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TOP STORY

Being a rainbow

NJ woman delivers roses to COVID-19 patients across three states

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A former nurse has delivered more than 3,000 yellow roses since April to COVID-19 patients across New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, including those in several hospitals and a nursing home in the Capital District.

Living in Franklin Lakes in Bergen County, New Jersey, Amy O'Hara, 37, said each rose comes with a ribbon and tag containing a positive message like "You Are Not Alone," "You Are Essential to Me" or "Thank You for Being a Rainbow."

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Amy O'Hara has another batch of yellow roses in the back of her car, waiting to be delivered to the next group of COVID-19 patients.

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NEWS



No Altamont Fair

For the first time since 1943, Altamont will not host a fair.

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CULTURE



Kill your darlings

An Old World icon no longer sits well in a New World set ablaze by unrest.

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EDUCATION

BC is named top school district again

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BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Central School District has been named the number one school district in the Capital District for the fourth year in a row by the *Albany Business Review*.

BCSD was featured in the publication's annual Schools Report on June 5. The report ranked 84 school districts across 11 counties in the Capital District with data from the New York State Education Department for the 2018-2019 school year.

"The commitment and

hard work of our students, teachers and families are reflected in this honor," said BCSD Superintendent Jody Monroe. "This ranking calculated their achievements in 2018-19 under the best of circumstances. If you add to that the strength, resilience, and sense of community

they have all shown during the COVID-19 closure you get a better sense of the true value of a BC education."

The *Albany Business Review's* Schools Report also factored in 2019 SAT scores, graduation rates, the percentage of graduates who intend to go to college,

and the percentage of graduates with advanced Regents diplomas.

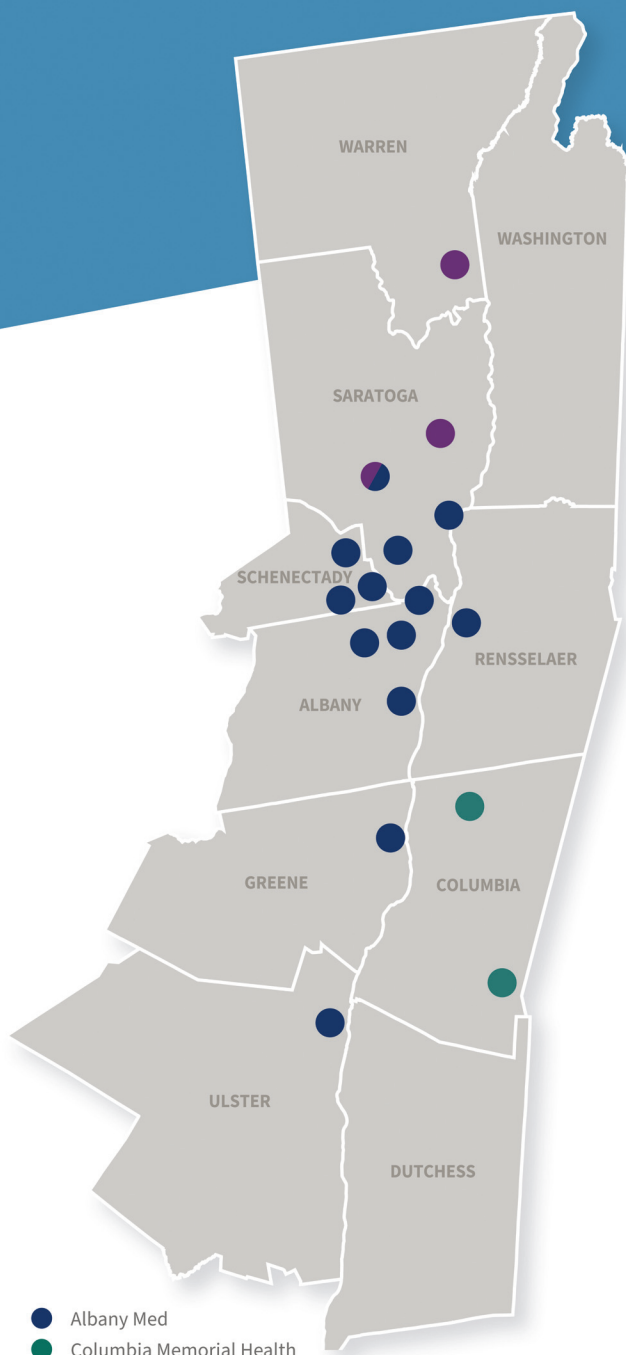
Overall, Bethlehem had the best score in the report's five categories: language and reading; social studies; math; science; and a graduation score which looks into how many students graduated with

advanced Regents diplomas, and four-year high school graduation and dropout percentages.

"We have many reasons to be proud," said Monroe.

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COMMUNITY

Summer programs, facilities affected

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BETHLEHEM — Various town facilities and programs at town parks are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the town is awaiting guidance on how to best regulate them this summer, according to Parks and Recreation Administrator Jason Gallo.

At the virtual June 11 Town Board meeting, Gallo said his department is waiting for further guidance from the state government, the Centers for Disease Control, the Albany County Department of Health and the American Red Cross.

In terms of how to regulate facilities and programs this summer, including those at the Elm Avenue Park, Gallo's department will refer to the National Recreation and Parks Association, the state Recreation and Parks Society, the Capital Region Parks and Recreation Association and the United States Tennis Association as resources.

For swimming pools and spray pads, the town has not done job-specific training or given certifications for potential employees this year, which it normally would have done in May or June, according to Gallo. The pandemic also prevented the pool facilities from receiving their scheduled maintenance (normally in April and May) like inspections, cleaning locker rooms and relocating stored equipment to the pools. The



While the Elm Avenue Park pool complex remains closed this summer unless the town receives further guidance in the near future on how to best run it amid the pandemic, preparing for its potential reopening would require 30 days, said Jason Gallo, the town's Parks and Recreation administrator.

Town of Bethlehem

town was not able to also order credit card machine rentals.

"Nobody is buying pool passes," Gallo said. "Once March hit which is when we typically see pool passes happen online, we've really had next to zero sales and only had a handful that were done in January and February."

While the Elm Avenue Park pool complex remains closed this summer unless the town receives further guidance ahead, Gallo said his department would need 30 days to prepare for the pools' reopening if allowed; he noted that time is starting to run out as July nears though.

If pools can reopen, they would reduce capacity to between 25 to 50 percent; have reduced hours and try to operate with cashless or pay-as-you-go transactions. Hand sanitizer stations, social distance markers, COVID-19 signage and

plexiglass at the front desk would be installed. But bathroom use would be limited, and locker rooms and showers would be closed.

Gallo said the pool complex may be opened for segmented times throughout the day. "So you open up the pool for, let's say, a two-and-a-half or three-hour block; then close it; you disinfect parts of the facility that have touchpoints; and you reopen to a new group," he said.

However, he noted that staff safety "is absolutely on my mind. ... The idea of staff responding to distressed swimmers is on my mind."

He continued, "Enforcing swimmers to stay six feet apart while in the water? I have to see it to believe it and I'm not saying it can't be done and people will do their best. But any kid who goes

underwater, closes his eyes and pops back up, he doesn't know where he's going to be sometimes and it just might be inadvertent. The first thing we do when we typically pop out of the water is breathe out and that's where those droplets are created. It's the droplets that we're concerned about."

While there are no set guidelines yet, Gallo assumed that patrons must wear masks by the pool but can remove them when physically using the pool. It's unclear if the town will prescreen patrons before they enter the pool facilities or if a COVID-19 clause would be introduced in case a patron or staff member contracts COVID-19.

"These are all questions that I really would need guidance from our health department to help formulate how to effectively implement a plan," Gallo said.

Gallo also said

summer programs will be "dramatically reduced" to curb the spread of COVID-19 and address concerns of people having to wear masks for long periods of time during the hot summer.

For example, Kid's Club will become a half-day program. "We're going to institute small group sizes, conduct daily health screenings and this is going to be for residents only. That will be consistent as you'll see throughout what we do during these times," he said. "We're really going to be focusing on what we can do for our residents — only our residents and not opening up to non-residents."

Other summer programs expected to happen this year include Kidz Art in mid-August, Club Scientific, 10 & Under Tennis, history paddles, yoga and HIIT (a high-intensity training program). The latter two will initially be held virtually until the Capital District, now in phase two of reopening, reaches phase four; it can then be held in person.

For more information on the Parks and Recreation's summer camp programs, visit www.townofbethlehem.org/302/Camp-Corner.

Playgrounds and basketball courts across towns will remain closed until the Capital District reaches phase four. "Basketball is considered a contact sport," Gallo said. "But there will be changes. We'll have to have social distancing and/or at least

masks if we can't social distance."

He also said there will be signage promoting proper hygiene practices, handwashing and proper cough etiquette. Regarding enforcement of the guidelines, people would self-police one another and Parks and Recreation staff will inform people if they are present, Gallo said.

Town fields, including the Elm Avenue Park Line Drive playing fields, are technically not closed but are only open to family use — for groups of 10 or less. Once the Capital District reaches phase four, team competitions at the fields can resume but youth sports organizations must provide their intent to demonstrate compliance for group activities via a submitted plan to Parks and Recreation staff.

Gallo said part-time seasonal staff must return to maintain grooming and lining fields too.

Pavilions will remain closed, with rentals canceled through June, until the Capital District reaches phase four. "Pavilion rentals are a key source of revenue," Gallo said. "Not having these rentals for the month of June is a tough hit."

When they can reopen, they will allow for a reduced capacity (the town is waiting on guidance from the state on how much); people must still stay six feet apart and wear masks if unable to; and it will be open for groups of 10 or less for now.

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■ COMMUNITY

Voorheesville Farmers Market returns

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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VOORHEESVILLE — The Voorheesville Farmers Market begins its 12th season on Wednesday, June 17 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. with special regulations to curb the spread of COVID-19.

It will run every Wednesday for 15 weeks until Sept. 30.

Located at First United Methodist Church on 68 Maple Ave., it joins several other local farmers markets like those in Colonie and Delmar in returning this year despite the pandemic. This is because the state Department of Agriculture and Markets established that farmers markets and food-producing farms are considered essential food supply chain industries.

“I was thrilled that farmers’ markets are considered essential and with all the problems with meat and supply shortages, this is a time people should



The table for Partridge Farm and Apiary at the Voorheesville Farmers Market from past years.

Provided photo

be supporting their local farmers,” said Dianne Luci, who founded the Voorheesville Farmers Market 12 years ago. “This year, it will look a little different and everyone needs to be safely apart.”

Luci said vendors will be placed eight feet apart from one another; all vendors

and customers must wear masks.

Vendors — mostly selling food, produce, meat and soap — will include Carr’s Creek Soap, Buhrmaster Farm, Euro Delicacies, Fort Hunter Farms, Glen Glade Farm, Glow Stone Bakery, Mission Table, Mountain

Winds Farm, Partridge Run Farm and Apiary, and Worldlings Pleasure.

She added that vendors will only offer takeout. “One of the new guidelines is that you can’t eat on the premises and we just want people to come shop and leave,” she said. “I’m still going to have some chairs

However, there will be no live music, cooking demonstrations or sampling from open containers this year.

Luci said when the pandemic first worsened in the Capital District in mid-March, she initially did not know whether the farmers market could continue this year. “I reached out to everybody and a lot of my vendors have been with us for 12 years,” she said. “Some of them had already started being at other farmers’ markets this year so they have a feel on what they can and can’t do.”

In all her years of running the Voorheesville Farmers Market, Luci said she “absolutely [has] not” experienced a situation like a global pandemic affect its operations before. But she felt that continuing the market this year is important “because I think it’s really become a tradition every year.”

For more information, visit Voorheesville Farmers Market’s website at www.voorheesvillefarmersmarket.com or its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VoorheesvilleFarmersMarket.

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Black Lives Matter protest in Delmar

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DELMAR — More than 1,500 people gathered at the center of town on Monday, June 8, to rally in protest against a series of controversial deaths of black people across the country at the hands of law enforcement, including that of George Floyd.

Protesters surrounded the intersection of Kenwood and Delaware avenues, commonly known as the Four Corners, holding signs now ubiquitous in cities and towns that have hosted similar rallies recently.

Town Supervisor David VanLuven, who attended the march and vigil, said, “It was inspiring and I felt proud. It says good things about the community. This is a time for people to stand out forcefully against systemic injustice in our culture.”

He continued, “I’m so



The peaceful demonstration moved from the Four Corners down Delaware Avenue, through town, with Bethlehem police redirecting traffic.

Michael Hallisey / Spotlight News

proud of our residents and our police officers. It was just a positive night and now we need to make sure we translate that energy into real actions that result in real improvements. We can’t just talk the talk, we got to walk the walk.”

The Four Corners is a popular location for local

demonstrations in Delmar. Each week, at least two organizations congregate to share messages of peace and faith as residents return home during rush hour traffic. Though the numbers of those groups appear quite modest to those who appeared on Monday night.

Traffic was not initially

diverted away as people started to gather an hour before the demonstration’s 6 p.m. start. People filled the sidewalks surrounding the intersection and the crowd had spilled over onto the sidewalks leading to the center of town.

Motorists were still able to drive through as chants

of “black lives matter” and “no justice, no peace” resonated across the streets. One motorist in a pick-up truck stretched out his arm to stick his middle finger out as he drove by. Another driver yelled out “all lives matter” moments before. However, those standing with signs were greeted with an overwhelming amount of supportive honks by those driving through.

After a moment of silence in which demonstrators knelt on the concrete for nearly nine minutes — the length of time in which Minneapolis police officers placed their knees upon Floyd — a procession of people marched north down Delaware Avenue. Despite the impromptu march, Bethlehem police kept participants safe

while directing traffic away.

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■ COMMUNITY

Altamont Fair canceled for first time

By **JIM FRANCO**
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ALTAMONT — The Altamont Fair is cancelled for the first time since 1943.

“Although we held off making this difficult decision as long as we could, we knew that despite our best efforts to create a safe path to host the Altamont Fair, it is clear we must cancel for this year to do our part to minimize

the spread of COVID-19,” said Kathleen Stanton, Albany, Schenectady, Greene County Agricultural & Historical Societies Board of Directors president.

The three-county fair was slated for Aug. 18 to Aug. 23.

The City of Albany hosted the first fair in Albany County in 1819. It was sponsored by the Agricultural Jubilee at the

Washington Park and the state Capitol. It was held at different municipalities around Albany County until moving to the now 138-acre Altamont Fairgrounds in September, 1893 — admission was a quarter, and net proceeds for the four-day fair was \$884.13.

In 1918, youth under 16 years old were prevented from attending the fair because of a polio outbreak, and it was cancelled in 1943 because of

World War II.

The Altamont Fair takes pains to hold onto its agricultural roots with active 4-H participation and a emphasis focus on family farms and agricultural-based competitions and exhibitions.

Of course, there is a huge selection of “fair food,” music, entertainment, rides and carnival games.

“We know the impact of the

Altamont Fair cancellation will be felt far beyond our own personal disappointments,” according to a statement by the board. “We will take this next year to prepare for the next Altamont Fair scheduled for Aug. 17 to Aug. 22, 2021. As we all learn to navigate this new landscape, we look forward to brighter, better days ahead when we can gather again to celebrate all that is agriculture and history in the Capital Region.”



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COVID-19

Capital District starts Phase III

By JIM FRANCO
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ALBANY — The eight-county Capital District will begin Phase III of the state's re-opening plan today, and that includes restaurants with in-house seating as well as personal care businesses like tanning and nail salons and tattoo parlors.

Phase III will allow gatherings of up to 25 people, up from the current 10, provided masks are worn and social distancing protocols are followed.

Also, said Gov. Andrew Cuomo earlier this week, "low risk" recreational sports can begin for any region in Phase III on July 6 with up to two spectators per athlete in the stands. "Low risk" is low contact and so far includes softball, baseball, gymnastics, crew, cross country and field hockey.

The directive only applies to recreational sports and does not apply

to high school, collegiate or professional athletics.

Garage and yard sales were also given an OK last week.

Phase IV, which is slated to begin two weeks from today if the metrics hold, will include recreation and education. Under that category are gyms and concerts but everything is based on the numbers and the state has relented in the past to allow things to open ahead of schedule.

Scores of summer events like fairs and concerts, though, have already been cancelled.

Last week, restaurants were allowed to begin serving meals in-house, provided it was outside and the tables were spaced at least six feet apart. Barber shops and beauty salons were initially slated for Phase IV but were bumped to Phase II.

Businesses that do not follow the proper safety protocols do run the risk of being shut down or other

penalties.

A restaurant, Cuomo said, could lose its liquor license. And barber shops and beauty salons are regulated by the state.

He said on Monday, the state Department of Health received some 25,000 complaints about businesses not following the rules but reiterated the onus of enforcement is squarely on local municipalities.

"Everyone has a role to play as we're re-opening: Employers have a role, store owners have a role, employees have a role, individuals have a role, and local government has a real responsibility to enforce these guidelines and protect New Yorkers," he said.

A new dashboard

The numbers dictate what can and cannot re-open and last week the state released a new COVID-19 dashboard to track the virus's spread on a daily basis across specific geographic boundaries.

The dashboard — which was supposed to resemble a 1968 GTO, according to Cuomo but the design team fell short — will tell by region and county how many people were tested and how many people tested positive.

The tracing program will then reach out to those who tested positive to determine where they were and who they came into contact with. Those infected or who are at risk of infection will be isolated.

"With this dashboard, you can see tremors of a spike and if those numbers start to move you know when and how," Cuomo said.

Previously, the metric table everyone was watching was more complex and included hospital numbers and rates, ICU numbers and rates as well as infection and death numbers and rates.

Cuomo said there is not set number or increased infection rate percentage

that would lead to the state rolling back some aspects of society that are now open, or slated to open, but rather what the numbers mean.

For example, he said, contact tracing could lead to the conclusion five or more of the 18 cases in the Capital District came from the same place of employment. That is not a spike, he said, but rather a hotspot that needs to be isolated. A danger zone, he said, is when "you cannot find a specific cause for that increase and you see it continue over time."

The new dashboard can be found on the state Department of Health website.

Capital District

As of Monday, June 15 there were 1,828 positive cases of COVID-19 in Albany County with a five day average of 3.8 new cases per day.

There were 367 people under mandatory quarantine and 1,617 people who tested positive and recovered.

The latest fatality before this paper went to print happened from Sunday to Monday — a woman in her 80s with multiple

underlying conditions, bringing the county death toll to 119. All but two were older than 60 and all but two had underlying health conditions.

The number of new cases and fatalities across the state and locally are continuing to decline but, said Dr. Elizabeth Whalen, head of the Albany County Health Department, as things begin to open back up it doesn't mean it's back to normal.


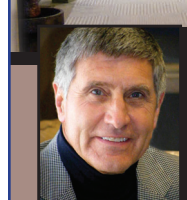
"The numbers are encouraging, but one thing I can say for certainty is, that despite their improvement, the numbers indicate that COVID-19 is still around and it is still incumbent upon all of us is to continue to protect ourselves," she said. "The best strategy is the continued widespread use of testing. If you have symptoms, or if you have been exposed of if you have been in a high risk situation like a mass gathering please get tested. It is only through early identification, isolation of positive cases and quarantining of contacted individuals that we can continue to stop the spread."

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■ BUSINESS

Andrew's Burger Shed now open

New owner changes name of decades-old Ross's Ice Cream

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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SLINGERLANDS — Locals can now enjoy Andrew's Burger Shed, a new outdoor eatery that opened on June 4 and feels ready to serve customers despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Located at 1342 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, Andrew's Burger Shed is owned by Dave Swift who also owns the Swifty's Restaurant and Pub, which has locations in Delmar, Utica and Albany. "It can be challenging running both but it's also been rewarding," Swift said. "We put in so much hard work and want to put smiles on people's faces."

Andrew's Burger Shed offers milkshakes,



Andrew's Burger Shed operates on a takeout basis and its menu options are inexpensive, making it an ideal destination for the summer despite the pandemic. Facebook

smoothies, novelty ice creams, tater tots, fries, onion rings, burgers and sandwiches — the latter two come with many free toppings like condiments, mushrooms and red onions. Swift said the shed's homemade ice cream

cookie sandwiches and cold brew ice coffee are sourced from Perfect Blend in Delmar. He also said all ingredients are fresh and sourced locally, including hot dogs from Old World Provisions in Troy.

Its menu options range

from just \$1.25 to \$7, making it an inexpensive and ideal local destination for the summer.

According to its Facebook page, its hours are Monday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Swift said it is a family-owned business, he employs around 10 people and it accepts cash and credit card payments.

Since first opening, Swift expressed surprise and gratitude for the huge turnout and how the vast majority of customers have worn masks. "It's exceeded my expectations and I think people just want to be outside but still socially distance themselves. They have the choice to do that here."

When asked how he can run Andrew's Burger Shed amid COVID-19, Swift said, "We're trying to be smart about it. We have sanitizers at our order

table and my employees are constantly monitoring and wiping the tables. It's essentially a pick-up-and-leave kind of place."

He added that customers would walk up to its window to order, pay and collect their items. There are footprint markers on the ground to remind customers to stay six feet apart from one another while waiting in line. Picnic tables on a lawn behind the shed are also available where customers are encouraged to continue maintaining social distancing.

He also said he is working on setting up an online ordering app for the eatery which should be available soon.

Swift explained that the eatery's name came from one of his two children — his 12-year-old son, Andrew. "My son and I have been doing this burger challenge for the last five

years now where we eat and rate burgers at places and chains like Sonic, Five Guys and Wendy's," he said. "We also talk about opening up our own burger shed. I love a good burger and like to short-order cook; I've always had a passion for that."

He joked that since the shed opened, Andrew "comes in with his iPad and just plays Minecraft" instead of technically working there.

Andrew's Burger Shed replaces the decades-old Ross's Ice Cream and Hamburger Stand, and Swift said he has a seasonal lease on the property that lasts for five months; he will have the option to renew it in September. He is leasing the property from the Treffiletti family who owns it since 1992; Christina Treffiletti ran Ross's Ice Cream and Hamburger Stand.

For more information, visit Andrew's Burger Shed's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/andrewsburgershed.

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Amy O'Hara has delivered yellow roses to COVID-19 patients in 40 different hospitals. Each rose comes with a ribbon with stating messages such as "you are not alone," and "thank you for being a rainbow."

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From page 1 ... Being a rainbow

It is part of the "Be A Rainbow" project where O'Hara is collaborating with RedBliss Design — a New York City-based design agency that designs the tags with rainbow hearts — and Colony Florist and Gifts — a Franklin Lakes-based florist that provides the roses.

To deliver the tagged roses, O'Hara said she has driven to around 40 hospitals and nursing homes across the three aforementioned states. In the Capital District, she has delivered to patients at Albany Medical Center, St. Peter's Health Partners, Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital and Our Lady of Mercy Life Center.

"The project is to spread kindness and little rays of light, and I came up with the idea of giving roses to COVID-19 patients," O'Hara said. "I'd kept in touch with some nurses I'd worked with in New York City and New Jersey who told me how it looks like a

warzone now. We got hit hard in my county and also the city."

She continued, "One of the saddest situations is that patients feel alone, can't have visitors and their nurses, due to lack of PPE [personal protective equipment], can't spend much time with them. The patients are scared too and I thought I'd like to let them know that we're thinking of them."

The "Be A Rainbow" project is made possible whenever people and/or organizations donate money to O'Hara's Venmo account — @AmyOHara23 — and indicate if they would like their name printed on the rainbow tag that goes with a rose. O'Hara said any donation amount is generous; she uses the donated money to pay for the roses, ribbons and tags.

For more information, visit www.bearainbowproject.org.

O'Hara ensures that the roses first come to her directly from her florist and she does not have anyone else help her get the roses tagged and ready for delivery; this is to minimize physical contact amid the pandemic. Upon arriving at a destination, she said she wears a mask and gloves when delivering the flowers but does not physically enter the building.

Besides COVID-19 patients, she has also delivered roses to dementia patients and veterans, people whom she believes are more likely to feel isolated or alone during this time too.

According to O'Hara, the "Be A Rainbow" spread by word of mouth since April. "It's kept me busy and the flowers are like little rays of sunshine for patients and hopefully they can brighten their days," she said. "I think so many people are home and want to help but do not know how. This has kind of given people a way to give back. I've gotten such great feedback so far; I never realized that could happen with such a simple gesture."

When asked why she chose the yellow rose specifically, O'Hara explained, "I feel like it means friendship and it's bright like a sun and can brighten their room. I'd initially thought about a white, red or pink flower."

A mother of three, O'Hara grew up in Glenmont and graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 2000. She said a 20th-anniversary reunion had been scheduled this year but was canceled due to COVID-19. Since leaving the Capital District, she attended Miami University and became a nurse in New York City and New Jersey. She said she then left her profession to focus on starting her family.

Regarding the pandemic, she said, "I haven't experienced anything like this. The unique thing about this is that we usually have an answer or a diagnosis for patients but it's scary that doctors and nurses don't have the answer yet. I don't know how long it will last but I want to keep spreading the word about the project and keep the kindness going."

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**EXCERPT FROM AIDAN MCNAY
- INTRODUCTORY SPEECH**

Graduation is a time to share memories. There are many I cherish, from the pit party and survivor day in elementary school, all the way to celebrating college acceptances, work opportunities, military enlistment, and other future plans. However, I realize that not all of these are shared with all Bethlehem graduates. Bethlehem is a place of opportunities for all, no matter your pursuit, and everyone has taken a different path.

The next part of your life will be guided largely by how much you are willing to do on your own. No one will be there to make sure you do what you're supposed to. It is up to all of you to take the opportunity of success that has been given to you, and to go out into the world



Aidan McNay



Gillian Roeder



Megan Kirk

and make something of it. Your learning and efforts don't end when you depart with your diploma. Leaving high school, you are about to enter a world where nobody knows who you are. All they will see is who you want to be, and who you become.

Last, but certainly not least, I'd like to talk about the people who are receiving their diplomas today. All of us know the quality of these young men and women. Among us, we have the future scientists, artists, engineers, and leaders of the world. The Class of 2020 will be remembered at Bethlehem and far beyond as the type of people to take charge and push through,

no matter what's put in front of them. None of us would've expected our high school careers to end in such a unique way, but I can't think of a more unique class with the capabilities to push through it.

**EXCERPT FROM GILLIAN ROEDER
- KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

My name is Gillian Roeder and I am an eagle. I have gone to Bethlehem for the entirety of my academic career, from the ELC to BCHS. I played Four Treasures and had my face painted on elementary school field days. I looked at the straw scarecrows in front of our middle school with awe each October. I was a participant and onlooker in various sporting events, went to annual cabarets, and managed to avoid the infamous Homecoming Plague that ravaged our high school each fall

But the pleasures I had from being an eagle were not without their hardships. I failed tests. There were times where I argued with my friends. And certainly, many of my expectations for my senior year were turned upside down, as were all of yours. But all these events were perhaps necessary impetuses for change. That is not to say I am happy for the things that have happened. Such would be callous and insensitive to the hardships greater than my own that so many are going through. But in order to evolve, we need challenges. We need struggles. We need failure.

In the coming years, each of you will be presented with many opportunities. You are on your way to becoming your own crocodile, or eagle, or whatever you make of it. But it will be infinitely more exciting and rewarding than the plights of those animals. For biological evolution is a passive process, taking place over the course of millions of years, while your evolution is active, quick, and personal. You have a choice in what attributes you possess and what actions you take. You get to appreciate the growth of your friends. You get to decide what success means for you—whether it's being the first one in your family to go to college, or serving your country, or simply being there for people who need it. And at the end of the day, the decisions you make are your own.



**EXCERPT FROM MEGAN KIRK
- CLOSING SPEAKER**

Personally, I have been a Bethlehem student my entire life. Black and Orange have been the center of everything school spirit related for as long as I can remember. It's safe to say I have made memories to last an entire lifetime or two during my time here, however, unless you're a fellow BC student or alumni, do you really understand how special those memories are? How you can feel them in your bones? Let's take a stroll down memory lane. If you could choose a select few moments to define your career as a Bethlehem student, what would they be?

Truthfully, there isn't just one moment that will define your four years as a high school student, however you choose to look back on your experience, you will notice a flash of several vivid memories flow through your mind. It's safe to say that you'll smile as you reminisce on the memories created, and imaginably, you'll hear the Hooligans playing in the background.

This year's senior class has undoubtedly been through a lot. We've endured several obstacles that have tried to knock us down. Despite these hardships, we've always managed to come out of it, standing strong. Because that is who we are. The Class of 2020 is relentless, we will not stop until our dreams are achieved and we've reached our goals, while never forgetting where we came from and embracing our roots. I've seen this demonstrated everywhere, on the field, courts, and ice, on stage, and more importantly, in the classroom. Bethlehem students do not stop until the job gets done.

When history went in search of leadership and hope,
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*On behalf of the administrators, faculty, staff and Board of Education
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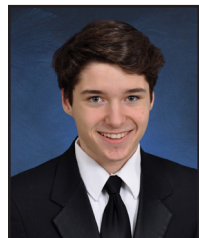
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 We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Jack

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 Take pride in how far you have come and faith in how far you will go.
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We are so proud!
Love, Mom, Dad, Jack & Charlie

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AIDAN
Keep marching to your own beat!
We love you.
Mama, Rob and Iris

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We are beyond proud of you!
(::Whispers:: It's free real estate)
Love, Mom, Bill, Big G, and Babu

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This above all – to thine own self be true. It must follow, as night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man.

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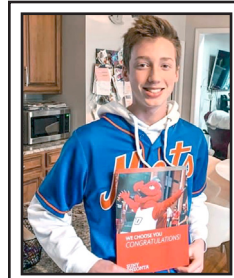
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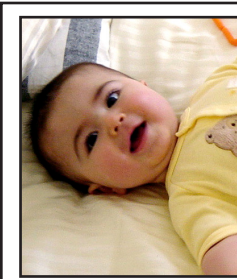
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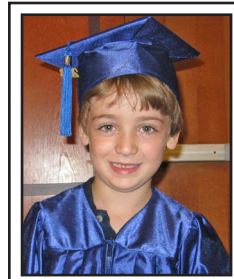
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Keep being sunny and seeing joy in the world. Find your own Fool on the Hill.
We love you.

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CONGRATULATIONS, DEVIN!
You have worked so hard and you make us proud beyond words. You are going to do amazing things in this world.

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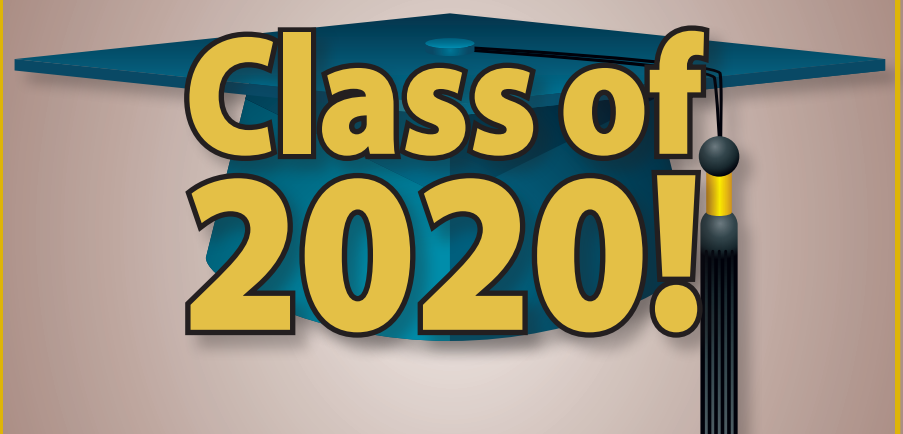
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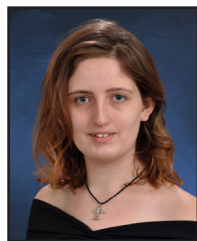
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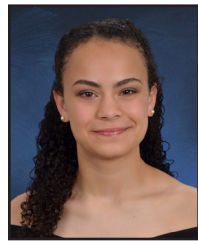
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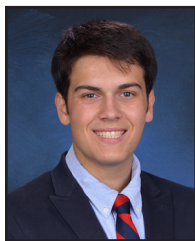
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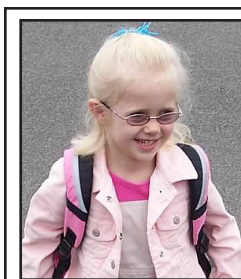
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You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.

— Dr. Seuss
Love,
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We're all so proud of you!!

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Love, Mom, Dad & Isaac

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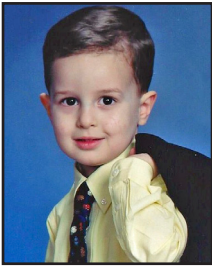
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 May you have continued blessings and success in all you do!
We love you, Mom, Dad, Joe and Roxy


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 “Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.” – Henry David Thoreau
We love you, Mom, Dad and Aaron



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 we are and always have been so proud of you. Remember to always be true to yourself.
Love, Nanny and Pop




LUKEY! LUKEY! LUKEY!
 You've always been a quiet character, working hard to reach your goals. Now's the time to get loud!
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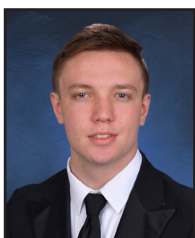
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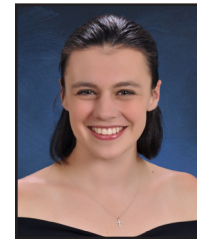
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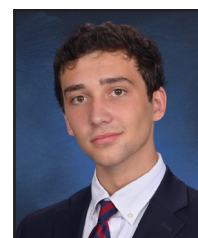
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We are so proud of you and
all your hard work!
Can't wait for your next phase at UMass Amherst!
Love always, Mom, Dad, Maria & Kobe

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**CONGRATULATIONS,
AIDAN!!**
We are SO proud of you,
and love you very much!
You may blush now.
Go Big Red!

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SOPHIA DWYER,
Kindergarten seems like yesterday.
Wishing you success
and happiness. You are so loved
and we are so proud.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Olivia

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**CONGRATULATIONS
MAGGIE!**
Your perseverance has paid off.
We are so proud of you. Good luck
at University of New England!
We will miss you!
Love,
Mom, Leo, JJ and Emily

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**CONGRATULATIONS
LINDSAY AYRES!**
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Kaitlin and Caroline

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ANDERS!**
Go be whatever you want to do!
We love you so much and are incredibly
proud of you!
Love, Dad, Mom and Kiki

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MIKE -
You bring joy and smiles
to those around you!
Congratulations and
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*- Mom, Dad, Justin, Alex, Sarah
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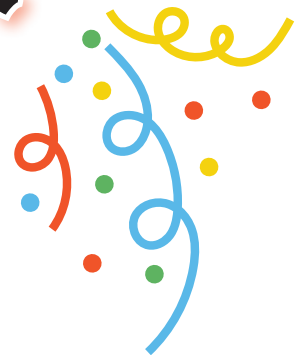
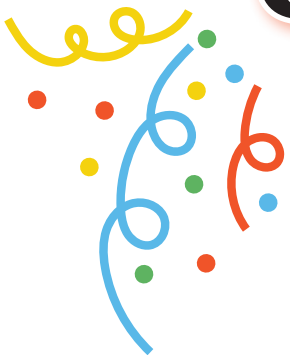


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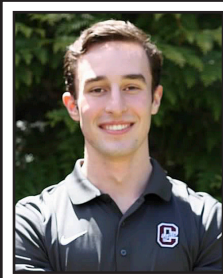


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Can't wait to see the heights you'll reach at University of Washington!
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Lloads of love,
Mina

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We are so very proud of all your hard work and everything you have accomplished!

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DYLAN, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A SHINING LIGHT!

We are so proud of you and know your future will be fabulous and full of promise.


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From the first day of Kindergarten to the last day of BCHS, we've been so proud of you **MERRICK!**

All our love,
Mom, Dad, and Phoebe

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CONGRATULATIONS **DEREK!**

We are very proud of you.
Keep living your best life and never forget work hard, play hard.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Megan

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WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU, **CAROLYN!!**

You make our world a better and brighter place.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Ryan,
Audrey and Colleen.

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MAEVE! CONGRATULATIONS!

We are so proud of you!
Good Luck at the University of Maryland next year!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ned & Pat

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CONGRATULATIONS BCHS CLASS of 2020! We love you, **MAGGIE!**

Feel it, believe it,
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xoxoxo - Mom, Dad & Ned

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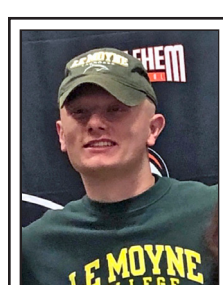


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Time to explore
and find your passions!
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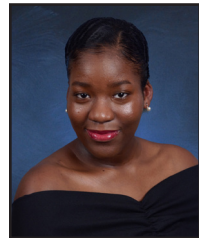


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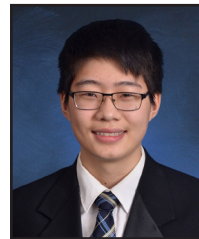
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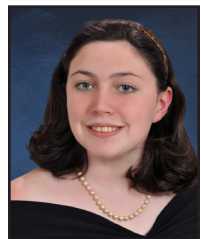
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As you go out in the world, we hope you always surround yourself with joyful things.
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Love you, Mom, Dad and Gracie



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We are all so proud of you, and we love you so much! You will change the world. Congratulations! YOU DID IT!
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We are proud of you and love you so much!
God bless you at Liberty U.
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CONGRATULATIONS KATIE!
Our love and best wishes as you set out on new adventures. We are so very proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Meghan, Bella & CoCo



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Go out into the world, ruffle some feathers. Show your real self. Never underestimate your true value. TODAY BAMBS!
Love, Mom & Bobby

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DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA — Forever loved, and remembered by devoted family and friends.

Dr. John Brindisi, age 95, passed away June 6, 2020, in Delray Beach, Florida, on the 76th anniversary of the D-Day Normandy invasion. He was a former resident of Delmar and Northport, NY. John was born in New York City to Caterina and Michele Brindisi in 1924.

He was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Grace Brindisi, in 2012. He is survived by two daughters, Babette Wilcox of Pleasant Valley, NY (Ellen Youssef)

and Nancy Smith (Ted) of Delmar, NY, three grandchildren, Blake Wilcox of Northampton, PA, Peter Smith (Tracy Hsu) of Forest Hills, NY and Katherine Smith (Ashley) of Raynham, MA and four great-grandchildren.

Dr. Brindisi graduated from Newtown High School in Corona, Queens in 1942. After graduation he joined the US Army, trained as a radio operator with Patton's Third Army and landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day plus 1. He returned to the US and married his high school

sweetheart Grace, on January 6, 1946. Thanks to GI benefits he obtained his undergraduate education at NYU while working with the NYC subway system. Later he returned to NYU receiving a Master's degree in Guidance and in 1973, he received a Doctorate in Education at Florida Atlantic University. In 1984, he retired from the Northport High School where he served as a high school guidance counselor.

As a NYSUT member, Dr. Brindisi founded the Retired Teacher of Northport Association. He was a proud member of the

IAP - Italian Americans for Progress and the AIHA - American Italian

Historical Association. He authored an article for their encyclopedia entitled The Italian American Experience, published in 2000. He was a member and President of the East Northport Rotary Club, and was the

Rotary Exchange Student Coordinator on Long Island. In retirement he volunteered at the Town of Huntington Senior Services Center for 17 years, and maintained a private counseling service in Northport, NY. In 2015, he was awarded the French Legion of Honor (Ordre National de la

Légion d'honneur) medal in recognition of his part in liberating France from Nazi tyranny.

Interment will be at the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville, NY. Online condolences may be offered at www.danielkeenanfuneralhome.com.

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28th Avenue, Apartment #5A, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-247600

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MIGRATION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/04/20. 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, 56 Spring Street, Apartment #3, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-247182

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MIMISH DESIGNS 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, 135-24

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MINDFUL MEDIATION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/12/20. 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, 9 Royden Road, Tenafly, NJ 07670. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245783

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NEWCO CAPITAL GROUP III LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 05/08/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 05/05/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be

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PANIFEX PRESS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/03/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Herzog & Sheffield, P.C., 59 John Street, Suite 9B, New York, NY 10038. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-247102

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R. PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/29/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2119. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 521 S. Ocean Avenue, Freeport, NY 11520. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-247235

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ROLLING RIDGE PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/01/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2070. 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 Kevin J. Keane, 500 Mamaroneck Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246918

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Team CHRCH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/28/20. 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, 294 Garretson Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246414

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Bethlehem, I love you

Michael Hallisey is managing editor of Spotlight Newspapers and a longtime resident of Bethlehem.

Bethlehem, I love you, but I have a confession. I was prepared to rip you apart before last Monday evening's rally through town.

The Bethlehem I spent my formidable years with is a complicated subject. Few people fondly look back upon the awkward years of puberty. The ghosts of my past frolic around the middle school. Friendly spectres and horrific poltergeists, the latter of which have been tempered by the passing of years, but I'm reminded of those days

whenever I observe my neighbors behaving badly.

When I speak of my hometown, I speak with the same love to which I have of family. I dropped quarters at McBoogle's. I played little league at Magee Park. My baseball card states I played for Main Care Oil. My family bought our Christmas trees in the lot next to Bob's Produce. When I played baseball as a teenager, I wore Bethlehem across my chest. Abe Arnold was never short of advice. I sat on the bench, but I had my moments. Jesse Braverman never failed to show up for a daily game of pick-up baseball for me and 100 other kids. Our ballfield lies somewhere under a

parking lot. I remember the cornfields that surrounded Elsmere Avenue. Once I graduated, we all crossed the stage in the stuffy school gymnasium. Three decades in this place that I call home, and I love it. But I'm not "Old Bethlehem." My elders know what I'm talking about. They all have similar stories.

There's a lot of baseball embedded in my timeline. It's through that experience that I developed pride for my hometown. It's also from there where I learned how other communities looked at us. Somewhere between my freshman and senior years that perception changed. Opponents went from kids calling us dumb farmers to parents calling

us names I can't repeat here. I couldn't understand how adults would spit such venom towards teenagers. Time has helped place that into perspective and it has something to do with affluence.

The Bethlehem I grew up with relates best to Kendall Jenner's brand of social justice. Walk out the door of a \$300,000 home in Patagonia with a Louis Vuitton hanging from the arm, go into town to drop \$120 for a facial while the other half drives the \$700 monthly lease payment to-and-from that six-figure salaried job. It's a Johnny Come Lately social circle who latches on to the cause that's in season and never forgets

to post it on Instagram. If you're offended by that description, you haven't lived here long enough to recognize that's the perception other towns have of us here. And, frankly, some of you haven't helped dispel that image.

Bethlehem is white. If I say nine out of 10 people are caucasian in this town, then statistically I am underestimating. So when I learned of the plans for last week's rally, I was skeptical. I failed to comprehend how this community could show solidarity to a cause by hosting a demonstration here. Speaking through metaphors leaves the message up to

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Masks have done nothing

To the Editor,
Bethlehem Town Supervisor David VanLuven's recent message to the town on Covid-19 offered ascientific, evidence-free claims that mask wearing and social distancing have resulted in relatively low infection rates among town residents.

On the contrary, as data emerges and events unfold from around the world,

little to no evidence points to lockdowns having been effective in curtailing the spread of COVID-19, let alone that the scientifically dubious acts of mask wearing and most social distancing, that beyond large indoor gatherings, has been responsible for limiting spread. The New England Journal of Medicine, in the most blunt terms has said, "The chance

of catching Covid-19 from a passing interaction in a public space is minimal." And called the "desire for widespread masking a reflexive reaction to anxiety over the virus."

Considering the general tone of coverage in the media, and a wholly disheartening lack of candor and leadership from every level of government during this time, that

anxiety is understandable. However, it does our society and, in this case, our town no benefit to continue to mislead and ill inform on a matter of such importance and angst.

Kyle Newcomb,
Delmar

Editor's note: The above letter cites from a perspective piece published in the New England Journal of Medicine on April 1, 2020 titled

"Universal Masking in Hospitals in the Covid-19 Era." Within the article the authors discredit the merits of masking as a singular tool against the spread of coronavirus. However, it also states, "masks are visible reminders of an otherwise invisible yet widely prevalent pathogen and may remind people of the importance of social distancing and other infection-control measures." The practice of social distancing dates back to the Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the CDC continues to suggest it as a prudent tool against the virus' spread.

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Dedication

Bethlehem's first responders stand at attention as a garden dedicated to them is unveiled at the Kevin M. Shea Municipal Training Center. The garden was donated by Lowes, Advantage Landscaping, Delmar Sign Shop and Together, We Are One Bethlehem.

Michael Hallisey / Spotlight Newspapers

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Bethlehem, I love you

interpretation. For me, the metaphor looked like a half-hearted wave from the backyard of a fenced-in property. Recognizing how other towns perceive us already, I immediately formed an opinion and judged these plans to be a bad idea on a grand scale.

It is 2020, and some of us are only just starting to understand that people mold their truths around how they feel. We have a genuine opportunity to learn and communicate like no other generation yet we brace ourselves with self-observation and cut ourselves off from differing opinions. To act in such a way when technology allows us every chance to stop, listen and learn is an embarrassing trait for a society. So before I was to pick up a pen, I had to walk out of our offices and observe this rally for myself.

While walking to the Four Corners, I bumped into Noreen and Gus Cadieux. I've known the Cadieuxs for most of my life. I befriended three of their children, played ball and graduated with one of them. There is no family on this planet more globally conscious than the Cadieuxs. As I was growing up in the decade of excess they were removed from consumer obsession. From them, I learned how food providers coat wax on our apples and they shed light on the political strings that pulled upon

current events. Each visit to their home was an education. Now retired from running Blossom Montessori Learning Program, they spend their time by protesting. A few days before, they stood at another intersection to stand against human trafficking. I stole several minutes to speak with them and we marvelled at the number of people walking by. I had expected far fewer.

The fear that my hometown would be standing with fists in the air in a virtual act of solidarity was quelled. If the census says more than 90 percent of this town is white, this crowd was far more diverse than statistics suggest. There were faces of different color. There were people of various ages. All spoke out. All were greeted with honks of support from motorists driving by. Only a few of those motorists showed obvious signs of disapproval. At 6:15, those hundreds of faces all took a knee.

Bethlehem is not all Patagonia, Louis Vuitton and \$700 monthly car leases. That's a perception fueled by the lifestyle and behaviors of a few. It's propagated by those who choose to believe it without taking the time to stop, listen and learn. I was moved as I witnessed hundreds of people kneeling for nearly nine minutes on the hard concrete in solidarity and,

for some, as an act of contrition.

Colin Kaepernick took the same knee a few years ago with the same message spoken today. As a professional football player, his only platform was a football field every Sunday afternoon. People were offended because they believed he was disrespecting our military. Those same people often thoughtlessly respond, "all lives matter," after failing to understand that the conversation they walked into was saying, "black lives matter, too." You weren't listening. Ben Carson, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, recently said the world would have responded more favorably if Kaepernick explained the reasoning behind taking a knee. He did. You weren't listening. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said "a riot is the language of the unheard. ... [The country] has failed to hear that the promises of freedom and justice have not been met." If you continue to respond to these demonstrations with off-topic questions referencing virus-related shutdowns, you are still not listening.

A group of people started a conversation and society is saying they've had enough. Bethlehem joined that conversation. I stopped. I listened. In return, I learned something new about my neighbors. I'm proud of you, Bethlehem. You did good.

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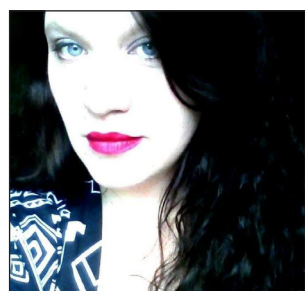
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Got soul?

New wave radio station spins off another, with feeling.

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New music

New concepts reveal themselves this week.

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CULTURE

Kill your darlings



An Old World icon no longer sits well in a New World set ablaze by social unrest

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — Within two weeks of watching city police in riot gear quell violent demonstrators, Mayor Kathy Sheehan signed an Executive Order to remove the statue honoring Revolutionary War hero Maj. Gen Philip Schuyler from in front of City Hall.

The edict, signed on Friday, June 11, directs the city's Department of General Services to remove the 95-year-old statue "as soon as possible." The order directs that the statue be given to a museum or institution for "future display with the appropriate historical context."

A statue of Philip Schuyler has stood in front of Albany's City Hall since 1925. Last week, Mayor Kathy Sheehan ordered to have it removed.

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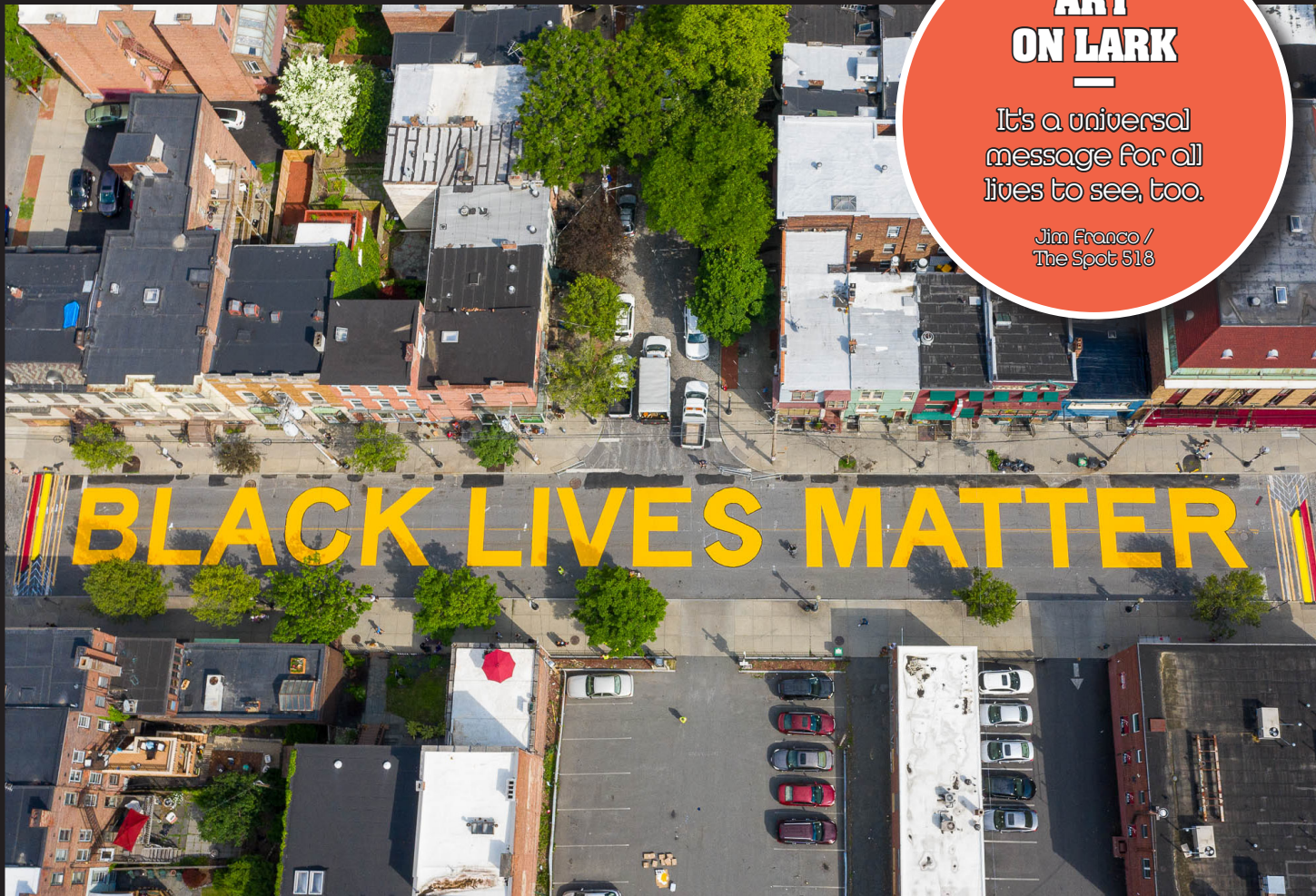
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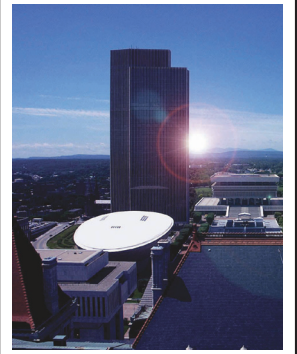
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American Idol finalist headlines Freedom Park's 'Quarantune Series'

SCOTIA — The Freedom Park Summer Concert Series returns on Saturday, June 20, at 7 p.m. with American Idol finalist and Shaker High graduate, Madison VanDenburg performing live from the Freedom Park Quarantune Studio.

Concerts will stream online each Wednesday and Saturday at 7 p.m. through Wednesday, Aug. 26.

"We couldn't be more excited to be able to stream our shows this season, and to start it off with Madison is a perfect way to start a great series," said Cathy Gatta, president of the Freedom Park Foundation. "We didn't want to let our fans down, and we know if there's one thing people need right now, it's music and fun. Freedom

Park has always been the local soundtrack to summer, and we need to continue that tradition."

With the help Scotia-based videographer, Harold Bryant, audio engineer James Peterson, and the Turf Tavern restaurant in Scotia, Freedom Park moved from Collins Park to a safe-studio space that meets state mandated guidelines for reopening. The safe-studio provides the tools needed to stream the free summer concert series on Facebook Watch, YouTube and FreedomParkScotia.com.

The Freedom Park Quarantune Concert Series will also broadcast on OSM Spectrum Channel 1302, Verizon FIOS Channel 37.

"Musicians, arts organizations, and performing venues have been hit hard by the pause," said Foundation Vice President Justin Cook. "We are thrilled to be able to keep music centerstage in the village at a time when the community needs it most," he

continued. "We hope that everyone will join in the fun from their living rooms and backyards."

New to the Freedom Park Concert Series in 2020 are performances by American Idol finalist Madison VanDenburg, jazz/soul duo Carmen & Life's Guilty Pleasures and original country-rock band Raquel & The Wildflowers.

The list of performances will include a tribute to the Class of 2020 by Alan Payette & Friends on their originally scheduled graduation day, Saturday June 27. The night will also include surprise guests from Scotia-Glenville High School.

The McKrells will make their Freedom Park homecoming on the Fourth of July.

The Freedom Park Foundation will also be selling Limited Edition Quarantune Series t-shirts for \$20 on their website.

2020 Freedom Park Summer Concert Quarantune Series

- Saturday, June 20: Madison VanDenburg
- Wednesday, June 24: Screaming Orphans
- Saturday, June 27: Alan Payette & Friends*
- Wednesday, July 1: Carmen & Life's Guilty Pleasures
- Saturday, July 4: The McKrells
- Wednesday, July 8: The Audiostars
- Saturday, July 11: Rusticator
- Wednesday, July 15: Erin Harkes
- Saturday, July 18: Alex Torres & His Latin Orchestra
- Wednesday, July 22: Get Up Jack
- Saturday, July 25: The Legendary Characters
- Wednesday, July 29: Skeeter Creek
- Saturday, Aug. 1: Heard
- Wednesday, Aug. 5: Capital District Youth Pipe Band
- Saturday, Aug. 8: Raquel & The Wildflowers
- August, Aug. 12: SIRSY
- Saturday, Aug. 15: 2096 Unplugged
- Wednesday, Aug. 19: Given to Fly - Pearl Jam Experience
- Saturday, Aug. 22: Big Fez and the Surfomatics
- Wednesday, Aug. 26: Grand Central Station

*This show is dedicated to the Class of 2020

Links to all streaming services are available on the Freedom Park website: www.FreedomParkScotia.com.

An advertisement for 'She can STEM' featuring a teal space helmet with the text 'She can STEM' inside. The helmet is surrounded by white flowers and set against a black background with planets and stars. At the bottom, it says 'SO CAN YOU.' and includes the STEM logo and 'ad COUNCIL' logo.

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RECENTLY ANNOUNCED

Drive-in to live music

The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and WEXT present the first performance in its Drive-In Concert Series

GLENMONT — The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and WEXT recently announced its first show in what is billed as a “Drive-In Concert Series!”

Jocelyn and Chris Arndt will headline the premiere event at the Jericho Drive-In on Thursday, July 9, at 8 p.m.

“This global pandemic has hit the concert industry hard,” said Jon Elbaum, the Hall’s Executive Director. “We had to cancel or postpone the last half of our 2020 season, it was devastating. How can we continue to present live music, to give people that shared, communal experience, when

we aren’t allowed to be within six feet of a fellow music fan? When drive-ins were cleared to re-open, it became an obvious solution. We are thrilled to present again, and to give people an opportunity to enjoy a night out with live music, and a bonus movie. We’ve all missed concerts!”

With vocal comparisons to Janis Joplin and Grace Slick and guitar work likened to Jimi Hendrix and David Gilmour, Jocelyn and Chris have placed three consecutive singles in the Billboard Triple A Top 40. The band has also brought two records to No. 1 on the Jambands Top 30, and has recently appeared on NBC’s Today Show. The siblings, both graduates of Harvard University, balanced college with performances coast to coast. They have also paired with the likes of G. Love, Gov’t Mule’s Danny Louis and Cory Wong of Vulfpeck on their recordings.

After the performance, patrons

are invited to stay for a screening of the 2019 movie Yesterday. Starring Himesh Patel, with appearances by Kate McKinnon and Ed Sheeran. It follows the life of a struggling musician who realizes he’s the only person on Earth who can remember The Beatles after waking up in an alternate timeline where they never existed.

The Hall is presenting this performance at the Jericho Drive-In, located at 21 Jericho Rd. in Glenmont, NY. Due to Covid-19, social distancing will be strictly enforced for this performance. This means, as of today, patrons attending must stay in their cars. They may open their windows to listen live, and they will also have the option of tuning in to stream it on their car stereo systems. If attendees need to exit their vehicles for any reason, they must wear a mask. A list of the official rules for attending may be found online at www.jerichodrive-in.com.

Tickets cost \$50 a car, and can be purchased at www.troymusichall.org.

Billboard artists Jocelyn and Chris Arndt will headline the first show of a Drive-In Concert series at the Jericho Drive-In next month.

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FEATURE

Reimagining radio

RadioRadioX spins off another internet radio station, with feeling

By **JACKIE GOLD**
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Last week, a new radio station came to Albany: RadioSoulX. This is the sister station of RadioRadioX, both of which are independently owned by Art Fredette.

RadioSoulX is a passion project for Fredette, as he has grown up on soul music. "I remember running home from bowling as a kid to watch Soul Train. And nobody was serving that market. Nobody was playing just that kind of stuff. So I said, 'Well, I built one station, why not build another and give it a shot?'" Fredette said.

Both of Fredette's stations are internet radio stations as opposed to terrestrial FM radio stations. As he described, the operating costs are significantly lower and offer a wider audience than FM radio. Today, he has listeners across the US, Australia, China and South Korea.

Fredette also said that his vast music library is another benefit over traditional radio stations. "They run maybe 800 songs for a station with a deep library. We're somewhere around 15,000 in RadioRadioX right now," he said.

This is all part of reimagining radio and a step towards streaming services like Spotify, Pandora, and Apple Music. Fredette explained, "The difference is I'm just not owned by anybody else. I am just doing it on my own." Today, Fredette is the area's only independent media company.

Even though he may be solo, he never forgets to bring the soul. "This kind of took over: music collecting, booking bands, playing stuff for people to hear, and



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— Art Fredette,
owner of RadioSoulX

turning your friends on to it. It's a sickness. It's addicting," he said.

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Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan's order to remove the statue from in front of City Hall is similar to those in several municipalities throughout the country. Though those monuments depict prominent figures from the South's Confederate history, the argument against Philip Schuyler is that he was one of Albany's largest slave owners.

From page B1 ... Kill your darlings

"Scores of community members have reached out to my office requesting the removal of the statue of former slave owner Gen. Philip Schuyler and I thank those residents for making their voices heard," said the mayor. "It has become clear that now is the time to act and confront the unfortunate history of our nation."

The order cites the social unrest that has caught several cities on fire in the weeks following the death of George Floyd in

Minneapolis. Floyd was restrained by police, held on the ground by three police officers, one of which placed his knee on his neck for nearly nine minutes. Floyd died moments later, but not before complaining to officers that he could not breathe. His death is one of a long chain of suspicious and controversial events often chanted in recent demonstrations as examples of systemic racism by police.

Policymakers in the South have rekindled

actions to remove monuments depicting figures honoring their past as part of the Confederacy. Many of such monuments were erected long after the Civil War and during the height of a Jim Crow system of institutional segregation. Statues of Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis have been removed from municipal properties in recent days in similar acts of contrition cited by Sheehan in Albany.

"As I recall, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson were slave owners as were many of our founding fathers," said Ken Ringler. The former Bethlehem town supervisor said he could understand tearing down Jim Crow era monuments because they served as means of intimidating blacks after emancipation. But, he said, "I don't understand this move."

Schuyler's name has become a household name again after the popularity of the hit Broadway musical "Hamilton." Schuyler was Alexander Hamilton's father-in-law, but more importantly he is credited for helping guide the American Colonies towards independence. He was elected to the New York General Assembly in 1768 and later served in

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A Black Lives Matter mural stands yards away from the State Capitol Building in Albany.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Japanese classical theater
- Chess pieces
- Pieces of writing
- Doctors' group
- Capital of Guam
- Type of turtle
- Swiss river
- MLB Hall of Famer
- Places to sit
- Fancy rides
- One of Washington's Tri-Cities
- Without class
- Male child
- Keeps you cool
- Biblical place
- Italian city
- District in central Turkey
- Job for a grad student
- Central nervous system
- Arrange in steps
- Witch
- Promotional material
- Having certain appendages
- Approaches
- One who did it (slang)
- Of I
- Blood relation
- Works out
- Female given name
- Isaac's mother (Bib.)
- Makes someone happy
- Creative
- Small, faint constellation
- S. American trees
- Makes simpler
- Neither
- We all need it
- Unique plastic utensil
- Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- Civil Rights group
- Metropolis
- Badgers
- Regular business given to a store
- Gets older
- A bundle of banknotes
- Midway between north and northwest
- Takes to the sea
- Prestigious film prize: ___ d'or
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Removed
- Term of respect
- Genus containing pigs
- Illumined
- One who symbolizes something
- Member of a Turkic people
- The academic world
- "Key to the Highway" bluesman
- Hang-ups
- Long, leafless flower stalk
- Categorize
- Loads
- Indicates position
- Unreasonable
- Dorm worker
- Dweller
- Welsh female name meaning "snow"
- Offering again
- National capital
- Firm, dry and brittle
- 007's creator
- Allied H.Q.
- Mackerels
- Month of the Hindu year
- Not odd
- Belonging to a thing
- "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- Religion
- Equal, prefix

Answers on Pg. B13

the Continental Congress before his appointment as a major general of the Continental Army in 1775. It was his army that earned a pivotal victory over British forces in Saratoga. However, poor health drew him away from the battlefield. His troops were led by General Horatio

slave owners. That last fact has drawn more attention from city residents.

Albany's Common Council, which Schuyler was elected to as an assistant alderman, addressed those concerns last week.

"Hearing the calls of

"reactionary."

"Mayor Sheehan's shortsighted announcement to take down the statue of Philip Schuyler in Albany is an example of the reactionary actions we are seeing in other areas of the country in place of meaningful policy reforms,"

Sheehan removes the statue of Philip Schuyler, our local bipartisan community leaders in Schuylerville will welcome the statue here as an opportunity to commemorate his role in our nation's founding with appropriate historical context," Stefanik said.

"Scores of community members have reached out to my office requesting the removal of the statue of former slave owner Gen. Philip Schuyler and I thank those residents for making their voices heard. ... It has become clear that now is the time to act and confront the unfortunate history of our nation."

— Kathy Sheehan, Mayor of Albany



Gates and Benedict Arnold. Nonetheless, Schuyler's likeness, wearing formal military wear, has stood in front of Albany's City Hall since 1925.

Schuyler has long been honored for his role as a statesman and military man during our country's birth. As a prominent businessman and landowner, however, he was also one of the area's largest

community members, I stand with my fellow citywide elected officials and support the removal of the Gen. Philip Schuyler monument from in front of city hall and its placement at an institution with proper historical context," said Common Council President Corey Ellis.

U.S. Rep. Elise Stefanik was critical of the decision, accusing Sheehan of being

the congresswoman said in a statement.

The Albany native said she'd rather see policymakers enact "real and meaningful policy changes" to eliminate racism, rather than tear down statues and erase history. However, she offered a place to keep the statue once it is removed from City Hall.

"If Mayor Kathy

The statue of Maj. Gen. Philip Schuyler peers down Washington Avenue towards Schenectady, as he has for nearly 100 years.

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HOROSCOPES

June 2020 Week 3

ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

Aries, you may feel like giving a romantic partner an ultimatum of some sort this week. Things have been on your mind, but you are better off taking a gentle approach.

TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

Taurus, take practical steps toward your goals so you don't get overwhelmed by all the things on your plate. Later in the week you may get a reprieve from all the work.

GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

Various distractions may pop up in the days to come, Gemini. Figure out a way to filter through all of the outside noise so you can quiet your mind for important tasks.

CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

Cancer, shared commitments could weigh on you this week. Domestic matters need to be prioritized. Tasks shared at work need to have firm deadlines so goals can be met.

LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

A to-do list at home could be hovering over you, Leo. Don't feel pressured to tackle everything at once. Prioritize the most needy projects, and then cross off jobs as they're done.

VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

Virgo, try to propel yourself toward fulfillment this week. This means whatever task you can complete — however small — will create some positive vibes.

LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

Libra, if it feels like you're lacking inspiration lately, you just may need to broaden your horizons a bit. Travel to a new city or town, or listen to new music for a change.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

This week you may get a welcome reprieve from situations that have been especially draining, Scorpio. This frees you up for some socialization and fun.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

A lucky break may be heading your way that can help you realize your financial goals, Sagittarius. All you may need is a push to get started.

CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

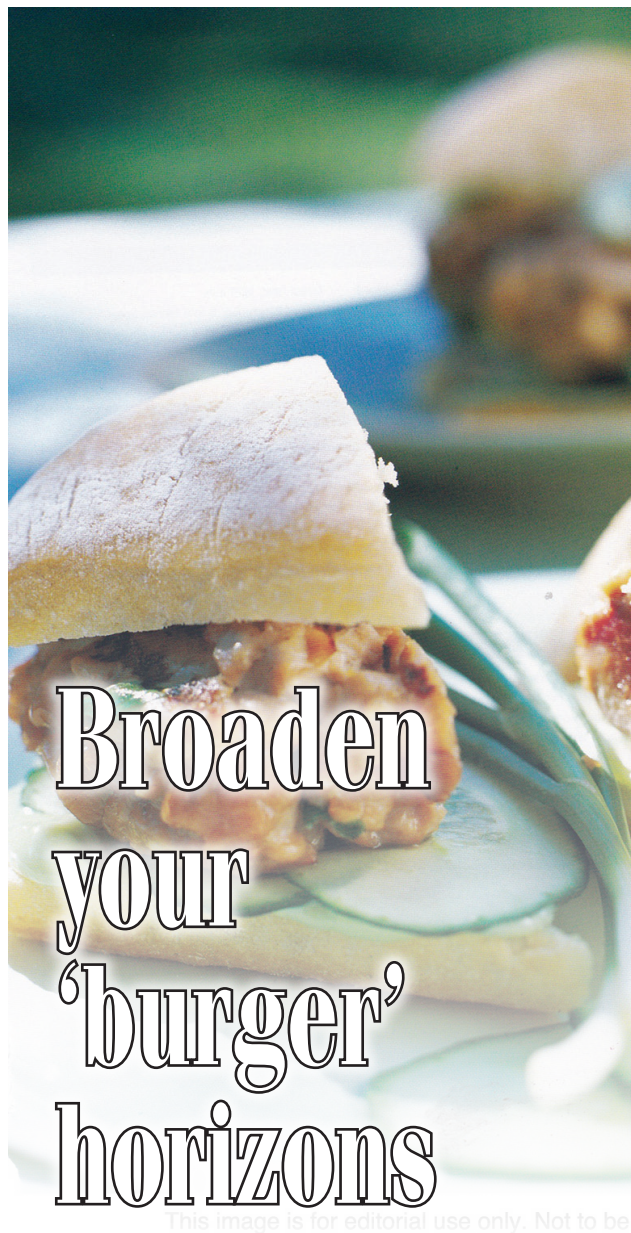
Stress or concerns about professional issues may be compromising your ability to concentrate this week, Capricorn. Make sure you address all of your obligations.

AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

Vision and drive have you going in a direction you never imagined, Aquarius. It may be a bumpy start, but expect some smooth sailing soon as you eke out new goals.

PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

Pisces, doubts may be plaguing you this week and you're really not sure why. A confidence boost may be all you need to set you straight.



Broaden
your
'burger'
horizons

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FOOD & VINO

Summertime is a great time to fire up the grill and toss burgers on top to sizzle to flame-licked perfection. With Canada Day and Independence Day on the horizon, you might already be planning your holiday party menu. Delicious burgers are often a given.

While beef, pork and bison tend to be the burger bases of choice, raw tuna is another "meat" that is both sturdy and fatty enough to stand up to burger formation and grilling without the addition of binders and starches. "Miso Tuna Burgers" from "Mastering the Grill" (Chronicle Books) by Andrew Schloss and David Joachim can be a perfect first foray into tuna burgers for grillmasters who want to try something different this summer.

Miso Tuna Burgers

Ingredients: Makes 4 servings

- 1 1/2 pounds tuna steak, hand chopped into small chunks
- 1 tablespoon miso paste
- 1/2 teaspoon prepared wasabi
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 4 scallions, roots trimmed, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- Oil for coating the grill grate

- 1 tablespoon mild-flavored oil, such as canola
- 4 hamburger buns, split (or sliced crusty bread)

Instructions

1. Heat the grill as directed.
2. Chop the tuna finely enough so that when you press some between your fingers it clings to itself, but not so finely that it becomes mushy.
3. Remove the fish to a bowl and mix in the miso, wasabi, soy sauce, and scallions until well blended; do not overmix. Using a light touch, form into 4 patties no more than 1 inch thick. Refrigerate the burgers until the grill is ready.
4. Brush the grill grate and coat it with oil. Coat the burgers with the 1 tablespoon oil, put them on the grill, cover and cook for 6 minutes, flipping halfway through, for medium-rare; do not cover the grill after flipping. Add a minute per side for medium-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, place them on the buns. If the burgers will sit, even for a few minutes, keep the buns and burgers separate until just before eating.

Chef's tip: Garnish with pickled ginger or daikon, wasabi mayonnaise, or a drizzle of teriyaki sauce.



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Is your chubby cherub living healthy?

Addressing the childhood obesity epidemic

Obesity is a health epidemic that does not discriminate based on age, gender or ethnicity. While obesity poses a serious health risk for everyone, children who are obese may be setting themselves up for a lifetime of medical problems.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says childhood obesity is a serious problem in the United States. According to the CDC National Center for Health Statistics, 18.5 percent of children and adolescents are considered obese, which equates to around 13.7 million youth. In Canada, obesity rates among youth have nearly tripled in the last 30 years, as noted by the Government of Canada. Children who are overweight or obese are at a higher risk of developing a range of health problems, including type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep apnea, and bone and joint problems. Females may miss or experience abnormal menstrual cycles. Childhood obesity is not just an issue in North America, as it has even reached epidemic levels in developing countries.

The CDC defines obesity as a body mass index, or BMI, at or above the 95th percentile of the CDC's sex-specific BMI-for-age growth charts.

Treating obesity begins with changing behaviors. The following lifestyle changes may be effective.

- Place a greater emphasis on daily physical activity. Eschewing devices for physical activity can help children get off the couch and lose weight.
- Change dietary habits. Entire families may need

Childhood obesity has become the most chronic disease of childhood, states the Obesity Action Coalition. Although the causes of obesity are widespread, certain risk factors are major contributors. Some causes can include:

- heredity;
- lack of physical activity;
- dietary patterns, such as poor portion control;
- socioeconomic status; and
- eating more meals out than at home.

to change some of their dietary habits, such as poor food choices and lack of portion control, to help obese youngsters lose weight. Focus on consuming fewer calories each day while increasing nutrient intake if previous diets were low on fruits and vegetables.

- Help kids change their behaviors. Children also may need to modify behaviors if they routinely turn to food for stress relief or to quell boredom.

Parents can help set positive examples about healthy eating and exercise by incorporating healthy habits into their daily routines and encouraging kids to join in.

Obesity is prevalent among children, but it can be overcome with diligence on the part of parents and youngsters.



editors' playlist *the spot 518*

It's My Life
Bon Jovi

That's Life
Frank Sinatra

Vamos
Ally Brooke, Kriss Kross, Amsterdam, Messiah

Madman Across the Water
Elton John

Iris
Goo Goo Dolls

"I just wanna live while I'm alive." Wow, that line of Bon Jovi's "It's My Life" gets me. I sometimes wonder if I'm living my life to the degree I should be. I think I am, but don't we all wonder if there's more to be done? I hope I still have most of my life ahead of me, but I can't help but wonder if I made the most out of today too.

— Katie Lembo

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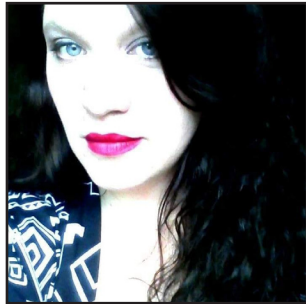
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LOCAL MUSIC

New concepts reveal themselves

Katy Ashe

Katy Ashe has kept herself busy during the quarantine. The singer-songwriter is also a full-time music teacher and mom. On top of all those duties, she spent the past eight weeks writing, recording and producing her latest album aptly named, *Mother's Isolation*.



Katy Ashe

Ashe is the lead singer of Last Daze and her recording credits include collaborations with Shooter Jennings, Trigger Pig and more. With Last Daze, Ashe's powerful voice supercharges the band's country rock sound. Her latest work as a solo artist, however, leans more towards an electronic-synth sound that lends a hint to her appreciation for Nine Inch Nails and Marilyn Manson.

"It's definitely a different direction but something I've always wanted to explore," Ashe said. "I produced, recorded and mixed the whole album myself. ... like Trent [Reznor]."

Ashe's lyrics reveal just how timely this release is. "Do Better" speaks of recent atrocities on the news with a plea from her that we all must do better. The new album is not due out until July 17, but Ashe has made four songs available for streaming and purchase on Bandcamp.

Road Soda Pop

LateShift frontman Scotty Somerville is attached to yet another project. In addition to The LateShift, and creating graphic art such as what you've seen with Hartley's Encore, he's playing music for a new band named Road Soda Pop.

Road Soda Pop includes Somerville, Mike Davies and Jacob Lester of The LateShift. It also includes Steven Clyde, a familiar face associated with The Star-Spangled Washboard Band, Johnny Rabb and the Jailhouse Rockers, The Lustre Kings and Ramblin Jug Stompers.

"This project is unique in that our setlist continuously rotates leadership and lead vocals which creates a really fun and captivating environment," Somerville said. "It has the flexibility to cater to venues and crowds of all shapes and sizes."

Road Soda Pop's song-list includes tunes from Billy Joel, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Oasis, Tom Petty, Steve Miller Band, Neil Diamond, Pearl Jam, Van Morrison, The Grateful Dead, Maroon 5 and more. It's certain to entertain.

The quartet dropped two covers, Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Bad Moon Rising" and Billy Joel's "Only the Good Die Young," under the release *Friend Requests, Vol. 1*. Somerville said the troupe plans to release more songs later in the year and play some live shows just "as soon as the world allows us to."

You can listen to both cuts on Spotify and visit the band's website at roadsodapop.com.

Off The Record Trio

Off The Record is that cool kid in school you didn't know was smart until she graduated with honors.

The trio's high-energy live act is plugged into Joanna Palladino's no-quit engine. The lead singer is always



Off The Record Trio

dancing, stomping and gyrating to a go-go beat with the stamina that would put Steven Tyler to shame. All the while, guitarist Geo Doody and percussionist Bob Resnick fuel the party with vintage 60s tunes and a smattering of contemporary music modified to fit that by-gone era. When the music stops, Palladino educates the crowd on the origins of each song.

The trio teased fans with a taste of its upcoming album *Time Capsule* on RadioRadioX last month, and it sounds about what you'd expect to hear. From the moment you hear Resnick's drumbeat on "You Can't Judge A Book By The Cover," you're moving. It's an old-school rock sound that makes you want to either get up and dance or go jump in a deuce coupe and race.

The band hasn't shared a release date as of yet but it has hinted that it hopes to host a release party as soon as restrictions are lifted. Visit offtherecordtrio.com for the band's latest updates.



Road Soda Pop

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Curbside Concerts Connects community with 'Socially Distant' concerts

By MICHAEL HALLISEY
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For months, virus-related closures have devastated the live music industry, causing distress for concert-goers and spelling disaster for musicians.

Curbside Concerts, a platform that gives live music fans an opportunity to host 'socially distant' concerts, is teaming up with musicians to deliver live music directly to the fans at their homes.

"We live in a challenging time and the energy of live music can create such joy for people. It's been greatly missed," said Eric Gould, a professional musician and one of the leaders of Curbside Concerts, "This is a way for live music to happen face-to-face, for musicians and music lovers

with a mutual respect for safety."

Concerts take place 'curbside', or in most cases in driveways or on front lawns. Musicians drive to the concert address, set up their gear, and plug-in to a power source provided by the host.

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Concerts run for 60, 90 or 120 minutes and have hourly rates set through 3 different tiers of artists.

Live music enthusiasts can go on the website and enter their zip code, which populates with musicians in their area available for performance.

Guthrie/Bell Productions announced it has teamed up with Curbside Concerts to organize artists in the Capital District.

"Curbside Concerts is a way for artists to still earn some income, and fans can experience some unique and intimate performances," said Kim Neaton of Guthrie/Bell Productions. "Waiting to get back to shows is tough on us all, but we know there will be another side of this where we will be back doing what we love with the music and people we love. In the meantime, if artists can bring the show to some fans in their area, we can continue to strengthen the music community and make new connections in a time when it has otherwise been difficult."

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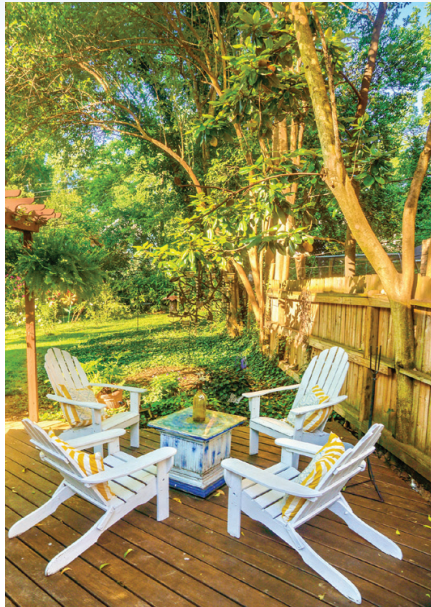
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