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Are you still fumbling for gift ideas with Mother's Day approaching?

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With Mother's Day approaching on Sunday, May 10, numerous Capital District businesses are staying optimistic by offering specials and gift ideas despite COVID-19.

Susan Kerber, the owner of RAD Soap Co., an Albany-based family-owned business, plans to reopen her storefront in time for the weekend.

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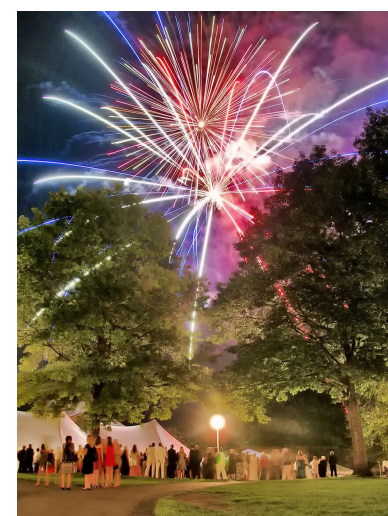


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Drive-in theaters feel ready to reopen.

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■ COMMUNITY

Farmers Market

BETHLEHEM — The Capital District Farmers Market Association announced that its farmers market began on Tuesday, May 5 at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Taking place from 2:30 to 6 p.m., it will continue weekly until the last Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

The First United Methodist Church is located at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

Craft Fair and Plant Sale

BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Grange 137's Craft Fair and Plant Sale will happen on Saturday, May 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Many crafters will be selling their products in indoor and outdoor booths. Parking will be available.

People are required to wear their masks at all times and maintain social distancing.

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

■ COVID-19

New testing site announced

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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GUILDERLAND — Priority 1 Urgent Care is the newest coronavirus testing site, announced by Albany County Executive Dan McCoy on Tuesday, April 28, as part of a partnership with the county to handle the COVID-19 pandemic.

Priority 1 Urgent Care is located at 2080 Western Ave. in Hamilton Square in Guilderland and anyone interested in being tested there is encouraged to call 518-867-8040. According to a press release, testing will be reimbursed by an individual's health insurance and will only be done by appointments "after being screened for expanded CDC symptoms over the phone."

Jonathan Halpert, who owns the urgent care center, said staff are trained to conduct nasopharyngeal swab testing. "We're really appreciative of the fact that we can work with the county government to accomplish obtaining materials for testing and obtaining materials for



Priority 1 Urgent Care owner Jonathan Halpert said people interested in getting tested should call first to talk about their symptoms before visiting.

Diego Cagara / Spotlight News

personal protective equipment," he said.

He, however, noted that Priority 1 Urgent Care does not have a walk-up or drive-thru facility, unlike numerous other coronavirus testing sites like at the University at Albany.

"We treat patients inside the office which has immaculate sanitation and cleaning standards," Halpert added. "People should call our office first to discuss symptoms they may have as opposed to driving down here and not meet our criteria of

being tested. We test people if they show symptoms like coughing and we bring them in to register them as patients before figuring out if they can benefit from a COVID-19 test."

Halpert said he first reached out to county Department of Health Commissioner Elizabeth Whalen in early April about wanting to get involved with increased COVID-19 testing. After getting approval, the county equipped his urgent care center with N95 masks and testing kits; COVID-19 testing then began in mid-April.

He acknowledged his hardworking staff "who understand their obligation as acute healthcare frontline providers. They've risen to the task really well and I think people in the Capital District who use our services can take pride and comfort in being taken care of."

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COMMUNITY

Town issues first marriage license since shutdowns began in March

Town Clerk gets creative to continue her duties

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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BETHLEHEM

— Town Clerk Nanci Moquin issued the first marriage license in the Town Hall parking lot on Tuesday, April 28, since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

She said that the couple stayed in their car while she used a clipboard attached to a long stick in order to continue maintaining social distancing.

“I attached the document to the clipboard and handed it off to them,” she said. “I watched them sign it, then I signed it and I gave it back to them.”

Moquin said she also used a mask and gloves at all times.

“It makes me feel good that I can continue to help residents the best I can. If you’re smart and careful, you can continue with a certain amount of normalcy and make people feel a

little better as these are not normal times,” she added. “That’s my goal.”

A marriage license costs \$40 in the town of Bethlehem; its cost is determined by the state, according to Moquin.

It is valid for 60 days and the couple must wait 24 hours before they can get married upon receiving the marriage license.

Before the pandemic, Moquin said couples could set up appointments and come into her office.

However, since COVID-19 spread, a couple would need to first mail all necessary documents — including a driver’s license and birth certificates — into a dropbox in the Town Hall’s parking lot, which can only be opened by town staff for security reasons.

She preferred this method to emailing the documents because they contain sensitive information.

Upon receiving the documents, Moquin can prepare the marriage license and the couple can visit the parking lot to sign and receive it.



Bethlehem Town Clerk Nanci Moquin, above, wore gloves and a mask while using a clipboard attached to a long stick to help issue a couple their marriage license last week.

Provided photo

“The couple thanked me a couple of times and we were happy we didn’t send the documents electronically. ... A couple normally could get married in the town court but not now. Once I give the marriage license to a couple, it’s up to them how and where they can get married.”

— Nanci Moquin, Bethlehem Town Clerk

“The couple thanked me a couple of times and we were happy we didn’t send the documents electronically,” Moquin said. “People can legally marry during the pandemic,

like on Zoom or with a very small gathering that spaces people out. A couple normally could get married in the town court but not now. Once I give the marriage license to a

couple, it’s up to them how and where they can get married.”

Besides handling marriage licenses, she said she is continuing her town clerk duties, including

notarizing documents and handling licenses for dogs in town parks. “I’m here every day at least in the morning and life goes on,” she said. “This too shall pass.”

For more information, contact Moquin at nmoquin@townofbethlehem.org or at 518-439-4955 ext. 1183.

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■ ALBANY COUNTY

312 nursing home patients, employees have COVID-19

COVID-19 cases jump by 103 cases from last week's figure of 209

By JIM FRANCO
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According to data released by the Albany County Health Department, there are 228 residents and 84 employees of eight nursing homes who have tested positive with COVID-19 as of Sunday, May 3.

Albany County operates Shaker Place, where there are 48 residents who have tested positive for the virus and 24 employees, said County Executive Dan McCoy during his daily briefing on Monday, May 4.

Five residents have died of the virus while two residents and two employees who tested positive have recovered.

Of the private nursing homes in Albany County, Hudson Park

FACILITY	RESIDENTS	EMPLOYEES
Shaker Place:	48	24
Daughters of Sarah in Albany:	6	1
Eddy Village Green in Cohoes:	—	1
Eddy Village Green in Slingerlands:	—	1
The Grand in Altamont	27	8
Hudson Park in Albany:	71	10
Our Lady of Mercy in Guelderland:	47	16
Teresian House in Albany:	29	23

The nursing home facilities in Albany County as of Sunday, May 3 along with the number of residents and employees who tested positive according to the county Department of Health. The tabulation does not differentiate between asymptomatic, currently ill, recovered or died.

Rehabilitation and Nursing Center saw a sharp spike in the past week from 15 to 71 residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 10 employees.

Our Lady of Mercy in Guelderland, which is operated by St. Peter's Health Partners, had 47 residents and 16 employees who tested positive as of Sunday, May 3.

The Teresian House, which is operated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, had 29 residents and 23 employees who

tested positive. The Grand, in Altamont, which is operated by The Grand Healthcare System based in Whitestone, has 27 residents and eight employees who tested positive.

The private nursing homes are regulated by the state Department of Health, and Gov. Andrew Cuomo has stated it is the nursing home's responsibility to maintain care of the patients in accordance with those regulations.

McCoy said the residents in the county-run nursing home who did test positive are isolated in a separate wing of Shaker Place, staff are required to be screened upon entry and the residents are being tested for COVID-19.

Since March 12, like nursing homes across the state, visitors were no longer allowed to enter Shaker Place.

Cuomo said if the private facilities cannot take care of the patients in accordance with state's

regulations they should transfer the resident, or reach out to the state to help the find other accommodations for the resident.

Cuomo and his administration have come under fire for a March 25 directive mandating nursing homes take COVID-positive patients who are healthy enough to be discharged from the hospital as a way to free up beds for those in need of critical care in the hard hit areas of New York City and Long Island.

Three days later, the state mandated employees — those who tested positive for the virus but have not had a fever for 72 hours and who isolated for seven days — to return to work provided they wear the appropriate personal protective equipment and take other precautions.

"This crisis overwhelmed the nursing homes. You had a virus that preys on

the vulnerable people and there is a concentration of vulnerable people in a nursing home. But, the regulations still apply, even though you are in the middle of a global pandemic," Cuomo said. "That rules do not change. If you can't provide care to that patient because of this pandemic If you can't provide care you are not supposed to be keeping that person in the facility, period."

By executive order, Cuomo issued guidelines for all nursing homes that require staff wear PPE, isolate COVID patients, notify residents and their family within 24 hours of a COVID case within the facility or if there is a fatality related to COVID.

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■ BUSINESS

Drive-in theaters feel ready to reopen

If allowed, drive-ins would have special regulations for social distancing

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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Although Capital District drive-in theaters remain closed amid COVID-19, a few owners found creative ways to operate them for other purposes and feel prepared if they can reopen.

Married couple Mike and Lisa Chenette, who own the 25-year-old Jericho Drive-In, continue to operate their Twist Ice Cream shop on its property since Valentine's Day.

"Although we do drive-thru only now, the community has been very supportive and very happy we've figured out a way to remain open," Lisa said. "Only one person, usually my husband or I, interacts with a coming vehicle and our employees stay inside the building. We accept cash and touchless credit cards at this time." The ice cream shop is open from 1 to 8 p.m. daily.



With audiences contained in their respective vehicles, Drive-in movie theaters seem to be a natural marriage between a society starving for entertainment and social distancing practices. *Spotlight file photo*

The drive-in hosted "a pretty decent turnout" for a special Easter Sunday service on April 12 where people listened to their pastor's sermon via their cars' radios; the pastor spoke into a

microphone on the drive-in's front lawn. "Everyone was really excited and thankful we could do this for them," Lisa said.

It also hosted Drive-In Day on April 7 where Ravena-

Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District teachers parked their vehicles — decked in the district's colors with supportive posters and signs — between the drive-in's 12 parking rows.

"Middle school kids then came to the drive-in with their parents who drove up and down each row, and waved at the teachers and administrators," Lisa said. "We had music playing over the radio for them and we had the ice cream stand open. But no one could get out of their cars."

Despite these creative initiatives, the Chenettes' request since mid-April to Empire State Development, the state's economic development organization, to reopen the drive-in theater received no response.

If it can reopen, Lisa said they feel ready, "We've created an online ordering system so people can order and pay from their cars. If we do concession, we'll deliver to their cars, which we've done for the ice cream stand. We've also created an online ticket purchasing system on our website so there won't be any reason for

anyone to come up to the box office."

Ed Caro, who co-owns the 70-year-old Malta Drive-In Theater with his brother, Tom, said they also applied to the state to reopen last month but have not received a response.

"If we reopen, I'm sure the state will mandate certain things like 50 percent capacity and we'll figure out how to make it safe for our employees and guests," Ed said. "We may consider doing online ticket sales with a barcode scanner on people's phones and do just card payments and eliminate cash. We could put in shields between cashiers and guests."

He continued, "Normally, we have two cars between each speaker post but now we could have just one. We may limit concessions entirely and develop an online ordering system for takeout. For restrooms, maybe one person goes in at a time only."

Unlike Jericho, the Malta Drive-In theater has not held any **Continues on page 15**

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From page 1 ... Think of Mom

Kerber's store sells natural bar and liquid soaps, deodorants and hand sanitizers. She said she will reopen her Stuyvesant Plaza storefront this Friday, May 8 through Sunday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. After this weekend, the storefront will be open for the same timeframe from Tuesdays to Saturdays; it will be closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Customers can order products from its website and either do curbside pickup or enter a designated section of the store to pick up their orders. Only four to five customers, who are required to wear masks, would be allowed inside the store at a time, with crosses on the floor indicating how much distance they must maintain between one another.

"We're going to do a lot for Mother's Day, like with our grand reopening, and we'll have creams, lotions, online packaging specials and more because we feel that moms should be treated," Kerber said. "Right now, moms have kids learning at home and have a lot to deal with. We believe moms teach kids about how to wash hands and everyone's washing their hands more than ever

She connected this with how mothers continue to rely on her business for natural products and the importance of observing Mother's Day, especially during the pandemic this year.

"Times will change but moms will be there forever who care about everything and I think they should be appreciated," she said. For more information, visit www.radssoap.com.

Balance Massage and Healing Arts, a Delmar-based massage studio since 2001, is selling gift certificates, wellness packages and online products which make for thoughtful Mother's Day gift ideas, according to its owner Denise Healy-Mason.

While gift certificates and wellness packages will be valid when the studio reopens in time, online products available now include eye pillows, crystals and jewelry. "I've also been making hand sugar scrubs which helps exfoliate and moisturize, and I also have rainbow room sprays which are scented gem waters that have little crystals, essential oils, lavender and tangerine inside," Healy-Mason said. "They help with stress and

"I believe that every day, mothers need to be celebrated."

— Denise Healy-Mason,
owner of Balance Massage and Healing Arts

now. So, it's really nice to treat moms with nice smells and natural products."

RAD Soap Co.'s reopening this week marks the first time its doors will open since temporarily closing in March. "Because we make natural hand sanitizers and have been successful in that, [the state] let us stay open and consider us an essential business," Kerber said. "The sales for that have been astronomical."

While saying that Mother's Day is one of her business' busiest times, Kerber brought up that she originally started RAD Soap Co. in 2009 partially because she wanted to make soap that could also help one of her two sons who struggled with eczema.

you can spray your room and they basically are room fresheners."

Offering only curbside pickup, the studio will reopen this Saturday, May 9, close the next day to observe Mother's Day and open again every day except Sundays afterwards. Customers cannot enter the studio but Healy-Mason, clad with a mask and gloves, will hand them their orders outside.

"Usually the week before Mother's Day is when people think they got to get something for their mothers and so far, we've sold gift cards and some wellness packages," she said. "I believe that every day, mothers need to be celebrated."

For information, visit

"There's so much women do for their families and this time, it's stressful so giving your mother something is fantastic. Mothers are dealing with their children's online schooling and trying to get their work done but it's important now more than ever to spend time with your families, especially your mothers."

— Sandra Dollard,
Evoke Style owner



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Evoke Style, a Stuyvesant Plaza women's clothing store that sells shoes, clothing and handbags with a target demographic of women aged 35 and up since 2010, has held several weekly raffles leading up to Mother's Day. Last week was a raffle for a \$400 shoe gift certificate while this week sees customers vying for a piece of jewelry priced at around \$400.

Owner Sandra Dollard said each week, a raffle ticket costs \$20 and customers can score a ticket by emailing sandra@evokestyle.com or calling 518-512-5240. She announces the weekly raffle on Tuesdays; customers must pay over the phone for raffle tickets by Wednesdays; and the winner is announced on Facebook by Fridays.

Even if a customer does not win the prize, they would receive a \$20 gift certificate that they can use for any future purchase.

Dollard said the raffles have been "taking off" and "I'm so grateful for all my ladies and customers who are still supportive during this time." She added that since the pandemic began, Evoke Style's storefront temporarily closed but offers delivery and curbside pickup for online orders.

"There's so much women do for their families and this time, it's stressful so giving your mother something is fantastic," Dollard said. "Mothers are dealing with their children's online schooling and trying to get their work done but it's important now more than ever to spend time with your families, especially your mothers."

For more information, visit www.evokestyle.com.

■ EDUCATION

Assistant Principal of the Year

BCMS' Mark Warford recognized at state and national levels

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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Bethlehem Central Middle School assistant principal Mark Warford, above, has held his position since 2008 and has been an educator for 25 years now.

Provided photo

DELMAR — Bethlehem Central Middle School assistant principal Mark Warford was named a 2020 New York State Assistant Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State and the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

“It really is an honor and I feel really good,” Warford said. “Naturally, I’m extremely fortunate to work in such a great district and supportive community.”

He was swift in crediting several colleagues too — including Gregg Nolte, BCSD’s director of facilities of operations, and Allissa Eiser, the district’s food services director.

“Moving any initiative forward in a meaningful way is really a collaborative effort and there’s so many administrators and teachers who support my work on academic intervention, environmental issues and sustainability,” he added. “It’s a testament of the district and community, and I’m happy to accept it on their behalf.”

Warford has been an educator since 1995, including being a teacher in Guilderland’s Farnsworth Middle School for seven years.

Since attaining his current position in 2008, he became involved in numerous programs and initiatives, like GROW (goal setting, responsibility, organization and work ethic). He said it provides academic support for students who struggle with time management and organization.

“GROW uses our teaching staff and teachers’ aides to really help kids structure their days and remind them that work

needs to be completed,” Warford said. “It helps kids who fall through the cracks and it’s not necessarily just for kids with special needs.”

BCMS Principal Michael Klugman recognized Warford’s efforts and said, “He maintains the highest expectations of all students, and works tirelessly alongside teachers to demonstrate to students what their potential is and how they can reach it.”

Warford also founded the Green Team, a districtwide committee that promotes sustainability and environmental initiatives.

It helped develop a small farm in the middle school which provides produce for district cafeterias, the Delmar Farmers Market and donates to the town’s food pantry. It ceased the use of disposable trays, plastic cutlery, non-reusable plastic straws and Styrofoam containers. It also encourages the recycling of paper, glass, batteries, highlighters and more.

“The big picture for education is to prepare our students for the

“Some of the biggest issues this generation will face are environmental and sustainability problems. So, it’s important that what we do can prepare them for the future.”

— Mark Warford, BCMS assistant principal

future and give them tools and knowledge to solve problems,” Warford said. “Some of the biggest issues this generation will face are environmental and sustainability problems. So, it’s important that what we do can prepare them for the future.”

While the awards ceremony has been postponed from May to the fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Warford said for now, “I’m just very thankful for the district and the community. I’m very pleased.”

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Giving thanks to local first responders

By MICHAEL HALLISEY
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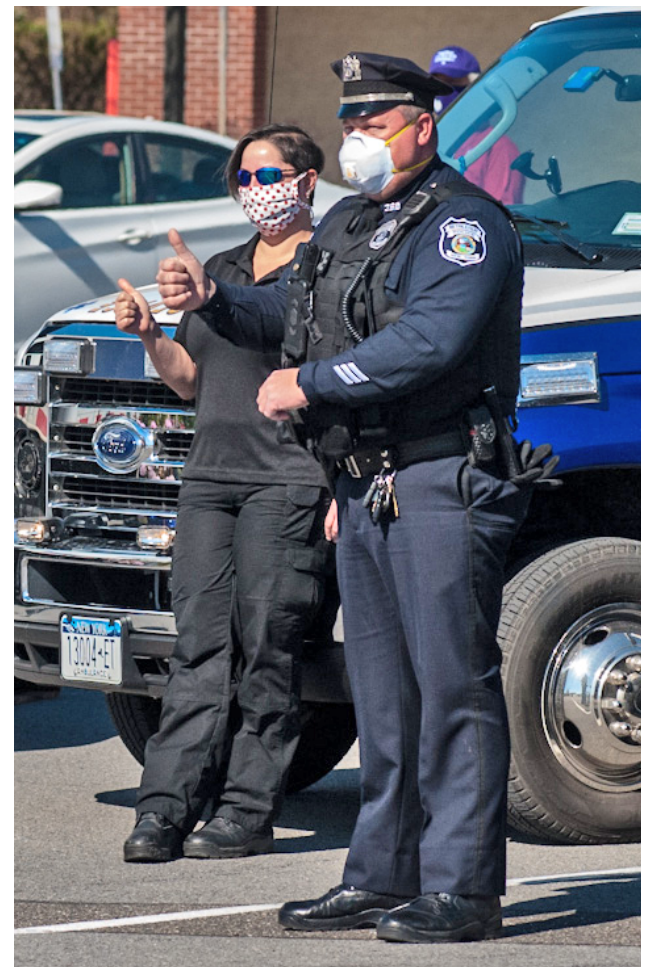
GLENMONT — Employees of the local Lowe's retail store dropped off shrubs and trees at the latest distribution event for "Together, We Are One Bethlehem." on Saturday, May 2, at the Glenmont Plaza.

The donation will be planted at the entrance of the Kevin M. Shea Municipal Center on Center Road.

It's a gesture of gratitude towards local first responders shared by the "Together" group.

Members of each of the town's fire departments and rescue squads were in attendance to help receive the gift.

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Share a recipe

Have you been stress baking or spending a lot more time in the kitchen than usual?

Share your favorite recipe (with photos, if you can) for the Upper Hudson Library System Community Cookbook challenge.

Please include your name and your home library. Recipes will be collected through July 1 and compiled in a free downloadable cookbook.

Send your recipe submissions to Librarian Cathy Brenner at cathy@bethpl.org.

Zoom storytimes

Check out our Zoom Family Storytime every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. through May 26. Enjoy stories, songs and activities for children up to age 6 with caregiver.

To participate, go to:



bit.ly/3eIaek5 (password is 562837) at the scheduled time. Please note: Zoom storytimes require you to sign in using the password provided above.

Your e-mail and video will not be visible to other participants and your sound will be muted.

Library board meeting

The Library Board of Trustees will meet virtually Monday, May 11, at 6 p.m. You can watch the meeting live on the library's YouTube channel or website.

Public questions or comments can be directed to Library Director Geoffrey Kirkpatrick at director@bethpl.org. A draft of the minutes will be

available within 10 days of the meeting.

Our commitment to organizational transparency continues, even as group gathering guidelines and building closures pose a challenge to holding our monthly Board of Trustees meetings.

Please visit our Board of Trustees webpage at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/about-us/board-of-trustees for more information.

Got questions?

Reach out by email at information@bethpl.org and staff will assist you.

You can also call the library at 518-439-9314 and leave a message.

We will get back to you as soon as we are able, but please allow additional time for questions asked via voicemail.

— Kristen Roberts

Genealogy help

Our resident professional genealogist, Lisa Dougherty, is available for free family history consultations every Wednesday during May.

Get one-on-one help starting the process or making progress by visiting the Upstate NY Genealogy by Lisa Dougherty Facebook page.

For more information, visit her website at www.upstatenygenealogy.com. Right now, you can also access ancestry.com for free at www.uhls.org/databases.asp.

Trivia Tuesdays

GPL Trivia returns...to your living room. Adults and teens are invited to put their heads together for three themed Trivia Tuesday nights in May at 7 p.m.

The themes are: Harry



Potter Trivia – May 12; '80s & '90s Trivia – May 19; and Disney/Star Wars Trivia – May 26.

Participants can play individually, as an in-house team, or with a virtual team to vie for bragging rights as a GPL Trivia Champion.

Team captains should be 16+ years old and will be responsible for communicating with the hosts on GoToMeeting.

Anyone needing login information, including Team Captains, should register on the Events tab on our website.

Writing contest

The deadline is fast approaching for our "Write at Home" writing contest. Grades four through adults are encouraged to submit their best work to us by Friday, May 15 at noon

Winners receive a \$30 prize of their choice from the Book House, and all works submitted will be posted on our website with the author's permission.

All forms of poetry and prose are eligible. Participants must reside within the Guilderland School District or possess a Guilderland Public Library Card. Visit guilderlandlibrary.org/wfh for full details.

Board of Trustees to meet

On Thursday, May 21 at 6 p.m., the Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees will hold a virtual business meeting, streamed live on the GPL Facebook page. Public commentary before and during the meeting may be directed to pio@guilderlandpubliclibrary.org.

— Luanne Nicholson

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

104 W. 120TH ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/24/20. 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, 7 Mortar Rock Road, Westport, CT 06880. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244937

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

1065 PARK AVENUE GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/25/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 East 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243574

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

111 MONTGOMERY 4P LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/08/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 301 E. 62nd Street, #15C, New York, NY 10065. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244173

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

131 W 69TH LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 01/30/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware 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, 131 W. 69th Street, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243595

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

1716 ADAMS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/20/20. 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, 605 Morris Park Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244597

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178 ORANGE STREET REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/26/20. Office: Al-

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bany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 178 Orange Street, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243525

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

198 PRINCE ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/30/20. 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 Business Filings Incorporated, 187 Wolf Road, Suite 101, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243598

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220 RSB 25CD, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/05/20. 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, 220 Riverside Boulevard, Apartment 25C, New York, NY 10069. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245020

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

227 ROCK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/16/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Edward R. Smolka, Esq., 5 Tudor City Place, Lobby 11, New York, NY 10017-6853. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243597

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

402 ST. MARKS PLACE PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/20. 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 Midland Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244622

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

41-29 52nd STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/24/20. 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, c/o Irhan Balic, 49 Victoria Lane, #1, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244938

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SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT May 12, 2020
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the May Commissioners Meeting will be held on the second Tuesday, May 12th via Zoom Meeting. For in-

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formation regarding this meeting please contact the secretary at district@slingerlandfirescue.org. Emilie Moss Fire District Secretary Slingerlands Fire District D-245252

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5040 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/27/20. 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, c/o Percella Weinberg Partners LLC, 797 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10153. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243524

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98 DEKALB AVENUE GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/26/20. 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, 10 E. 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243470

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ACJP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/01/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 32-12 33rd Street, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243714

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ANGEL DUFFY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1160 Third Avenue, 5E, New York, NY 10065. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244719

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ARIBURNU LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/30/20. 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, 40 Mercer Street, Apartment 23, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243589

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ASEGC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/27/20. 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, 244 Fifth Avenue, #1599, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243559

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BARRON SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/20. 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, 5 Smith Lane, Saint James, NY 11780. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243709

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BIG MEMO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/15/20. 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, 155 West 68th Street, #2029, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244393

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BLACK CLOUD PROPERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/13/20. Office: Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 506, Preston Hollow, NY 12469. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244899

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BRIAN P MURRAY GLOBAL CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/24/20. 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, 8 Pauley Lane, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244961

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CANAM CAPITAL 595 WEA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 595 West End Avenue, Apartment 4/5, New York, NY 10024. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244721

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CDK ROMERO 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, 3059 Milburn Avenue, Baldwin, NY 11510. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243594

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CHOPT VESTAVIA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/16/20. Office: Albany County.

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COMFORT HOMES REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/23/09. Latest date to dissolve: 01/01/2030. 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, 2705 Eastchester Road, Bronx, NY 10469. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245022

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CONCHITA WIDJOJO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/11/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 65 Bank Street, Apartment 7, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243697

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CROSBY 54 INVESTORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/20/20. 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, 51 Wooster Street, Floor 3, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244591

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DUTCH DISINFECT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/30/20. 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 Thomas van de Veer-donk, 8 Lookout Pass, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245179

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

EMPIRE LENDING SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/13/20. 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, 3 Howard Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244277

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FAB JDJ, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/17/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the

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LLC, 100 Morton Street, Apartment 8DW, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244525

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FARMERS MARKET HOME DELIVERY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/25/20. 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, PO Box 14, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244304

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Library book discussions are going digital. Adult readers should join the Voorpl Book Group on Facebook.

There, we will host various formal book discussions and informal chatter about book related topics.

Request to join this closed group and get accepted by VPL to get the private links to the discussion meetings.

- “Varina” by Charles Frazier will be discussed at the Books & Beyond Facebook meeting on Wednesday, May 20 at 11 a.m. The e-book and downloadable audiobook are available on Hoopla with your library card.
- The Talk & Taste Cookbook Group will meet on Thursday, May 28 at 6 p.m. to discuss “Cook Like a Pro” by Ina Garten and any recipes found



on her Barefoot Contessa website.

- The Middle School Book Club will be discussing “Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus” by Dusti Bowling on Wednesday, May 13 at 2:30 p.m. This meeting will be conducted in Ms. Menetti’s Middle School Library Google Classroom. Students should look there for information about this co-sponsored event.

Do you love your rescue pet?

Of course you do! Would you like the chance to have your rescue pet highlighted in an upcoming art show at the Voorheesville Public Library?

Megan Viscio, local artist and teacher, will

be selecting winners, whose pets will be made into mini-sculptures and featured in her art show.

To enter the contest, provide a short, heartwarming write-up about your rescue pet or rescue experience along with several photographs from which Megan will work.

The winners will get to keep the mini-sculptures after the show.

If interested or if you need more information, contact Megan at mviscio@nycap.rr.com or Gail Brown at gail.brown@voorpl.org.

Because the library is presently closed due to COVID-19, the art show may become virtual or it will wait until the library can safely open to offer public gatherings.

Visit Megan’s art work at thestudiohouse.blog.

— Lynn Kohler

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Gardening tips

Library Clerk and resident garden expert Amy has created three gardening videos that we’ve posted on the library’s YouTube channel.

Get advice for dividing hosta and daylilies and how-to tips for pruning hydrangeas, roses, and junipers.

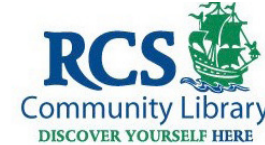
Next week, Amy will answer gardening questions submitted by you.

So whether it’s a question about identifying a plant, what to plant in that shady spot, or a vegetable garden question — email us at info@rcscommunitylibrary to Ask Amy.

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We were just about out of books to give away when our friends at the Grace Methodist Book Nook stepped up to replenish our supply.

Weather permitting, Wednesdays, from 12 noon to 3 p.m., we’ll continue to have a cart outside the library with



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Each bag has been created by a gloved staff member and has a selection of five to six similar books described on the bag.

We’ll try to have an assortment for everyone, from picture books to romance to suspense, and more.

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Library storytimes at your house

Storytimes build early literacy and school readiness and they’re fun.

Though we can’t be together at the library for

storytime, you can still enjoy virtual storytimes.

Tune in to our YouTube channel or click on our Facebook link to join our staffers, Miss Kathy and Miss Liz, as they read favorite books, sing songs, and share early literacy tips.

New storytimes are posted every Thursday and Friday morning.

Library Kids Online

Library staffers have created Library Kids Online as a place for school-age kids to hang out with their friends virtually on the Google Meet platform and have fun.

Last week we made invisible ink, had a LEGO challenge, and a Harry Potter trivia contest.

You can find out what we’re doing each week by liking our Library Kids Online Event on Facebook or clicking on the link on our website.

— Carol Melewski

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LLC, 1400 5th Avenue, Suite 8C, New York, NY 10026. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243622

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Keep up with good habits

Experts say it takes two weeks to establish a habit.

This week marks eight weeks for a shutdown imposed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to mitigate the number of COVID-19 virus related infections in New York. The shutdown is unlike many of the other states across the country. With that said, Americans across the board are feeling the effects.

The shutdown has impacted the economy in ways we have never seen. Mind you, we've witnessed the 2008 Recession. A real estate bubble popped by unscrupulous mortgage practices spun our world in a financial disaster. We experienced layoffs that spiked the unemployment rate to a height of 10.2 percent. Gas prices soared above \$4 a gallon. As a result, the price of consumer goods went up with an inflation rate of nearly 4 percent. That was 2008, and it took years to crawl out from it.

Today, as restrictions choke business across the board, people are out of jobs. Prognosticators predict unprecedented numbers of people without work during this pandemic. The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis forecasts a figure of 30 percent, higher than the Great Depression or any recession that followed it. The number is staggering, and it's a

figure that has fueled the frustration of many to the point of storming state houses across the United States in protest.

The anger is real and it's not reserved to those protesting on the steps of our state Capitol Building. You can recognize both the temper in the faces we meet at our local grocery store. You see their faces, despite a statewide mandate that requires face masks. You come face-to-face with some as they push their carts the opposite way of marks left by store employees who are following suggestions from the Centers for Disease Control. That angst is shaping policy elsewhere.

There are places in the Great Plains and the Midwest that have attempted to get masks on their citizens, but open threats and protests have reversed the order. Ohio and Stillwater, Oklahoma have pushed their respective governments far enough to reverse mandates to wear protective masks. In the past two weeks, Albany has witnessed protests against the measures the Empire State has been under since March to control infection rates. They point to the latest numbers off of the internet, often pointing at a mortality rate as low as 2 percent — suggesting it's a risk worth taking to open New York back up again.

There is a great divide,

and it is defined by whose profession is deemed essential, and whose is not. Essential workers have retained their jobs. Many of them remain at home, able to pay bills while they maintain their professional duties from a laptop and cellphone. Many of them are also struggling to remain productive while stewarding their child's education. Our kids are entering their second month outside of their classrooms, and they're not going back this academic year. How kids advance to the next grade, and what's to be done next year, remains in limbo.

Hair salons and other pampering services are considered non-essential. Restaurants and hospitality services — nearly 80 percent of which are now closed — can't open for service. Anything that encourages people to congregate in mass or break the suggested six-feet of separation are not open. Not today. But, liquor stores are open. Grocery stores are open. It smells of some kind of conspiracy, some say. That the government wants to trigger a recession.

That sounds ludicrous, and smells of certain bias towards one party as we approach November on this election year.

As people struggle, our infrastructure is struggling. School districts are left scratching their heads when

faced with unknowns. Can they open their building for summer learning programs? Will the new school year be on campus or at home? And, the funding? What kind of funding will they see from Albany. At this hour, counties outside of New York City are looking at a \$2 billion windfall from loss of sales tax. Those are county governments. The state level is looking at \$15 billion, according to Cuomo. Without, schools, police and first responders are just a few places impacted by a government that is relatively broke.

Despite the information resources made available to us through the internet, we are a people driven more by emotion and opinion than we are of logic and data. It has grown too apparent that it is difficult to distinguish between the opinion and fact within the internet's vast environment. However, it has become all too common for people who never too interest in science beyond fifth grade feel competent enough to discredit learned scholars who help our government shape policy.

The contempt against science and reason needs to stop. As summer approaches, as did with the Spanish Flu of 1918, the rate of infection from COVID-19 will likely go down as experts are saying. However, like the 1918 pandemic that killed

approximately 675 million Americans, it could resurge once the weather cools and our resolve wanes.

The 1918 flu has been used as our barometer for good behavior. The actions of the past has shaped what it is we are doing now. That flu closed theatres. It closed churches. It closed schools. But, not everyone practiced social distancing.

It sounds repetitive, probably because we've told this story before. The 1918 flu is often told as a tale between two cities. A plot line shared between the cities of St. Louis and Philadelphia. St. Louis is often credited with establishing the six-foot distance between people. Despite the practice, St. Louis residents still died at a rate of 358 per 100,000 people. That figure, however, is more than half of what Philadelphia suffered.

The City of Brotherly Love famously hosted a parade on Sept. 28, 1918. The idea flew in the face of the Pennsylvania governor who wanted social distancing. Days later, thousands flooded Philadelphia's hospitals.

Ironically, St. Louis' numbers could have been lower had it not relaxed social distancing and caused another spike in infections.

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special gatherings or events since the pandemic began.

“One thing we didn’t take advantage of, which other drive-ins did, was hold Easter Sunday services,” Ed said. “We were concerned about liability and insurance company notices regarding COVID-19 so we stayed away from it.”



The Jericho Drive-In Theater hosted Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District’s Drive-In Day on April 7 where teachers stayed in their parked cars and greeted driving students and parents with posters and signs.

Facebook

However, he expressed gratitude for people’s supportive comments on the theater’s Facebook page.

“It’s been very heartwarming and good to see our guests miss us,” he said. “As owners, this is our means of income so we miss it and look forward to getting it going again.”

Frank Fisher, who took over owning Averill Park’s 68-year-old Hollywood Drive-In Theater from his late father in 1968, also appreciated how people left comments on its Facebook page about missing the theater and wanting to come in droves if it reopens.

“Lots of people do want to support the drive-in but I rather stay closed until I’m allowed to open so that people won’t pass the virus to anyone else,” Fisher said. “I’m not really complaining about the state government and all that because they’re protecting us.”

However, similar to Jericho, the Hollywood Drive-In plans to host a few Sunday services starting this week for the Brunswick Church, a Presbyterian church that Fisher goes to. The church services initially shifted to online sermons when the pandemic worsened in the Capital District.

Fisher said he brought up

the idea of using his drive-in as a place to temporarily hold services to his pastor.

“The cars will be roughly 18 to 20 feet from one another, so one vehicle will be between the two speaker poles,” he said. “The priest will do the sermon on the premises while people use their vehicles’ radios to listen. But no one will be able to leave their vehicles or use restrooms. We’re going to try this and see what happens. It depends on the weather.”

Fisher also feels prepared if the drive-in can reopen. His ideas include requiring guests to remain in their vehicles when they drive up to the concession building to pay and pick up their orders; and having some employees sanitize the restrooms after one person uses it at a time.

If they can reopen, all three drive-in theaters noted that since no new major Hollywood films would be screened soon as such films are either postponed or made available online, they could screen old films, like those from last year or retro classics.

“Everyone is really itching to get out of the house so it almost doesn’t matter what you put on the screen,” Ed said.

Lisa and Caro revealed that eight schools reached out to them about possibly using their drive-in theaters to hold graduation ceremonies.

However, since these plans are not confirmed yet as of Sunday, May 3, they did not name the schools.

“Schools are looking for some kind of semblance of a graduation ceremony and they can’t figure out how to do graduation at SPAC [Saratoga Performing Arts Center] without social distancing,” said Ed.

Lisa chimed in, “It’s very early but as far as I know, we could do it as long as everyone stays in their cars. There can be a prerecorded message on the screen, speeches can be made on the microphone while each car listens on the radio, and the senior’s name can be announced with a live video of them walking across a stage or their photo can be screened. We’d be happy to help schools if that’s the way it has to be.”



In Averill Park, the Hollywood Drive-In Theater has plans to temporarily host several Sunday services for a local Presbyterian church as a way to creatively use the premises and not compromise anyone’s health.

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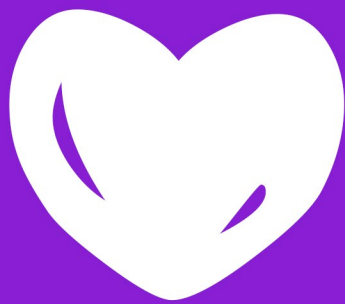
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A silent Saratoga?

The 'August place to be' may not be in a year marred by COVID-19

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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The annual gala at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center could fall silent amid state regulations restricting large groups.

Saratoga in the summer is an adult playground. From its family-friendly days in the sun to the bump-and-grind nights in the clubs, the heart of the Spa City thumps loudest when the temperature is warmest.

Saratoga Performing Arts Center

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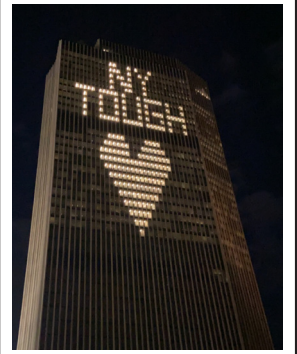


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"I'm speechless. ... That might be my most favorite performance of the year. 12 out of 10."




— Luke Bryan, commenting on Julia Gargano's performance on "American Idol"



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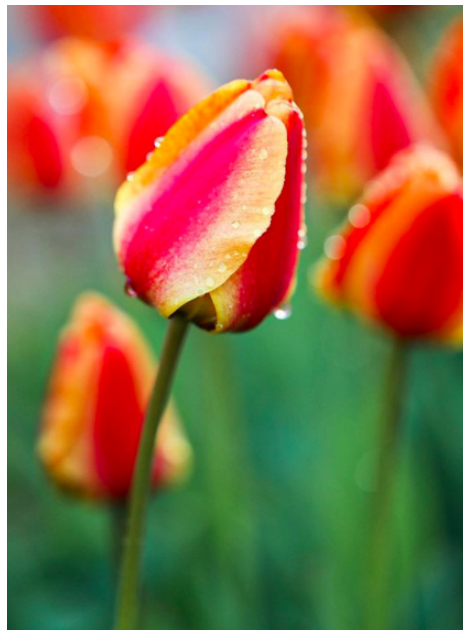
Albany moves Tulip Festival into the virtual realm for Saturday

ALBANY — The City of Albany announced last Friday it would hold a virtual Tulip Festival celebration on Saturday, May 9.

The virtual event will feature musical performances, Tulip garden tours, local business take out specials, prizes and more.

“While I join so many of you that are looking forward to getting back to celebrating the annual Tulip Fest the way we are accustomed to, I am excited to participate in the first ever virtual Tulip Fest,” said Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan. “I want to thank the Office of Cultural Affairs for their commitment to reinventing this and many other traditional Albany events in light of the COVID-19 outbreak and hope you and your family and friends will virtually join us on May 9th.”

The virtual Tulip Festival will feature musical performances from local talents like The Age, Erin Harkes, Hartley’s Encore, Caity Gallagher and many others. City of Albany Gardeners will be taking you on a tour of the Tulip beds complete with their expert knowledge. Local businesses are celebrating the day with take-out specials. Plus Melvin the Magnificent will be putting on a magic show for the kids! The video will premiere on our YouTube Page Albany Events at noon on Saturday, May 9. You will also be able to find it on our social media channels



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Virtual Tulip Festival is presented by Citizens Bank and Discover Albany! We thank them for their commitment to our community during the ongoing global pandemic.

The 2020 Albany Tulip Queen and Court will be presented at a later date with their own celebration.

The City canceled the Washington Park tradition in March to be in accordance with Centers for Disease Control guidance recommending the cancellation of mass gatherings through May 10 due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We hope everyone remains safe and we look forward to seeing you all back in Washington Park in 2021!

Prevention Reminders

As a reminder, please visit the Centers for Disease Control, the New York State Department of Health and the Albany County Department of Health for the most recent guidelines regarding COVID-19 precautions and symptoms.

All individuals are urged to continue following social distancing protocols, including staying at home as much as possible, especially if you feel ill but even if you feel well, keeping at least 6 feet from other individuals, avoiding unnecessary appointments, regularly washing hands, covering coughs, avoiding the touching of face, eyes, mouth, nose, and ears, and taking special caution to avoid exposing the elderly and people with underlying health conditions.

You will also find a variety of City of Albany-specific COVID-19 response information, including information regarding where to access food or child care, school closures, and how to volunteer, by visiting <https://www.albanyny.gov/Government/MayorsOffice/COVID19ResourceGuide.aspx>.



Gargano Top 11 in American Idol

ALBANY — Julia Gargano advanced to the top 11 of performers on ABC’s “American Idol” on Sunday, May 3.

The 21-year-old wowed judges with her performance of Billy Joel’s “New York State of Mind.”

The Staten Island native, who is a junior at the College of St. Rose, joined her fellow contestants by performing from home. The show made famous by bringing unknown talent to Hollywood is sequestered at home due to virus-related restrictions.

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Cohoes cuts contract with Music Hall

Music Hall hopes to cut new deal with city soon

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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COHOES — City Council terminated contracts with both Cohoes Music Hall and Park Playhouse on Tuesday, April 28.

The decision dealt a blow to an arts and music scene that used the historic playhouse as a quality venue able to attract crowds of up to 450 people. But, a silenced Cohoes Music Hall will likely cause substantial ripples across a city that just started to pull itself up from years of financial hardship.

Cohoes Mayor Bill Keeler had repeatedly said that the city can no longer support the two contracts. It's "not financially sustainable," he said.

Voiding the contracts, which each had two remaining years on their respective agreement, would have cost Cohoes approximately \$200,000 in 2020. The Music Hall was to receive a \$90,000 management fee this year, and in turn, the city would receive \$2.50 for each ticket sold. Last season, the city received \$38,000.

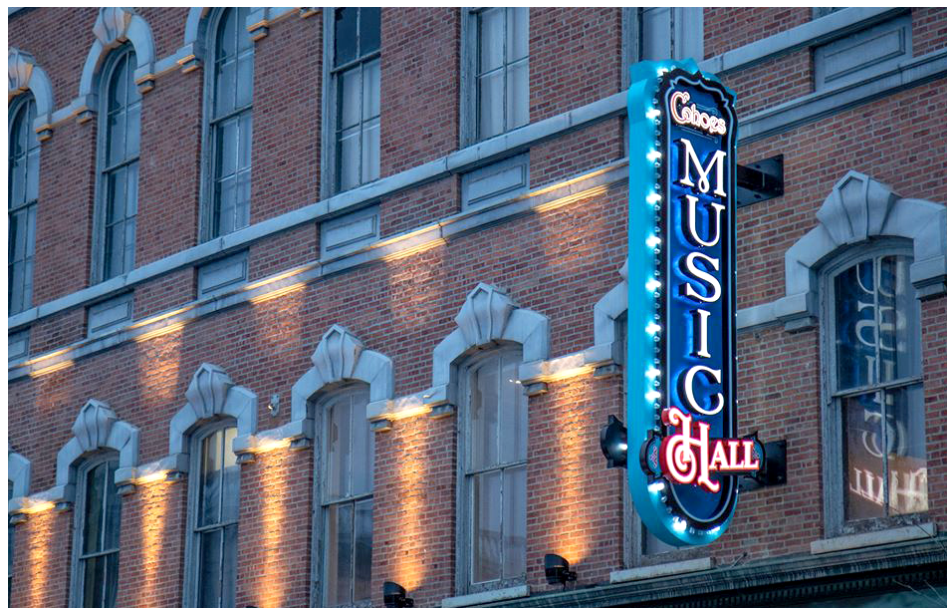
Holly Brown, the executive director of the Music Hall, said she understood the reason behind the city's decision, but pleaded to policymakers to look at the

situation beyond the dollars and cents.

A revitalized Cohoes Music Hall has been the centerpiece to the Spindle City's rehabilitation. A \$10.7 million reconstruction of Cohoes Boulevard helped welcome visitors to the city from Albany and other points south. The Lofts at Harmony Mills was one of several housing developments within the city's limits. It had converted a former cotton mill along the Mohawk River into more than 300 luxury apartments. And the traffic on Remsen Street was restriped to slow the flow of traffic in front of struggling restaurants and businesses that looked to the success of its neighboring music hall.

Cohoes Music Hall has been shuttered by a statewide shutdown first implemented in mid-March. The shutdown was imposed upon all gathering halls, and was later extended to restaurants, bars and shopping malls.

The shutdown of restaurants, bars and retail stores leaves municipalities across the board without income from sales tax. According to New York state, counties outside of New York City are projected to lose a combined \$2 billion in revenue from sales tax this year.



Cohoes Music Hall

"We can't let this virus reverse all the progress we've made," said Brown.

Since its reopening, Cohoes Music Hall has been the home to various theater groups, comedy shows, and live concerts. Its grand opening was on Nov. 23, 1874, establishing it as the country's fourth oldest music hall in operation.

The City of Cohoes will serve the Music Hall's management team a 90-day notice of its decision. In that time, Brown

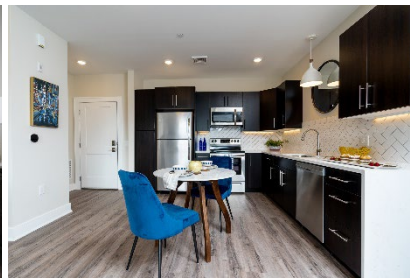
said she intends to design a new agreement with the city. If a management agreement is not established by the end of the notice period, Brown and her staff will have to vacate the Music Hall.

The Park Playhouse, which uses Cohoes Music Hall as its base of operations, also had its contract cut. With the voided contract and pandemic related restrictions still in order, it further leaves the production house in limbo on what should be its 32nd season.



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 A silent Saratoga?

Since the novel coronavirus pandemic placed a strangle hold upon the Empire State, Saratoga has kept optimistic that the shutdown would not leach into the summer. Two of the largest barometers measuring this approach has been the Saratoga Race Course and Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

Overall, SPAC's summertime schedule has remained intact. A few dates have cleaved off as musical acts have outright canceled their respective tours. Gov. Andrew Cuomo had provided a glimmer of hope when first discussing the possibility of opening the state after May 15. The chance of that happening, however, is steeped in a thick soup of conditions in the form of a 12-step plan based on suggestions from the Centers for Disease Control.

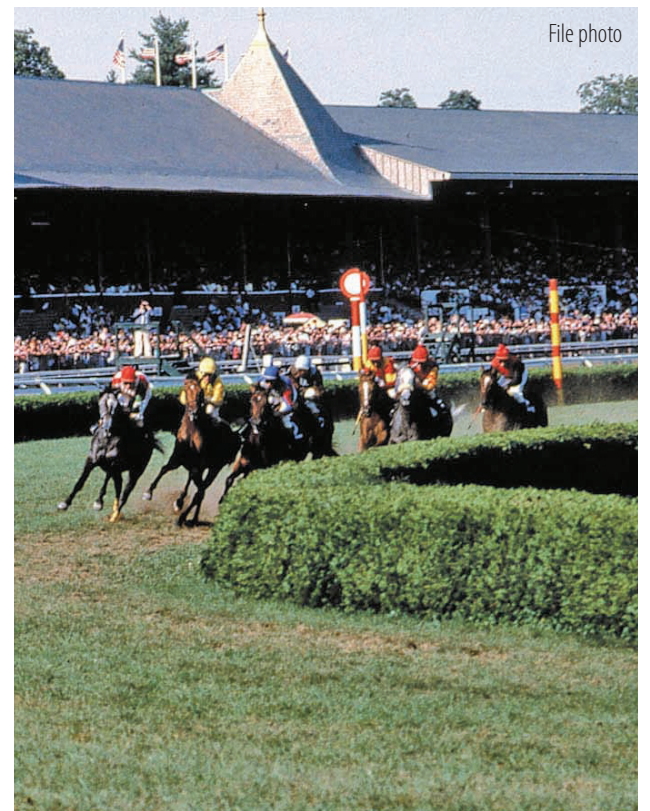
Under that climate, The Lumineers canceled its June show last week. The band's decision came a day prior to the governor's announcement that state

schools would remain closed for the remainder of the academic year. The governor's cautionary decision regarding the state's children extends shutdown measures to some degree until the end of June.

"We have to be smart about this - emotions can't drive our re-opening process - and we've come up with factual data points that each region must monitor as they begin to re-open," Cuomo said. The governor said businesses will reopen in phases; depending on the industry, its priority and perceived risk for spread. The state's tourist attractions factor into the latter, as the guideline specifically states "regions must not open attractions or businesses that would draw a large number of visitors from outside the local area."

This all leaves the possibility for a quiet summer in Saratoga quite plausible.

The New York Racing Association is already



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"By closing to spectators and reducing employees and support staff to only those who are required under the rules of racing, the running of races would support the small businesses and hourly workers who form the backbone of the sport."

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looking at how it will salvage its racing season. Cuomo suggested that sport entities continue their respective schedules in empty stadiums. NYRA later responded, and the racing authority appears to be considering it.

“Horse racing is in a unique position as a sport that can be safely staged without attendees,” NYRA announced in a statement, adding that Aqueduct Racetrack had temporarily operated under the same conditions before closing altogether on March 15. “By closing to spectators and reducing employees and support staff to only those who are required under the rules of racing, the running of races would support the small businesses and hourly workers who form the backbone of the sport.”

NYRA stated that the effort to keep races running in Saratoga and beyond will help preserve an industry that generates \$3 billion in annual economic impact and more than 19,000 jobs across the state.

The goal behind Cuomo’s 12-step program is to manage the rate of virus-related infections.

As the shutdown was to prevent overwhelming emergency resources at local hospitals, a staggered effort to reopen the state is meant to keep hospitalization rates below 70 percent. Based under the guidelines, which includes a two-week period of continuous decline in infection rates, some regions of the state could start to reopen by May 15. But, New York City won’t likely be one of them, said the governor.

New York City continues to rank among entire countries in terms of number of virus infections and deaths. John Hopkins University & Medicine lists New York City, with a reported 18,069 deaths, as more than Belgium (7,703) and Germany (6,623) combined. With the city continuing to combat against those numbers, Cuomo said it would take “a miracle” to reopen Gotham and downstate by May 15.

Elizabeth Sobol expressed both optimism and caution in a recent statement posted on SPAC’s website.

“The health and safety of everyone in our SPAC family and the community

are of critical importance to us,” stated SPAC’s president and CEO, “and we are adhering to guidelines set by the CDC, as well as consulting continuously with local and state health authorities about the safest path forward for the coming months.”

Sobol added that shows canceled due to an emergency or in relation to COVID-19 will be refunded or credited.

“Alas, we find ourselves mourning the necessary closing of many of our most important and beloved arts organizations – both in the Capital Region – and around the world – with futures uncertain, to put it mildly,” Sobol said.

Each summer, for at least a week, both the New York City Ballet and Philadelphia Orchestra call Saratoga home. The dance company’s shows are still scheduled to go, starting with an opening night performance of “Swan Lake” on Tuesday, July 14. The orchestra, too, has yet to break off its plans to visit the Spa City this August. Its residency is to include a simultaneous showing of “Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back” in

Cuomo’s 12-Step Reopening Plan

CDC Guidelines: Once a region experiences a 14-day decline in the hospitalization rate they may begin a phased re-opening.

Industries: Businesses in each region will re-open in phases. Phase One will include opening construction and manufacturing functions with low risk. Phase Two will open certain industries based on priority and risk level. Businesses considered “more essential” with inherent low risks of infection in the workplace and to customers will be prioritized, followed by other businesses considered “less essential” or those that present a higher risk of infection spread. Regions must not open attractions or businesses that would draw a large number of visitors from outside the local area.

Business Precautions: Each business and industry must have a plan to protect employees and consumers, make the physical work space safer and implement processes that lower risk of infection in the business.

Building Health Care Capacity: To maintain the phased re-opening plan, each region must have at least 30 percent of hospital beds and ICU beds available after elective surgeries resume.

Testing Regimen: Regions must implement a testing regimen that prioritizes symptomatic persons and individuals who came into contact with a known COVID-positive person, and conducts frequent tests of frontline and essential workers.

Tracing System: There must be at least 30 contact tracers for every 100,000 people. The region must also monitor the regional infection rate throughout the re-opening plan.

Isolation Facilities: Regions must present plans to have rooms available for people who test positive for COVID-19 and who cannot self-isolate.

Regional Coordination: Regions must coordinate the re-opening of schools, transportation systems, testing and tracing with other surrounding regions.

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Regional Control Rooms: Each region must appoint an oversight institution as its control room to monitor regional indicators during the phased re-opening, including hospital capacity, rate of infection, PPE burn rate and businesses.

Protect and Respect Essential Workers: Regions must continue to ensure protections are in place for essential workers.

— Office of Governor Andrew Cuomo

its final night on Saturday, Aug. 8. It continues to show an entertainment industry stuck in a holding pattern, full of optimism, despite what’s being said out of Albany. As the summer approaches, it’s possible more shows will be canceled from SPAC’s schedule, if not completely scrapped.

Another Saratoga staple made the tough decision to shutdown last Friday.

The Saratoga County Fair, considered one of the oldest running fairs in the country since it was first established in 1841, will not open in July.

Susan Rhoades, executive director of the Saratoga County Fair Grounds, had “hoped” against having to share news of the closing.

“Since 1841, we have only canceled the fair once,” Rhoades stated on social media, “during the Civil War.”

The fairground’s board of directors decided just days after Cuomo extended statewide restrictions.

“I’m not going to trade off economics for life and death,” Cuomo said. “Public health comes first. Life comes first.”

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• **Hand tools:** Hand tools, such as a hand fork and trowel, are essential for small digging jobs,

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vegetables, it can be a cost-effective way to eat healthy.

For gardeners without sufficient space or for those with mobility issues, container gardening can

be an ideal way to grow everything from flowers to vegetables. Better Homes & Gardens says most plants are not fussy about the containers in which they grow so long as some of their

basic needs are met. This means watering correctly for the type of plant, and ensuring sufficient drainage.

The following are some other ways container



gardening efforts can prove successful.

- Watch water. Planet Natural Research Center says plants with thin leaves typically need ample water, and plants with thick leaves need less. Use this as a guideline to gauge water needs.

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greenery, Good Housekeeping says to include “a thriller, a spiller and a filler” as a good rule of thumb. The thriller is the focal point, the spiller a trailing plant, and a filler has smaller leaves or flowers to add bulk and color.

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NEW LOCAL MUSIC

Jocelyn and Chris lead massive collab

Sydney Worthley

“Rose Colored Glasses” is Sydney Worthley’s newest release. The five-track EP, her first release since her debut album “Strong,” was mixed and mastered by John Naclerio at Nada Recording Studio in Montgomery. Naclerio has worked with My Chemical Romance, Senses Fail, Matchbook Romance, Midtown and Brand New in recent years.

Worthley has long shown an honest intimacy with her listeners. As “Strong” shared the story of her dealing with each of her two grandparents dying from cancer, in “Rose Colored Glasses,” she opens up to how she deals with her own depression.

“I’ve dealt with depression for four or five years now,” Worthley said. She also deals with anxiety, which she believes contributes to her shyness. The name of the EP addresses how she’s felt with her own situation. She had ignored the “red flags” that triggered a recent lack of interest in music, a love she’s had since she was 8 years old. She felt she wasn’t turning into the person she wanted to be. “It’s hard to see the red flags when you’re wearing rose-colored glasses.”

Worthley has been a proponent for mental health awareness. In 2018, she performed at Hope Rocks Festival. The annual music festival in Saugerties



Jocelyn and Chris Arndt collaborated with more than a dozen musicians across the globe in last week’s video release of their cover of Alannah Myles’ “Black Velvet.” Video screen capture

intermingles music with crafts, sports and other activities to welcome those suffering from addiction and depression to attend. Worthley said she believes in the merits of therapy and medication. Depression, she said, “It’s something you can’t really get past on your own.”

To purchase Worthley’s music and merchandise, visit sydneyworthley.com/store.

Jocelyn and Chris Arndt

Jocelyn and Chris Arndt dropped a surprise upon fans last week with a giant,

collaborative effort involving more than a dozen musicians across the globe.

The sister-brother duo dropped a cover of Alannah Myles’ “Black Velvet” on Sunday night. The video showcases the work of musicians from Albany to India, mixed and edited by David Bourgeois of White Lake Music & Post and Bridge Road Entertainment.

“Let me tell you, it was a heavy lift,” said Bourgeois, who in addition to playing drums for Jocelyn and Chris, he manages the band.

Jocelyn and Chris are captured playing

from North Creek in upstate New York. Bourgeois is immediately featured from the studio in Albany, while bassist plays from yet another location in the Capital District. The span between band members is nothing compared to the distance separating their friends which includes: Emma Torncello (Miami, FL); Avanti Nagral (Mumbai, India); Jess Goggans, of the Jess Goggans Band (Mentone, AL); Scotty V and Chad Michael, of WICKED (Rochester, NY); Carl Foshay, of Subkconscious (Ringgold, GA); Nizar Osmani (Miami, FL); Jeff Nania (Albany, NY); Alyssa Forget, of Off Kilter (Tiverton, RI); Bernie Barlow (Los Angeles, CA); and Eric Halborg, of Dragondeer (Denver, CO).

“It was so fun,” said Bourgeois. “Everyone was great. From local friends to people like Bernie who tours with Moody Blues and Sarah McLachlan.”

To purchase Jocelyn and Chris Arndt music, visit jocelyncandchrismusic.com.

Hartley’s Encore

Hartley’s Encore once billed itself as the “house band at your dance party for the apocalypse.” Well, that soulful band with an eye for the prophetic released a new single Monday, “Eyes Open.”

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From page B15 ... New Music

The local boys with a flair for the New Orleans sound dropped both the song and a corresponding video. "Eyes Open" is the band's first single off its upcoming album "Neutral Ground." It's the follow-up to the band's 2018 debut. The new project took them back to Iron Wax Studios to be recorded and mixed by Alan Evans, of Soulive. The album was also mastered by

Tod Levine at Magnetic North Studio.

The video, captured by Nate Hallmark and Scotty Somerville, features the band jamming together in a candlelit apartment, with Luke Malamood playing behind a baby grand piano. Off-camera is Malamood playing a Hammond organ and Jeff Nania on saxophone.

To purchase Hartley's Encore music and merchandise, visit hartleysencore.com.

Three-Quarter North

Three-Quarter North, the bluegrass Americana band from the outskirts of

Albany County, recently released its fourth album, "Common Ground."

The nine-track album offers a gift to live music lovers. "Common Ground" was recorded, mixed and mastered by Josh Pechette at Pechette Studios in Albany. "Mr. Spacemen" and "Nellie Kane," however, were both recorded live at the Old Kinderhook Fall Festival in Kinderhook. The band said it liked how both tracks captured the energy and excitement of a Three-Quarter North performance, and it couldn't come at a better time.

The band acknowledges current events in the liner notes captured on its Bandcamp account. The album's second track, "Inside Walls," is a song they've played for years but never recorded in a studio. With Mark Smith and Dave Rhodes singing lead vocals, and a robust chorus, the band asks fans to picture themselves "outside listening around an evening campfire" while "we're all stuck inside due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

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Burger time

FOOD & VINO

Juicy, mouthwatering, hamburgers are a warm weather staple that taste perfect right off the grill. Everyone can benefit from having a tried-and-true burger recipe in his or her repertoire when entertaining a backyard full of guests or enjoying a cozy weeknight meal with the family.

Many things constitute a great burger, including flavorful meat, the right ratio of fat content, a crispy roll or bun, and fresh, cold toppings and condiments. That's all guaranteed and more in this recipe for "The Great American Hamburger and Cheeseburger" from "Mastering the Grill: The Owner's Manual for Outdoor Cooking" (Chronicle Books), by Andrew Schloss & David Joachim.

The Great American Hamburger and Cheeseburger

Ingredients: Serves 6

- 2 pounds ground beef chuck, 85 percent lean
- 5 tablespoons ice-cold water
- 1 teaspoon ketchup
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Oil for coating grill grate
- 12 slices good-quality American, provolone,

or cheddar cheese (optional)
6 hamburger buns, split

Instructions

1. Heat the grill to 425 F for gas or achieve light ash for charcoal or light ash for wood.
2. Using your hands, mix the beef, water, ketchup, and pepper in a bowl until well blended; do not overmix. Using a light touch, form into 6 patties no more than 1 inch thick. Refrigerate the burgers until the grill is ready.
3. Brush the grill grate and coat it with oil. Put the burgers on the grill, cover and cook for 7 minutes, flipping after about 4 minutes, for medium-done (150 F, slightly pink). Add a minute per side for well-done (160 F).
4. If you are making cheeseburgers, put 2 slices of cheese on each burger 1 minute before the burgers are going to be done.
5. To toast the buns, put them cut-sides down directly over the fire for the last minute of cooking.
6. If serving the burgers directly from the grill, serve on the buns. If the burgers will sit, even for a few minutes, keep the buns and the burgers separate until just before eating.

The best garnishes for burgers are the classics: a slice of ripe beefsteak tomato, a mound of sautéed onions, a leaf of romaine lettuce, a dollop of coleslaw, or a few slices of dill pickles.



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■ **HEALTH and FITNESS**

Avoiding COVID-19

How to exercise during the pandemic

Life changed overnight for millions of people across the globe in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, which shuttered businesses and forced many people to follow stay-at-home measures issued by their local governments. These measures not only affected the overall health of those infected with the virus, but also those who experienced no symptoms and even tested negative for COVID-19.

In recognition of the mental toll that social distancing and stay-at-home measures can take, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advised people to exercise regularly. But opportunities to exercise seemingly dried up when stay-at-home guidelines were issued and gyms were shuttered. People without exercise equipment at home suddenly found themselves wondering how they could stay fit and keep their bodies in the best possible condition to fight a virus that has claimed thousands of lives. Thankfully, there are ways to stay fit and keep immune systems strong without violating stay-at-home measures.

- Access online exercise programs. Many gyms that were forced to close to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus began offering exercise tutorials and classes via social media or websites such as YouTube. These videos can be invaluable resources, teaching people how to stay fit at home even if they don't have weights or other equipment on hand. In addition to gym-sponsored exercise tutorials, the internet is loaded with free exercise videos and advice that can help people without access to a gym get fit or maintain their fitness routines.

- Go back to the basics. Many people no doubt recall gym class from their school days. Such classes teach youngsters the basics of physical fitness without



employing dumbbells or advanced exercise machines. Those same basic exercises that work for youngsters, including push-ups, sit-ups and lunges, can be effective for adults as well. If it's been awhile since you've done your most recent push-up, access an online tutorial so you can be certain your form is correct.

- Do some yard work. It might not feel as high-intensity as a spinning class or a Pilates session, but yard work can be a great workout. Dust off the push mower the next time the grass needs to be cut, and get to work on pulling weeds in garden beds. The added benefit to yard work is it provides a great opportunity to get some fresh air without violating social distancing guidelines.

- Go for a jog. Perhaps the simplest way to exercise during the pandemic is to go for a daily jog. According to the Mayo Clinic, aerobic exercise repeatedly moves large muscles in the arms, legs and hips while engaging the immune system and helping it to ward off minor viral illnesses. That makes an early morning jog an especially valuable, not to mention easily accessible, way to exercise during the pandemic.

Exercise can help people maintain their immune systems in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, and there are many simple ways to fit in a little physical activity even while social distancing.