing past and present struggles into one soulful and defiant voice. Her music combines powerful vocals carrying themes of hope and liberation with an energetic fusion of Afro-Latin, reggae and rock.

Taina Asili

518-992-3103
Thurs: Trivia, 6:30 p.m.
Fri: Big Crunch Bingo, 7:30 p.m.

Fuze Box
12 Central Ave., Albany.
518-703-8937
Fri: Body Shine, 9 p.m.
Sat: TBA, 9 p.m.
Sun: Restraining Order / Wet Specimens / Rule Them All / Spell Runner, 4:30 p.m.

Gaffney's
16 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.
518-587-7359
Tues: Open Mic Nights w/ Rick Bolton, 7 p.m.

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.

Hangar on the Hudson
675 River St., Troy
518-272-9740

Fri: The National Reserve, 8 p.m.
The Hollow Bar + Kitchen
79 No. Pearl St., Albany.
518-426-8550
Fri: Driftwood w/s/g Zan & The Winter Folk, 9 p.m.
Sat: The Sea The Sea w/s/g Lowland Hum, 8 p.m.

J.J. Rafferty's
847 New Loudon Rd., Latham.
518-783-6800
Wed: Trivia, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs: Karaoke w/ Al Bruno, 7:30 p.m.
Fri: Ill Funk Ensemble, 9 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.
Thurs: Big Crunch Bingo, 7 p.m.
Fri: Trivia Live, 7 p.m.

The Low Beat
335 Central Ave., Albany
518-432-6572
Sat: Dr. Lo & The Instructors, 8 p.m.

Lucas Confectionery
12 2nd St., Troy.

518-326-3450
Mon: Joe Barna Trio or Quartet, 7 p.m.

Mocha Lisa's Caffè
Clifton Park Center,
22 Clifton Country Road, Clifton Park.
518-383-5373
Thurs: Trivia, 7 p.m.
Fri: Dan Bernstein, 7 p.m.
Sat: Abbey McGrath, 7 p.m.

Moon and River Cafe
115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady
518-382-1938
Wed: Jazz by JFAC, 7 p.m.
Thurs: John Slovacek & Ryan Legere, 7 p.m.
Fri: Chris Holder & Leo Fleischman, 7 p.m.
Sat: Peter Carman, 7 p.m.
Sun: Open Mic, 6:30 p.m.
Mon: Jim Connelly, 7 p.m.
Tues: Rockin' Johnny, 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: Alta Havana, 8 p.m.
Sat: Dayana Hoops, 10 p.m.
Panza's
129 So. Broadway, Saratoga Springs.
518-584-6882
Sat: Colleen Pratt & Peg Delaney, 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.
Sat: Saratoga Suds Summit, 8 p.m.
Mon: Irish Stepdancing Lessons, 5:30 p.m.
Tues: Dart League, 7 p.m.

Pearl Street Pub
59-61 N. Pearl St., Albany
518-694-3100
Wed: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Putnam Place
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.
518-584-8066
Thurs: Rainbow Full of Sound, 9 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub
150 Speigletown Rd., Troy.

518-235-5858
Thurs: Open Mic w/ Danny Watson, 7:30 p.m.
Fri: Kelly Maguire & Friends, 8 p.m.
Sat: The Harmonic Duo, 8 p.m.

Sake Japanese Steakhouse
611 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham.
518-785-7215
Sat: TBA, 7:30 p.m.

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19-21 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.
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Mon: Bingo, 8 p.m.
Tues: Trivia, 8 p.m.

Savoy Taproom
301 Lark Street, Albany.
518-599-5140
Wed: Laughs on Lark Open Mic, 7:30 p.m.
Fri: Zoo Trippin', 9 p.m.

Skyloft
1 Crossgates Road, Albany.
518-869-5638
Fri: Mosey Beat, 9 p.m.

Speakeasy 518
42 Howard St., Albany.
518-449-2332
Thurs: Swing Night w/ Bryan Brundige Trio, 9 p.m.
Fri: Chad McLoughlin Trio, 9 p.m.
Sat: Matt Niedbalski Trio, 9 p.m.

Van Dyck
237 Union St., Schenectady
518-348-7999
Thurs: Michael Benedict & Bopitude, 8 p.m.

Van Slyck's
Rivers Casino & Resort
1 Rush St., Schenectady.
518-579-8800
Sat: Dashboard Anthem, 9 p.m.

Vapor Night Club
342 Jefferson St., Saratoga Springs
518-581-5775
Thurs: Katie Manning, 7 p.m.
Fri: The Refrigerators, 8 p.m.
Sat: Aquanett, 8 p.m.

Waterworks Pub
76 Central Ave., Albany.
518-465-9079
Wed: Wacky Wednesday Drag Show, 11 p.m.
Thurs: Thursday Nights, 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.

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518-436-7747
Fri: Hamilton Street Jazz Duo, 6:30 p.m.
Sat: Frank Mastan, 6:30 p.m.

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FAMILY

Bindlestiff Family Cirkus: Cabin Fever Cabaret

Helsinki Hudson will host the Bindlestiff Family Cirkus on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 9 p.m. For the past 25 years, Bindlestiff Family Cirkus has provided a stage for the world's best in circus, sideshow, vaudeville, burlesque, and variety. This winter's series will feature trapeze, contortion, acrobatic balance, sword swallowing, juggling, physical comedy, novelty music and more. The Bindlestiff stage is one of the few arenas in the world where you may see internationally renowned street performers, featured acts from Cirque du Soleil and Ringling Brothers, and artists made known by

America's Got Talent and local legends, live, on stage, and in the same show. Live music is a defining feature of Bindlestiff's Cabaret shows, with witty, original tunes by a variety of NYC's best composers and accompanists. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Helsinki Hudson is located at 405 Columbia St., Hudson.

FILM

'Magic'

Proctors will host a viewing of "Magic" on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. Corky, a schizophrenic ventriloquist who fears his abrasive dummy, Fats, may be developing an exceedingly vicious mind of his own. Offered a big city TV show, Corky flees to his hometown in upstate New

York in order to avoid having to take a required mental health exam. He reunites there with an old high school flame (Ann-Margret), but fears for her safety when Fats takes an intensive dislike of this relationship. Based on the best-selling novel by William Goldman ("Marathon Man"; "The Princess Bride") and directed by Sir Richard Attenborough ("A Bridge Too Far"; "Gandhi"), Magic also stars Burgess Meredith and David Ogden Stiers. Rated R, 107 minutes. For tickets, visit proctors.org. Proctors is located at 432 State St., Schenectady.

'The Princess Bride'

The Palace Theatre will host a viewing of "The Princess Bride" on Monday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. A fairy tale adventure about a beautiful young woman and her one true love. He must find her after a long separation and save her. They must battle the evils of the mythical kingdom of Florin to be reunited with each other. Based on the William Goldman novel "The Princess Bride," which earned its own loyal audience. For tickets, visit tick-

etmaster.com. The Palace Theatre is located at 19 Clinton Ave., Albany.

THEATRE

'Fiddler on the Roof'

Proctors will host several performances of "Fiddler on the Roof" through Sunday, Feb. 23. Tony-winning director Bartlett Sher and the team behind South Pacific, The King and I and 2017 Tony-winning Best Play Oslo, bring a fresh and authentic vision to this beloved theatrical masterpiece from Tony winner Joseph Stein and Pulitzer Prize winner Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick. The original production won 10 Tony Awards, including a special Tony for becoming the longest-running Broadway musical of all time. You'll be there when the sun rises on this new production, with stunning movement and dance from acclaimed Israeli choreographer Hofesh Shechter, based on the original staging by Jerome Robbins. A wonderful cast and a lavish orchestra tell this heartwarming story of fathers and daughters, husbands and wives and



HOT DATE

DÉJÀ VU?

Have you ever known something or had a gut feeling that turned out to be right? Or, had a déjà vu experience? You need to check that out. Katie Manning will host two shows at Vapor Nightclub on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 4 and 7 p.m.

the timeless traditions that define faith and family. For showtimes and tickets, visit proctors.org. Proctors is located at 432 State St., Schenectady.

COMEDY

Comedy Show

Arsenal City Tavern will host a comedy show on Friday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. None other than Mike McLaughlin is making his return home to headline this great show. Also featuring Bill Lake, Mike Cahill and Marcus Meehan. The show will be hosted by Travis Stealey. Arsenal City Tavern is located at 795 Third Ave., Watervliet.

Pretty Much The Best Comedy Show: Dave Hill

Proctors will host another installment of Pretty Much The Best Comedy Show on Saturday, Feb. 29, at 8 p.m. Upstate New York's premiere stand-up showcase, Pretty Much the Best Comedy Show, has been thriving at Proctors since summer 2014, presenting a steady, diverse stream of talent to an ever-growing audience. Dave Hill is a comedian, writer, musician, actor, radio host, and man-about-town originally from Cleveland, Ohio, but now living in New York City in a totally sweet apartment with a party deck and everything. Hot chicks come over to hang out and eat cheese plates and stuff with him all the time and it's awesome. For tickets, visit proctors.org. Proctors is located at 432 State St., Schenectady.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Expression of disgust
- A place to unwind
- A type of cooking range
- Grasp tightly
- Sea eagles
- Carb dish
- Late-night host
- Revolutions per minute
- Indicates odd or erroneous
- FDR's military chief of staff
- Swiss river
- Norwegian district and river
- A form of motivation
- Car mechanics group
- Once a must-have home theater accessory
- Broken branch
- Apple and pumpkin are two
- Skeletal muscle
- Small Eurasian deer
- Tight-lipped fellow
- Comes after a cut
- A place one lives
- Cognizant of
- Albanian monetary unit
- Carrot's partner
- Famed garden
- Chilean seaport
- Days (Spanish)
- Sudden anxiety
- 100 square meters
- A type of beer
- French/Belgian river

CLUES DOWN

- Spanish dish
- Concurs
- ___ and her sisters
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Used to refer to cited works
- A state of excited movement
- Advertising term (abbr.)
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- New York art district
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Pre-release viewing
- Northwestern Canadian territory (abbr.)
- Consumed
- Falters
- Radioactive form of an element
- Catch a wrongdoer
- Breeze through
- Thick piece of something
- Yellowish-brown color
- "The Raven" poet
- Rural free delivery (abbr.)
- Creating
- Supervises flying
- Northwestern state
- Was obligated to repay
- Diverging in lines from a common center
- Bleak
- We all have them
- Hit with the palm of one's hand
- Sea that's part of the western Pacific
- Political action committee
- Famed Spanish soldier El ___

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MUSIC

Altan

Altan will perform at Proctors as part of the theater's Passport Series on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. With a career at the pinnacle of traditional Irish music for nearly 35 years, Altan has achieved legendary status in a genre that has been equally shaped by the band's influence and genius. On *The Widening Gyre*, the band explores the musical relationship between American roots music and the traditional music of Ireland. It's the first full project Altan has recorded in Nashville, and working under the guiding hand of producer and Compass co-founder Garry West, the album pairs these Irish masters with some of the leading lights of American folk and bluegrass music, many of whom the members of Altan have known for years. The resulting music is completely engaging, simultaneously breaking new ground and reminding listeners of the ancient bond between Irish and Appalachian music. For tickets, visit proctors.org. Proctors is located at 432 State St., Schenectady.

Bluegrass Jam with Schroon River String Band

Schroon River String Band will host its monthly bluegrass jam at Caffe Lena on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. The monthly Bluegrass Jam, hosted by Schroon River String Band, is all about sharing songs, making new friends and enjoying a relaxing and casual evening of irresistible string band music. All are welcome to join the circle for an evening playing and listening to classic grass and new grass. Schroon River String Band will kick off the evening with a few tunes then open the floor for musicians to lead their favorite bluegrass music, backed up

by the other pickers in the gathering. So sharpen up your axe, come prepared with your song and let us hear some good old fast, high and lonesome. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

Caitlin Canty with Corey Laitman

Caitlin Canty and Corey Laitman will share a bill at Caffe Lena on Sunday, March 1, at 7 p.m. With a dusky alto and haunting original songs, Caitlin Canty carves a line through folk, blues and country ballads. Since moving to Nashville, this Vermont native has circled through the U.S. and Europe, warmed up stages for Mary Chapin Carpenter, The Milk Carton Kids and Josh Ritter, and won the Troubadour songwriting competition at the Telluride Bluegrass Festival. Her originals have recently appeared on CBS' "Code Black" and on the Netflix original series, "House of Cards." For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

Dogs in a Pile with Hilltop


Dogs in a Pile and Hilltop will perform at The Hollow on Saturday, Feb. 29, at 8 p.m. Dogs in a Pile is the culmination of a love of music born from the deepest American roots of psychedelia, jazz, fusion, funk, traditional and rock 'n' roll. The Dogs began with University of the Arts Philadelphia student and Asbury Park veteran Jimmy Law, along with his long-time friend Joe Babick, a three-year veteran of the gifted young musician's program at the nationally renowned Count Basie Theater in Red Bank, New Jersey. Lightning struck when they were introduced to Berklee School of Music student and bass player Sam Lucid, who immediately suggested fellow Berklee student and multi-instrumentalist Jeremy Kaplan. The addition of fellow Berklee classmate and collaborator Brian Murray in 2019



Party in Spa City

The Refrigerators are a 10-piece, horn-fueled party band from the Capital District. Consistently a top draw for two decades, The Refrigerators are one of the most sought after bands in the area. The Refrigerators will perform at Vapor on Friday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m.

The Refrigerators

editors' playlist 

I Won't Back Down
Ronnie Dunn

Riding My Thumb to Mexico
Ronnie Dunn

Wonderful Tonight
Ronnie Dunn

Brown Eyed Girl
Ronnie Dunn

Against the Wind
Ronnie Dunn

My mother, brother and I have a very special place in our hearts for Brooks and Dunn. When my brother told me Ronnie Dunn had released 24 covers on a new album, I practically broke my phone from clicking into Apple Music so fast. Sure enough, he was right; the album is amazing. Here are some of my favorites from his newest release, *Re-Dunn*.

— Katie Lembo

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made for the quintessential final piece in the Dogs' puzzle. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. The Hollow is located at 79 N. Pearl St., Albany.

Driftwood with Zan and the Winter Folk

Driftwood and Zan and the Winter Folk will share a bill at The Hollow on Friday, Feb. 21, at 9 p.m. Anyone familiar with the Americana music scene knows Driftwood has cut its teeth on a killer live show. With a never-ending tour schedule and a steady buzz, it has built a very solid underground fan base. "The game has been live shows and nose to the ground since the beginning," said guitarist/songwriter Dan Forsyth. As well as a devout following and a sizable discography, the band's hard work has also been a huge part of the inspiration for its music. The songs and arrangements have grown out of time spent on the road, growing closer, learning with and from each other and weathering the ups and downs of the journey together. "We have a truly special bond creatively and personally. It's the driving force behind the music," violinist/songwriter Claire Byrne adds. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. The Hollow is located at 79 N. Pearl St., Saratoga Springs.

The Figgs with Candy Ambulance

The Figgs and Candy Ambulance will perform at Putnam Place on Friday, Feb. 28, at 9 p.m. Be it known that on Sept. 20, 2019 the Figgs released Shady Grove, a six-sided behemoth of a triple album, featuring a slew of its trademark catchy riffs and drenched harmonies. Clocking in at 24 new songs (and a Kate Bush cover), Shady Grove finds the band sliding between up-tempo rockers, experimental numbers and a handful of instrumentals. Although the 'tight as army buddies' and chugging flash of their earlier work is omnipresent, many of the tracks feature introspective lyrics of sadness and loss. You'll find that even some of the catchier pop songs like "Paolo the Alto," "Bad Decisions" and "Grab Your Pack" are full of this dichotomy. For tickets, visit ticketbud.com. Putnam Place is located at 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.

Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen

Caffe Lena will host Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. Since Frank Solivan left the cold climes of Alaska for the bluegrass hotbed of Washington, D.C., he has built a reputation as a monster mandolinist

and become a major festival attraction with his band, Dirty Kitchen. Solivan, with banjoist Mike Munford, IBMA Banjo Player of the Year, award winning guitarist Chris Luquette and bassist Jeremy Middleton, simmer a bluegrass/newgrass stew from instrumental, vocal and songwriting skills so hot, they were named IBMA's Instrumental Group of the Year. Dirty Kitchen plays a wide variety of roots music, focusing on bluegrass and acoustic country, with elements of blues, folk and rock shining through. Powerful vocal harmonies, expressive songwriting, smooth ballads and instrumental prowess make this versatile group of musicians the perfect fit for listening rooms, festival stages and everything in-between. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

Golfstrom

Golfstrom will perform at Caffe Lena on Friday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. Let Golfstrom take you through the music halls of old Paris and Warsaw, the famous Berlin cabarets of the 1920s, concert halls in the USSR and the musical cafés of Vienna. Its repertoire includes the dramatic sound of Buenos Aires tango clubs, the joyful and wistful melodies of Gypsy and Klezmer bands at Jewish weddings and music from French, Italian and Russian cinema. Accordionist Sergei Nirenburg sets the scene with histories of composers, genres and cultures, to build an experience that will deepen your understanding and delight your senses. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

The Harmonic Duo

The Harmonic Duo will perform at Rustic Barn Pub on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m. The duo with the sound of a full band, playing music everyone loves. Rustic

Barn Pub is located at 150 Speigletown Road, Troy.

JigJam

Caffe Lena will host JigJam on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m. From the heart of the Irish midlands comes JigJam, a string band that fuses traditional Irish music with Bluegrass and Americana. Raised in Irish music and culture, the four members have won more than twenty All-Ireland titles at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann competitions. The sharply dressed outfit delivers an energy-fueled, foot-stomping live performance with banjos, guitars, fiddles, mandolins and double bass. It's headlined Telluride Bluegrass Festival and Milwaukee Irish Fest as well as touring throughout the UK and Europe. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

Jocelyn & Chris Arndt

Jocelyn and Chris Arndt will perform at Caffe Lena on Saturday, Feb. 29, at 8 p.m. On Nov. 23, siblings Jocelyn and Chris joined their band and special guests to record a rare semi-acoustic live album in front of an intimate audience at White Lake Studios in Upstate New York. On Feb. 29, join Jocelyn, Chris, their band and special guests as it showcases the music from this recording, performing reimagined versions of several previously released tracks, including their Billboard AAA Top 40 singles "Outta My Head," which they performed earlier this year on NBC's Today Show, and "Kill in the Cure," which remained on the chart for 12 consecutive weeks this summer. It'll strip back their usual modern rock trappings to showcase powerful songwriting, honest lyricism and nuanced musicianship. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

Kelly Maguire and Friends

Rustic Barn Pub will host Kelly Maguire and Friends on Friday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. Kelly plays music everyone enjoys. She can play just about anything and she takes requests. Rustic Barn Pub is located at 150 Speigletown Road, Troy.

Little Folks Series

Caffe Lena will host Little Folks Series on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3 p.m. This special edition of the Little Folks Series celebrates the music and history of Woody Guthrie. Feb. 23, 1940. In a small rented room at New York City's Hanover House, Woody Guthrie, frustrated by the inescapable earworm of Kate Smith singing "God Bless America," put pen to paper and wrote what many consider a new national anthem, "This Land is Your Land." Join Tin Can Alley (Michael Eck and Brian Melick) as they celebrate the 80th anniversary of "This Land" with a fun, family friendly look at the timeless music and intriguing history of Woody Guthrie and friends. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

Low Lily

Caffe Lena will host Low Lily on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. With deft playing and a meticulous vocal blend, this Vermont-based string band puts a little pop twist on traditional folk and Americana. Flynn Cohen's deft flatpicking on guitar and mandolin and Lissa Schneck-enburger's virtuosic fiddle-playing are grounded by Liz Simmons' percussive rhythm guitar playing, the sounds of which combine joyously in this stunning ensemble. All three members have deep relationships to traditional music styles, ranging from bluegrass to Irish, Scottish, English, New England and old-time Appalachian sounds. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Caffe Lena is located at

47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

Katie Manning

Katie Manning will host two shows at Vapor Nightclub on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 4 and 7 p.m. Have you ever known something or had a gut feeling that turned out to be right? Or, had a déjà vu experience? Or, just felt like you were not alone, when clearly you were. The dream that just won't leave you the next day and even years later that seemed so real featuring a loved one that has passed over. Psychic medium Katie Manning has had this experience her entire life. Katie has worked with countless families and individuals to gain some closure to a loved ones passing. She uses her gift to help others make peace with the past, present and future. For tickets, visit saratogacasin.com. Vapor Nightclub is located at 342 Jefferson St., Saratoga Springs.

Midnight North with Glass Pony

Midnight North and Glass Pony will perform at The Hollow on Friday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. It's full steam ahead for Midnight North after an exciting year featuring major festival plays, nationwide tours and the release of a second live record. Rolling Stone hailed Midnight North as the "Best New Act" in its review of 2018's Peach Music Festival saying the band "takes the best parts of roots music and weaves them into a tapestry of rock and Americana." For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. The Hollow is located at 79 N. Pearl St., Albany.

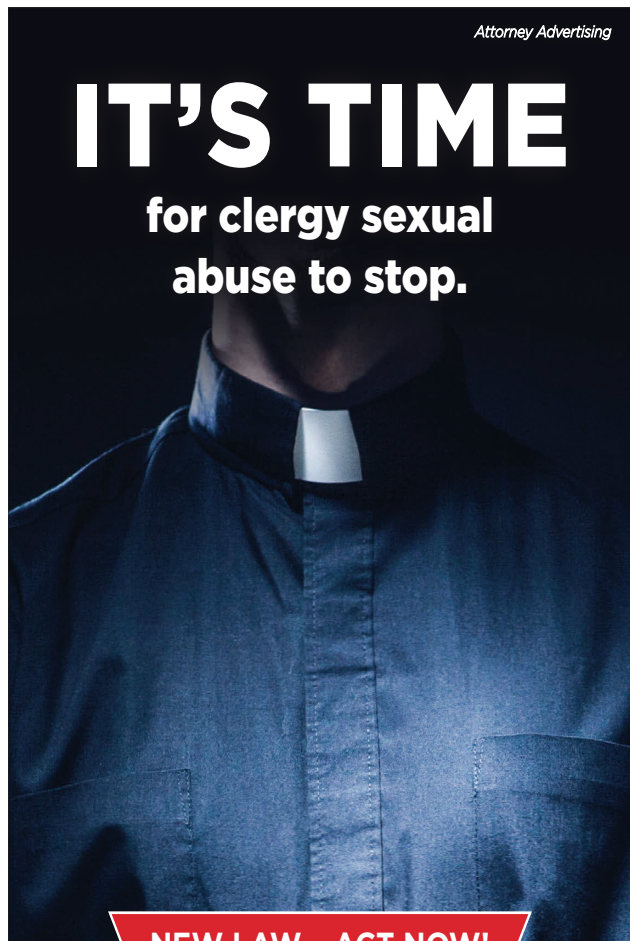
'The Mountaintop'

The Linda will host three performances of "The Mountaintop" through March 1. A stormy night: April 3, 1968. Room 306, Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tennessee. Martin Luther King Jr. has just delivered his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" ser-

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The National Reserve

The Hangar on the Hudson will host The National Reserve on Friday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. For nearly half a decade, The National Reserve has spent its Friday nights lighting it up at a Brooklyn bar, winning over boozers and barflies with epic sets and a remarkable breadth of songcraft and showmanship. Now, with their stunning new Ramseur Records debut album, Motel La Grange, the band has captured every bit of that energy, emotion and entertainment for all to hear. For tickets, visit brownpapertickets.com. Hangar on the Hudson is located at 675 River St., Saratoga Springs.

Nektar

Nektar will perform at The Linda on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. Legendary rock band Nektar is touring the world in 2020. Nektar its first single "kyWriter" this fall from its forthcoming new album, The Other Side, which release in January. Under the auspices of MoonJune Music, Nektar is celebrating five decades of rock-n-nektar-n-roll. The band features three original members, two former members and one new member, and will commemorate Roye Albrighton, the original guitar player and vocalist, who died in 2016. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. The Linda is located at 339 Central Ave., Albany.

Pro Jam

Pro Jam will take place at Helsinki Hudson on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. The Club Helsinki Pro Jam is a bimonthly jam session featuring dozens of professional musicians from the greater Hudson Valley region. The event welcomes all working musicians in the region to sit in for a free-wheeling jam session. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Helsinki Hudson is located at 405 Columbia St., Hudson.

Rainbow Full of Sound

Putnam Place will host Rainbow Full of Sound on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 9 p.m. Waynard Scheller and Rainbow Full of Sound (RfOs) play Grateful Dead songs, and it's been doing so for a while – 300 shows' worth. But this spring's tour will come with a very special twist: it is going to re-create the Dead's legendary 1972 tour of Europe, tracing the path of 21 shows from England to Denmark to Germany to France to the Netherlands and back to England. For tickets, visit ticketbud.com. Putnam Place is located at 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.

The Refrigerators

The Refrigerators will perform at Vapor on Friday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. The Refrigerators are a 10-piece, horn-fueled party band from the Capital District. Consistently a top draw for two decades, The Refrigerators are one of the most sought after bands in the area. For the last 25-plus years, The Refrigerators have made audiences dance and feel better about their day. Vapor Nightclub is located at 342 Jefferson St., Saratoga Springs.

Rock and Remember

Hangar on the Hudson will host Rock and Remember on Saturday, Feb. 29, at 3 p.m. A loving farewell to one of the Radiodiox family members, "Pops" Sweeny. Think half-Irish wake, half "good-time-at-the-juke-joint." Pay \$10 at the door

to benefit, at the family's behest, the American Red Cross Eastern New York Region and Street Soldiers. Hangar on the Hudson is located at 675 River St., Troy.

The Sea The Sea with Lowland Hum

The Sea The Sea and Lowland Hum will perform at The Hollow on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m. The Sea The Sea is an Upstate New York-based indie folk-pop duo-band featuring what Huffington Post calls, "two of the loveliest male-female voices you might ever hear this or any other year." Its 2014 debut release, Love We Are We Love, received praise from NPR, American Songwriter and No Depression, among others, gathering over 15 million streams on Spotify. The animated video for its song "Waiting," sparked viral interest including Buzzfeed, Pitchfork and inclusion at the international TED 2015 conference. Mountain Stage host Larry Groce calls the duo "ready to take [its] place among the best young male/female duos now performing." Its 2016 release, the six-song EP In the Altogether, earned features by AppleMusic including "Best of the Week" and "A-List Singer/Songwriter." Recently, Paste Music / Daytrotter described the band as "defined by their infallible vocal harmonies and their unconventional song arrangements." For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. The Hollow is located at 79 N. Pearl St., Saratoga Springs.

Soul Sky

Soul Sky will perform at Putnam Place on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 9 p.m. Soul Sky is a dynamic, bluesy, jammy, rock band with excellent guitars and an awesome rhythm section. Music that will move your body and soul. Featuring the talents of Jeremy Walz, Tom Dolan, Jeff Prescott, Joe Mele and Mark Emanatian. Putnam Place is located at 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.

Taina Asili Acoustic Trio

Taina Asili Acoustic Trio will perform at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. Asili is a New York-based Puerto Rican singer, filmmaker and activist carrying on the tradition of her ancestors, fusing past and present struggles into one soulful and defiant voice. Her music combines powerful vocals carrying themes of hope and liberation with an energetic fusion of Afro-Latin, reggae and rock. Asili's music offers a sound that spans continents, exuding strength of Spirit, inspiring audiences at venues across the globe – From Carnegie Hall to the Women's March on Washington to the main stage of San Francisco Pride. With an energetic horn section and infectious rhythms, Asili's music urges people to get on their feet and dance to the rhythm of rebellion. For tickets, visit tickets.troymusicall.org. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall is located at 32 Second St., Troy.

The Wheel

The Wheel will perform at Putnam Place on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 9 p.m. The Wheel was founded in 2010 by Andy Morse, who was looking to play to his roots of years chasing the Grateful Dead and current incarnations around. Continually rolling and covering new terrain in creative spaces before us, we strive to maintain professionalism and bring you top notch music at every show. The fans complete a colorful twirling masterpiece. Putnam Place is located at 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.

EXHIBITS

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

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'The Princess Bride' is a wonderful fairy tale with all the ingredients of a good story. There's adventure, betrayal, revenge, and —of course — love. The Palace Theatre will host a viewing of the movie on Monday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m.

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 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 Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna. The museum's Ptolemaic Period mummy and his coffin are now on view in the Heinrich Medicus Gallery 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,

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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. New York State Museum Cultural Education Center is located at 222 Madison Ave., Albany.

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 Erie Canal's construction, New York State's Office of Cultural Education will 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. 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 nineteenth-century 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. In celebration of New York State History Month and in commemoration of the 101st anniversary of women's suffrage in New York State, the Museum is proud to display a model of a statue honoring Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. The statue will be unveiled in New York City's Central Park in 2020—the first statue in the park to honor a woman. In 2013, longtime women's rights activists Pam Elam and Coline Jenkins formed the Statue Fund to create the first statue in Central Park that both honors and depicts real women. Sculpture Meredith Bergmann's design was chosen out of several entries and honors Stanton and Anthony, two leaders at the forefront of the women's suffrage movement. The working model of the statue will be on display at the State Museum in the West Hall Corridor through Sunday, April 26. New York State Museum Cultural Education Center is located at 222 Madison Ave., Albany. 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.

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HOROSCOPES

February 2020
Week 3

ARIES – MAR 21/APR 20

Aries, you may want to pick up a relationship right where you left off, but the other person may not be as amenable. Bide your time and give this person some space.

TAURUS – APR 21/MAY 21

A few extra goals never hurt anyone, Taurus. St down and see how your new resolutions can be turned into ways to achieve all of those tasks you hope to get done.

GEMINI – MAY 22/JUN 21

Gemini, while you may want to expand your social circle right now, you're just not sure how to get started. Networking opportunities may be the way to go.

CANCER – JUN 22/JUL 22

There is no point getting into a disagreement over a situation you have no control over right now, Cancer. Instead, wait for the right opportunity to express your position.

LEO – JUL 23/AUG 23

Leo, take a step back from responsibilities at work to devote more energy to your relationships at home. Embrace activities that your family can enjoy together.

VIRGO – AUG 24/SEPT 22

Some melancholy may have you seeking out quiet corners, Virgo. Distancing yourself from the crowds is only a temporary fix. Instead, look for activities you find soothing.

LIBRA – SEPT 23/OCT 23

Someone close to you may be feeling under the weather and could use some extra support, Libra. Take a few days off to be the rock that this person can use right now.

SCORPIO – OCT 24/NOV 22

Friends may make excessive demands on your time this week, Scorpio. As a generous person, you want to go along with it all, but be careful not to overextend.

SAGITTARIUS – NOV 23/DEC 21

Sagittarius, you are usually outgoing, but this week you may be feeling more shy and reserved. It could be because you are missing someone.

CAPRICORN – DEC 22/JAN 20

Don't take what you hear this week at face value, Capricorn. The information that has been coming your way may not be entirely accurate. Make up your own mind.

AQUARIUS – JAN 21/FEB 18

Group activities or time spent with a spouse may not go as well as usual this week, Aquarius. Your mind is elsewhere. Until you are focused, things may seem stressed.

PISCES – FEB 19/MAR 20

A minor disagreement could have you questioning a relationship, Pisces. Don't fret, as you'll soon find that the turmoil is short-lived.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kelly Maguire and Friends

Rustic Barn Pub — Friday, Feb. 21

TROY — Rustic Barn Pub will host Kelly Maguire and Friends on Friday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m.

Kelly plays music everyone enjoys. She can play just about anything and she takes requests.

Rustic Barn Pub is located at 150 Speigletown Road.

The National Reserve

The Hangar on the Hudson — Friday, Feb. 21

TROY — The Hangar on the Hudson will host The National Reserve on Friday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m.

For nearly half a decade, The National Reserve has spent its Friday nights lighting it up at a Brooklyn bar, winning over boozers and barflies with epic sets and a

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

The Refrigerators

Vapor Nightclub — Friday, Feb. 21

SARATOGA SPRINGS — The Refrigerators will perform at Vapor on Friday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m.

The Refrigerators are a 10-piece, horn-fueled party band from the Capital District. Consistently a top draw for two decades, The Refrigerators are one of the most sought after bands in the area.

Vapor Nightclub is located at 342 Jefferson St.,

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Helsinki Hudson — Saturday, Feb. 22

HUDSON — Helsinki Hudson will host the Bindlestiff Family Cirkus on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 9 p.m.

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FOOD & VINO

Warm up with a hearty breakfast

Early morning meals provide fuel for the day ahead. A bowl of cereal or a granola bar may make an ideal morning meal on hectic weekday mornings, but when time is not an issue, a delicious, hot breakfast can serve as a welcome change.

This recipe for “Cheddar Waffles With Pork Schnitzel, Country Ham and Sunny-Side-Up Egg” from “Fire in My Belly” (Andrews McMeel) by Kevin Gillespie makes for a hearty, flavorful way to begin your day.

Cheddar Waffles With Pork Schnitzel, Country Ham, and Sunny-Side-Up Egg

Ingredients: Feeds 4 hungry adults

- 1/2 cup canola oil for frying
- 4 trimmed slices pork loin, about 1 1/2 ounces
- Salt
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 6 large eggs
- 1 cup finely ground panko bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup pure maple syrup
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 thin slices country ham
- Cheddar waffles (recipe follows)

Cheddar Waffles

- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour

- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup whole milk
- 2 egg whites
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon sugar
- 5 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon melted butter, kept warm
- 2/3 cup grated cheddar cheese

Instructions

1. To make the waffles: Heat an electric Belgian-style waffle maker on the medium setting. Wait at least 10 minutes to make sure it's nice and hot.

2. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, salt, and baking powder. In a separate bowl, whisk the eggs and milk. In a third, deep bowl, using a handheld mixer, beat the egg whites until frothy. With the mixer running, gradually add the sugar to the whites and continue beating until the whites form soft peaks when the mixer is lifted. Pour the milk mixture into the dry ingredients and stir with a large spoon just until no giant flour clumps remain; there will be some small lumps. Start whisking and slowly add the melted butter, whisking gently yet nonstop until incorporated. Gently fold the egg whites into the batter; you'll have a few small clumps of whites remaining — that's okay.

3. Generously coat the waffle maker with nonstick spray. Ladle about 1/2 cup batter onto the center of the waffle

maker and sprinkle with a generous amount of the cheese. Close the top and cook according to the manufacturer's instructions. Repeat until all waffles are cooked.

4. Pour 2 inches of oil into a large cast-iron skillet.

5. Place the pork loin slices between two sheets of plastic wrap and gently and evenly pound them to a 1/4-inch thickness. Pat the pork dry with a paper towel and season with salt. Bread the pork using flour, dredge in 2 of the eggs, and then the panko. Fry the pork in the hot oil until golden brown, about 2 minutes on the first side and 1 minute on the other. Line a plate with a double layer of paper towels. Transfer the pork schnitzel to the paper towels to drain.

6. In a small skillet over low heat, bring the maple syrup to a low simmer. Pull the pan from the heat and whisk in 2 tablespoons of the butter until melted. Set to the side but keep warm.

7. Melt the remaining 2 tablespoons butter in a 12-inch skillet over medium-low heat and swirl to coat the bottom of the pan. Crack one egg into a small bowl and gently slide the egg into one side of the warmed skillet; repeat the process with the remaining eggs, each in its own section of the skillet. Season the eggs with a pinch of salt and cover the skillet. Reduce the heat to low and cook until the whites are fully cooked and opaque, about 4 minutes.

8. For each plate, set a waffle in the center and generously spoon some syrup over the waffle. Add a slice of schnitzel and spoon on a little more syrup. Top with a slice of ham, and crown with a sunny-side-up egg and, yes, a little more syrup.

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Some benefits of frozen foods

Throughout human history, there have been many ways to preserve food, including pickling, canning and salting. Such efforts became easier with the invention of the refrigerator and freezer, which opened up a whole new way to shop for and stockpile foods.

It's difficult to imagine life without refrigerators or freezers. For example, frozen foods, which are a mainstay of the modern diet, are only possible thanks to modern refrigeration.

Despite their popularity, frozen foods are sometimes mistaken as being less worthy of consumption than fresh alternatives. Food producers Green Isle Foods indicates that very often frozen foods make nutritious additions to a meal. Here are a few reasons why

The American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics says that frozen foods are an affordable way for people to get their daily recommended doses of fruits and vegetables. But the benefits do not stop with fruits and vegetables. Many other nutritious foods can be frozen and incorporated into recipes.

Despite their popularity, frozen foods are sometimes mistaken as being less worthy of consumption than fresh alternatives. Food producers Green Isle Foods indicates that very often frozen foods make nutritious additions to a meal. Here are a few reasons why.

- Frozen produce is

often more nutritionally reliable than fresh items, as freezing prevents sensitive nutrients and vitamins from being lost during transportation. In a 2013 study sponsored by the University of Georgia, researchers compared various private-label frozen produce items to fresh equivalents. Nutrient levels were analyzed in samples of the frozen produce and in the fresh equivalents upon being purchased and then again after the fresh produce spent five days in a refrigerator. Day-of-purchase fresh and frozen varieties were nutritionally similar. But after five days, the fresh produce lost vitamin content, especially vitamins A and C and folate.

- Frozen foods typically contain no preservatives, as freezing itself is a form of preservation.

- Frozen foods enable people to choose from a variety of items even when they would normally be out of season.

- Frozen foods may help reduce food waste, as individually packaged items help people use only what they need.

- Frozen seafood is often less expensive than fresh fish because the extended shelf life offers year-round price stability and product availability.

It is important to be picky when buying frozen foods. According to nutrition experts at Tufts University, convenience meals are not always created equal. It is essential to read labels to ensure that healthy ingredients are included and to pay attention to portion sizes to keep fat and calories in check.

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JigJam

Caffe Lena — Saturday, Feb. 22

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From the heart of the Irish midlands comes JigJam, a string band that fuses traditional Irish music with Bluegrass and Americana. Raised in Irish music and culture, the four members have won more than twenty All-Ireland titles at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann competitions. The sharply dressed outfit delivers an energy-fueled, foot-stomping live performance with banjos, guitars, fiddles, mandolins and double bass. It's headlined Telluride Bluegrass Festival and Milwaukee Irish Fest as well as touring throughout the UK and Europe.

For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

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

Soul Sky

Putnam Place — Saturday, Feb. 22

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Soul Sky will perform at Putnam Place on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 9 p.m.

Soul Sky is a dynamic, bluesy, jammy, rock band with excellent guitars and an awesome rhythm section. Music

that will move your body and soul. Featuring the talents of Jeremy Walz, Tom Dolan, Jeff Prescott, Joe Mele and Mark Emanatian.

Putnam Place is located at 63a Putnam St.

The Harmonic Duo

Rustic Barn Pub — Saturday, Feb. 22

TROY — The Harmonic Duo will perform at Rustic Barn Pub on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m.

The duo with the sound of a full band, playing music everyone loves.

Rustic Barn Pub is located at 150 Speigletown Road.

The Sea The Sea with Lowland Hum

The Hollow Bar and Kitchen — Saturday, Feb. 22

ALBANY — The Sea The Sea and Lowland Hum will perform at The Hollow on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m.

The Sea The Sea is an Upstate New York-based indie folk-pop duo-band featuring what Huffington Post calls, "two of the loveliest male-female voices you might ever hear this or any other year." Its 2014 debut release, Love We Are We Love, received praise from NPR, American Songwriter and No Depression, among others, gathering over 15 million streams on Spotify. The animated video for its song "Waiting," sparked viral interest including

Buzzfeed, Pitchfork and inclusion at the international TED 2015 conference. Mountain Stage host Larry Groce calls the duo "ready to take [its] place among the best young male/female duos now performing." Its 2016 release, the six-song EP In the Altogether, earned features by AppleMusic including "Best of the Week" and "A-List Singer/Songwriter." Recently, Paste Music / Daytrotter described the band as "defined by their infallible vocal harmonies and their unconventional song arrangements."

For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

The Hollow is located at 79 N. Pearl St.

Little Folks Series

Caffe Lena — Sunday, Feb. 23

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Caffe Lena will host Little Folks Series on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3 p.m.

Woody Guthrie, frustrated by the inescapable earworm of Kate Smith singing "God Bless America," put pen to paper and wrote what many consider a new national anthem, "This Land is Your Land." Join Tin Can Alley (Michael Eck and Brian Melick) as they celebrate the 80th anniversary of "This Land" with a fun, family friendly look at the timeless music and intriguing history of Woody Guthrie and friends.

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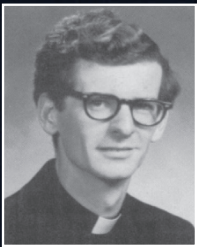


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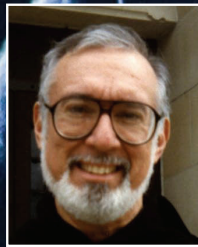
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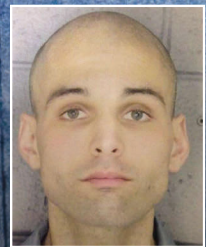
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