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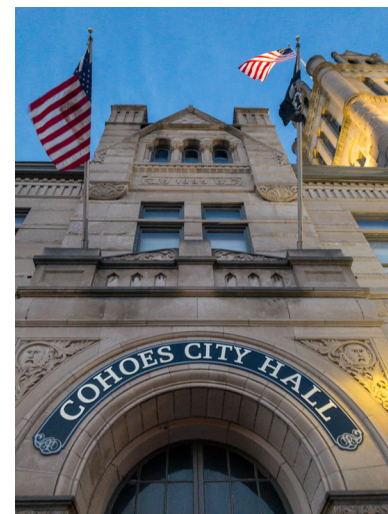
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DELMAR — Starting today, Bethlehem Central parents will receive a mandatory survey the district asks that they complete in order for administrators to plan for the start of school in September.

The district announced its “preliminary” plans last week to send children from kindergarten to sixth grade to school full-time while staggering older students through a hybrid schedule that alternates between homeschooling and on-campus learning. District Superintendent Jody Monroe told parents, “this plan is simply a place to start.”

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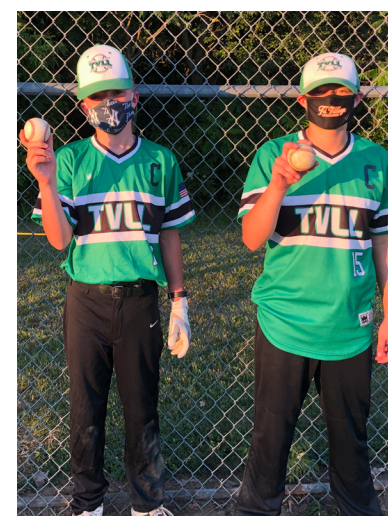


‘No clear path’

Cohoes mayor had no confidence in management group’s promises.

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A trio of homers spells victory in an exciting game at Magee Park.

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BCSD safety plan

DELMAR — Pursuant to the order of the NYSED Commissioner's office, the Bethlehem Central School District is making the district wide safety plan available for public comment prior to its adoption. A public

hearing is to be held on Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m., as part of the Board of Education meeting to be held online.

The public hearing will provide for the participation of school personnel, parents, students and any other interested party who wish to comment on the district wide plan.

The plan is expected to be formally adopted following the public hearing on Wednesday, Aug. 5 meeting.

Working RCS students can apply

RAVENA — Students looking for work can schedule a time to come to the RCS High School main office to obtain the paperwork necessary for employment opportunities. The main office at the RCS High School is open from Monday to Friday, 8 to 11 a.m.

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Each student is required to have an updated physical. Parents or caregivers need to sign the appropriate documentation and each student needs to sign the card in front of district officials after they provide the signed paperwork and physical information.

RCS school officials can mail the necessary paperwork home. The child would then need to come in with the completed paperwork and required physical to receive the card. Another option would require the parent or caregiver and student to come in together with the physical, and the card can be processed that day.

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From page 1 ... Mandatory survey

“It reflects several months of working with school leaders, faculty and staff, public health experts, and listening to the ideas and feedback of our families to ensure there is a comprehensive re-entry path that supports the district’s mission,” Monroe said in a statement released Friday, July 31. “It is designed with the kind of flexibility we need right now.”

Monroe said the district places a priority on in-person learning, but due to reduced capacity at the older grade levels, the hybrid model was deemed necessary.

Last month, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced schools could reopen if their respective region

is in Phase 4 and has a daily infection rate of 5 percent or lower over a 14-day average. If daily infection rates exceed 9 percent over a seven-day average, however, schools in that region would not reopen. Similarly, should a region see such an average after reopening, schools in that region would also be directed to close.

Many of the districts across the Capital District have undertaken exhaustive efforts to gauge what their families hoped to see for the coming school year. The bulk of that effort came only after the state provided clearer guidelines just three weeks ago. Schools like Ravena Coeymans Selkirk pressed the state for more time before submitting

their respective plans to reopen. The volume of such requests prompted the governor’s office to extend the July 31 deadline to Friday, Aug. 7.

“While there are still many unknowns, we do know that a healthy environment for learning and working will be our top priority,” Monroe said.

As has been shared in recent weeks, daily health screens will be required at home and monitoring of students for symptoms while on-campus. Bethlehem Central’s plan will require face coverings and frequent hand-washing routines. Students and staff will practice social distancing and follow “all health and safety protocols.”

Foreshadowing

Greenburgh-North Castle, in Westchester County, had opened a summer school program

for two weeks before three teachers and three students tested positive for coronavirus. The special-education school had opened for in-person instruction at reduced capacity. It is now closed indefinitely as of last Thursday. The new cluster of cases sparked a reaction from New York State United Teachers.

“The situation in Greenburgh-North Castle has highlighted the need for clear guidance regarding steps that will be taken in the event of a positive COVID-19 case in a school setting,” said NYSUT President Andy Pallotta on Thursday.

A union official at Greenburgh-North Castle expressed concerns over contact tracing. According to a report from WCBS 880, 15 people had possibly been in contact with the first confirmed case, but only two were isolated.

Responses to NYSUT’s online statement shared a lack of confidence with in-person learning plans. Similar opinions have been expressed by teachers across the country in recent weeks. The American Federation of Teachers, which represents 1.7 million school employees across the country, said it supports local chapters who decide to strike.

The union demands, however, appear to be similar with what New York already has in place. Based on the Federation’s demands, districts should open only in areas where the infection rate among those tested is below 5 percent, and where the transmission rate is below 1 percent. It also insists upon face masks, social distancing and liberal cleaning regimens.

“Health and safety is of the utmost concern in reopening schools this fall, and we cannot risk that there will be further local confusion elsewhere like there was in this case,” said Pallotta. “The guidance needs to be crystal clear as to how a positive COVID case would be handled. That includes under what conditions a district must re-close its school buildings, a timeline for closure, quarantine procedures, the process for contact tracing those who may have been exposed to the virus, and under what conditions schools can be reopened. In addition, we believe it is imperative that districts and local health officials err on the side of caution in any case of possible exposure, including moving at least temporarily to virtual learning.

“There should be no misconceptions here: The health and safety of students, staff and families

must come first.”

School districts are allowing families to opt out of in-person learning, providing the opportunity for children to learn from home as they did last spring. Surveys similar to the one Bethlehem Central is providing now will assist school districts prepare for September.

“We recognize that there may be families who, for many reasons, may not feel comfortable with face-to-face learning so digital learning for all or part of the school year also will be available as an option,” Monroe said.

In an earlier survey, parents shared their frustration over an online curriculum program patched together by teachers in the first days of virus-related shutdowns. Parents also struggled with teaching lessons while juggling their own professional responsibilities. “We learned a lot this past spring about what works – and what doesn’t – in a digital setting,” said Monroe, “and these lessons have helped us to strengthen our online learning model.

Mandatory survey

Parents will receive a mandatory survey and will have until Saturday, Aug 15 to return it. The district will send the survey to parents three times between Aug. 5 and Aug. 15.

“We know that the upcoming school year will be a challenging one for all of us,” Monroe said. “By working together, we can continue to deliver on our mission to prepare all students to reach their potential.”

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■ POLITICS

Republican vice chair steps down

Growing divide appears between old and new leadership

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BETHLEHEM — The Republican Committee lost one of its loudest voices when he stepped down as its vice chairperson last week.

Steve Peterson resigned as vice chairperson at the committee's last meeting on Saturday, July 25. In a letter to the executive committee, he said he "underperformed" at the position. However, he chose to remain on as a committee person.

"Perhaps there's someone else that could do better," stated Peterson.

Peterson was appointed vice chairperson in January, as represented one half of a leadership overhaul that included the party's



Steve Peterson at Responder's Park in Glenmont.

selection of Stephanie Dwyer as its chairperson. Dwyer appointed Peterson for the vice chair position. In January, she told *The Spotlight*, "he has committed to attending town board meetings, to publicly demanding answers from our elected officials and to actively support our candidates."

Despite once residing

in the shadow of Albany's notorious Democrat political machine, Bethlehem had stood as a predominately Republican town for more than a century. That changed in 2003 when the late Sheila Fuller sat in the supervisor's office with the party well represented on the town board. After Fuller decided to end her 10-year run

as supervisor, Democrat Theresa Egan earned the seat.

The party has since struggled to regain power in town politics. At times it has appeared to suffer with an identity crisis while, more than once, it crossed party lines to endorse candidates. In 2009, the party chose Independent — and former Democrat — Sam Messina to run on its line for town supervisor. The party crossed lines again in the next election cycle, opting to endorse Democrat Kyle Kotary in 2011. That prompted Messina to drop out of the race. Kotary was later defeated by John Clarkson, another Democrat.

The latest move is further indicative of apparent turmoil brewing from within the party. Melissa Kermani stepped down as chairperson last November, leading former chair Keith Wiggand to temporarily step in.

When Wiggand was last chairperson, the Republican Party was more conservative than while Fuller was town supervisor from 1993 to 2003. When Republicans voted Dwyer to lead the party in January, there appeared to be another shift in ideology that only became more visible last month.

When Wiggand organized a Back the Blue rally for July 4, Dwyer publicly spoke against it. Prior to the weekend rally, she expressed support for local police, but stated on social media that she refused "to be a part of something that is based on hate, negativity and threats of violence." Wiggand, however, said he had planned the demonstration outside of party politics, and expressed he only had a desire to support local police agencies.

Though Dwyer distanced herself from Wiggand's rally, Peterson

was in attendance. He later said he was "not in agreement" with Dwyer's stance.

"I am not in agreement with recent social media posts and newspaper article quotes made by the chairperson," Peterson told *The Spotlight*. "Those remarks made were not done in consult with me as vice chair or anyone on the executive board. ... Those social media posts she had with members of the agitators group were inappropriate. I needed to distance myself from that."

Peterson has been visible with several endeavors in recent months, suggesting a possible run for office. He orchestrated the First Responders Honor Garden, distributed masks for the public and aligned himself with the Together We Are One Bethlehem campaign. "Everything doesn't have to be viewed as political," he said. "I try to contribute when possible."

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ODs in Delmar

Bethlehem Police suspect combination of heroin and fentanyl

DELMAR — The Bethlehem Police Department is investigating two fatal suspected drug overdoses that occurred within the last twenty-four hours.

In separate incidents, a 40-year-old female and a 24-year-old male were determined to have fatally overdosed on a suspected combination of heroin and fentanyl. The first of the two victims was found dead on Friday, July 31, followed by the other the following day. Investigations into both cases are ongoing.

“The Bethlehem Police Department recognizes that many people are going through difficult times with the recent pandemic,” said Commander Adam Hornick in a statement issued Saturday, “and [we] want to ensure that people know there is substance

abuse help available.”

Bethlehem police also remind people that Good Samaritan laws protect those using controlled substances that are in need of medical help. If you, or someone you are with, is using controlled substances and in need of medical help, New York State Good Samaritan laws shield the user and caller from prosecution for drug possession and use offenses. The important message is to call for help, the help is available.

Bethlehem Police are requesting that anyone with information in regards to these cases contact us at 518-439-9973.

Anonymous drug tips may be sent to policetips@townofbethlehem.org or to Capital Region Crime Stoppers at 1-833-ALB-TIPS or by submitting a tip online at www.capitalregioncrimestoppers.com, or by downloading the free P3 Tips app.

— Michael Hallisey

Chief: ‘It was a good run’

Retired police chief tells next in line to depend on team and community for guidance

BY MICHAEL HALLISEY
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DELMAR — Louis Corsi spent 41 years in law enforcement — 17 of which spent as the town’s police chief — before he finally decided to retire in front of 100 friends, family and fellow officers.

With the social climate in turmoil, Corsi said he’s confident in the people he is leaving behind, but that he’s “never far away.”

I asked Corsi a few questions just following his retirement ceremony on Thursday, July 30.

You had 41 years of service, how much change did you see?

Corsi: “How much time do you have? You know, when I came on the job, we were a one-man band out there. You did everything yourself. There wasn’t a lot of support. There was very little interagency, or other agency, communications. But, as time has changed, with the dynamics from 9/11, we have become a bigger family because we realize crime is not a localized issue.



Police Chief Louis Corsi

It’s a regional as well as a national issue. So, we have to work together — pull together — and face these challenges head on. It’s not easy.

There’s a lot of division right now in our country. People need to take a step back for a minute and take a deep breath. We need to take a look at the big picture and ask ourselves change for the purpose of change means nothing. We need to change for a reason, and you need to demonstrate that reason to make. As I said, I’m very proud of the people who work here in Bethlehem. This is one of the greatest: It’s a platinum police department in New York. It will continue to be a platinum police department. These are great, great individuals. I give my heartfelt thanks to every one of them. Every single day, for what they do for the people of this community. So God bless them.

There are three people vying for your position. What kind of advice do you have?

Corsi: The thing that’s very important, the chief has to take a real good, open look at everything that goes on. You have to take your time and you have to use good judgment. And, you have to work together. We rely on each other. For the opinions, at the end of the day, the direction is set by the chief, but you don’t do that in an isolated box. You do that collectively with your command staff in your department, and more importantly, you do that with the community. That’s where I see this going. That’s where I hope that the next chief will take a moment, just to look at and evaluate. Make a good, informed decision, and then move it forward.



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■ ENVIRONMENT

Endangered butterfly is taking off

The Albany Pine Bush is observing impressive numbers of the Karner blue butterfly

By **JIM FRANCO**
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ALBANY — The Karner blue butterfly is blooming.

From a just a few hundred and on the brink of extinction, the population of the quarter-sized butterfly has been more than 7,000 for the last seven years.

“In a laboratory, protected from weather, predation and disease, we have seen that Karners have a high reproductive capacity, with individual females successfully producing hundreds of offspring,” said Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission Conservation Director Neil Gifford. “Conditions in the wild are seldom that perfect, but every once in a while things can line

up, and that’s what we believe we are witnessing in the preserve right now,” he added.

The butterfly was listed as endangered in 1992 by the U.S. fish and Wildlife Service and are still a protected species.

The Pine Bush, which encompasses some 3,350 acres of land, has initiated a number of programs to help foster a habitat conducive to breeding the butterfly including controlled burning, forest thinning, restoration seeding and environmental education.

While the current population size cannot be calculated until the season has ended, staff report counting hundreds of butterflies on their surveys at sites throughout the preserve.

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Albany Pine
Bush Preserve
Commission
Conservation
Director



The Karner blue butterfly.

Photo via Pine Bush Preserve

butterflies we are seeing this month is unlike anything previously documented in the preserve,” said Field Ecologist and Entomologist Amanda Dillon, who has been conducting annual surveys since 2010.

The quarter-sized Karner blue butterfly was identified in the 1940s by novelist Vladimir Nabokov at the Pine Bush in the

New York hamlet of Karner. The USFWS estimates that when the species was protected as endangered 28 years ago, the range-wide population had declined by up to 99 percent.

“Thanks to our key partners at the state Department of Environmental Conservation and the critical support we

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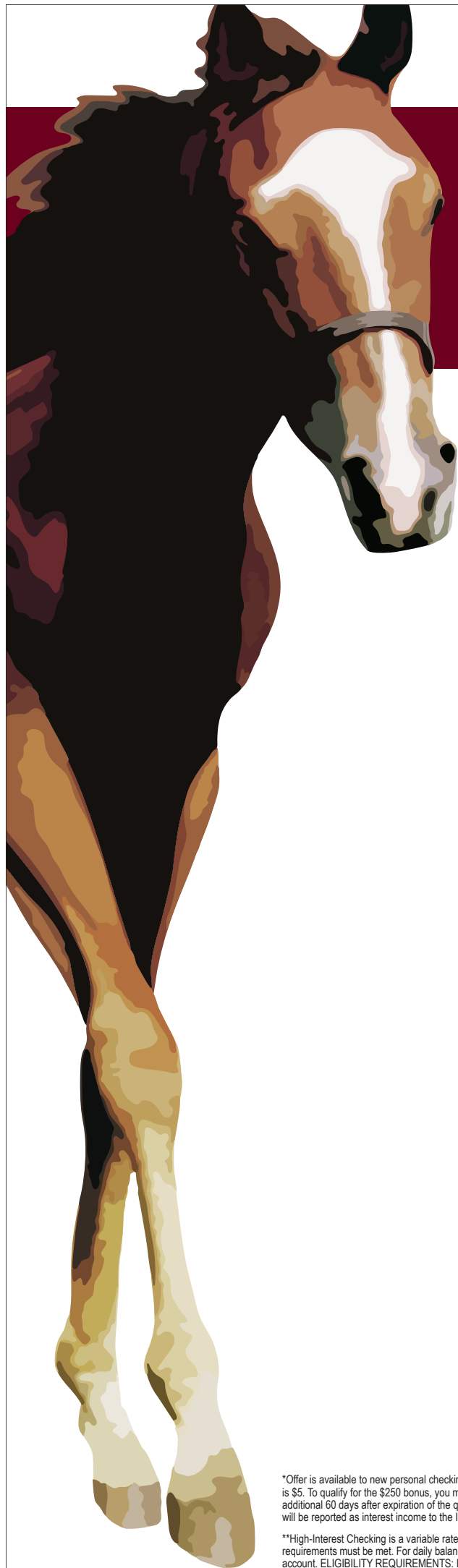
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■ COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Virus has taken a bite out Empire State

Counties face \$13.5B in lost revenue over next two years

By **JIM FRANCO**
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ALBANY — The frustrating uncertainties associated with COVID-19 — how long it will last and how bad it will get — are also applicable to the accompanying economic crisis facing people, school districts and municipalities.

The numbers are staggering. In March, unemployment in New York state was 4.2 percent, a month before it was 3.9 percent. In June it ballooned to 15.6 percent and that is after most of the state-imposed restrictions on businesses had loosened. The Dow Jones went from an all-time high of nearly 30,000 for most of February to below 19,000 by mid-March. It has since leveled off and has hovered around 26,000 for the majority of July but uncertainty is still on the minds of pundits and speculators.

There are still segments of the economy locked down, like movie theaters, bowling alleys and gyms but the last phase of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's re-opening plan went into effect in early July and most businesses are up and running — at 50 percent capacity which, based on simple mathematics, hurts the bottom line as much as the spending public's fear of leaving the house for anything but basic necessities.

The downturn is exacerbated by the sudden and drastic collapse coming during a spate of unprecedented economic growth. Counties, and by extension municipalities, estimate sales tax revenue each year to balance their budget. Basing that estimate on the prior year numbers, with an conservative percentage of growth, is common practice.

But nobody expected COVID.

Between January and June of 2020 compared



Albany County Executive Dan McCoy during a press briefing. Albany County is facing \$60 million, or 22 percent, in lost sales taxes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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to the same time frame a year ago, Albany County is down about \$15.5 million in sales tax revenue alone and that number could grow to \$60 million by the time December rolls around, said Albany County Executive Dan McCoy. And that doesn't include the equally extreme, if not as large, decreases in occupancy, mortgage and other taxes the county and counties across the state rely upon to provide services.

"As the president of County Executives of America and the County Executive Association of New York State Association of Counties, I've heard from my counterparts talk about the difficult decisions they're considering to address their budget crises including closing parks, steep cuts to programs and even layoffs," he said. "No one wants to this, but at this point, Congress and the President are forcing our hands."

As of Monday, Aug. 3, stimulus package No. 5 was still being debated in Washington. One version would bring \$3 trillion to all the states with about \$1 trillion earmarked for local

governments and school districts. A second bill under consideration would not. Also up in the air is whether or not the \$600 added to unemployment benefits will continue or if it will be a lesser amount or none at all. And while there is some agreement on the second \$1,200 check to individuals, it is not set in stone.

"They need to do what's right and fair and prioritize smaller counties that have been on the frontlines of the pandemic and have been left behind in the last four stimulus packages," McCoy said. "The last \$2 trillion stimulus package only helped localities with more than 500,000 people and the majority of it went to states not to the counties. It didn't help counties like Albany and counties like Albany are on the front line of this every day."

Other side of the ledger

Not only are revenues down, but expenses are up. The county is supplying Personal Protection Equipment like masks and hand sanitizers, offering COVID-19 testing for

to 2009, McCoy said, but compounding this downturn is nobody is sure what will happen this fall and if COVID will come back in a "second wave" or if things will continue as they are until there is a vaccine sometime in 2021.

"I'm worried about 2021 and 2022 because there is a ripple effect on income, and I fear we will see a number of businesses just not being able to come back" McCoy said. "We are all going to have to roll up our sleeves and make some hard decisions."

The Capital District was largely isolated from negative impacts of the '08 recession because it is home to state government, and with that came some assurance a number of well-paid public sector jobs would remain through difficult times. As of yet, while there have been a handful of local layoffs, no county or state employee has lost their jobs.

"In '08 we were somewhat insulated, but if we don't get federal help, the governor is going to lay off people, the counties are going to have to lay off people and the school districts are already making hard decisions," McCoy said.

Private companies have resorted to layoffs, furloughs and many are still struggling to make ends meet. McCoy said last week he sent a letter to the unions representing county workers on Friday, July 31, warning them of what could happen in the not so distant future and reminding them that "we are all in this together."

Not just Albany

Late last month, the New York State Association of Counties released an economic impact report and it found the 62 counties in New York state are looking at a \$13.5 billion loss in revenue over the next two fiscal years.

"It could lead to significant cuts to services and permanent layoffs, slowing the economic recovery and threatening gains made against

the virus," said Steven Acquario, executive director of NYSAC. "New York counties need \$5 billion over a two year period just to make them whole from the injury we will have sustained in 2020 and 2021. That is why we need the House the Senate the President to come together to provide direct and flexible funds to the local governments and the state of New York."

According to the NYSAC study:

- Over the next 12 months sales tax losses could be between \$1 billion to \$1.3 billion for the 57 counties (not including New York City.)
- In 2020 and 2021 there could be a \$4.9 billion loss of sales tax revenue in all counties including New York City.
- There are 1.4 million less jobs in New York compared to this time last year.
- Hotel occupancy tax is down nearly 80 percent in counties across the board equaling between \$50 and \$80 million excluding New York City.
- Gaming revenue has stopped completely for a loss of between \$57 and \$86 million.

Some steps counties are taking, Acquario said, include permanent layoffs, hiring freezes, voluntary furloughs, offering buyouts and closing parks, recreation areas and summer camps and cutting back on other services. In '08 and '09, McCoy said, the county relied on short term borrowing to help make payroll.

"The economy of Albany County was strong going into 2020," Acquario said. "But as we see, Albany County could experience a \$25 million hit, an almost 10 percent decline of sales tax alone in a mild economic injury. If you take it to a severe injury the County of Albany alone could see a loss of sales tax approaching \$60 million or about 22 percent."

"And all of that injury occurred in four months."

OBITUARIES

Patricia Kennedy Harman

DELMAR — Patricia Kennedy Harman, 96, of Catskill, NY passed away on Tuesday, July 28, at Bethlehem Commons at Good Samaritan Village.

Born September 8, 1923 in Greenwich Village, New York City, she was the daughter of sea Captain Thomas P. Kennedy and Claire Hansen. She was an airplane pilot with the Senior Squadron of the Albany Civil Air Patrol.

An Air Force Veteran of W.W.II, she was chief traffic controller stationed at the New Castle Air Force Base in Delaware and Langley Field Air Force Base in Virginia. Patricia was a graduate of Hackensack High School in New Jersey and a Ballet student of Carla Davila. She was a reporter for the New Jersey Bergen Evening Record and then the Passaic Herald News during the early stages of World War II, until she enlisted in the Army Air Force.

She entered the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque on the GI Bill of Rights and during summers worked in the New Mexico Legislature representing college GI's. She was appointed by then Governor John Simms as assistant Clerk to the House and was an active Democratic supporter of Senator Dennis Chavez. She had always been an active member of the Greene County Democratic Party. She was also active in the organization of the



Patricia Kennedy Harman

Santa Fe Ballet company in Santa Fe and assisted in teaching classes in ballet at the University of New Mexico.

She conducted the Harman School of Ballet for several years in Catskill, and was a member of the Thunderhart Golf Club and the Catskill Monday Club.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Bernard Harman in 2000, for whom she was his office assistant; a brother Jacque and Dina Hansen of Sarasota, Florida; and a sister, Sheila Whitman of Las Vegas, Nevada.

She is survived by a son Thomas Harman (Margarita Palomeque Harman), and a grandchild, Alicia Harman all of Glenmont, NY; as well as many nieces and nephews in Las Vegas, Sarasota, and around the country.

Her family wants to express appreciation for the good care she received at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar, N.Y.

There will be no funeral services for Patricia.

Former historian dies

Alice Begley served as Guilderland's town historian, author

ALBANY — Alice Cathleen Begley, for many years Guilderland town historian and a columnist for the Altamont Enterprise, passed away peacefully at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital on July 29, 2020, shortly after celebrating her 95th birthday at home.

She adored her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and especially loved times spent with them at Caswell Beach, N.C.

Born on July 2, 1925, to Mason and Elizabeth O'Hare Parker, Alice was raised in North Albany and grew up in the Sacred Heart parish, at the center of a vibrant Irish-American community. She attended PS 20 and graduated from Cathedral

Academy. In 1943, she married James F. Begley, a newly commissioned Navy lieutenant soon to leave for active duty in World War II. He was the love of her life. In the early 1950s, Alice and Jim bought a house in Westmere, where they raised their three children. In 1956, she became a founding editor of the Turnpike Record, which she published until 1973. She later worked in the University at Albany's Student Health Service, retiring in 1981. In 1989, Alice earned a B.A. in communications from The College of Saint Rose, where she also did graduate work.

She was the Guilderland town historian for many years, retiring at age 90, and also served as Altamont village historian. She published books on Guilderland and Altamont history and two collections of her columns.

Alice was predeceased

in 1999 by her beloved husband of 56 years; and in 2017 by her daughter Alice Louise Rendall. She was also predeceased by her three siblings, Betty Wiest, Richard Parker, and Marjorie VanDeusen; and her dear friend Edward Dillon. She is survived by sons, James A. Begley (Paula Cotazino Begley) of Guilderland and Paul M. Begley (Carol Meier Begley) of Denver, N.C.; five grandchildren: Tracey Rendall Taleff (Greg) of Cincinnati, Ohio, James Joseph Begley (Brooke) of Mechanicsburg, Pa., Paul Brian Begley of Jacksonville, Fla., Jennifer Rendall Zins of Cincinnati, Ohio, and John Thomas Begley, of Asheville, N.C.; 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was to be celebrated at Christ the King Catholic Church in Albany.

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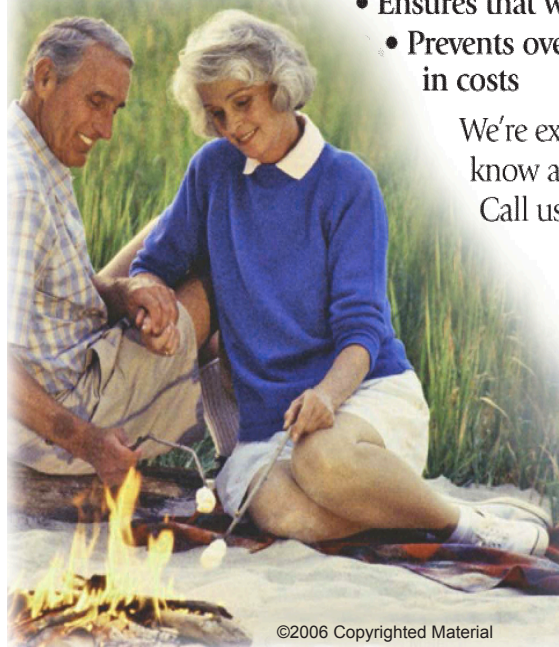
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The joys of shopping antique
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Sundaydriver.com produces several brochures of antique dealers broken down by different regions. The name itself further suggests the type of readers it caters to, and at what time. On Route 9W, just outside of Ravena, there are three such antique and vintage shops within a stone’s throw away from one another.

Walking into Picker’s Nation is like gaining admission into a museum that wants you to touch the exhibit. It also encourages you to walk out with it, provided you pay first. That’s the appeal to visiting vintage shops. Where antiques imply white gloves, appraisals and insurance policies, vintage provides a broader range and a sense of personal nostalgia.

“I’m always happy by the younger people that stop in,” said Casey Reppert, owner of Picker’s Nation. “I’m surprised by how much they know about certain vintage

items.”

Reppert sits behind the cash register behind the door. Behind her is an electronic analog clock that looked like it once hung over a classroom door. Next to her is a black, iron typewriter with hammers and keys that can still make a fresh piece of white paper snap. Throughout the store, there’s period furniture mixed in with pop culture items. Things area dealers purchase from estate and garage sales, and turn around to have them sold at a shop.

Customers often walk in looking for specific items. They may want to add charm to a new home with local folk art and period pieces, or they’re collectors looking for a good price. Popular items still include baseball cards, Coca Cola memorabilia, art deco clocks and manual typewriters.

Reppert said vinyl records have recently become one of the more sought after items. It’s those items that often strike up conversation in the store.

“They will tell me what they have, and who they are looking for,” she said. “It’s great. We need younger people to come in and take in interest in vintage. And, they are.”

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Burning rubber

County Legislature wants to stop LafargeHolcim from burning shredded tires as a means of waste management, fuel for kiln

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ALBANY — The County Legislature has tabled a proposed law intended to prohibit new trash-to-fuel facilities a day after hearing residents deliberate over the bill for nearly two hours.

Legislators are preparing to clampdown on two facilities who burn waste to fuel kilns to manufacture concrete and aggregate material for construction. Though Norlite and LafargeHolcim are not new facilities, legislators are focused on preventing newer endeavors that would fall under the proposed law. Their practices have been scrutinized over the years due to violations and public

outry over pollution.

In April, Norlite, LLC was discovered to have been burning firefighter foam from its plant. A study by Bennington College revealed Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances linked to the process contaminated the surrounding Cohoes neighborhood. The man-made compound was created in the 1940s. Because the compound does not break down, it has been called a “forever chemical.” The Bennington College report prompted the city to enact a one-year moratorium on the process.

Last year, LafargeHolcim in Ravena announced it would proceed with plans to

accept tires to replace coal and coke to fuel its kiln system. The kiln was part of a \$500 million overhaul of its facility in 2016. The Switzerland-based company had received approval from the state Department of Environmental Conservation in 2006 to accept up to 4.8 million tires a year. Those tires would have reportedly come from Connecticut. According to a *Times Union* article published last January, the state DEC informed Lafarge in 2018 that its approval had expired.

The two companies were mentioned several times by

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Albany County residents spoke largely against Lafarge’s efforts to burn shredded tires to fuel its kiln system. But, not all in attendance opposed the idea. Michael Hallisey / Spotlight News

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residents who spoke before legislators on Tuesday, July 28. Nearly 50 registered to speak through the online meeting, many of whom expressed support for the bill. Several others did not seem to last through the nearly two-hour meeting as they did not respond to speak.

“Let’s ban the burns. Let’s stop Lafarge from burning tires, and Norlite from burning [firefighting foam], aka “Forever Chemicals,” said Carol Waterman. The Albany resident continued to cite the link between forever chemicals and health problems that have developed due to exposure. “These two corporations are public health menaces who expose people to a cauldron of toxic chemicals, and they’re never held accountable in any meaningful way.” The fines levied upon the companies for violations, “is small change to them. It’s the cost of doing business.

“These companies have done the “Pinto Math,” she said, referencing a Ford car line that was found to have a defect that caused many of them to burst into flames after accidents. Instead of issuing a recall, executives of the auto manufacturer decided it was cheaper to payout on the occasional lawsuit.

In May, The U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency settled a case against Norlite for past violations of the Clean Air Act. From 2012 to 2015, the facility was found to be violating regulatory limits related to emissions.

“Specifically, Norlite exceeded the [operating parameter limits] for maximum gas exit temperature, which is necessary to control emissions of dioxins and furans, and it exceeded the OPL for minimum pressure drop in the scrubber, which impacts the ability to control emissions of hydrogen chloride, chlorine gas and particulate matter,” stated the EPA in a May press release.

In 2010, Lafarge and two of its subsidiaries agreed to spend up to \$170 million to install controls that would reduce emissions of nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxides at their cement plants across the country.

As part of the settlement, Lafarge also agreed to pay a \$5 million civil penalty to resolve alleged violations of the Clean Air Act’s source review regulations. Of the \$5 million civil penalty, Lafarge will pay \$3.4 million to the United States and \$1.7 million to the 13 participating states and agencies. The facilities included in the settlement are located in or near:



The Lafarge cement plant in Ravena.

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Whitehall, Pa.; Ravena, N.Y.; Calera, Ala.; Atlanta; Harleyville, S.C.; Paulding, Ohio; Alpena, Mich.; Tulsa, Okla.; Sugar Creek, Mo.; Buffalo, Iowa; Fredonia, Kan.; Grand Chain, Ill. and Seattle.

In the complaint, Lafarge was accused of modifying one or more of its facilities without first obtaining proper permits and allegedly failed to install pollution control equipment as required by the Clean Air Act.

Exposure to sulfur dioxide can aggravate asthma, cause respiratory difficulties, and result in emergency room visits and hospitalization. Exposure to particulate matter is also linked to respiratory

problems like asthma and other adverse health effects. Nitrogen oxides are one of the main ingredients involved in the formation of ground-level ozone, which can trigger serious respiratory problems. They also contribute to formation of acid rain, nutrient overload that deteriorates water quality, the creation of atmospheric particles that cause visibility impairment most noticeable in national parks, react to form toxic chemicals and contribute to climate change.

The County’s proposed law is similar to that passed by the Town of Coeymans last year. Its town board rushed to prevent Lafarge from burning tires from inside townlines. Less

than a year later, Lafarge is preparing to challenge that law and is already claiming Albany’s to be without “merit.”

“The proposed law has no merit, no scientific reported evidence, no case comparison studies and is presented to this legislature with no regulatory agency’s position or support,” said Aaron Kelsey, area environmental manager for Lafarge. “Furthermore, the law has been assembled by individuals who have no professional environmental background or experience, and are targeting Lafarge as an individual business.”

Lafarge is preparing to challenge Coeymans’ local law after the cement manufacturer was successful

in having a similar law in Maryland overturned in district court. It draws concern over Albany’s law before it’s even passed.

“There have been concerns recently raised by county attorneys about equal protection and due process,” said Mike Ewall, founder and executive director of Energy Justice Network. Ewall drafted the Coeymans law. “I wanted to point out that two other laws I wrote... both upheld when challenged in federal court on equal protection and due process, and every constitutional ground they were challenged on. So, there should be no concern.”

The cement company wants to turn towards tire-derived fuel as a means of remaining competitive in a global market. Another Lafarge representative said the plant had to layoff two-thirds of its 250 employees in part because the company is falling behind its foreign competition.

“While the chamber favors efforts to keep the people of Albany County healthy, we believe this law negatively impacts job creation and the economy in reference to the Lafarge plant,” said Maureen McGuinees, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. She said increased unemployment would take money away from local businesses and schools. “At a time when our local economy is in a precarious state, it’s irresponsible to prevent Lafarge from operating.”

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AMAZING SPOTLESS TOUCH II LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/13/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Glenridge Tax Service II Inc., 70 Bluebird Lane, Plainview, NY 11803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249522

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

AMLER GROUP LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 06/29/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware 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 Robert Amler, 28 Pine View Drive, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249893

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ART MAISON, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/20/20. 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, 119-39 196th Street, St. Albans, NY 11412. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249905

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ASTORIA BAKERY CAFE TO GO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/06/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 43-21 Ditmars Boulevard, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249205

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

AURELIUS CONSTANTINUS CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/03/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2050. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 420 Kent Avenue, Apartment 661, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249439

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BARBARY CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/24/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as

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agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 West 20th Street, Suite 1102, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248597

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BATS LEFT - THROWS RIGHT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/13/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Salvatore LoDuca, Esq., 6-53 152nd Street, Suite 2R, Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249524

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BEST TOWER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Steven Ebert, Esq., Barton, LLP, 711 Third Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248411

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BFD MEDIA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/14/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Glenridge Tax Service II Inc., 70 Bluebird Lane, Plainview, NY 11803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249577

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BLJ INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 200 Garden City Plaza, Suite 103, Garden City, NY 11530. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248420

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BlueberryWorks, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/14/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 132 32nd Street, Suite 301, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249607

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BNB 111 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/20/20. 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

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LLC, 83-16 160th Street, Jamaica Hills, NY 11432. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250364

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BROAD CITY CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/24/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 West 20th Street, Suite 1102, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248598

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS WELLNESS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/20/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Steven Ebert, Esq., Barton, LLP, 711 Third Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249940

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

C&C NAIL SALON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 482 East Meadow Avenue, East Meadow, NY 11554. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248376

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

C. FAZIO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/30/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o C. Fazio, 301 East 92nd Street, Suite 5A, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250566

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CELSIUS PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 4167 71st Street, Apartment 1A, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250084

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CHERRY 758 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/01/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 201 Clinton St, Apt 5, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249059

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CHIP SMITH ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/28/20. Latest date to dissolve: 07/29/2121. 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, 1906 42nd Street, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250392

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CHIP WILLIAMSBURG LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/08/20. Latest date to dissolve: 07/08/2120. 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, 1906 42nd Street, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249385

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CITY ORTHO SUPPLIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/24/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2190 Oscar Court, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248600

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/29/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 115 4th Avenue, #5E, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250524

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DA CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/01/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 60 E. 42nd Street, Suite 2450, New York, NY 10165. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250353

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DC POINT PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/08/20. 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, 35 East 85th Street, Apartment 3F, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249481

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DOH CONSTRUCTION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/28/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o David Horne, 73 Paerdegat 2nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250393

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DOMINE TAX GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/29/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Lance Domine, 182 East 95th Street, Apartment 10F, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250347

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

E.I. REALTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/21/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Jose A. Quesada, Esq., 1424 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249995

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

EDMS FAMILY REALTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/20/20. 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, 473 Oxford Road, Cedarhurst, NY 11516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249906

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ENTERPRISE REALTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/20. 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, 95-67 113th Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11419. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249521

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

EXPERT ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/17/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 80-30 164th Street, 2nd Floor, Left Office, Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249868

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FELICE DEE AT SAKS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/06/20. Latest date to

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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, 129 East 69th Street, New York, NY 10021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249378

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FOUNTAIN OF MILF LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/14/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7 Essex Street, Apartment 5A, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249939

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FRITZ & FRAULEIN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/29/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 120 N. 7th Street, Unit 2E, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248796

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FRM MANAGEMENT, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 05/07/20. Originally filed with the Secretary of State of Nevada on 05/07/2019. 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 Registered Agents Inc., 90 State Street, Ste 700, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248657

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GROSACOM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/17/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 347 5th Avenue, Suite 1402, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249849

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

H&Y PRODUCTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/13/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 222 Henry Street, Apartment #3, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249758

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HARBOR BLUE HOUSE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/09/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC

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upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 956 81st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249386

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HERMAN AND GRETA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/20/20. 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, 409 Elton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249907

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HYFN BRAND LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/21/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Glenridge Tax Service II, 70 Bluebird Lane, Plainview, NY 11803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249977

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JBE FAMILY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/25/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 485 Madison Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249063

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JCO53, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/25/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 87-08 Justice Avenue, Unit 11, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249175

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JONATHAN NAYSAN, MD, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/15/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 250 East 65th Street, Suite 14H, New York, NY 10065. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Medicine. D-250112

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KEE JU, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/24/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 112-41 Queens Boulevard, Suite 201, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250276

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KHANO 15 WILLIAM ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/02/20. 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, 15 William Street, 36F, New York, NY 10005. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249106

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KHANO 151 W. 21st ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/02/20. 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, 151 West 21st Street, #3D, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249107

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KHANO 210 LAFAYETTE ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/02/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 210 Lafayette Street, #6F, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249108

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KOZA ENTERPRISES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 114 East 32nd Street, Suite 1005, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250087

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KOZZA & CO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 114 East 32nd Street, Suite 1005, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250088

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LORLIN PROPERTIES I, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 07/03/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Florida on 01/23/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o The Caponera Law Firm P.C., 5 Palisades Drive, Suite 315, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249235

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LORLIN PROPERTIES II, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 07/03/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Florida on 01/23/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o The Caponera Law Firm P.C., 5 Palisades Drive, Suite 315, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249236

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LT SNOW REMOVAL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/02/20. 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, 3526 McOwen Avenue, Bronx, NY 10475. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249195

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MAJOR LABEL GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/27/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 530 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249176

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MAKENZIE TAYLOR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/02/20. 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, 1372 East New York Avenue, Apartment 3B, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249109

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

MARJORIE BART LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 35 West 74th Street, 5F, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Landscape Architecture. D-249440

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

McMANUS NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 495 Broadway, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250089

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MT LOGISTICS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/10/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 8710 34th Avenue, Apartment 4J, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249441

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NEPTUNE BELL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/07/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Melissa Parsoff, 425 East 63rd Street, Apartment W11H, New York, NY 10065. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249105

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NOI DUE CAFE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 63 Random Farms Circle, Chappaqua, NY 10514. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250090

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NPH RESOURCES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/29/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Natalie Heim, 406 West 45th Street, Apartment 1A, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250525

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NYC UWS PROPERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/17/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 80 Riverside Boulevard, Apartment 14M, New York, NY 10069. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249850

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

OMONIA CAFE NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/08/20. 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, 2603B Broadway, New York, NY 10025. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248735

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ORDAIN REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY

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on 07/07/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 5725 Oleander Drive, Suite C3, Wilmington, NC 28403. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249237

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PARSOFF COMMUNICATIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/02/20. 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 Melissa Parsoff, 425 East 63rd Street, Apartment W11H, New York, NY 10065. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249105

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PETER MARIA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/24/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Peter Campisi, 18-31 Decatur Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248543

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

Playa McCarren LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/21/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 85 Broad Street, Suite 28-088, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250523

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RA PROJECTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 210 Avenue of the Americas, #5A, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248377

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RIGHT ON RED LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/12/20. 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, c/o William Sohne, 71 Coffey Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248592

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RIVER PLACE GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/08/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10

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process to the LLC, 10 E. 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249368

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RIVERDALE PILATES STUDIO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/20/20. 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, 3333 Henry Hudson Parkway, Suite 7, Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249908

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ROCKBAR40, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 06/18/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Connecticut on 06/05/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 333 Stanwich Road, Greenwich, CT 06830. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248484

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SCIENTIFIC BRANDS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/24/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 110 West 90th Street, Apartment 2G, New York, NY 10024. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250277

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SIRIKIT & CATALAN PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/28/20. 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, 146 East 46th Street, Apartment 2FR, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250394

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SOUTHSIDE PIZZA COMPANY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/01/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 138-44 Queens Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Briarwood, NY 11435. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248978

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SPELLANO PIZZA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/18/20. 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

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— Carol Melewski

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— Luanne Nicholson

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Support the Local Journalism Sustainability Act

It is no secret that local journalism – particularly local newspapers – have been financially battered during the past several years, a fact that has only been exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic. Advertising revenues from small- to mid-sized businesses fund local journalism, but with the steep decline in ad dollars during this crisis, many news operations, including this one, have struggled to keep their heads above water.

We're not discussing the gilded national 'news' operations that have been tagged with the now-pejorative 'Mainstream Media' label. Most local news operations are relatively small affairs made up of a handful of hardworking journalists who only want to provide an accurate portrayal of the week's events. But significant financial challenges have strained their ability – and our ability – to do so.

At *Spotlight News*, we've had to reduce our expenses dramatically to keep pace with the fact that so many of our traditional advertisers are no longer able to invest in advertising, or worse, have gone out of



business. Those expense reductions have come in the form of not filling some staff vacancies, as well as reductions in page counts and the merging of some portions of our publications across multiple communities. These aren't changes that we wanted to make. They were forced on us by necessity.

We're proud of the way the members of our team have picked up the slack under difficult circumstances, but there's no question we are in survival mode. Most small newspapers are.

Hopefully, however,

there is help on the way.

On July 16, a bipartisan bill was introduced in Congress that, if enacted, will provide some financial stability for local journalism while providing incentives for small- to mid-sized businesses to advertise in local publications and reward readers for subscribing or contributing to local newspapers. We urge our readers to support it.

The Local Journalism Sustainability Act has three facets.

First, those who subscribe to a local

newspaper would receive a tax credit of up to \$250 to cover subscription fees and contributions. Over the past eight months, *Spotlight News* has solicited contributions from our readership, and as of this date, more than 4,600 subscribers have made a generous contribution to our efforts. This law would reward those people for supporting local news and encourage others to follow suit.

Second, the law provides tax credits for small- to mid-sized businesses to advertise with local newspapers and

broadcasters. The tax credits are up to \$5,000 in the first year, and up to \$2,500 in the next four years. This will help not only newspapers but also small businesses who will be able to connect with more local residents and stimulate business growth through an effective local advertising medium.

Finally, the bill provides a tax credit for newspapers of up to \$12,500 per quarter to be applied toward the wages of local journalists.

Whether you read news about your community in print or online, the great majority of local news is generated by newspaper companies. Without support, many more communities will join the nearly 2,000 cities, towns and villages across America that have lost their local newspaper. The Local Journalism Sustainability Act can help stem that tide.

This law is good for readers, it is good for small businesses, it is good for local newspapers and it is good for communities. We urge our readers to contact their representatives and express their support.

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First, our librarians have compiled a list of local and national resources dedicated to workforce development and unemployment assistance on our website, so you can see your options all in one place. Check it out here: www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/workforce-development-resources.

Next, we're offering a pair of virtual programs in the coming weeks that will help you develop the skills you need to be competitive in the current job market. These programs are made possible by the UHLS Adult Literacy Grant.

Saturday, Aug. 8, at 10 a.m.: Digital Organization

Take a guided tour of the best apps for getting



organized, making deadlines, collaborating on projects, saving time, and maximizing efficiency. This session will be held online via GoToMeeting.

Saturday, Aug. 15, at 10 a.m.: Facebook Pages for Business

Learn how to create a free online presence for your business, nonprofit, or organization. We'll explore Facebook's Pages feature, including setup, posting

content, and understanding usage statistics. We'll also discuss Facebook's paid ad features and key social media marketing principles.

Finally, we're hosting a virtual event Thursday, Aug. 13, at 6:30 p.m. about managing your personal finances during the pandemic. Maria DeLucia-Evans, with the Cornell Cooperative Extension, will share information to help empower your actions

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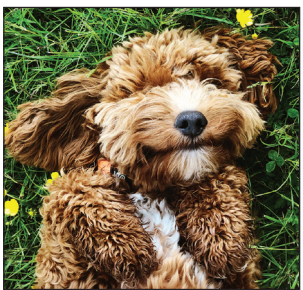
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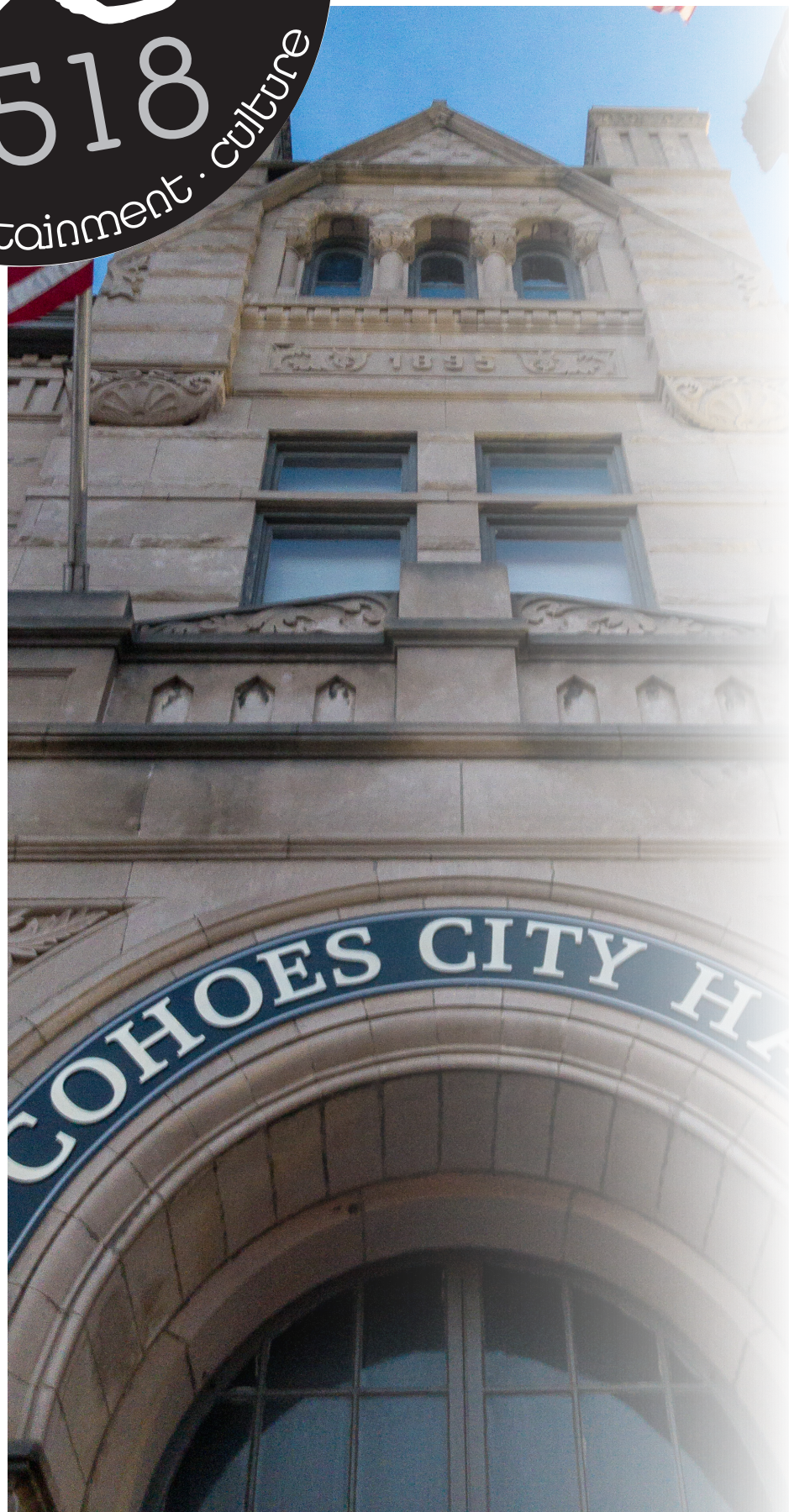
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'No clear path'

Cohoes Mayor Bill Keeler was not confident with award-winning management company's promises despite history of achievement

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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COHOES — When the city's Common Council voted to cancel the contracts of both the Park Playhouse and Music Hall Arts Alliance in May, it was at the new mayor's suggestion as he saw the city losing money. The City of Cohoes paid out more than \$285,000 in Music Hall management costs and show support in 2019, receiving back just \$90,326 in ticket and other revenue.

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Facing financial hardship, the City of Cohoes severed two contracts that would have continued to cost the city thousands while its Music Hall fell silent due to virus-related shutdowns. But now the question is whether or not it made the right decision to name a new management company.

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Virtual pet visits are essential

Animal Farm Foundation launches Pets Together Program designed to ease social isolation amid COVID-19 crisis

BANGALL — Animal Farm Foundation has announced the launch of Pets Together, a free virtual program that allows those who are socially isolated due to the COVID-19 pandemic to enjoy friendly interaction with pets (including dogs, cats, goats, horses, and other critters) and people. The goal of the program is to increase social connection and mitigate the loneliness that is a painful aspect of the pandemic.

Animal Farm Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing dogs and people together to end discrimination. Using live video-conferencing platforms (Zoom, Skype, Google Hangouts), the AFF team will schedule real-time visits where people can watch the animals and participate in friendly conversations with those who care for them. Notably, the Pets Together model greatly expands access to pet visits that have traditionally been reserved for face-to-face interactions for people living in group settings (such as nursing homes and hospitals) through formal therapy animal programs. The video chats are also available to doctors, nurses, and other health professionals on the front lines of the coronavirus crisis.

“One of the many effects of the COVID-19 pandemic is social isolation and loneliness, which were already highly prevalent before the crisis” said



Stacey Coleman, Executive Director of Animal Farm Foundation. “We designed Pets Together to adapt to these unprecedented circumstances by tapping into the power of pets to spread joy and bring people together.”

Even before the pandemic, social isolation was a public health threat negatively impacting the wellbeing of many individuals, including but not limited to older adults. Now, with the mandate to stay at home to prevent the spread of coronavirus, so many more people are at risk for social isolation—further threatening physical as well as mental health.

Defined as a state in which the individual lacks a sense of belonging socially and engagement with others, social isolation can result in a 29 percent



increased risk of mortality over time, researchers have found. In fact, social isolation is comparable with other well-established risk factors such as poor access to health care, exposure to environmental hazards, injury and violence, obesity and physical inactivity, substance misuse and mental health disorders.

“Pets bring us comfort during times of distress, but not everyone is in a position to have one.” Coleman also said. “Pets Together is a model that brings joy and comfort to those who are feeling socially isolated and lonely. We are all in this together, even the pets!”

For more information about the Pets Together Program, or to learn how to participate, please visit <https://petstogether.org/>

AFF brings dogs and people together to end discrimination. As a 501(c)3, AFF creates positive change for dogs, people, and communities through our service dog program, PAWS prison program, and by funding the training of K9 detection dogs. AFF provides lawmakers and policymakers with the information they need to create non-discriminatory laws and policies. If necessary, AFF works within the legal system to end breed-specific discrimination.

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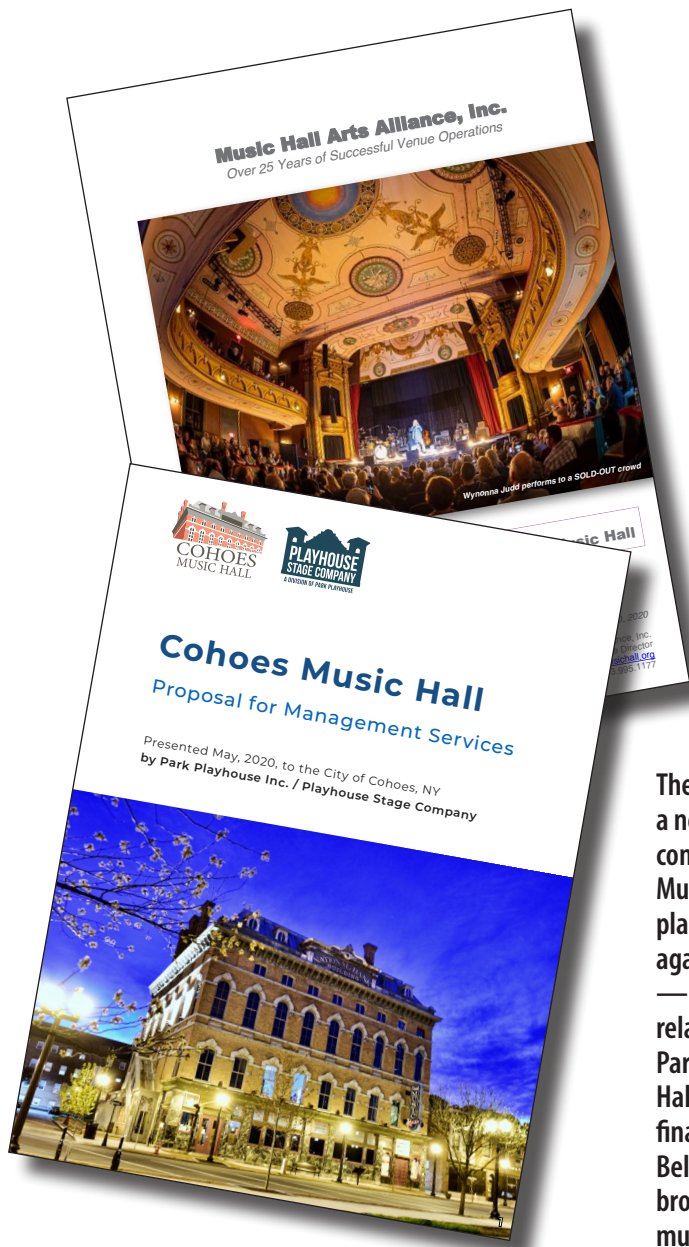
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The city's process to find a new management company to run its storied Music Hall ultimately placed two partners against one another — most notably the relationship between Park Playhouse and Music Hall Arts Alliance. A third finalist included Guthrie/Bell Productions, which brought dozens of live music shows to the stage.

From page B1 ... Cohoes

“Through this agreement we are able to save Cohoes taxpayers around a quarter of a million dollars annually while sustaining the arts and the vibrancy of our business district” said Mayor Bill Keeler. “This implements a business model that is fiscally prudent for the City of Cohoes for years to come, thus assuring the viability of the Music Hall over the long term.”

Playhouse Stage Company’s proposal, one of six that was reviewed by the city, promises to continue programming in the Music Hall for the next five years, while saving taxpayers between \$200,000 and \$300,000 annually.

“It is our goal to bring a variety of entertainment to the stage, while making the theater accessible for everyone in the community” said Park Playhouse Producing Artistic Director Owen Smith. The theatre group has called the Music Hall home for nearly four years, and has been a part of a larger collaboration of

entities that have ushered in stand-up comedy, live music and a variety of other acts. “The entertainment people have enjoyed at the Cohoes Music Hall for the past several years will not only continue on my watch, it will improve in quality, and there will be more of it.”

The contract will be presented to the Cohoes Common Council at their next meeting on Tuesday, July 28.

“This is a definite step in the right direction,” said Gil Ethier, deputy majority leader of the Albany County Legislature. He was among the dignitaries present at the city’s announcement two weeks ago inside the storied venue. “It’s a good anchor for the city.”

The Cohoes Music Hall is 146 years old. In relation to Troy’s famous stage, the Spindle City’s is just four years younger. It had, however, struggled to maintain relevance over recent years. Nippertown published a critical editorial days after the reins were

passed down to Smith’s company. In Michael Hochanadel’s words, the Sammy-award winning entertainment journalist detailed years of stumbling operations at the Music Hall, either due to bad luck, ineptitude or bureaucracy; all of which caused the stage to go silent for years at a time. Which is why he seemed more curious by how the city severed its ties with Music Hall Arts Alliance.

Following a near six-year tenure as Palace Theatre’s executive director, Holly Brown took over the lead management role at Cohoes Music Hall in 2018. Prior to the move, she had already orchestrated a collaboration between the two halls, bringing shows to the struggling Remsen Street venue. To date, the Music Hall has hosted more than 270 performances during her time in Cohoes. Last year, *Times Union* readers named the Music Hall the “Best Small Live Music Venue” in the Capital District.

“The Hall wasn’t broke: Why “fix” it?,” he wrote. The common denominator between the winning and losing

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proposals — besides money — is what kind of entertainment landscape will exist in the coming months? Since March, the virus has already cost Cohoes more than \$1 million in lost revenue due to decreases in sales tax and reductions in state aid.

The Spot 518 reviewed copies of each proposal from Music Hall Arts Alliance and Playhouse Stage Company. While one company promised success based on past experience, another expressed continued growth previously stunted by paying rent to the other.

“I understood from the mayor when the contract was cancelled that it was done so as a result of the financial shortfall the City was anticipating from the effects of COVID-19,” said Brown. “In response, we submitted a new proposal that, not only did not require any financial support from the City, but in fact, offered them \$250,000 over the 5-year term of the agreement.”

Music Hall Arts Alliance had cut management and support fees from its proposed budget to Cohoes. Instead

of paying Cohoes through ticket fees, the management company promised the city what it called a “flat annual ‘rental’ fee” that would total \$250,000 over five years. The agreement would have paid Cohoes \$15,000 this year. The rental would have increased by \$5,000 each year from \$40,000 in 2021 to \$60,000 at the end of 2025.

Under its new agreement with Playhouse Stage Company, Keeler said Cohoes will pay nothing for management costs or show support and it will receive \$2 for every ticket sold. Each proposal promised an income stream back loaded over five years. For the 2020-21 season, Cohoes won't receive money from a per-ticket fee. That won't kick in until Playhouse Stage Company pays \$1 a ticket the following two seasons. The \$2 fee won't factor into the agreement until the final two years of the contract.

Brown's resume

Playhouse Stage Company is a division of Albany Park Playhouse which has maintained a presence in the region's arts scene for more than

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— Holly Brown, Executive Director, Music Hall Arts Alliance



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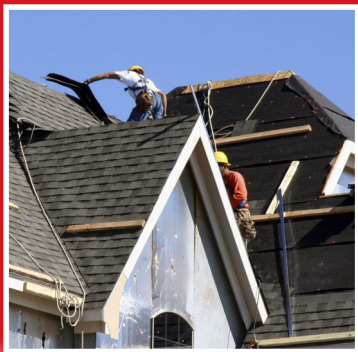
— Bill Keeler, Mayor of Cohoes

30 years. Earning the city's contract to manage the music hall is yet another accolade for the company born after Park Playhouse moved to Cohoes in 2018. That move was credited in part to the working relationship Smith and Brown first established at the Palace while the latter was executive director.

With Cohoes awarding the management contract to Park Playhouse, it gives Smith and the theatre company an opportunity to grow. Instead of being a tenant, it now shepherds a 375-seat venue. Where its legacy will continue to be defined by summer nights in Albany's Washington Park, its future resides in and surrounding Remsen Street.

The potential surrounding the new management company supplanted nearly 30 years of realized results. Last year, the Music Hall hosted 130 shows. It was the largest number of events over a four-year span that continued to grow from just 38 shows in 2016. Brown showed the same propensity for growth during her five years at the Palace. The

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- For Red Sox MVP
- It checks your speed
- Made dirty
- The First State
- Lodgings
- Spiritual leader
- Bradley Int'l Airport code
- Native American people
- Sharp pain
- Touch
- Slowly disappears
- Indigenous Russian people
- Narrative poem
- Some are bad
- Small quill feathers
- Tattles
- Popular Easter tree
- Beneficiary
- Clothed
- Payroll firm
- Lower Normandy's largest city
- Binary compound of halogen
- The Fighting Irish
- Skilled, paid worker
- Eyelashes
- The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Large, stocky lizard
- Made poisonous
- Former US Secretary of State
- Sticky substances
- A type of gin

- Predilections
- Partial
- Poisonous plant
- Road open
- Atomic #81
- Accomplished American composer
- Oh, God!
- Potato state
- Most melancholic
- Supportive framework
- Hollywood's Pacino
- A title for women
- Popular Grammys alternative
- Check
- Bolivian river
- South Dakota
- Wonderful
- Supervises flying
- Commercial
- More (Spanish)
- Even distribution of weight
- "Arabian Nights" hero
- Compact mass of a substance
- Bachelor of Laws
- Halfback
- Some of it is ground
- They play in the trenches
- Atomic #18
- Chinese Prefecture
- Fabrics
- Being in a direct line of descent from an ancestor
- In slow tempo
- Flood
- Long-necked bird
- Secondary school
- Artificial intelligence
- Structure by the water
- Lather
- What happens there stays there
- A bone
- The Great Lakes State

CLUES DOWN

- To return an echo
- Displace
- Japanese religion

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■ COMMUNITY

Reading is a free ticket to paradise

Local woman pushing for 'little libraries' at local firehouses hopes it provides free books for all ages

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NEW SCOTLAND — Dr. Suess once wrote, “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” This is a quote that Yasmin Salway, a local attorney, takes to heart.

Salway is from a small town within Guyana in South America. She has always been a supporter of reading and literacy, but when her son was born, she found that there were very few board books in her town for her baby. So

Little Free Library started in 2009 and has since influenced more than 90,000 public book exchanges across the country.

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Salway started a book business to help mothers find books for their children. She worked as an attorney during the day and ran the book store at night with her infant on her hip.

Years later, Salway moved to upstate New York. “When I

moved here, I wanted to open a book store,” she said. However, the Great Recession hit in 2008 and that dream was never fulfilled.

This year, though, Salway saw a unique opportunity to continue her passion for books and literacy

in her new community. Through the Onesquethaw Fire Company, based in New Scotland, Salway has been able to create “little libraries.” There will be small houses outside of the company’s three fire stations where community members can take

books for all ages.

Salway says the mission of the little library is to “bring the community together, increase literacy, and build a relationship with the fire company.” The Onesquethaw Fire Company is a volunteer fire department that has been committed to the community since 1942. Salway has been working with the fire company for years and suggested they house the little library.

Tattered Pages of Glenmont, the used book store that recently closed, donated many books to Salway’s effort and Lowe’s of Glenmont contributed materials for the houses as well.

“This is a way for me to give back to the community,” Salway said. She hopes that the libraries will provide free access to books for people of all ages, backgrounds, and residencies. Salway says that this library is her way of continuing her passion that started all the way in Guyana and made it to New Scotland.

To contribute to Salway and the libraries, please call (786) 325-0825 for more information.

HOROSCOPES

August 2020
Week 1

ARIES – MAR 21/APR 20

It is time to relax in regard to your professional life, Aries. If you’re out of a job, your luck could turn any day now. If you’re employed, a promotion may be on the horizon.

TAURUS – APR 21/MAY 21

It is time to reorganize your priorities if you have not been having any fun. Spend some time with a significant other or engage in a hobby rather than doing chores.

GEMINI – MAY 22/JUN 21

Family matters could be a cause for concern this week, Gemini. A relative needs your assistance immediately and you will have to push other things aside to make the time.

CANCER – JUN 22/JUL 22

Cancer, focus your attention on the things you are grateful for. Shifting thoughts to the positive can really improve your mood and upcoming outcomes.

LEO – JUL 23/AUG 23

Working together is a roadmap for success. Embrace the spirit of cooperation and others will soon follow suit. Your goals will be within reach in no time.

VIRGO – AUG 24/SEPT 22

Do not fixate on your shortcomings, Virgo. Instead, think about all of the qualities you love about yourself this week. This will boost your confidence and improve your mood.

LIBRA – SEPT 23/OCT 23

Libra, you are used to being the center of your social circle. But take a step back and allow others to share the spotlight with you. You will be glad to you did.

SCORPIO – OCT 24/NOV 22

Scorpio, you perform great under pressure, but too much intense focus can cause you to burn out at a rapid pace. Try dialing it back this week.

SAGITTARIUS – NOV 23/DEC 21

These next few weeks are an opportunity to develop personal relationships and get in touch with your emotions, Sagittarius. Think about taking a break.

CAPRICORN – DEC 22/JAN 20

If others are opposed to your beliefs or ideas you may need to reconsider your presentation. Accept others’ perspectives, but forge ahead with what is important to you.

AQUARIUS – JAN 21/FEB 18

Aquarius, there’s nothing you can do right now to stop change, so you’re better off embracing things as they come. Do not swim against the tide right now. Save your energy.

PISCES – FEB 19/MAR 20

Trouble may be developing with a partnership that is important to your career, Pisces. Do not give up and walk away. Find a resolution pronto.



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Cohoes

number of featured events grew from 77, prior to her first year, to 170 the year before she left for Cohoes.

Brown first earned success in Florida. For ten years she managed marketing for the 20,000-

seat St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa, Florida. She directed marketing and public relations for half of those years, assessing the viability of events. The arena was ranked among the top grossing venues in

Cohoes Music Hall is an anchor to which the city can establish commercial success. It invites patrons to visit surrounding establishments that do business in a city that struggles to compete with Albany, Schenectady, Troy and Saratoga.

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the world, and the highest grossing in North America. She later moved on to direct marketing for the Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater.

Ruth Eckerd Hall presented more than 200 events a year, hosting a variety of shows that featured Broadway, dance, pop, jazz and comedy — similar to the type of lineups she would later usher into Albany and Cohoes. In a theatre slightly smaller than the Palace, Brown helped it become the top-ranking venue of its size in North America for tickets sold.

“I have been closely involved with Park Playhouse since my time with the Palace, and am very committed to their success,” Brown said. “However, I’m sure I don’t have to say that I am deeply disappointed by the City’s decision. ... This coupled with being named ‘Number One Small Live Music Venue’ in the market last year makes me think that the City’s decision was based on something else.”

Two hours before Cohoes’ press conference to announce Park Playhouse as the new managing company, Brown informed the Music

Hall’s 22,000 patrons of the news in an email blast.

Keeler has said from the start the decision was over money; the city could neither support the contract with the management company, nor the one for Park Playhouse. Severing ties with the two companies was to save the city approximately \$200,000 this year.

“Regrettably, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic it has not been possible to have performances at the Music Hall since March, and will not be for the foreseeable future,” Keeler said in a statement in May. “However, I am planning for the time, perhaps 2021, hopefully sooner, when the lights are back on and the seats are filled. I envision an eclectic mix of professional and community programs — theater, music, comedy, dance — that will appeal to people of all ages and interests. None of that would be possible if we did not take the actions we are taking now.”

Theatres across New York closed their doors to the public in mid-March amid state-mandated novel coronavirus-

related shutdowns. The shutdowns meant to mitigate the spread of the virus have caused a strain on the economy as it has limited public access to only businesses deemed essential. The shutdown of restaurants, bars and retail stores left municipalities across the board without income from sales tax. According to New York state, counties outside of New York City are projected to lose a combined \$2 billion in revenue from sales tax this year.

When Keeler read Brown’s proposal, promising the \$250,000 over five years, he said, “it was just a number.”

“There wasn’t a path to get there,” the mayor said. “Owen had a clear path. No knock on the previous management team. ... I liked the vibrancy.” He acknowledged how the three finalists, including Guthrie/Bell Productions, worked together to put on “good shows” and hoped Music Hall Arts Alliance would return to do more. “But, it was a financial decision more than anything else.”

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• Remote start: No one enjoys enduring frigid winter mornings or

suffocating summer heat as they sit in their cars waiting for their engines to warm up or for their windshields to defrost. Innovation has made such unpleasantries a thing of the past thanks to remote start technology, which allows drivers to use their smartphones to start their vehicles from inside their homes.

• Bluetooth connectivity: Bluetooth connectivity has been around for years, and this advancement has made staying connected while behind the wheel more convenient and more safe. All it takes is connecting your smartphone to your vehicle's bluetooth. Once that connection is made, drivers can play music, accept phone calls and even receive text messages while keeping their hands on the wheel and their eyes on the road the entire time.

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art of parallel parking need not avoid cities any longer. Some cars now come with self-parking features that drivers simply turn on. Once the feature is enabled, the car will parallel park itself.

• Blindspot monitoring: Aging drivers who haven't purchased a new car in awhile but are in the market may be thrilled to learn that blindspots have become a thing of the past. Blindspot monitoring systems alert drivers of approaching cars via a light on their sideview mirrors and/or a sound as drivers attempt to change lanes. This can make it easier for aging drivers with flexibility issues to avoid accidents when changing lanes. Anti-collision warning systems operate in a similar fashion, alerting motorists, and potentially even applying the brakes, if the system suspects the car is about to hit something.



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FOOD & VINO

Lobster on the grill

There is no denying that lobsters are an interesting looking species. It's difficult to imagine that someone first had the inclination to catch and cook these well-armored crustaceans. However, as those who have dined on lobster can attest, lobsters' unique look masks a lot of taste.

Lobster and shellfish decompose quickly after death, so they have to be cooked within minutes of perishing. Boiling is a common method of cooking lobster. However, by quickly dispatching with the lobster and then cooking it on the grill, the flavor profile of lobster becomes even more pronounced. Follow these guidelines for "Lobster Grilled With Seafood Butter" from "Mastering the Grill" (Chronicle Books) by Andrew Schloss and David Joachim.

Lobster Grilled with Seafood Butter

Ingredients: serves 4

- 4 live lobsters, about 1 pound each
- 6 tablespoons Green Chimichurri Rub (see below)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- Finely grated zest and juice of one lime
- 1 teaspoon green hot pepper sauce
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Oil for coating grill grate



Instructions

1. Heat the grill with indirect heat, medium (325 F to 350 F).
2. Put a lobster on its belly on a rimmed sheet pan. Hold a sharp knife with the blade perpendicular to the length of the lobster. Insert the knife into the back of the lobster where the shell of the thorax meets the shell of the head. Remove the knife and turn the blade parallel to the length of the lobster. Starting at the place where you just inserted the knife, cut down the length of the lobster through the center of the thorax and the tail. Turn the lobster onto its back and cut in half lengthwise. Remove the light green tomalley from the body cavity and, if present, the long sac of dark green roe that runs down the back of the lobster, and put them in a small skillet or saucepan. Crack the claws by whacking them across the crest of their bulge with the back of a heavy knife. Put the lobster halves on a plate that will collect their juices. Repeat with the remaining lobsters.
3. Drain any liquid that has collected on the lobster plate into the pan holding the tomalley. Cook over

medium-low heat just until the lobster drippings turn white and the tomalley brightens, about 1 minute. Cool.

4. In a food processor, purée the tomalley mixture with 2 tablespoons of the rub, the dill, the butter, about one-fourth of the lime zest and juice, and the hot pepper sauce until the mixture is smooth and thick; set aside.

5. Mix the olive oil with the remaining 4 tablespoons rub and spoon the mixture over the exposed lobster meat.

6. Brush the grill grate and coat it with oil. Put the lobsters, cut-sides down, on the grill directly over the heat. Cover and grill for about 4 minutes, until the edges start to brown. Turn the lobsters over and move them away from the heat. Cover and grill until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the meat registers about 140 F, about 10 minutes. If your grill has a temperature gauge, it should stay at around 350 F.

7. Remove the lobsters to a large serving platter. Drizzle the meat with the remaining lime zest and juice, and place a dollop of the seafood butter in the open place of each lobster half so that people can dip the lobster meat into it as they eat.

Green Chimichurri Rub

- 2/3 cup finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons grated onion
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
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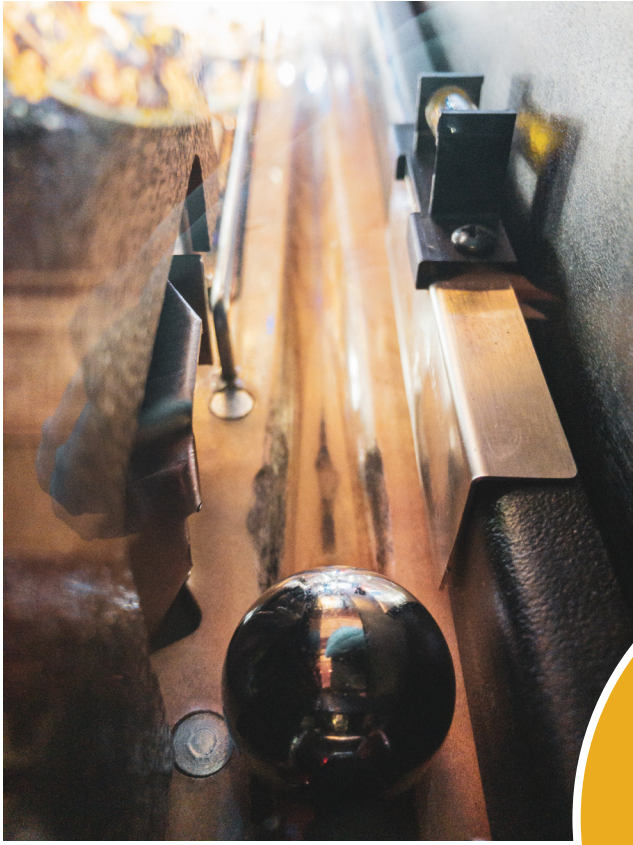
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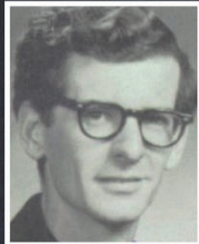
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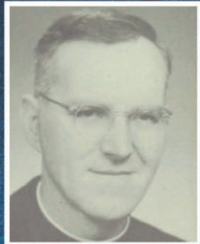
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