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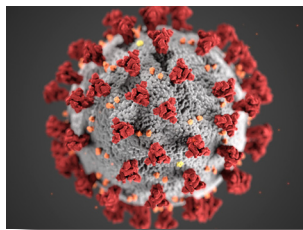


## NEWS

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Slingerlands Elementary's Fifth Grade Musical will celebrate 50 years with 'Our School.'

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No cases reported here and local health officials are scrambling to keep it that way.

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## Car accident

Accident on Route 9W results in significant damage to local cemetery.

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## TOP STORY

# Town Board is all in

Elm Avenue Park should get its dive pool back by 2021

By **DIEGO CAGARA**  
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**BETHLEHEM** — The Town Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, Feb. 26, to award a \$719,000 contract to Midatlantic Construction and Design Associates, a New Jersey-based firm, to build a new dive pool at the Elm Avenue Park pool complex.



The Bethlehem Town Board listened and awarded its bid to a contractor who will proceed with a new dive pool at Elm Avenue Park.

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## ENTERTAINMENT



### Ticket to ride

Julia Gargano shares more about her American Idol audition.

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### Extra time

Bethlehem had several teams engrossed in post-season play this past weekend.

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■ EDUCATION

# 50 years of the Fifth Grade Musical

Performances scheduled this week

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**SLINGERLANDS** — Slingerlands Elementary School will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its Fifth Grade Musical with a stage production of “Our School” this week.

“Our School” is directed and written by teacher Lester Betor in the style of “Our Town,” a 1938 play by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Thornton Wilder. While the latter’s story revolved around a fictional American town and its everyday citizens in the early 1910s, the former will focus on Slingerlands Elementary School’s history, some of its past and current faculty, and the longtime musical program.

Performances will be held on Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the school auditorium; doors open at 6:15 p.m. and seating is first-come, first-served. While advanced tickets were sold by Wednesday, Feb. 26, limited tickets for \$3 each may still be available at the door.

Accompanying Betor is



The “Our School” musical production will reflect on Slingerlands Elementary School’s history, its 50-year musical program and recognize numerous past and current faculty members.

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assistant director Connie Clarkson, accompanist Patricia Eberle, technical director Heather Reid, crew chief Bonnie O’Shea, graphic designer Megan Fargione and principal Heidi Bonacquist.

Betor said “Our Town” is his favorite play; he remembered watching it in high school and he “often wanted to do something based on that.” As “Our Town” is staged with few and minimal props, he said he liked how imaginative the experience was while

still enjoying its story.

Betor has been involved in six stage productions at the school and “Our School” will be his last, saying that he wants to go out on a high note and it felt right that it ties in with the musical program’s 50th anniversary. He added that “Our School” is a great way to reflect on the importance of the school’s musical program, the opportunities it has given to faculty and students through the years and it recognizes key faculty members.

stage and 16 handling crew duties. Betor said more students have been able to be involved because since there are three acts, one character may be played by a different student in each act.

“We try to find the kids’ strengths and work with them. If a kid feels too scared to get on stage, they could work backstage, for example,” Betor said.

Bonacquist said, “My favorite part about the musical is that every kid who wants a part gets a part. For many of them, it’ll be the only opportunity they’ll have to be in a production without the chance of getting cut, which happens in middle and high school. They cut kids there in auditions. But here, if a kid auditions, they’re in. If they want a solo or one line, they try out and get a part.”

Kelly Ward, one of three parent co-chairs who help support the musical, expressed gratitude to parent volunteers who helped bring “Our School” to life and were understanding of their children’s rehearsal schedules. Ward, whose daughter portrays Spelich in “Our School,” said parent volunteers have been involved in hair, makeup,

costumes, props, designing the program, poster and logo, organizing the cast party and handling ticket sales.

“You definitely can’t do them without parents’ help and a lot of them luckily choose to be involved in things they’re talented in,” Ward said. “People who choose costumes are creative and can sew, for example. One of them [Fargione] has a background in graphic design and did the beautiful program’s logo and poster.”

Betor said “Our School” will feature numerous songs, that he purchased the rights for, which will complement the story. Songs he chose include Neil Diamond’s “Sweet Caroline,” Pharrell Williams’ “Happy,” the Beatles’ cover of “Twist and Shout,” ABBA’s “Dancing Queen” and Andy Grammer’s “Keep Your Head Up.”

“As I was writing ‘Our School,’ I’m thinking about songs I’d like to use and traditionally, I use Broadway musical songs and this year I decided to make it a little different. . . . The kids don’t usually know the songs until we start

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HEALTH

# Officials urge public to wash hands

By MICHAEL HALLISEY  
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NEW YORK — While Wall Street investors took a bath as the world panicked over how a developing epidemic would affect the global economy, health officials shared one common message to help settle concerns:

Wash your hands.

The World Health Organization has reported over 3,000 deaths and nearly 90,000 cases of novel coronavirus worldwide since Monday, March 2. Those figures include the death of a Washington state man who died after contracting COVID-19 while staying at a long-term care facility. The virus' spread to 59 countries and territories had Dr. Nancy Messonnier, the director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, referring to the situation

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

last week as a near pandemic.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention scrambled in January to provide tests and information. According to the CDC, 15 cases have been confirmed in the

United States. A New York City resident was confirmed over the weekend as the state's first case. That person reportedly contracted the virus after visiting Iran.

"To date, our containment strategies have been largely successful,"

Messonnier said. "As a result, we have very few cases in the United States and no spread in the community. But as more and more countries experience community spread, successful containment at our borders becomes harder and harder. Ultimately, we expect we will see community spread in this country.

"It's not so much a question of if this will happen anymore but rather more a question of exactly when this will happen and how many people in this country will have severe illness," Messonnier said.

Messonnier's words resonated throughout Washington and New York. President Donald Trump would later appoint Vice President Michael Pence to head the country's response to the epidemic. However, it did not quell a floundering Dow Jones Industrial Average as Wall

Street reacted to fears the virus could cripple the world economy.

The Dow lost more than 3,500 points by last Friday's close of business, representing a 12 percent loss. Coupled with a 11.5 percent loss in the S&P 500, Wall Street witnessed \$3.6 trillion in market value cyphoned from investments, representing the worst week in trading since 2008.

Since efforts to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus to the United States started in earnest in January, the CDC has fielded criticism over its test kits. According to BuzzFeed News, the initial tests were based on three "primer" sets of DNA sequences that match the virus. Labs found that the third primer in the tests gave varying results. Messonnier confirmed that issue last week.

"I am frustrated like I know many of you are that we have had issues with

our test," said Messonnier. "I want to assure you that we are working to modify the kit and hope to send out a new version to state and local jurisdictions soon. There are currently 12 states or localities around the U.S. that can test samples as well as we are testing at CDC 400 samples were tested overnight."

Local health officials took initiative to inform the public on how to combat against contracting the virus.

No cases of novel coronavirus have been detected locally, according to an Albany County spokesperson. The county reported that one person who had previously exhibited symptoms was later released from quarantine after testing negative to the virus. Eight other households had been under observation after having returned recently

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## POLICE, FIRE, and EMERGENCY COURTS

### DWI

DELMAR — A 31-year-old East Berne man was arrested on a DWI at 222 Kenwood Avenue on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 5:47 p.m.

Bethlehem police observed a white 2007 Ford speeding around the area of 105 Kenwood Avenue and had it pull over. According to police, the operator, identified by his state license as Ryan Jay Coon, had an odor of alcohol from his breath and watery, bloodshot eyes. Coon allegedly admitted to consuming three beers before driving and he failed all three field sobriety tests.

Coon was placed in custody, transported to the Bethlehem Police Department for processing and his vehicle was towed. He agreed to submit to a breath test which determined he had a BAC of 0.12 percent. He is scheduled to return to the Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, March 3.

Coon was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a BAC of 0.08 percent or more, driving while intoxicated and speeding in zone.

### Two felony charges

SLINGERLANDS — A 53-year-old Slingerlands man was arrested on two felony charges on 15 Sandhurst Dr. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 3:05 p.m.

Timothy Goerge Gutkaiss turned himself in at the Bethlehem Police

Department on an active arrest warrant and was arraigned by Judge Andrew Kirby. He was released and scheduled to return to the Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, March 17, at 4 p.m.

Gutkaiss was charged with failure to provide a photo and failure to sign a verification form for the state Sex Offender Registry.

### Cemetery crash

SELKIRK — A 19-year-old Selkirk driver sustained serious injuries after her vehicle allegedly rolled over and crashed into the Elmwood Cemetery on Sunday, March 1 at 2:54 a.m.

Bethlehem police discovered a large amount of debris in the roadway in front of the cemetery, located on 922 Route 9W and the driver, Janae A. Ubrich, was found trapped inside her vehicle. Police extricated her from the vehicle; she was treated at the scene by Delmar-Bethlehem EMS and Albany County Paramedics, before being transported to Albany Medical Center.

Her injuries did not appear to be life-threatening, police reported.

Police determined that Ubrich was intoxicated while driving, causing her vehicle to leave the roadway and strike a telephone pole, a concrete pillar at the cemetery's entrance and several gravestones.

Route 9W was closed between Jericho

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■ HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

# Bethlehem hoops comes to an end

## Boys fall to Niskayuna

**BETHLEHEM** — The Eagles outlasted the Falcons in the first round of the Class AA tournament on Wednesday, Feb. 26 by a score of 72-57.

But, the No. 4 seed Bethlehem fell to the No. 5 seed Niskayuna on Saturday, Feb. 22 in the quarterfinals by a score of 68-42.

Albany, the No. 13 seed, came out fast and hard taking a 20-8 lead after one and a 37-24 lead into halftime at Bethlehem.

But Bethlehem, the No. 4 seed, chipped away at the lead in the third and then exploded for 31 points in the fourth quarter for the win.

Against Albany, Will Davis had 19

points to lead Bethlehem while Marko Gibbons had 17 and Zach Zonca had 10. Isiah Austin had 24 for Albany to lead all scorers and Kevin Seel had 12.

Against Niskayuna, Eric Signor had 23 points but he was the only Eagle to have more than five on the night. Ethan St. Lucia led all scorers with 29.

Nisky played the No. 1 seed Shen on Tuesday, March 3 at the Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls while Green Tech played Colonie.

The finals are slated for March 7 in Glens Falls.

— Jim Franco



## Girls fall to Shen

**CLIFTON PARK** — The Bethlehem girls basketball season came to an end on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the hands of the No. 2 seed Shenendehowa.

The Eagles came into the Class AA tournament the No. 7 seed and beat No. 10 seed Catholic Central before getting knocked out.

In the semifinals, Shen will play the No. 6 seed from Albany, who upset No. 3 seed Niskayuna on Thursday, March 5 at Hudson Valley Community College. Tip

is slated for 6 p.m.

In the other semi-final matchup, the No. 1 seed Saratoga will take on No. 5 Shaker. That game is slated to tip at 7:30 p.m. at HVCC.

The finals are slated for Saturday, March 7 at HVCC.

Shen's Bella Stuart led all scorers with 20 points while Jillian Huerter had 11. Caroline Wise led Bethlehem with 14 and Ellie Cerf had 12.

— Jim Franco



# Blackbirds upset in quarterfinals

**VOORHEESVILLE** — The No. 1 seed Blackbirds outlasted Hoosic Valley in round one of the Class C, Section II basketball tournament but was upset by the No. 9 seed from Rensselaer by a score of 79-74.

On Feb. 25, against No. 15 seed Hoosic Valley, it looked more like a hockey game at times, complete with body checks and cheap shots, but in the end the more skilled Blackbirds prevailed in a Class C Section II basketball game with a 62-45 win over Hoosic Valley.

The No. 1 seed Voorheesville boys jumped out to a 15-5 lead after the first quarter and took a 27-14 lead into the half.

In the second half, No. 16 seed Hoosic Valley started getting

physical and twice cut the lead to six in front of a large and loud crowd with supporters on both sides.

Voorheesville, though, kept its composure down the stretch and used its speed and some key jumpers to finish the game.

Rensselaer upset the No. 8 seed Hadley Luzerne before taking down the No. 1 seed.

Against Hoosic Valley, of the Wasaren League, Voorheesville's Zaveon Little led all scorers with 23 while Anthony Puma had 19 and Matt Piccini had 12. Tyler Eddy had 14 for Hoosic Valley.

Check out our website for more photos of the Voorheesville v. Hoosic Valley game.

— Jim Franco



■ HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

# Guilderland's hoop season ends

COLONIE — The No. 6 seed Garnet Raiders made it to the Section II, Class AA semifinals after beating the No. 11 seed from Guilderland on Wednesday, Feb. 26 and then upsetting the No. 3 seed Saratoga on Saturday, Feb. 29.

The semifinal game against the No. 2 seed Green Tech at the Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls was played after this paper went to print but check out our website for results.

Shenendehowa, the No. 1 seed, played the No. 5 seed Niskayuna in the other semifinal matchup.

The Class AA final is slated for Saturday, March 7 in Glens Falls. Tip is set for 2:30 p.m.

In the Guilderland game, Colonie's Marcus Shelton led all scorers with 20 while Brendan Coyle had 14 and Victor Pharr chipped in seven. Ryan Teaney had nine points for Guilderland, which came into the tournament as the No. 11 seed.

Against Saratoga, Brendan Coyle had 13 to lead Colonie while Logan Scott and Ashon Wright had 12 each. Aidan Holmes had 14 for Saratoga.

Check out our website for more photos of the Colonie v. Guilderland game.

— Jim Franco



# Guilderland grappler at the states

ALBANY — Guilderland's Cameron Durant competed in the Division I, 195-pound class as the No. 7 seed during the state tournament at the Times Union Center on Feb. 28 and Feb. 29.

He lost the first round to No. 10 seed Codie Scotland, of Lancaster, before beating No. 15 seed Silas Egenlauf of Spencerport. He fell to No. 8 seed Michael Altomer, of Columbia, on Friday evening.

— Jim Franco



Cameron Durant

# Bethlehem AD Kies honored

Bethlehem Central School District Athletic Director Len Kies was named the Section II Athletic Director of the Year by the New York State Athletic Administrators Association.

Kies has been an AD for 16 years and



Bethlehem Athletic Director Len Kies (left) and head baseball coach Matthew Rehbit during a game last spring.

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10 as a coach. He has been the Bethlehem AD for six years. In addition to that role, last spring he took on duties as assistant coach for the varsity baseball team.

NYSAAA leaders cited Kies' implementation of the

Coaching Boys into Men mentoring program, the BC athletic program's record of success on the field of play during the 2018-19 school year, and the School of Distinction award received by the high school from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association last year.

The School of Distinction is awarded to schools where more than 90 percent of its varsity athletic teams have grade averages of 90 percent or higher.

He is the first athletic director in Section II to hold the Certified Master Athletic Administrator credential.

Kies will collect the award later this month at the NYSAAA State Conference Roy O'Neill Awards Banquet.

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ignated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 575 5th Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240176

**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 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**  
KABEEP TECHNOLOGIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/12/17. 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, 200

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W. 79th Street, #52, New York, NY 10024. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241077

**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 LLC FORMATION**  
KILKEE PROPERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/18/20. 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 O'Shea, 22 Cornell Drive, Bardonia, NY 10954. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240851

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
KOI THE UNION SQUARE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/19/20. 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, 189 Bleeker Street, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241117

**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**  
LINDEN 9825 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, 935 Rocky Point Road, East Marion, NY 11939. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239217

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MAXIM REALTY GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/13/20. 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 Nicole Witover, 405 East 56th Street, Apartment PHD, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241339

**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

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**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: 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, 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**  
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, 70 Charlton Street,

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cess to the LLC, 2 Barron 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 City Island Avenue, Bronx, NY 10464. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-239355

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MONSTER POWER WASHING & MAINTENANCE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/10/20. 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, 512 Beach 131st Street, Rockaway Beach, NY 11694. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-240873

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MR 4081 OCEAN AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/26/20. 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, 4081 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241460

**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**  
NLW MARKETING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/14/20. Latest date to dissolve: 02/12/2050. 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 Nicole Witover, 405 East 56th Street, Apartment PHD, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241339

**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 TO BIDDERS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the Town of Bethlehem Wastewater Treatment Plant Roofing Replacement Project. 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 20th 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 Ms. Nancy Moquin, Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 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 the bid and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
NANCY MOQUIN  
TOWN CLERK  
D-241130

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the Town of Bethlehem Wastewater Treatment Plant Railing Replacement for North & South Clarifiers. 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

To place your Legal Notice: Call 439-4949



## COMMUNITY

# A local may have set a world record

By **DIEGO CAGARA**  
cagarad@spotlightnews.com

**BETHLEHEM** — Delmar resident Joseph Carusone may have set a new Guinness World Record on Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Bethlehem Public Library for the fastest time to complete five

kendama spikes at 25.65 seconds, beating the previous 50-second record. However, Guinness World Records has to confirm the record attempt within the next four months before it becomes official.

“Technically, I did set the record but [the Guinness World Records organization] needs to

confirm it,” he said. “I’ll send all the evidence to Guinness and they’ll review it.”

He added that he is not sure whether he would end up in the physical Guinness World Records Book since it has limited space, but he should be on its website.

A kendama, a traditional Japanese skill toy, consists of a handle, two cups, a center spike and a ball with a hole that is

connected by a string. Spiking a kendama is when a person maneuvers the ball to have its hole land on top of the center spike with just one hand. Besides being entertaining to watch, it helps the person work on their balance, hand-eye coordination and reflex skills, as well as patience.

Carusone spiked five separate kendamas consecutively, instead

of just spiking one kendama five times.

He concluded, “I feel great, I feel relieved! I’m happy that everything went as planned. Also, my family has always been very supportive with everything I’ve done so it feels great to have them here.”

*Spotlight News* will publish a longer version of this story with photos in its March 11 issue.

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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 20th 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 Ms. 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.

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](http://www.townofbethlehem.org) Purchasing Division.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality in the bid and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
NANCI MOQUIN  
TOWN CLERK  
D-241132

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Precast Concrete Manholes for the use of said Town for the year 2020.

Bids will be received up to 11:00 a.m. on the 17th 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.

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Bids shall be submitted on Town of Bethlehem “Bid Sheets” and addressed to Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. 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.

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](http://www.townofbethlehem.org) Purchasing Division.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.  
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
NANCI MOQUIN  
TOWN CLERK  
Dated: February 27, 2020  
D-241423

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
OCEAN 2743, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/20/20. 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 Alla Petrovitskaya, 2743 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
D-241032

**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

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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**  
OUT OF THE BLUE BERRY FARM, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/26/20. 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 Camille Parisi, P.O. Box 490, Jefferson Valley, NY 10535. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
D-241461

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
PAIRGAP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/17/17. 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, c/o Nikkya C. Merckerson, c/o Pairgap LLC, 1080 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216, which also serves as the registered agent address. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
D-241464

**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**  
QUARTZ BRAND STRATEGY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/14/20. 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, c/o Neufeld, O’Leary & Giusto, Esqs., 370 Lexington Avenue, Suite 908, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
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**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

### Resolution No. 2020-09 RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 26th day of February 2020, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows: WHEREAS, the Town’s current vacuum street sweeper has deteriorated to the point that makes it unusable, and a foreman’s utility truck has become unreliable due to age and use, and WHEREAS, the street sweeper is used for routine street sweeping, road milling operations and cleaning storm water catch basins, and the foreman’s truck is used for crew supervision and after hours emergency response, as well as snow plowing, and WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that replacement of these two pieces of equipment are necessary to continue operations at the highway department, and WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said equipment will not exceed \$330,000; and WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the Highway Fund Capital Reserves; and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete the purchase of the street sweeper and foreman’s utility truck as described above; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$330,000 and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the Highway Fund Capital Reserves the funds nec-

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
SEANSHEA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/14/20. 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, c/o Zinman & Associates, 140 East 45th Street, 44th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
D-240755

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
SENOPS TRACKER, 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 Christopher J. Beck, 184

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essary up to \$330,000 in said reserve fund; and This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.

A motion to adopt the resolution was offered by Councilman Coffey, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham and approved with the following vote: AYES: Supervisor VanLuven, Councilwoman Becker, Councilman Coffey, Councilwoman Cunningham, Councilman Foster  
NOES: none  
ABSENT: none  
D-241351

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:00pm, at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to solicit comment on the Draft Local Law establishing a Local Consistency Review Procedure for the LWRP.

All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.  
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
Nanci Moquin  
TOWN CLERK  
March 11, 2020  
D-241349

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
SEANSHEA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/14/20. 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, c/o Zinman & Associates, 140 East 45th Street, 44th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
D-240019

**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**  
T AND P NYC APT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/21/20. 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, c/o Christopher J. Beck, 184

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Edgewood Avenue, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
D-240522

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

**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**  
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**  
T AND P NYC APT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/21/20. 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, c/o Christopher J. Beck, 184

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shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 91 Leonard Street, Apartment 5G, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
D-241119

**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 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 LLC FORMATION**  
URBAN LEISURE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/29/19.

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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 Nikkya C. Merckerson, c/o Pairgap LLC, 1080 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216, which also serves as the registered agent address. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
D-241465

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
VSM GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/10/20. 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, 815 Ocean Street, Lindenhurst, NY 11757. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
D-240262

**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

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## LIBRARIES

# Let's start some seedlings

It's time to start thinking spring! As we celebrate the return of our Seed Library, we have invited experienced local gardener Charlie Brenner to talk about germination boxes, a cost-effective way to achieve better seed germination in less time. Join us Saturday, March 7, at 3 p.m. for "All About Germination Boxes" and afterwards browse the Seed Library to see how you can get growing with us.

The Seed Library, located at the back of the Information Desk, will be self-serve with some limits on quantities. You'll find a selection of open-pollinated vegetables and some herbs and flowers to choose from. Seed libraries like ours support sustainability and food



security by allowing the community free access to the means of growing their own food.

## Musicians of Ma'alwyck

A Little Sunday Music wraps up the 2019-20 series on Sunday, March 8, at 2 p.m. with a performance by Ann Marie Schwartz and Sten Isachsen of the Musicians of Ma'alwyck. Schwartz on violin and Isachsen on guitar will perform a selection of chamber pieces popular in America during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Concerts are free and

open to the public. All ages are welcome. We would like to thank the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library for generously sponsoring another wonderful season of this ever-popular concert series!

## Volunteers needed

The Friends of Bethlehem Public Library will be holding their Spring Book Sale Bash once again this year from April 3 to 5 and needs volunteers.

Whether you're looking to rehome some of your beloved past reads or find a few great deals, this is the event for you. The weekend-long Book Sale Bash offers an opportunity to donate books, CDs and DVDs in good condition, or purchase like-new items

at a huge discount.

This epic sale is no small thing, and the Friends could use all the help they can get with setup, sorting, sales and cleanup.

Would you like to volunteer? Visit bit.ly/2wj81d5 or check out the Friends page at www.bethlehempublib.org for more information or to sign up.

## Board candidate information

Nominating petition forms and informational packets are available at the library Information Desk 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.

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.

## Stream Kanopy

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— Kristen Roberts

# GPL named top-reading U.S. library

We're excited to announce the results of the Penguin Random House Winter Reading Challenge! The purpose is to encourage all ages to read as many books as possible during January and log them in Beanstack. Thanks to our wonderful community, we logged 3,060 books and were named one of the 29 top-reading libraries in the country!

Our sincere thanks to all who participated. We'll keep you posted on the prizes awarded by Penguin Random House that we can all benefit from.



## Ken Burns documentary

Continuing with our theme of looking back 100 years, we're screening "Prohibition: A Film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick", Tuesdays March 10, 17 and 24 at 4:30 p.m. This acclaimed three-part documentary tells the fascinating story of the rise and the fall of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which banned the manufacturing, sale and transportation of alcohol in the United States, and

the colorful era that it encompassed.

## Ukulele jam

We're turning up our popular Ukulele Jam a notch for a fun and stress-relieving evening with wine added to the mix. On Wednesday, March 11 at 6 p.m., bring your ukulele and tuner, and enjoy a glass of wine or juice.

We'll make music together in a fun and casual environment. The evening ends with a prize drawing, and all skill levels are welcome to attend.

You must be 21+ to attend this event, with valid photo identification such as

a driver's license as proof of age. Please register online, by phone or in person.

## Joker film

Our Oscar-caliber film series continues Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. with a screening of Joker.

Failed comedian Arthur Fleck (Joaquin Phoenix, who won the Best Actor Oscar for this performance) is isolated, bullied and disregarded by Gotham society to the point that he steadily descends into madness, ultimately transforming into the criminal mastermind known as the Joker.

Nominated for 11

Academy Awards and also starring Robert DeNiro. Popcorn included! Rated R; 122 minutes.

## GPL 2019 stats

Here's a numerical snapshot of 2019 in review, which speaks to the sheer volume of programming offered and community groups utilizing GPL:

- 220,569 total visitors; average of 6 visits for the estimated 36,000 residents of Guilderland; about 2,500 more than 2018

- 179,111 website visitors; an increase of about 2,500 more than 2018

- 25,240 public computer users, and about

the same number accessing our WiFi through their laptops, tablets and phones at the library

- 896 library programs attended by 18,484 people; 467 adult programs; 377 children programs; 52 teen programs

- 215 community groups attended by 6,626 people

- 1,111 combined programs and community groups, with an average attendance of 23 people

In total, 25,110 people attended a Guilderland Public Library event in 2019. We encourage you to come visit as there's something for everyone.

— Luanne Nicholson

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Children of varying age wait in line to use the diving boards at Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park. The pool was last used in 2018, and has been closed for repairs. The Town Board awarded a contract to Midatlantic Construction and Design Associates last week to repair the pool.

David VanLuven

## From page 1 ...

### Dive pool in the works

Construction is set to begin this fall and the pool will open in 2021. Summer construction was ruled out; Town Supervisor David VanLuven explained it was due to challenges in receiving bids and the work schedules of the interested pool construction companies, Midatlantic and the Buffalo-based P&S.

"The good side of that is that we're not going to have active construction going on in the pool complex during the summer months, so we'll have that eyesore and not have the dive pool for another season but everyone will still be able to enjoy all of the other amenities that we have at the pool complex without the roaring rumble of

construction," he said.

The original dive pool was built in 1973 but closed in summer 2019 after its deteriorated structural integrity was deemed beyond repair. This started a townwide discussion on whether to replace it with another dive pool or a new two-slide pool. In 2019, 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. At this year's Feb. 12 Town Board meeting, numerous residents spoke in support of the dive pool option again in a special interactive public forum.

"We are so lucky to live

in a community where we get to have a raging debate over a 15-foot-high double-slide pool or a wonderful dive pool," VanLuven said. "It reflects, I think, on the quality of life and tradition that we have in Bethlehem. I think that's something that we celebrate."

Town Board member Maureen Cunningham echoed VanLuven's statements, saying, "It was really incredible to see everyone — from Girl Scouts to older people in town and everyone in between — commenting, although most people really did want the dive pool."

She added that she hopes such public interest and discourse will not fade away when it comes to other important town issues, including open space, energy efficiency and a lack of a formal Black History Month event. "So, don't

go away," she said. "For all the people who spoke up for the dive pool, there are many other issues and I hope to see you again at the Town Board and writing to us on those issues."

Town Board member Dan Coffey also expressed appreciation for the public turnout, regardless of which pool option they preferred. "We saw a tremendous amount of participation from everyone ... and we just appreciate the amount of civic involvement on everyone's part," he said.

Town Board member Jim Foster chimed in, "I think this is a great lesson for the community and this

has been a very positive experience for all of us. It's a great example of the fact that we can always revisit decision-making and there's nothing wrong with that. And I think we need to be cognizant of what the wishes of the community are and their opinions are certainly valuable."

He continued, "I think the outcome is a great one and we look forward to enjoying the dive pool for generations to come."

When Midatlantic Construction and Design Associates presented a bid for \$719,000 for the dive pool's construction, it was the cheapest out

of the four bids the town received at its Feb. 12 meeting. This led Jason Gallo, the town's Parks and Recreation administrator, to recommend the Town Board to choose that bid. "The dive pool has been an instrumental part of the town's pool complex for more than four decades," he said. "There's a clear affinity among the community for it."

The dive pool's construction would have cost \$822,000 if the town moved forward with P&S. However, the slide pool would cost \$1.1 million with P&S or \$757,000 with Midatlantic.

## LIBRARIES

# Families and STEAM

Explore, play and learn at the Family Green STEAM program.



This is especially for children ages three through kindergarten with parents and/or caregivers.

Join Ms. Amy and Ms. Lisa from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., on Saturday, March 14, for a magical celebration of all things green.

Come get your green on with some St. Patrick's Day themed STEAM stations.

This will include rainbow magic milk, four leaf clover counting, green slime making, and design your own leprechaun traps.

Botley the coding robot will be joining us as well and together we may be able to catch that

pesky leprechaun. Please register in advance for this program

### Lucky's Adventures

At 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 20, children ages three and up, with their families, are invited to meet Lucky and her "mom," Elizabeth Macy.

They will share their story with a reading from one of Lucky's books, and an art activity.

Lucky is a rescue dog who found her way into the arms of a loving "mom."

However, when Lucky gets lost and cannot find her "mom", she soon finds herself on an adventure through historic Saratoga Springs in hopes of

reuniting with her beloved owner.

Along the way, the lost but spirited dog meets new animal friends as they safely help her find her "mom" again.

Books will be available for sale.

Please register in advance for this program.

### Save the date

Join Dr. Thomas Kersting, psychotherapist, nationally recognized speaker and author for an interactive workshop on Thursday, April 30, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Voorheesville Performing Arts Center. Dr. Kersting will explore the research about the device-dependent world our children live in and how it is affecting their physical, emotional, and social wellbeing.

— Lynn Kohler

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## From page 3 ... Fifth Grade Musical

singing them and then they become fans of them and their music," Betor said. "This year, I think they love 'Sweet Caroline' especially."

Bonacquist brought up that "Our School" will also feature a new piano that cost over \$7,000; Slingerlands Elementary School received the new instrument two weeks ago, thanks to Slingerlands students'

parents, a school fundraiser and the Bethlehem Music Association. It is being dedicated to the Fifth Grade Musical's 50th anniversary.

"I've been here for 20 years and it's hard to believe that the musical program has been around for 50," Bonacquist said; she will retire after this year. "To me, it is really exciting and a huge celebration for a tradition that really means so much to this community."

During a brief tour of the school's hallways, she showed many framed

photographs of past musicals and their casts through the years and she said there have been times where there was not enough space to continue hanging all of them.

When asked if he experienced pressure in directing the musical for the 50th anniversary, Betor said, "I think there's a lot to live up to and it's different. In years past, I haven't had to worry about the musical being on anyone's radar besides the fifth graders' parents. But this year, it's a bit more pressure and for me, it's my last one. I want it to be great."

He added that numerous former faculty members and Spelich's family have been invited to watch the performance this week too. "I think it will be cool that Mrs. Spelich's daughter will be there and we reached out to former principal David Murphy, who's the only surviving principal who lives in Florida now, as well as all the former music teachers," he said. "Some have said they're excited and we're looking forward to it."

For more information, visit [www.bethlehemschools.org/slingerlands-celebrates-50th-anniversary-of-musical](http://www.bethlehemschools.org/slingerlands-celebrates-50th-anniversary-of-musical).

## From page 4 ... Coronavirus

from China, but no one showed signs of the virus.

"On Wednesday, Governor Cuomo announced \$40 million emergency appropriation to support DOH staffing and equipment as we prepare for future mitigation," the state Department of Health said in an email statement. "The New York State Department of Health is working closely with its partners at the federal, state and local level on this constantly evolving public health emergency. And while we prepare, it's important to note there are still no confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus in New York State."

The danger to local residents is low, said Director of Communications at Albany County Executive's Office Mary Rozak last week, repeating a statement released earlier by County Health Commissioner Elizabeth F. Whalen.

Though the effort against the virus' spread

has been taken seriously, said Rozak, she reiterated its comparison to the seasonal flu. Since last October, approximately 46,000 people have died worldwide from influenza. In comparison, novel coronavirus has killed less than 10 percent of that figure.

The CDC's press conference last week invoked documented steps on preventing the spread of influenza as a means to mount a domestic defense against novel coronavirus. Rozak shared a similar strategy last week.

"This is a daily changing situation," Rozak said. "I don't think anything is overblown when you tell people to follow best practices."

Cover your mouth. Wash your hands. Stay home when you're sick.

Those are the abridged guidelines stated in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report's "Community Mitigation Guidelines to Prevent Pandemic Influenza — United States." It was presented in 2017 as a means to mitigate the spread of influenza while no vaccine is available.

"The best way to make sure we're not spreading anything is to follow these best practices," Rozak said.

## From page 4 ... Crime Blotter

Route 9W was closed between Jericho Road and Creble Road for around an hour before reopening. Ubrich was arrested and issued

traffic citations for driving while intoxicated and failing to use the designated lane. She will appear at the Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Additional charges related to the cemetery and several gravestones' damage are pending, and are still being investigated.



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### ENTERTAINMENT

# The Madison Rose

The whole world is finally in on Julia Gargano's little secret, and how she's the next American Idol contestant from our area

By MICHAEL HALLISEY

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As an exceptional singer and songwriter, Julia Gargano is a double-threat in this season's American Idol.

Photo by George Fazio/  
Special to The Spot 518

Julia Gargano's phone has been blowing up since last weekend's broadcast of her American Idol audition, and that hug from Katy Perry. In the days that followed, the news she had been holding in since last October was finally let known to friends and fellow students at The College of Saint Rose, that she is going to perform on national television from week to week. Or, for as long as she earns enough votes from the voting public.

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— Bradley Hester, Annie in the Water



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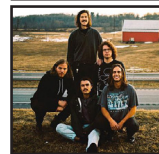
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■ RECENTLY ANNOUNCED

# What once was lost

Universal Preservation Hall officially opens

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

**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — “We finally did it.” Universal Preservation Hall Director Teddy Foster exclaimed those words to a group of guests from inside the old church’s grand hall moments before it would host Rosanne Cash on Saturday, Feb. 29.

The night represented a culmination of nearly 20 years — and more than \$7 million — worth of effort to save, preserve and renovate the former Methodist-Episcopal Church that was originally built in 1871.

The nearly 150-year-old church was condemned in 2000 and slated for demolition before a grassroots effort saved it in 2003. In 2015, Proctors announced it would join the effort to revitalize the church on Washington Street into an 800-seat venue for the arts, music and theatre.

The union between UPH and Proctors ties Schenectady and Saratoga counties in an effort to promote effective arts partnership through regionalism. Proctors manages operations, marketing and relationships for UPH.

The goal of the partnership is to generate commerce for downtown Saratoga Springs and surrounding business districts through patronage of restaurants, shops and



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services as guests attend concerts of all types; wedding receptions; lectures; dance performances; theatrical productions; film festivals; corporate meetings; art gallery events and more.

The 12,000-square-foot venue is anticipated to host 200 hosts a year, with a concentration on music events. Some nights will be open for public and civic events such as political debates. An undisclosed portion of the property will be rented out for professional use.

The Great Hall, from which the entertainment will perform, is accentuated by a vaulted, 45-foot ceiling and banks of stained glass windows.

■ WHAT’S HAPPENING NOW

**Magic Giant**

**The Hollow Bar and Kitchen — Wednesday, March 4**

**ALBANY** — Magic Giant will perform at The Hollow on Wednesday, March 4, at 8 p.m.

A dynamic blend of alt-rock meets pop wrapped in a festive, down to earth package, Magic Giant has shown its progressive layers with its captivating new single, “Disaster Party.” The group, made up of Austin Bisnow (vocals/percussion), Zambricki Li (fiddle/banjo) and Zang (guitar), have recently been working on its new album from The Bunker, a 1940’s underground bomb-shelter the band converted in Silverlake, California.

For tickets, visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

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

**Open Jam Wednesdays**

**Putnam Place — Wednesday, March 4**

**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — Putnam Place will host Open Jam Wednesdays each Wednesday through March 18, at 9 p.m.

Come join us on Wednesdays for our all new Open Jam Night with host Nate Solomon. We will have backline (drums, bass amp and guitar amp) all set up, so just grab your instrument and come on down and jam with us!

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

**Organ Colossal**

**Troy Savings Bank Music Hall — Wednesday, March 4**

**TROY** — Troy Savings Bank Music Hall will host Organ Colossal as part of its Lift Series on Wednesday, March 4, at 6 p.m.

Organ Colossal, a Troy-based collective of musicians, will perform music by local composers and songwriters Mary Jane Leach, Julia Alsarraf, Patrick Burke, Sam Torres and Pauline Oliveros.

For tickets, visit [tickets.troymusichall.org](http://tickets.troymusichall.org).

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall is located at 32 Second St., Troy.

**Poetry Open Mic**

**Caffe Lena — Wednesday, March 4**

**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — Caffe Lena will host its poetry open mic night on Wednesday, March 4, at 7 p.m.

For 39 years Leslie Gerber ran a mail-order classical music business, while writing thousands of music reviews and articles. He began writing poetry in 1999 and is a proud member of the Goat Hill Poets, founded by Cheryl A. Rice and himself.

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## From page B1 ... The Madison Rose

"I can't help but chuckle. It's just so surreal the difference these three days have made in my life," Gargano said in a phone interview last Wednesday. "It's definitely so whacky going from your family and friends as your fanbase to these random people messaging me."

One such random message came from a fan asking her to come to Brazil.

She's kept the results of the audition a secret to those around her, with the exception of family members who accompanied her to Washington, D.C. The obligation to keep news under wraps was immediately put to the test back in Albany. There, she performed at the same one-day festival as Madison VanDenburg.

"I almost wanted to run up to her, talk to her about it," Gargano said. "But, I couldn't. I couldn't talk to anyone about it."

The 21-year-old Staten Island native is currently in the last semester at The

College of Saint Rose, where she is studying music industry and composition. The school's music program has long been recognized among the best in the country. Her studies there follow time spent at Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School, the New York City arts school made famous by the Broadway musical and subsequent movie, "Fame."

Gargano earned her ticket to Hollywood on the strength of her singing and songwriting with the performance of an original song, "Growing Pains." The choice to sing her own work instead of a cover was a decision she made after a long day of battling through nerves.

"I walk into the room and of course I see these three judges; three megastars, three insanely talented songwriters," Gargano said. This year's panel of judges includes Perry, country artist Luke Bryan and multi-Grammy Award-winning R&B artist Lionel Richie. Just walking into the room

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— Julia Gargano, American Idol contestant

with them, she described as "intimidating."

Nevertheless, she said she was able to compose herself before sitting at the piano to play.

"You just have to believe in yourself," Gargano said. "I played it, and I'm just so happy I went with my gut with that original because it was a big risk but I wouldn't have represented myself well for a first impression if I did a cover."

Gargano wrote "Growing Pains" while



struggling through a bad relationship. Her lyrics cover the extent of romantic bonds and friendships. Throughout her journey as a songwriter, Gargano has admired Taylor Swift's honesty. The Grammy Award-winning artist has long been intimate with her audience, sharing the pains of failed relationships in her life. Harry Styles, John Mayer and Jake Gyllenhaal are all rumored to be muses of some of Swift's most popular songs.

Gargano said she was working through self doubt and found writing the song was a way of pulling herself through. Despite an extensive catalogue of songs, she said this one "stuck" with her.

Swift will continue to be a cardinal point on Gargano's compass. But, Swift never appeared on American Idol.

As friends and classmates gathered across the street at the Madison Theatre to watch the

broadcast, Gargano was able to relax and enjoy her new-found fame, and from a unique perspective.

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Lost in the Shadows  
Lou Gramm

Two Steps Behind  
Def Leppard

Don't You (Forget About Me)  
Simple Minds

Back in Time  
Huey Lewis & The News

Secret Garden  
Bruce Springsteen

It used to be that a blockbuster movie had to have an amazing soundtrack. Saturday Night Fever, Dirty Dancing, Top Gun, Last Action Hero. That last movie tanked, but the soundtrack was killer. My friends and I got to talking online last night and I figured I'd share with you some songs from the soundtracks I like. Go to my Spotify playlist at [bit.ly/soundtrackmagic](https://bit.ly/soundtrackmagic).

— Michael Hallisey

## WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

### Gretchen Peters and Chely Wright Caffe Lena — Thursday, March 5

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Gretchen Peters and Chely Wright will perform at Caffe Lena on Thursday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

For two decades, Gretchen Peters has been one of Nashville's most beloved and respected artists. Inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2014, the Grammy-nominated artist has accumulated accolades as a songwriter for artists as diverse as Etta James, Bonnie Raitt, The Neville Brothers, Patty Loveless, George Strait, Bryan Adams and Faith Hill. Chely Wright exists in the sweet spot between traditional and contemporary country. Named Top New Female Vocalist in 1995 by the Academy of Country Music, Wright propelled to the top of the country charts, with singles such as "Shut Up and Drive" and "Single White Female."

For tickets, visit [nvite.com](https://nvite.com).

Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St.

### Open Mic with Leslie Barkman Rustic Barn Pub — Thursday, March 5

TROY — Rustic Barn Pub will host its weekly open mic night, this time hosted by Leslie Barkman, on Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Voted one of the best open mics in the Capital District! Full drum kit, lights and sound provided. All skill levels welcome, you never know who will show up! With a different guest host every week our open mic is always different and fun. Grab your instruments and come jam.

Rustic Barn Pub is located at 150 Speigletown Road, Troy.



RECENT NEWS

# Winners at Proctors' bash

Lineup for 2020-21 features mixture of classic favorites, contemporary hits and new works

**SCHENECTADY** — A 'sell out' crowd of subscribers, members, group leaders and supporters gathered at Proctors on Monday, Feb. 24, as Proctors Collaborative leadership unveiled the venue's 2020-2021 Key Private Bank Broadway Series as well as the 2020-2021 Season at Capital Repertory Theatre (theREP) at its annual Season Announcement Bash.

This upcoming season will feature the first full year of programming hosted in theREP's new state-of-the-art facility at 251 North Pearl Street in Albany.

Highlighting the list of touring Broadway productions coming to Proctors is the Schenectady premiere of smash-hit "Mean Girls," as well as the celebrated Lincoln Center Theater production of the classic "My Fair Lady," Aaron Sorkin's critically acclaimed adaptation of "To Kill A Mockingbird," contemporary Broadway hit "The Prom" and the dazzling production of "Pretty Woman: The Musical."

Rounding out the subscription series, and continuing the trend of productions choosing to tech and launch tours in the Capital District, are winners of eight 2019 Tony Awards including Best Musical and the 2020 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album, "Hadestown" and a new production of Elton John and Tim Rice's award-winning "Aida."

The excitement kicks off in September with a behind the curtain look at Albany's Democratic political machine in "The True."



WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

**Becca Frame and the Tall Boys**

Rustic Barn Pub — Friday, March 6

**TROY** — Rustic Barn Pub will host Becca Frame and the Tall Boys on Friday, March 6, at 8 p.m.

Becca Frame and the Tall Boys provide a timeless presentation of powerful vocals, and transcendent lyrics — rock 'n' roll and soul with a funky edge.

Rustic Barn Pub is located at 150 Speigletown Road, Troy.

**Caroline Rose with Good Baby**

The Hollow Bar and Kitchen — Friday, March 6

**ALBANY** — Caroline Rose and Good Baby will share a bill at The Hollow on Friday, March 6, at 9 p.m.

An obsession with money, an unfaithful lover, a friend's accidental pregnancy, misogyny, loneliness, death... This is just some of the lighthearted subject matter that make up *Loner* — the darkly comedic second album from songwriter/producer Caroline Rose. According to Rose, the visuals and aesthetics of *Loner* are an important vehicle in bringing out her personality, as well as a lot of the more sarcastic elements within the music.

For tickets, visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

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

**Kane Brown**

Times Union Center — Friday, March 6

**ALBANY** — Kane Brown will perform at the Times Union Center on Friday, March 6, at 7 p.m.

Kane Allen Brown is an American singer and songwriter who first came to the attention of the public through social media. For tickets, visit [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

### "Memories of Patsy: The Patsy Cline Tribute Show"

The Linda — Friday, March 6

ALBANY — The Linda will host "Memories of Patsy" on Friday, March 6, at 7 p.m.

"Memories of Patsy" captures the essence of the Patsy Cline concert experience like no other. See for yourself why this remarkable show has received rave reviews nationwide.

The songs are woven into the very fabric of American music and the voice is spectacular.

For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

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

### Show No Mercy: A Tribute to Slayer

Skyloft — Friday, March 6

ALBANY — Show No Mercy will perform at Skyloft on Friday, March 6, at 7 p.m.

Show No Mercy is a New York City / Long Island based four-piece band that exclusively covers songs by the legendary thrash metal band, Slayer. Show No Mercy is best known for duplicating the live energy and intensity of a real Slayer show.

For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

Skyloft is located inside Crossgates Mall, Albany.

## PICK OF THE WEEK



Bad Mothers' guitarist Patrick Flores wants everyone to attend the Almost Never Dead record label launch party at The Low Beat on Saturday, March 7.

Michael Hallisey / The Spot 518

# Something new this way

Almost Never Dead will showcase seven bands and musicians at launch party this Saturday

ALBANY — Bad Mothers is working on an LP release for 2020, and will headline a show marking the launch of the Almost Never Dead record label on Saturday, March 7, at The Low Beat.

Bad Mothers four-piece troupe is a high-energy group that nearly earned the opening of last year's Pearlpalooza. They advanced through the preceding battle of the bands competition before falling short in the final.

Bad Mothers opened for Bendt as the latter threw an album release party at Albany's Lost and Found on Saturday, Feb. 29.

The new record label is led by Brian Chiappinelli of Delirium Entertainment. In addition to organizing shows, Chiappinelli is an artist, recording engineer and manager. Music fans also see him performing as B. Chaps, and playing drums for Bad Mothers.

The launch party will include playsets from Bad Mothers, B. Chaps, Soo Do Koo, BG: The Boy Genius, M.C. Lanny, Fine Grain and Green Knuckle Material.

The Almost Never Dead label launch party will be at The Low Beat on Saturday, March 7, starting at 7 p.m.

— Michael Hallisey

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Sat: Arch Stanton Quartet, 9 p.m.

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

**Athos**  
1814 Western Ave., Albany.  
518-608-6400  
Fri: Carmen Lookshire, 6:30 p.m.

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

**Caffè Lena**  
47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.  
518-583-0022  
Wed: Poetry Open Mic, 7 p.m.  
Thurs: Gretchen Peters & Chely Wright, 7 p.m.  
Fri: The Everly Set, 8 p.m.  
Sat: Chris Pureka, 8 p.m.  
Sun: Cherish the Ladies, 7 p.m.  
Mon: Open Mic, 7 p.m.

**Carney's Tavern**  
17 Main St., Ballston Lake.  
518-280-7959  
Thurs: Matty Finn, 6 p.m.  
Fri: Dos Amigos, 7:15 p.m.  
Sat: Grace Todd, 7:15 p.m.

**Centre Street Pub**  
308 Union St., Schenectady.  
518-393-2337  
Fri: 151, 9 p.m.

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

**Club Helsinki Hudson**  
405 Columbia St., Hudson  
518-828-4800  
Sun: Nellie McKay, 8 p.m.

**Eden Cafe**  
269 Osborne Road #3, Albany  
518-977-3771  
Wed: Dave Gallagher, 5:30 p.m.  
Thurs: Joe Carrick & Carmen Lookshire, 5:30 p.m.  
Fri: Wyatt Stockwell, 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: John Parsons, 7 p.m.  
Sat: Emerald Dawn, 7 p.m.

**Fort Orange Brewing**  
450 North Pearl St., Menands.  
518-992-3103  
Wed: Spring Corn Hole League, 6 p.m.  
Thurs: Trivia, 6:30 p.m.  
Fri: Chuck Ayers & Hungry Travelers Food

# HOT SPOTS EVENTS CALENDAR



## Song for Saratoga

Singer-songwriter Chris Pureka has captured audiences with her vulnerable and intimate words attracting listeners who seek a sense of authenticity. She performs on the storied stage at Caffè Lena on Saturday, March 7.

Chris Pureka

Truck, 6 p.m.  
Sun: Yoga, 10:30 a.m.

**Fuze Box**  
12 Central Ave., Albany.  
518-703-8937  
Thurs: Terror / Kublai Khan / Mindforce & more, 6:30 p.m.  
Fri: Dredged / DJ Hellraver / DJ Richard, 9 p.m.  
Sat: Mystery Girl / Eternal Crimes / Moist Boy / Moribund / Vicegrip, 8 p.m.

**Gaffney's**  
16 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.  
518-587-7359  
Thurs: Comedy on Caroline, 8 p.m.  
Tues: Open Mic Nights w/ Rick Bolton, 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  
Sat: Lepre-Con Troy Pub Crawl, 11:30 a.m.

**The Hollow Bar + Kitchen**  
79 No. Pearl St., Albany.

518-426-8550  
Wed: Magic Giant, 8 p.m.  
Fri: Caroline Rose w/ Good Baby, 9 p.m.  
Sat: Mikaela Davis w/ Dust Bowl Faeries & Belle-Skinner, 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: Dashboard Anthem, 9 p.m.  
Sat: DJ Set, 9 p.m.  
Tues: Big Crunch Bingo, 7 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  
Fri: Horse Apples / Madeline Darby / Ben Miller, 8 p.m.  
Sat: Label Launch Party, 7 p.m.

**Lucas Confectionery**  
12 2nd St., Troy.  
518-326-3450  
Mon: Joe Barna Trio or Quartet, 7 p.m.

**McGeary's Irish Pub**  
4 Clinton Sq., Albany  
518-463-1455

Mon: Skip Parson's Riverboat Jazz Band, 7 p.m.

**Moon and River Cafe**  
115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady  
518-382-1938

**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  
Thurs: DJ Freq Array, 9:30 p.m.  
Fri: DJ KVRBXN, 10 p.m.  
Sat: Acadia Rae Fire, 10 p.m.

**Panza's**  
129 So. Broadway, Saratoga Springs.  
518-584-6882  
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: Get Up Jack, 7 p.m.  
Mon: Irish Stepdancing Lessons, 5:30 p.m.  
Tues: Dart League, 7 p.m.

**Pauly's Hotel**  
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Sat: Noncomplaints / Kid Vicious / The Hauntings / Frozen Heads, 8 p.m.

**Pearl Street Pub**  
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Wed: Bingo, 7 p.m.

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**Putnam Place**  
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Wed: Open Jam, 9 p.m.

**Ravenswood Grill & Tavern**  
3612 1021 NY 146, Clifton Park  
518-371-8771  
Fri: In the Valley, 7 p.m.

**Rustic Barn Pub**  
150 Speigletown Rd., Troy.  
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Wed: Trivia and Ladies Night, 7 p.m.  
Thurs: Open Mic w/ Leslie Barkman, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri: Becca Frame & The Tall Boys, 8 p.m.  
Sat: The Grateful Dread, 9 p.m.  
Sun: Second Sunday Bluegrass Jam, 6 p.m.  
Tues: Fiddlers Tour Sessions, 6:30 p.m.

**Sake Japanese Steakhouse**  
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Sat: TBA, 7:30 p.m.

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**Saratoga City Tavern**  
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518-581-3230  
Thurs: Karaoke, 9 p.m.  
Mon: Bingo, 8 p.m.  
Tues: Trivia, 8 p.m.

**Savoy Taproom**  
301 Lark Street, Albany.  
518-599-5140  
Sat: Bronx meets Buffalo in Albany, 9 p.m.

**Skyloft**  
1 Crossgates Road, Albany.  
518-869-5638  
Fri: Show No Mercy, 7 p.m.

**Speakeasy 518**  
42 Howard St., Albany.  
518-449-2332  
Thurs: Swing Night w/ Mike Jenkins, 9 p.m.  
Fri: George Muscatello Trio, 9 p.m.

**Upstate Concert Hall**  
1208 NY-146 Ste 2, Clifton Park  
518-371-0012  
Wed: Silverstein w/s/g Four Years Strong & I the Mighty, 6 p.m.  
Thurs: Cam'ron, 8 p.m.  
Sat: Zoso, 8 p.m.  
Sun: Reel Big Fish, 7 p.m.

**Van Dyck**  
237 Union St., Schenectady  
518-348-7999  
Thurs: TBA, 7 p.m.

**Van Slyck's**  
Rivers Casino & Resort  
1 Rush St., Schenectady.  
518-579-8800  
Fri: Night Ranger, 8 p.m.

**Vapor Night Club**  
342 Jefferson St., Saratoga Springs  
518-581-5775  
Fri: Fever, 9 p.m.  
Sat: Deejay Element, 9 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**  
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Fri: Rob Aronstein, 6 p.m.  
Sat: Rob Aronstein, 6 p.m.

**Yono's**  
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Fri: Hamilton Street Jazz Duo, 6:30 p.m.  
Sat: Frank Mastan, 6:30 p.m.



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## Kinda funky, kinda rocky

Becca Frame & The Tall Boys is a five-piece band out of Richmondville that delivers "rock and soul with a funky edge." Becca Frame fronts the band with the talent to sing powerful vocals. The Rustic Barn Pub hosts the night on Friday, March 6, at 8 p.m.

Becca Frame & The Tall Boys

## FAMILY

### Sesame Street Live: Let's Party!

The Palace Theatre will host four performances of Sesame Street Live: Let's Party! on Saturday, March 7, and Sunday, March 8. Jump to the beat with your friends on Sesame Street! Join the fun with an interactive show that unfolds on one of the world's most famous streets at the funniest furriest party in the neighborhood. For tickets and showtimes, visit eventbrite.com. The Palace Theatre is located at 19 Clinton Ave., Albany.

## COMEDY

### Comedy on Caroline

Gaffney's hosts its monthly Comedy on Caroline show on Thursday, March 5, at 8 p.m. This month's headliner is Marty Caproni. Caproni is the best comedian you haven't heard of yet. He established himself on the New England Comedy scene by winning the Providence Comedy Festival and the Budlight Stand Up Challenge. Most recently he has been heard on Sirius XM Radio and has appeared on the All Things Comedy Network. Also featured in this month's show are comedians Tim McKeever and Quentin Davis. Gaffney's is located at 16 Caroline St. in Saratoga Springs.

### Louie Anderson Live

Emmy Award-winning comic Louie Anderson will perform at Universal Preservation Hall on Thursday, March 5, at 8 p.m. Anderson is one of the country's most recognized comics of our time. Comedy Central named him as "One of 100 Greatest Stand-Up Comedians of All Time." In a 30-year career, he has toured the country starring in his own standup specials, performed in standing-room only crowds worldwide and is a best-selling author. Universal Preservation Hall is located at 25 Washington St. in Saratoga Springs.

## FILM

### "Key Largo" event

The Palace Theatre will host a "Key Largo" movie event on Monday, March 9, at 7 p.m. This classic film noir by John Huston stars Humphrey Bogart as World War II vet Frank McCloud. Visiting Key Largo to pay his respects to the family of his late war buddy, McCloud attempts to comfort his comrade's widow, Nora (Lauren Bacall), and father, James Temple (Lionel Barrymore), who operate a hotel. But McCloud realizes that mobsters, led by the infamous Johnny Rocco (Edward G. Robinson), are staying in the hotel. When the criminals take over the establishment, conflict is inevitable. For tickets, visit ticketmaster.com. The Palace Theatre is located at 19 Clinton Ave., Albany.



## HOT DATE

### GOODTIMES

Dashboard Anthem is a six-piece casino showcase band covering classic rock that focuses on stadium anthems from the '70s and '80s. Dashboard Anthem performs at J.J. Rafferty's Friday, March 6, at 9 p.m.

## OPEN MIC

### Open Jam Wednesdays

Putnam Place will host Open Jam Wednesdays each Wednesday through March 18 at 9 p.m. Come join us on Wednesdays for our all new Open Jam Night with host Nate Solomon. We will have backline (drums, bass amp and guitar amp) all set up, so just grab your instrument and come on down and jam with us! Putnam Place is located at 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.

### Open Mic with Leslie Barkman

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### Poetry Open Mic

Caffe Lena will host its poetry open mic

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34. A citizen of Denmark
35. Flat
37. Upper-class young women
38. Payment (abbr.)
39. Distort
40. Affirmative! (slang)
41. One who has a child
43. Without
45. Workplace safety agency
46. Political action committee
47. Period of plant and animal life
49. Swiss river
50. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
53. State of being kept secret
57. Hobbies
58. One-time Korean ruler
59. Sudden attack
60. Born of
61. Assists

### CLUES DOWN

1. Ancient Greek sophist
2. Famed composer
3. Spore-bearing fungi cells
4. Chief executive officer

5. Defunct Syrian political party
6. Thin wood
7. Polynesian garlands
8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)
9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas
10. Multi-leveled
11. Influential diarist
12. Gambles
13. Many subconsciousnesses
16. Current unit
18. Illumination unit
22. Tantalum
23. Steps leading down to a river
24. Kids love him
25. Before
27. Fencing swords
28. Mountain range in China
29. Payroll company
30. A way to pack together
31. Business designation
33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)
35. Forage fish
36. Greek temple pillars
37. Internet mgmt. company
39. Rouse oneself
42. In a way, covered
43. Elaborate silk garment
44. Cooling unit
46. Riley and O'Brien are two
47. \_\_\_ fide: genuine
48. Ancient Incan sun god
49. Poker stake
50. Trigonometric function
51. Interesting tidbit
52. Adieus
53. U.S. Treasury position
54. Midway between east and southeast
55. Doctors' group
56. Women's \_\_\_ movement

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night on Wednesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. For 39 years Leslie Gerber ran a mail-order classical music business, while writing thousands of music reviews and articles. He began writing poetry in 1999 and is a proud member of the Goat Hill Poets, founded by Cheryl A. Rice and himself. He is the author of the memoir, "Losing Tara" and two collections of poetry, "Lies of the Poets" and "The Edge of Sleep" (Post Traumatic Press 2014 and 2016). Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

**THEATRE**

**The Irish and How They Got That Way**

Opening Night for "The Irish and How They Got That Way," directed by Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill, opens at the Capital Repertory Theatre on Tuesday, March 10,

at 7:30 p.m. Hold onto your hats for this rollicking, roller coaster of a ride compiled by Frank McCourt (Angela's Ashes), who brings his razor-sharp wit, trademark bitter irony and boundless love of his people to this revue about all things Irish. This show delivers what it promises: stirring blarney, a bit of hokum, genuine heartache and much joy. Set in McCourt's Pub, complete with a working bar, the narration weaves a buoyant blend of traditional songs, show tunes and pop from "Danny Boy" and George M. Cohan to U2 - with a reminder of the injustices, humiliations and privations suffered by the Irish people both in Ireland and here in their new neighborhoods in America. There are additional showings starting Friday, March 6 through Sunday, April 5. The Capital Repertory Theatre is located at 111 N. Pearl St. in Albany.

**The Life (and Afterlife) of Uncle Sam**

The Trogan Hotel will host the reading of "The Life (and Afterlife) of Uncle Sam" by Matthew Sekellick on Monday, March 2, at 8 p.m. Sekellick, a Capital District native now living in Philadelphia, is an artist and writer. He has penned a queer epic tragicomedy about a post-industrial city and climate anxiety in "The Life (and Afterlife) of Uncle Sam," complete with song and dance. The event is free but requires reservations. The Trojan Hotel is located at 43 Third St. in Troy.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Lepre-Con Troy Pub Crawl**

Hangar on the Hudson will be one of many stops in the Lepre-Con Troy Pub Crawl on Saturday, March 7, at 11:30 a.m. Get your green on and dress like a lep-

rechaun for our Lepre-Con pub crawl in downtown Troy! Purchase an official Lepre-Con Pub Crawl T-shirt for just \$10; all t-shirt proceeds go to the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Capital Area. Hangar on the Hudson is located at 675 River St., Troy.

**MUSIC**

**7th Annual Dustin Mele Memorial Concert**

The 7th Annual Dustin Mele Memorial Concert is at Revolution Hall in Troy on Saturday, March 7, from 6 to 11 p.m. Dustin Mele Memorial Concert featuring a night of Beatles music by Across The Pond, Super 400 and Soul Sky. Special guest musicians Erin Harkes, Johnny Rabb, Chris Busone, Steve Candlen, Todd Hanhurst, Scotty Mac, Josh Bloomfield, Brian Bowes and more. To honor and remember Dustin Mele. All proceeds bene-

fit suicide prevention programs, initiatives and valuable community programs for people in crisis through American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, National Alliance for Mental Illness and Catholic Charities CoNCERNS-U Programs. Revolution Hall is located at 425 River St. in Troy.

**Becca Frame and the Tall Boys**

Rustic Barn Pub will host Becca Frame and the Tall Boys on Friday, March 6, at 8 p.m. Becca Frame and the Tall Boys provide a timeless presentation of powerful vocals, and transcendent lyrics — rock 'n' roll and soul with a funky edge. Rustic Barn Pub is located at 150 Speigletown Road, Troy.

**Chris Botti**

Universal Preservation Hall will host An Evening with Chris Botti on Friday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. Since the release of his 2004 critically acclaimed CD When I Fall

In Love, Chris Botti has become the largest-selling American instrumental artist. His success has crossed over to audiences usually reserved for pop music and his ongoing association with PBS has led to four #1 jazz albums, as well as multiple Gold, Platinum and Grammy Awards. Most recently, his latest album Impressions won the Grammy for Best Pop Instrumental. Performing worldwide and selling more than four million albums, he has found a form of creative expression that begins in jazz and expands beyond the limits of any single genre. Over the past three decades, Botti has recorded and performed with the best in music, including Sting, Barbra Streisand, Tony Bennett, Lady Gaga, Josh Groban, Yo-Yo Ma, Michael Bublé, Paul Simon, Joni Mitchell, John Mayer, Andrea Bocelli, Joshua Bell, Aerosmith's Steven Tyler and even Frank Sinatra. Hitting the road for



**Mid week magic**

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Magic Giant

as many as 300 days per year, the trumpeter has also performed with many of the finest symphonies and at some of the world's most prestigious venues from Carnegie Hall and the Hollywood Bowl to the Sydney Opera House and the Real Teatro di San Carlo in Italy. Impressions, Botti's 2012 Columbia Records and Grammy winning release, is the latest in a stellar parade of albums – including *When I Fall In Love* (2004), *To Love Again: The Duets* (2005), *Italia* (2007), and the CD/DVD *Chris Botti in Boston* (2009) – that has firmly established him as a clarion voice in the American contemporary music scene. Playing with his uniquely expressive sound and soaring musical imagination, Botti is joined on the disc by featured artists Andrea Bocelli, Vince Gill, Herbie Hancock, Mark Knopfler, and David Foster in a warm, intimate celebration of melodic balladry. With *Impressions* and the albums that preceded it, Chris Botti has thoroughly established himself as one of the important, innovative figures of the contemporary music world. Universal Preservation Hall is located at 25 Washington St. in Saratoga Springs.

**Kane Brown**

Kane Brown will perform at the Times Union Center on Friday, March 6, at 7 p.m. Kane Allen Brown is an American singer and songwriter who first came to the attention of the public through social media. He released his first EP, *Closer*, in June 2015 and followed it with a new single, "Used to Love You Sober," in October 2015. For tickets, visit [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). The Times Union Center is located at 51 S. Pearl St., Albany.

**Casting Crowns**

Casting Crowns will perform at the Times Union Center on Sunday, March 8, at 7 p.m. Casting Crowns is a contemporary

Christian and Christian rock band started in 1999 by youth pastor Mark Hall, who serves as the band's lead vocalist, as part of a youth group at First Baptist Church in Downtown Daytona Beach, Florida. They later moved to Stockbridge, Georgia and more members joined. For tickets, visit [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). The Times Union Center is located at 51 S. Pearl St., Albany.

**Cherish the Ladies**

Cherish the Ladies will perform two shows at Caffe Lena on Sunday, March 8, at 4 and 7 p.m. One of the most highly regarded groups in Celtic music, the all-female collective Cherish the Ladies was born out of a brief concert series aimed at increasing the exposure of Irish-American women in the then-male-dominated Celtic music scene. Behind leader Joanie Madden, these ladies create an evening that includes a spectacular blend of virtuosic instrumental talents, beautiful vocals, captivating arrangements and stunning step dancing. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

**Mikaela Davis with Dust Bowl Faeries and Belle-Skinner**

The Hollow will host Mikaela Davis, Dust Bowl Faeries and Belle-Skinner as a triple-headliner on Saturday, March 7, at 8 p.m. Mikaela Davis is the kind of songwriter who routinely defies expectations. Her instrument of choice is the harp, which she has played since she was eight years old, right about the time she could actually get her hands around the instrument. A native of Rochester, New York, she spent her formative years in youth orchestras rather than in garage bands and later earned a performance degree from the Crane School of Music. Though Davis is clearly well-versed in the classical canon and is accustomed to per-

forming in a recital setting, her approach to the harp is an unorthodox one. She often employs her instrument as a pulse, a rhythm or as texture as muscular as a guitar's. For tickets, visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). The Hollow is located at 79 N. Pearl St., Albany.

**The Everly Set**

The Everly Set will perform at Caffe Lena on Friday, March 6, at 8 p.m. In 1957, Phil and Don Everly supercharged the vocal sound of Rock n Roll by unleashing the sparkling vocal harmonies that would influence The Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel, The Beach Boys, The Eagles, Peter Paul & Mary and the Bee Gees. Now, six decades later, two acclaimed NYC singer-songwriters combine millennial innocence with baby-boomer pluck to present The Everly Set. The group came together in 2017 after playing an Everly Brothers themed show. Sean and Jack effectively channeled Phil and Don, and the audience effectively channeled blissful hysteria. Within months, The Everly Set had bought a set of matching western shirts and hit the road as a duo or a four-piece band. For tickets, visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

**Fiddlers Tour Sessions**

Rustic Barn Pub will host the Fiddlers Tour Sessions on Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. The Tour is a "round robin" music session of local traditional fiddle music folk who meet every Tuesday night, all year round, in various places scattered throughout the Capital District. It goes around the circle and each person takes a turn selecting tunes to play and the playing speed of those tunes (no pressure, you can pass on your turn, if you choose). Rustic Barn Pub is located at 150 Speigletown Road, Troy.



**HOT DATE**

**MUSIC WITH A MESSAGE**

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**The Grateful Dread**

Rustic Barn Pub will host The Grateful Dread on Saturday, March 7, at 9 p.m. The songs of The Grateful Dead played reggae style. Rustic Barn Pub is located at 150 Speigletown Road, Troy.

**Kim Wilson and His Blues All Stars**

Kim Wilson and His Blues All Stars will perform at The Linda in Friday, March 13, at 8 p.m. Kim Wilson is an American blues singer and harmonica player. He is best known as the lead vocalist and frontman for the Fabulous Thunderbirds on two hit songs of the 1980s, "Tuff Enuff" and "Wrap It Up." Wilson wrote "Tuff Enuff," the group's only Top 40 hit. For tickets, visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). The Linda is located at 339 Central Ave., Albany.

**Bettye LaVette**

Bettye LaVette will perform at Caffe Lena on Saturday, March 14, at 8 p.m. Five time Grammy nominee Bettye LaVette is no mere singer. She is an interpreter of the highest order. LaVette is one of very few of her contemporaries who was recording during the birth of soul music in the '60s and is still creating vital recordings today. Her first single, "My Man – He's a Loving Man," was released on Atlantic Records, and over the next half century, LaVette has performed around the world, recorded for numerous labels, and has been honored with several prestigious awards, including the W.C. Handy Award for Comeback Blues Album of the Year, Pioneer Award by The Rhythm & Blues Foundation and two Blues Music Awards for Best Contemporary Female Blues Singer and Best Soul Blues Female Artist. For tickets, visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

**Magic Giant**

Magic Giant will perform at The Hollow on Wednesday, March 4, at 8 p.m. A dynamic blend of alt-rock meets pop wrapped in a festive, down to earth package, Magic Giant has shown its progressive layers with its captivating new single, "Disaster Party." The group, made up of Austin Bisnow (vocals/percussion), Zambricki Li (fiddle/banjo) and Zang (guitar), have recently been working on its new album from The Bunker, a 1940's underground bomb-shelter the band converted in Silverlake, California. Leading the way into the new album, "Disaster Party" turned the fires of Los Angeles into a way to unite the community. For tickets, visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). The Hollow is located at 79 N. Pearl St., Albany.

**Jack Empie and Friends**

Rustic Barn Pub will host Jack Empie and Friends on Friday, March 13, at 8 p.m. Jack Empie and Friends performs original, inspirational music. Playing electric as well as acoustic guitar, Empie plays various types of music with an ever changing cast of his talented musician friends. Whether performing songs he's written or the music of others, he always delivers a great show. Rustic Barn Pub is located at 150 Speigletown Road, Troy.

**'Memories of Patsy'**

The Linda will host "Memories of Patsy" on Friday, March 6, at 7 p.m. "Memories of Patsy" captures the essence of the Patsy Cline concert experience like no other. See for yourself why this remarkable show has received rave reviews nationwide. The songs are woven into the very fabric of American music and the voice is spectacular. Some of the great tunes you can expect to hear at a Memories of Patsy performance are "Crazy," "Walkin' After

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Midnight," "I Fall to Pieces," "She's Got You," "San Antonio Rose," "Blue Moon of Kentucky," "Sweet Dreams" and many more. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. The Linda is located at 339 Central Ave., Albany.

**Nora Jane Struthers**

The Linda will host Nora Jane Struthers on Thursday, March 12, at 8 p.m. Nora Jane Struthers has written "some of the most quietly powerful narratives within the new wave of Americana artists," said Ann Powers of NPR Music. The songs that last decades and weave themselves into the fabric of listeners' lives are usually the ones in which an artist lies her soul bare for the world to hear. Struthers has built her career on these kinds of songs. There's an honesty and energy to her stage presence; a vulnerability that is part and parcel of great artistry. In one moment, she joyfully leads the audience in a dance party, in the next, she lies her soul bare for the world to hear. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. The Linda is located at 339 Central Ave., Albany.

**Tim O'Brien and Jan Fabricius**

Caffe Lena will host Tim O'Brien and Jan Fabricius on Wednesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. As co-founder and lead vocalist of Hot Rize, Tim O'Brien served as a bridge between the traditional sounds of the hill country and the modern styles of bluegrass in the 1980s. Since the band's breakup, O'Brien has continued to expand the music's borders as a soloist, a duo partner with his sister Mollie and with his band, The O'Boys. O'Brien's songs have additionally been recorded by Kathy Mattea, The Seldom Scene, New Grass Revival and the Johnson Mountain Boys. The guitarist's deft picking has set a standard for the instrument's role in bluegrass. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

**Organ Colossal**

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall will host Organ Colossal as part of its Lift Series on Wednesday, March 4, at 6 p.m. Organ Colossal, a Troy-based collective of musicians, will perform music by local composers and songwriters Mary Jane Leach, Julia Alsarraf, Patrick Burke, Sam Torres and Pauline Oliveros. For tickets, visit tickets.troymusicall.org. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall is located at 32 Second St., Troy.

**Gretchen Peters and Chely Wright**

Gretchen Peters and Chely Wright will perform at Caffe Lena on Thursday, March 5, at 7 p.m. For two decades, Gretchen Peters has been one of Nashville's most beloved and respected artists. Inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2014, the Grammy-nominated artist has accumulated accolades as a songwriter for artists as diverse as Etta James, Bonnie Raitt, The Neville Brothers, Patty Loveless, George Strait, Bryan Adams and Faith Hill. Chely Wright exists in the sweet spot between traditional and contemporary country. Named Top New Female Vocalist in 1995 by the Academy of Country Music, Wright propelled to the top of the country charts, with singles such as "Shut Up and Drive" and "Single White Female." For tickets, visit nvite.com. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

**Pink Talking Fish with Eggy**

Pink Talking Fish and Eggy will perform at Putnam Place on Saturday, March 14, at 9 p.m. Pink Talking Fish is a hybrid tribute fusion act that takes the music from three of the world's most beloved bands and creates a special treat for fans of the music. Pink Floyd, The Talking Heads and Phish are all more than just bands... they

are a phenomenon. Their creations have artistically inspired people and their mind-blowing live performances have brought people together to form a special sense of community around the love for their favorite band. For tickets, visit ticketbud.com. Putnam Place is located at 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.

**Post Animal with TWEN**

Post Animal and TWEN will perform a shared bill on Friday, March 13, at 9 p.m. Chicago-based Post Animal are a band of brothers. Though it formed in 2014 and just began touring in 2017, its affinity for slick riffs, pop hooks and psychedelic tendencies join it in a bond much tighter than its years suggest. It was initially formed when childhood friends, bassist Dalton Allison and guitarist Matt Williams, met keyboardist and guitarist Jake Hirshland, the band's sound began to take shape when the three enlisted some more pals from both the Chicago music scene and its time working at local burger joints. Rounding out the band's lineup, Post Animal is completed by drummer Wesley Toledo and guitarists Javi Reyes and Joe Keery. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Putnam Place is located at 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.

**Chris Pureka**

Chris Pureka will perform at Caffe Lena on Saturday, March 7, at 8 p.m. Chris Pureka has long appealed to those listeners who crave authenticity. Pureka's elegant emotionality as a vocalist, and her flair and immediacy as a lyricist, have garnered her favorable comparisons to Gillian Welch, Ryan Adams, Bruce Springsteen, and Patty Griffin. She's earned accolades from such distinguished taste-making outlets as The New York Times, Paste, Magnet, and Billboard. She's shared the stage with such diverse and esteemed artists as Dar Williams, The Lumineers, The Cowboy Junkies, Gregory Alan Isakov, Martin Sexton, and Ani DiFranco. Along the way, Chris has remained fiercely independent, selling nearly 50,000 albums through her own label, Sad Rabbit Records. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

**The Robert Cray Band**

The Robert Cray Band will perform at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. Over the past four decades, Cray has created a sound that rises from American roots, blues, soul and R&B, with five Grammy wins, 20 acclaimed studio albums and a bundle of live albums that punctuate the Blues Hall of Famer's career. On That's What I Heard, Cray celebrates the music of Curtis Mayfield, Bobby "Blue" Bland, The Sensational Nightingales and more, alongside four newly written songs. For tickets, visit troymusicall.org. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall is located at 32 Second St., Troy.

**Caroline Rose with Good Baby**

Caroline Rose and Good Baby will share a bill at The Hollow on Friday, March 6, at 9 p.m. An obsession with money, an unfaithful lover, a friend's accidental pregnancy, misogyny, loneliness, death... This is just some of the lighthearted subject matter that make up Loner — the darkly comedic second album from songwriter/producer Caroline Rose. According to Rose, the visuals and aesthetics of Loner are an important vehicle in bringing out her personality, as well as a lot of the more sarcastic elements within the music. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. The Hollow is located at 79 N. Pearl St., Albany.

**Second Sunday Bluegrass Jam**

Second Sunday Bluegrass Jam will take place at Rustic Barn Pub on Sunday, March 8, at 6 p.m. Join us for Second Sun-

day Bluegrass Jam Sessions at The Rustic Barn, hosted by Jeff Wasbes and Zack Cohen in a round robin-style jam. Jeff and Zack will start us off with a few tunes, then open the stage to lead their choice bluegrass music, backed up by other pickers. Second Sundays are for making new friends, sharing songs, playing and listening to blue grass and new-grass. All are welcome to join the Jam. Come prepared with your favorite songs and acoustic instruments. Rustic Barn Pub is located at 150 Speigletown Road, Troy.

**Show No Mercy: A Tribute to Slayer**

Show No Mercy will perform at Skyloft on Friday, March 6, at 7 p.m. Show No Mercy is a New York City / Long Island based four-piece band that exclusively covers songs by the legendary thrash metal band, Slayer. Show No Mercy is best known for duplicating the live energy and intensity of a real Slayer show. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com. Skyloft is located inside Crossgates Mall, Albany.

**The Split Squad**

The Split Squad will perform at Hangar on the Hudson on Sunday, March 15, at 3 p.m. Conceived over cocktails, wine and beers in 2011, The Split Squad is one of those "perfect storm" rock 'n' roll bands that comes from a bunch of musicians who have done it all and have nothing to prove. While that may sound a bit boastful, the pedigree here covers about 140 years of collective rock and roll experience, from the most rarified of concert halls, down to the seediest of underground clubs. For tickets, visit bandsintown.com. Hangar on the Hudson is located at 675 River St., Troy.

**Jack Tempchin**

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inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, Tempchin has been on your playlist for years, though you never knew it. His show includes the songs he wrote for The Eagles, Tom Waits, George Jones, Glen Frey, Glen Campbell, Emmylou Harris, Sammy Kershaw, Tanya Tucker, Patty Loveless, Tom Rush and Richie Havens. Starting with an interview with Chuck "Rochmon" Vosgianian, you'll hear the behind the scenes stories of Tempchin's incredible career and relive memories as you hear the hits played the way they were originally envisioned by the man who wrote them. For tickets, visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

**The Wheel**

The Wheel will perform at Putnam Place on Thursday, March 12, at 9 p.m. The Wheel (Grateful Dead and Beyond) 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. He then forged The Wheel which is continually rolling and covering new terrain in the Grateful Dead catalog and beyond. Putnam Place is located at 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.

**John Paul White**

John Paul White will perform at Caffe Lena on Friday, March 13, at 8 p.m. Born and raised in Muscle Shoals, Alabama John Paul White has a knack for deep soulful lyrics and complex melodies. As an artist, White's music spans multiple genres, from rock to folk to country. It is this chameleon like quality of being able to adapt his music to multiple audiences that make him a true talent. For tickets, visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Caffe Lena is located at 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.

**EXHIBITS**

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

The Albany Institute of History & Art holds the largest public collection of works by artist Walter Launt Palmer (1854–1932), son of Albany sculptor Erastus Dow Palmer. It includes oil and watercolor paintings, pastels, pencil drawings, a rare painted ceramic cup, as well as letters and photographs. A new exhibition at the Albany Institute offers a visual overview of Palmer's life, travels, and artistic output. The exhibition includes works from all three of Palmer's major series: the early interior views where Palmer lavished attention on the textiles, ceramics, furniture, and wall decorations that filled well-furnished homes; his Venetian scenes that capture the luxuriant colors of the sea, sky, and buildings of this island city; and the snow scenes that continue to enchant viewers with their masterful tonal subtleties. Drawings, photographs, and ceramics accompany the exhibition. A Brilliant Bit of Color: The Work of Walter Launt Palmer is on exhibit from now until Friday, June 7. Albany Institute of History and Art is 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, after-life, and animal mummies. 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.

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**THE SPLIT SQUAD**

*Conceived over cocktails, wine and beers in 2011, The Split Squad is one of those "perfect storm" rock 'n' roll bands that comes from a bunch of musicians who have done it all and have nothing to prove. The Split Squad will perform at Hangar on the Hudson on Sunday, March 15, at 3 p.m.*

archaeology team from the State Historic Trust (predecessor to the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, or OPRHP), headed by Paul Huey and composed mostly of volunteers, made remarkable discoveries about life in the Dutch colony at Fort Orange. In 2016, a collection of 36,000 artifacts from Fort Orange was transferred from OPRHP to the New York State Museum. This exhibition examines the momentous discovery of Fort Orange and the lasting impact of events occurring there 400 years ago that shaped the character of the region, New York State, and the nation. The exhibition title is a quote taken from The New World by Johannes De Laet, a director of the Dutch West India Company, recorded in 1625. Select artifacts, film footage from the excavation, and four decades of historical and archaeological research are highlighted—including renderings of the fort by Historical Artist Len Tantilillo. 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. New York State Museum Cultural Education Center is located at 222 Madison Ave., Albany.

**HOROSCOPES**

**March 2020  
Week 1**

**ARIES – MAR 21/APR 20**

Hobbies can be a great distraction from your responsibilities, Aries. But this week you need to get back to business, or you may fall behind.

**TAURUS – APR 21/MAY 21**

Taurus, change is in the air and you are excited about all the new prospects that lie ahead. The most difficult decisions will be centered on what you're going to do.

**GEMINI – MAY 22/JUN 21**

Nurturing is a part of your nature, Gemini. This week you may discover you are spending a lot of time lavishing attention on others at your expense. Find a healthy balance.

**CANCER – JUN 22/JUL 22**

Cancer, your social and business calendar is full for the next several weeks. Even though you enjoy being busy, you may need a break to avoid burnout.

**LEO – JUL 23/AUG 23**

It will be another fortuitous week for your finances, Leo. All of your financial ducks are in a row, and you can take some time off from micromanaging your accounts.

**VIRGO – AUG 24/SEPT 22**

Virgo, you may want to show others a new side of you over the course of the next few days. You're often conservative, but you might want to let loose a little bit and be adventurous.

**LIBRA – SEPT 23/OCT 23**

You may receive a few offers this week that seem too good to be true, Libra. Trust your instincts as you navigate through all of these opportunities to find the best options.

**SCORPIO – OCT 24/NOV 22**

Scorpio, over the course of the next few days you'll get an idea of how many people rely on you. When you are out of commission, things may come to a halt.

**SAGITTARIUS – NOV 23/DEC 21**

People are drawn to your warmth and good nature, Sagittarius. That is why you are never short on friends or left with nothing to do. This week is no different.

**CAPRICORN – DEC 22/JAN 20**

Changes that you have been hoping will occur will finally see the light of day, Capricorn. The effects will be subtle at first and then build as they go.

**AQUARIUS – JAN 21/FEB 18**

Aquarius, now is your opportunity to take care of yourself. You have been freed of some responsibilities and are able to focus on small changes that can add up to something big.

**PISCES – FEB 19/MAR 20**

Pisces, when things get a tad stressful this week, remember that physical activity can calm you down. Take a walk or hit the gym.





**FOOD & VINO**

# Any time is good for coffee cake

Versatile coffee cake can be eaten any time of day

**T**raditional coffee cake is a moist, tender pastry that might be topped with streusel or crumbs and is often served as the perfect accompaniment to coffee or tea at breakfast or in the afternoon. The British version of this cake is a sponge variety that actually is flavored with coffee and coffee butter icing.

Coffee cake is ideal to have on hand when entertaining. It fits well for breakfast, brunch or even as a late-afternoon snack.

This recipe for “Roasted Banana Coffee Cake” from “Simply Scratch” (Avery) by Laurie McNamara includes bananas, making it an ideal addition to the breakfast table. The author suggests roasting the bananas helps to perfect their texture without having to wait for the natural ripening process.

## Roasted Banana Coffee Cake

### Ingredients: makes 8 servings

- 8 *tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted and cooled, plus 1 tablespoon at room temperature for the pan*
- 2 *tablespoons granulated sugar*
- 2 *bananas*
- 3/4 *cup chopped pecans*
- 3 *tablespoons dark brown sugar*
- 1 *teaspoon ground cinnamon*
- 1 1/2 *cups unbleached all-purpose flour*
- 1 *teaspoon baking soda*
- 1 *teaspoon baking powder*

- 1/4 *teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg*
- 1 *cup granulated sugar*
- 2 *large eggs, lightly beaten*
- 1/4 *cup sour cream*
- 1 *teaspoon pure vanilla extract*

### Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Butter a 9-inch round cake pan with the 1 tablespoon room temperature butter and dust with the granulated sugar and tip out any excess.

Place the bananas on a small rimmed baking sheet and roast for 15 minutes. Remove and set aside to cool.

In a small bowl, combine the pecans, brown sugar and cinnamon. Set aside.

Sift the flour, baking soda, baking powder, and nutmeg through a fine-mesh strainer into a medium bowl.

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat together the butter and sugar on low speed until light and fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl with a spatula, then add the roasted bananas, sour cream and vanilla. Beat until incorporated.

With the mixer running on low speed, spoon in the flour mixture and mix until just combined.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan and smooth the top with a spatula. Sprinkle evenly with the pecan topping. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean with a few crumbs attached.

Let cool for 10 minutes before slicing and serving.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### The Everly Set

Caffe Lena — Friday, March 6

**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — The Everly Set will perform at Caffe Lena on Friday, March 6, at 8 p.m.

In 1957, Phil and Don Everly supercharged the vocal sound of Rock n Roll by unleashing the sparkling vocal harmonies that would influence The Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel, The Beach Boys, The Eagles, Peter Paul & Mary and the Bee Gees. Now, six decades later, two acclaimed NYC singer-songwriters combine millennial innocence with baby-boomer pluck to present The Everly Set. The group came together in 2017 after

playing an Everly Brothers themed show. Sean and Jack effectively channeled Phil and Don, and the audience effectively channeled blissful hysteria. Within months, The Everly Set had bought a set of matching western shirts and hit the road as a duo or a four-piece band.

For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

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

### Chris Pureka

Caffe Lena — Saturday, March 7

**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — Chris Pureka will perform at Caffe Lena on Saturday, March 7, at 8 p.m.



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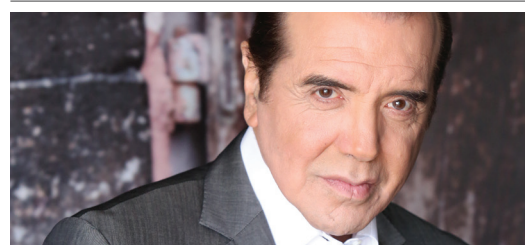
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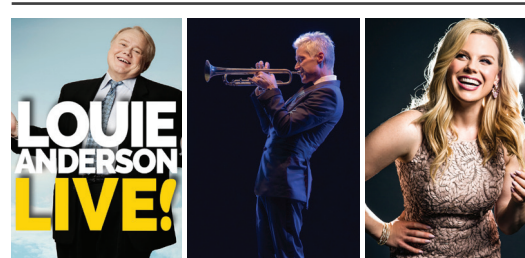
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## ■ WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Lepre-Con Troy Pub Crawl

The Hangar on the Hudson — Saturday, March 7

TROY — Hangar on the Hudson will be one of many stops in the Lepre-Con Troy Pub Crawl on Saturday, March 7, at 11:30 a.m.

Get your green on and dress like a leprechaun for our Lepre-Con pub crawl in downtown Troy.

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

### Mikaela Davis with Dust Bowl Faeries and Belle-Skinner

The Hollow Bar and Kitchen — Saturday, March 7

ALBANY — The Hollow will host Mikaela Davis, Dust Bowl Faeries and Belle-Skinner as a triple-headliner on Saturday, March 7 at 8 p.m.

Mikaela Davis is the kind of songwriter who routinely defies expectations. Her instrument of choice is the harp, which she has played since she was eight years old, right about the time she could actually get her hands around the instrument. A native of Rochester, New York, she

spent her formative years in youth orchestras rather than in garage bands and later earned a performance degree from the Crane School of Music. Though Davis is clearly well-versed in the classical canon and is accustomed to performing in a recital setting, her approach to the harp is an unorthodox one. She often employs her instrument as a pulse, a rhythm or as texture as muscular as a guitar's.

For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

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

### The Grateful Dread

Rustic Barn Pub — Saturday, March 7

TROY — Rustic Barn Pub will host The Grateful Dread on Saturday, March 7, at 9 p.m.

The songs of The Grateful Dead played reggae style.

Rustic Barn Pub is located at 150 Speigletown Road, Troy.

### Sesame Street Live: Let's Party!

Palace Theatre — Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8

ALBANY — The Palace Theatre will host four performances of Sesame Street Live: Let's Party! on

Saturday, March 7, and Sunday, March 8.

Jump to the beat with your friends on Sesame Street! Join the fun with an interactive show that unfolds on one of the worlds most famous streets at the funniest furriest party in the neighborhood.

For tickets and showtimes, visit eventbrite.com.

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

### Casting Crowns

Times Union Center — Sunday, March 8

ALBANY — Casting Crowns will perform at the Times Union Center on Sunday, March 8, at 7 p.m.

Casting Crowns is a contemporary Christian and Christian rock band started in 1999 by youth pastor Mark Hall, who serves as the band's lead vocalist, as part of a youth group at First Baptist Church in Downtown Daytona Beach, Florida. They later moved to Stockbridge, Georgia and more members joined.

For tickets, visit ticketmaster.com.

The Times Union Center is located at 51 S. Pearl St., Albany.

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TECHNOLOGY

# UFOs over American farmlands



those issues escalate into something larger.

• **Soil analysis:**  
Another potential benefit of agricultural drones highlights their role in analyzing soil. Agricultural drones utilize complex mapping functions to gather data about the soil, including areas where it

**UAV spotted over your local farm? It's a useful tool to help plan for the next harvest.**

might be stressed. That enables farmers to develop accurate soil samples that can be used to guide decisions in regard to irrigation and fertilization.

• **Reduce waste:**  
SenseFly notes that data gathered by drones can help farmers determine the vigor of their crops at various stages of growth. Such information can prevent overfertilization and overwatering, thereby reducing waste and runoff, benefitting the planet as a result.

• **Planning:** Drones can be used to collect data on crop growth and health at various times throughout the growing season. That can help farmers develop accurate predictions regarding harvest quality and crop yield, making it easier for them to plan ahead.

Agricultural drones are one of the many examples that illustrate how technology has changed and will continue to change the ways modern farmers conduct business.

## How farmers are using drones

The farmers of yesteryear might not be too familiar with their surroundings if they were to visit a modern farm. While the men and women who made their livings as farmers decades ago would no doubt still recognize certain farm features that have withstood the test of time, they might not understand the inner workings of the modern farm, particularly in regard to the role technology now plays within the agricultural sector.

Technology has changed agriculture in myriad ways. The methods farmers employ to produce food and improve the efficiency of their operations has

changed as technology has evolved. One of the more noticeable changes that's hard to miss on modern farms is the use of agricultural drones.

Drones have been around for decades. Sometimes referred to as "unmanned aerial vehicles," or "UAVs," drones can be utilized in ways that can save farmers money and protect the planet.

• **Monitor crops:**  
According to senseFly, the commercial drone subsidiary of Parrot Group, drones can help farmers effectively monitor their crops. With a drone flying overhead, farmers can spot and quickly identify issues affecting their crops before

## The role of technology in agriculture

Modern industry is driven by technology. Advancements in technology have changed how business is conducted, with some industries undergoing dramatic changes since the dawn of the 21st century.

While agriculture might not be the first industry people think of when reflecting on the changing nature of industry, The National Institute of Food and Agriculture notes that modern farms are vastly different than those from a few decades ago.

Farmers have long relied on technology to make their operations as efficient, productive and profitable as possible. Precision agriculture, which refers to technological advances designed to propel agriculture into the modern, computerized and information-based world, is helping the agricultural sector become more profitable and efficient while also improving safety and making agriculture more eco-friendly. In addition, the NIFA notes that the modern agricultural industry employs technology such as robots, temperature and moisture sensors, aerial images, and global positioning systems.

If it sounds complicated, that's because it is. For

example, modern sensors can detect soil conditions, potentially producing hundreds of readings per second. These sensors help farmers know the best possible time to plant seeds so they can reach their full potential. That improves both the efficiency of modern farms as well as their output.

The NIFA also notes that agricultural technology has reduced waste. For instance, thanks to agricultural technology, farmers no longer have to apply water, fertilizers and pesticides uniformly across entire fields. Technology has shown that farmers can simply target specific areas or even treat individual plants differently. That saves time and allows farmers to use only minimal quantities of water, fertilizer and pesticides. In addition, according to the NIFA, employing agricultural technology in this fashion leads to higher crop productivity and reduces runoff of chemicals into rivers and groundwater, thereby reducing the farm's impact on local ecosystems.

Modern farms are technological marvels where various technologies are being employed to produce crops more efficiently and safely than ever before.

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■ **INTERVIEW**

# Haley in the Water

Annie in the Water talks history, influences and 'Rumours'

By **MIKE KOHLI**  
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**A**nnie in the Water followed a successful 2019 by embarking on an ambitious one-month tour across the Northeast up with Hayley Jane to perform Fleetwood Mac's "Rumours."

Annie in the Water's second album "Time to Play" was released last summer. It's an album comprised of songs the band has been playing live for years but hasn't received the studio treatment until now. It's an album that gives a snapshot of a band on the rise and a band ready to take on the live music scene with a vengeance.

While everyone in the band calls the North Country home, Annie in the Water has roots all over the map. Their origin story stems from a chance meeting in 2007 between singer-guitarists Michael Lashomb and Bradley Hester at Hobart College. The two hit it off immediately and began collaborating. They would reconvene during summers off from college, jamming together and coaching at lacrosse camps. They recorded their first album "Destination" four years later while Hester was a graduate assistant coach at Jacksonville University.

Since forming, the band has undergone several lineup changes with Hester and Lashomb the only constant over the years. The band is now a six-piece ensemble with the addition of former Formula 5 keyboardist Matt Richards last July. Brock Kuca (drums/percussion), Ryan Trumbull (drums) and Chris Meier (bass) complete the unit.

NYS Music's Mike Kohli sat down with the band prior to its February run across the Northeast to perform tracks off of



Mike Kohli

Fleetwood Mac's "Rumours." They discussed their history, their influences and the Spread Rumours Tour with Hayley Jane.

**Kohli: First, I'd like to start by finding out more about each of you individually. Where is each of you from? What path brought you to where you are today?**

**Bradley Hester:** I grew up all over the place, born in Colorado. I also lived in Ohio, Japan, Virginia, and I came to Upstate New York by way of Hobart College. Since college, I've been in Upstate doing the Annie in the Water thing but also coaching lacrosse. I will probably always coach lacrosse because it's one of the ways I am bringing my value to life and I have learned so many things from the game that continue to impact the way I live my life.

**Michael Lashomb:** I was born and raised in Cleveland, OH. My parents were originally from Ogdensburg, New York. We would go visit Upstate and

work on my grandfather's land whenever we had time off from school, so I was able to become familiar with the North Country landscape and inner-city life throughout my childhood.

While I was in Cleveland, I was exposed to a lot of diverse styles of music. There was always new music coming through mainstream radio when I was a kid, also a lot of hip-hop and funk influence in the city. In the North Country, I was exposed to more roots style and country. So I had a good blend that influenced me. When I was about 11 years old, I heard blink-182's song "Dammit" on the radio and I immediately thought of ways to learn the song. That motivated me and I just started diving into all sorts of musical styles. I specifically started basing my early style of play on John Frusciante's (Red Hot Chili Peppers) fretboard work.

Throughout my late teens and early 20s, I was

always picking up different jobs to try to make it work. I moved down to Florida at one point and was recruited to be a lacrosse coach and teacher at a prep school in Jacksonville. After that, I went out to L.A. for a short time and worked on the TV show *The Amazing Race*. In my late 20s, I decided to go full-time music. No Plan B for me. I couldn't imagine not pursuing music as my life path.

**Brock Kuca:** I was born and raised in a little town called Morristown on the St. Lawrence River (Thousand Islands). I started playing music at the age of 10, the saxophone. That didn't really work out so well. I discovered the guitar at age 12. That's when the sparks flew and music became the main priority in my life. Before joining Annie in the Water full-time, I cooked fancy food in a local restaurant. I was also a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service and worked production at music festivals. Although I have a deep passion for cooking, it's hard to really imagine my life without some kind of musical influence in it.

I met Mike and Brad some eight or nine years ago. Wow, that's hard to believe. They would invite

me out to play gigs in Potsdam, Alexandria Bay, Clayton and Watertown. I've shared the stage with various, very credible and outstanding musicians since then but the present combination of the six of us is a special thing. We are all writers/composers and are just starting to explore that realm with one another.

**Chris Meier:** I'm originally from Chatham, New York. My path to where I currently am heavily involved my time spent at SUNY Oneonta, where I met my bandmates from my first group, Space Carnival. We were lucky enough to have a great scene that eventually led to where I am now.

**Ryan Trumbull:** Well, I grew up in the Adirondacks. I was born in Saranac Lake. All of my family members had some sort of musical talent, especially my uncle who had played drums for a long time.

**Matt Richards:** I was born in Albany and reside just outside of the city in Delmar, NY. My life's musical journey through multiple bands — my high school and SUNY New Paltz band, *The Assortment of Crayons*, followed by my three-plus years with *Formula 5* immediately after college — is what brought me to Annie in the Water. If I weren't making music, I'd likely be studying how birds make music.

**Kohli:** The group has evolved over the years, adding new members as recently as this past summer. Have the six of you started to gel as a unit yet?

**BH:** I feel we gelled the first time we played with each other in a rehearsal. The first show we played together felt like the right thing. The music and the feelings that go with it all get tighter as we continue to push ourselves into unknown territory. As long as we allow ourselves the freedom to explore at shows, we can uncover parts of our potential that would never have happened if we limited ourselves.

**ML:** The band finally became a full unit when Matt Richards joined in July of 2019. The first rehearsal we had, I personally felt that he was the glue of the entire unit and the gelling started then. Chris and Rippy (drummer Ryan Trumbull) had already been in the mix for six months and they were really sinking in with the backbeat and Brock has made considerable strides as a percussion player.

Everyone in the band is open to trying new things. They are constructive and they are professional. I am extremely lucky to have such great people in this band. I believe all of our collective experiences and knowledge have come together well. All of our

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## From page B16 ... Annie in the Water

individual skills have made the growth quick.

MR: We certainly have. I find our unity became most evident in what is now known as "The Church Set." We were supposed to perform outside in Potsdam on Sept. 7 last year but due to poor weather conditions, we performed inside the local Methodist Church. We were effortlessly one cohesive unit this set, and have remained so since.

RT: I think we are just starting to mold our sound.

CM: Most definitely. We've really taken off as a unit and it feels like the sky's the limit.

Kohli: How does the songwriting process work

for you guys? Is there one person doing all the writing or is everyone given free rein to submit material?

BH: Songwriting works in a variety of ways. The album "Time to Play" is a collection of some of the songs Mike and I have been playing and performing for years, but I really enjoy opening up the floor for all ideas while we are creating. I feel like the best ideas can come into something with an open canvas, so even if one of us writes a song, everyone else can add ideas to it and add great elements. Everyone in the group is a creator, so I like to keep open the possibility of anyone bringing a song

to the group and for the group to help develop.

ML: AITW music is a collective of material. Everyone in the band writes, which is terrific. Now that we have had some time to develop, we are more focused on writing as a unit. Sometimes a song can be written collectively but also one person may have a vision for a song, and as a group, it's important for us to all do our best to help facilitate that creation. Songwriting will always be an evolutionary process for this band.

MR: We all have so many songs from our past that we want to work in this group. Perhaps everyone in this band is a terrific songwriter. There is a strong desire to work as one to create music in the future. Additionally, Bradley and I have performed a number

of duo shos and write at least one song each time, live, in front of an audience. That is a process that is new to me but I love very much. Songwriting can be improvisation slowed down and improvisation can be songwriting sped up.

CM: This has been the most open format for writing I've ever been a part of. Everything is on the table.

Kohli: When did you first develop a relationship with Hayley Jane? What was the genesis of the idea to do a Rumours tour together?

BH: I first developed a relationship with Hayley Jane back in 2016 when I posted myself doing a vocal exercise for the first time in eight months. She contacted me and was curious about what

happened to me because she wanted to offer her experience going through vocal issues. We've been friends ever since, sitting in and co-creating whenever possible.

Sometimes it's hard to remember how fragile our vocal cords can be if they do not get proper attention and strength training, but they are also very resilient and can come back from injury stronger than ever, which is how I feel now. I was able to dissolve the cyst that formed on my right vocal cord by taking many months of pure rest and also learning how to properly warm-up. Staying away from alcohol and drugs and remembering to stay healthy and hydrated is key to my intention to make my vocal cords last as long as I can stay alive.

ML: Brad and I first

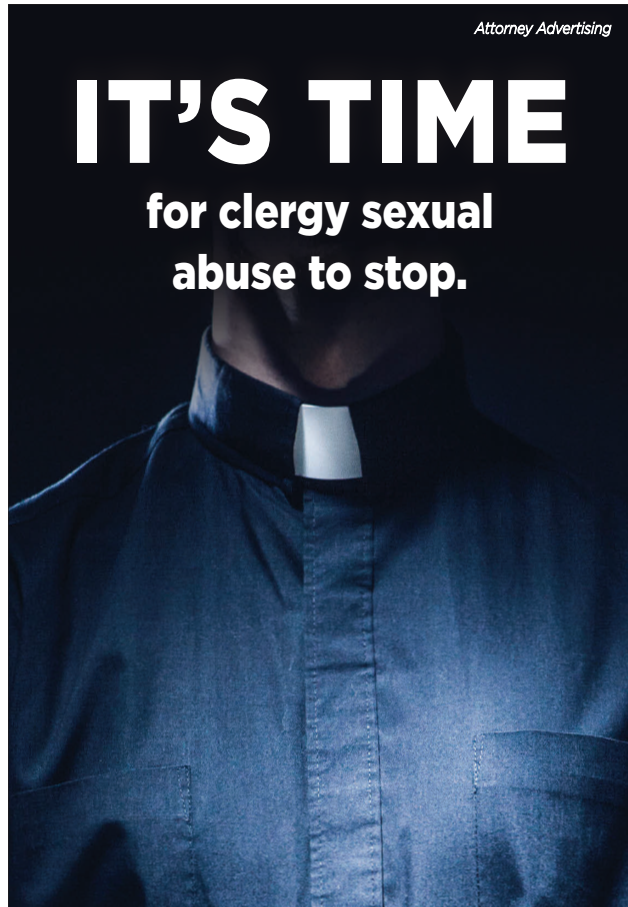
met Hayley Jane about four years ago in Vermont and that's when a relationship started. The Vermont music scene has a tendency to bring like-minded people together. The project idea started when we were all at Grassroots in Shakori Hills, NC. Our band had been on a pretty solid Fleetwood Mac kick for a while so when we were in North Carolina, Chris was talking with Hayley about playing a Fleetwood Mac song. I'm not exactly sure how the conversation went because I wasn't there, but now there's a tour put together and I'm playing in it.

CM: I've been aware of Hayley for a number of years but we formally met last fall at Shakori Hills Grassroots Music Festival. The idea was developed there over the conversations we had in our RV on tour.

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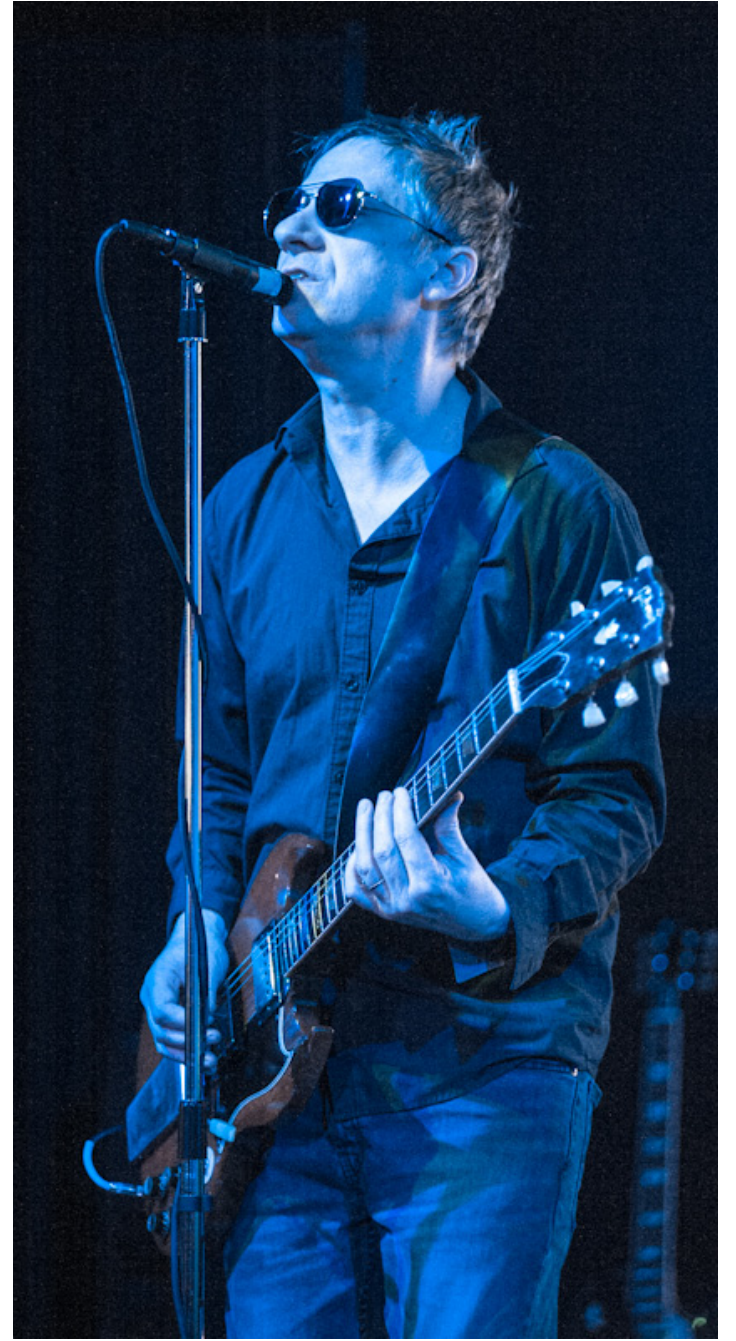
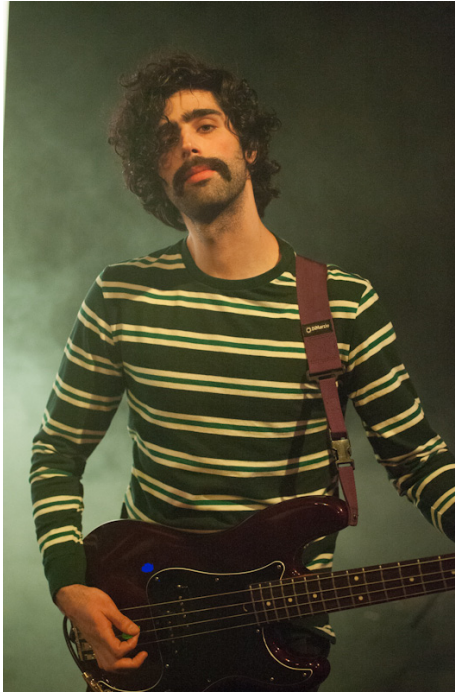
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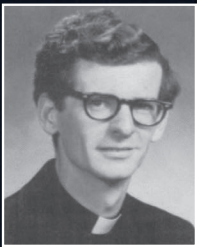
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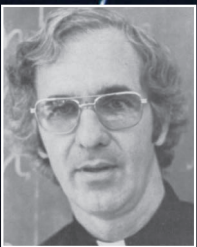
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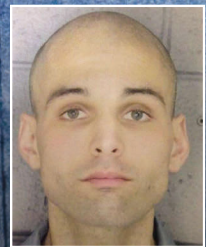
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