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DELMAR — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany removed Father Gregory Weider from public ministry on Aug. 14 after a change in diocese policy in response to Child Victim Act lawsuits alleging sexual abuse of minors and two other past claims of abuse in 2004 and 2010.

Weider, 84, served at St Thomas the Apostle in Delmar as an associate pastor from June 1971 to July 1977 then at St. Mary's in Cocksackie until March 1982. He retired from full-time ministry in 2010 and has recently served as the sacramental minister at Sacred Heart in Margaretville and St. Anne's in Andes, according to a release from the diocese announcing his removal. Weider was also the National Chaplain for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting in the early 1980s.

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■ POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY CALLS

Wrongway driver sends cop to hospital

Motorist faces DWI, other charges

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SLINGERLANDS — A Bethlehem Police Department officer was sent to the hospital after another motorist allegedly struck the squad car while going the wrong way in early morning accident on Friday, Aug. 27.

According to the police report, Larry Ray Hall was driving his 2009 Nissan Altima southbound in the northbound lane of Cherry Avenue Extension in Slingerlands at approximately 2:15 a.m. At the same time, a Bethlehem Police Department officer was heading north on the same stretch of road.

The officer radioed dispatch to report the wayward motorist. A

short while later, the officer radioed again to report the squad car was hit. The reporting officer subsequently recovered and was able to relocate Hall's vehicle where he was stopped at the intersection of Delaware and Cherry avenues.

Once stopped, the police report described Hall's Nissan as suffering "heavy damage" to both the driver side door and rear passenger door running boards.

Multiple police officers responded to the call following the traffic stop, after which Hall was handcuffed and interviewed. During the interview, police said they could smell alcohol on his breathe and observed watery, bloodshot eyes.

Hall allegedly failed a field sobriety tests. Later, at the station, police said he registered a 0.16 percent

BAC. The reporting officer, whose vehicle was reportedly struck in the initial accident, was transported to Albany Medical Center with unknown injuries.

Hall was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and is expected to reappear in court on Tuesday, Sept. 21 to face misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an injury accident, and a violation for driving the wrong direction on a one-way street.

Glenmont man arrested in Kenwood hit-and-run accident

DELMAR — Bethlehem Police arrested a Glenmont man for a Monday afternoon accident that left a Kenwood Avenue jogger with injuries to her

head on Aug. 23.

William J. West, 26, of Glenmont, was charged with one misdemeanor count of leaving the scene of a personal injury crash. West was released on an appearance ticket and is scheduled to appear in the Town of Bethlehem Court on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Bethlehem detectives developed information from witnesses in the area and began efforts to locate the vehicle that had left the scene. They determined and identified a 2021 Dodge Ram pick-up truck was traveling westbound at the time of the crash and that the passenger side mirror of the vehicle had struck the pedestrian in the head.

The 46-year-old victim was running on the sidewalk towards Delmar's Four Corners in an early morning job at approximately 7:40 a.m. She was opposite the

Bethlehem Cemetery, just a few houses down from the Bethlehem Central Middle School, when she said she was hit in the back of the head. She had suspected she was hit by the side mirror of a passing pick-up truck.

She was transported to St. Peter's Hospital where she was treated for injuries to her head. She was later released.

It is this newspaper's policy to not divulge the names of victims in news stories. Though this victim has gone public on social media, we have extended to her the same courtesy.

Contemporary sidewalks are installed with a road verge separating it from the road by a few feet. The sidewalk along the 300-block of Kenwood Avenue, however, was installed with no verge and no shoulder. The neighborhood dates back

to the 1930s. The middle school was erected in 1932 when it was built as the newly founded school district's high school. There's only 3 inches between the white pavement marking defining the roadway, and the sidewalk where she was hit.

The struck pedestrian said she does not remember being hit, just being on the ground and bleeding. She expressed her concerns over the upcoming school year which is to start on Thursday, Sept. 9. Her daughter is to attend the middle school this fall.

"School starts in a little more than a week and I usually would encourage my daughter to walk to school, but I think I am going to have her ride the bus," she said. "This is a real safety issue. There are lots of children on this road."

— John McIntyre

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The accusation detailed in the civil litigation brought against Rev. Gregory Weider dates back to 1977 when he was the pastor at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Coxsackie, and just prior to when he was appointed National Boy Scout Chaplain. The black and white picture is of Weider while he was scout chaplain in 1981. The image on the right was captured by the Albany Catholic Diocese.

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Former Boy Scout Chaplain suspended

A CVA lawsuit filed in state Supreme Court in Albany County on Aug. 7 alleges that Weider sexually assaulted and sexually abused a 14-year old boy from 1977 until 1978 at St. Mary's. However, prior to the Aug. 14 deadline established under the Child Victim Act, this lawsuit would not have triggered a suspension, removal or even a review by the diocese since it was a civil lawsuit and no complaint was made directly to the diocese or the district attorney.

In 2019 the state Legislature passed and governor signed the New York Child Victims Act into law allowing a two-year window removing statute of limitations on sexual abuse that happened when the victim 18 or younger. To date more than 325 suits have been filed against the Diocese of Albany.

The Policy

The diocese's policy for criminal abuse cases brought to its attention — either directly from victims or through law enforcement — are now sent immediately to the appropriate district attorney, said Mary DeTurris Poust, director of communications for the diocese.

Poust explained that based on the memorandum of understanding it established in 2002 and updated in 2015, the diocese does not proceed with an investigation until the DA returns the case.

"At that point, an independent investigation takes place and the Diocesan Review Board begins its study of the allegations and the accused. Once the investigator completes his or her findings, they are presented to the Review Board, which then makes a

recommendation to the bishop of Albany." Poust said. "The bishop then weighs all the information and renders a final decision."

This process did not apply for CVA or civil litigation brought against a staff member, parish or an entity under the control of the diocese because under the policy the victim has to contact the diocese or DA directly to trigger an investigation. When the diocese or DA is contacted directly, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator reaches out to the survivor's council to offer to coordinate support services.

"The Review Board would not be engaged in a strictly CVA case unless the survivor makes that choice," Poust said.

Under the previous policy, the accused abuser was asked by the bishop to voluntarily step away from the ministry or position until the case was resolved. That changed with Weider since he had past allegations or incidents.

According to diocesan officials, there are two abuse complaints against Weider, one in 2004 and another in 2010. A review of his files, in light of a recent CVA claim, led to the discovery of the earlier complaints, Poust said in an emailed statement.

"Because it is unclear how either of those matters were resolved, they are now under investigation. Bishop Scharfenberger has asked the independent Diocesan Review Board to review the original documentation and make a recommendation," she said. "It has long been diocesan policy to remove any clergy with a complaint under investigation, which is what triggered Father Weider's placement on

administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation."

Other priests recently accused of sexual abuse in a CVA lawsuit the cases are also now being reviewed by the review board. Rev. John Varno and Rev. Vincent Ciotoli stepped aside in August and will not be in public ministry or present themselves as priests until the investigations are complete.

"Bishop Scharfenberger has made the decision to change that policy in order to be even more transparent. It's a fine line the Diocese must walk in order to respect the rights of those who have been accused in civil lawsuits; releasing these names while the legal process moves forward does not indicate a judgment on the credibility of the claims," Poust said. "At the same time, Bishop Scharfenberger wants to the Diocese of Albany

to be a leader in transparency, and he continues to review and adapt policies in order to rebuild trust and encourage healing."

Accusation

Weider had been serving as a sacramental minister for two different congregations in Delaware County. As of Saturday, Aug. 14, Weider is not allowed to officiate at sacraments or wear clerical garb. He is also not to present himself as a priest. He retired from full-time ministry in 2010.

Weider was named in a complaint filed in state Supreme Court in Albany County dated Saturday, Aug. 7, which alleged he had sexually abused a teenager twice a week for approximately one year, starting in late 1977 when the victim was 14 years old. Weider began his role as pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic

Church in Coxsackie in October of that year.

"Specifically, the abuse included, but was not limited to, abuser touching, fondling, and groping plaintiff's bare genitals; forcing the...plaintiff to touch, grope, and fondle abusers bare genitals; performing oral sex on the....plaintiff; and digitally penetrating the...plaintiff..." the complaint reads.

The victim was then a foster child placed in the care of a Catholic family who went to St. Mary's. His foster family had introduced him to the congregation and he spent more time with Weider through recreational, educational and religious activities. The alleged abuse took place within the rectory at the parish. According to the claim, Weider told his

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COURTS

Albany man pleads guilty to child pornography charges

ALBANY — Michael Kurtz, 57, of Albany, pled guilty to charges of distribution and possession of child pornography on Friday, Aug. 27. The announcement was made by Acting United States Attorney Antoinette T. Bacon and Janeen DiGuseppi, Special Agent in Charge of the Albany Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In pleading guilty before United States District Judge Mae A. D'Agostino, Kurtz admitted that between Sept. 29, 2018 and at least Jan. 12, 2019, he used a peer-to-peer file sharing software program installed on his computer to distribute approximately 28 videos of child pornography from his home in Albany. Kurtz also admitted to possessing over 200 images of child pornography on his home computer at the time of his arrest in March 2019.

Kurtz faces at least 5 years and up to 20 years in prison, as well as a term of supervised release of between 5 years and life. His sentencing is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 28, in Albany. A defendant's sentence is imposed by a judge based on the particular statute the defendant is charged with violating, the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other factors. Upon his release from prison, Kurtz will also be required to register as a sex offender in any state where he lives, is employed, or is a student.

This case was investigated by the FBI and its Child Exploitation Task Force, including investigators from the New York State Police Computer Crimes Unit, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Ashlyn Miranda and Rachel Williams.

This case is prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood. Launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice, Project Safe Childhood is led by United States Attorney's offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS). Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <https://www.justice.gov/psc>.



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BUSINESS

Business friendly

Maureen McGuinness, Bethlehem Chamber named Hobart H. Conover Friend of Business Education winners

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DELMAR — The Business Teachers Association of New York State named both Maureen McGuinness and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce as winners of the Hobart H. Conover Friend of Business Education Award for 2020-2021.

BTANYS said it bestows the award to recognize an individual or organization outside the field of business education for “their meritorious contribution to the improvement, promotion, development, and progress of business education.”

Maureen McGuinness is president of

the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce in Bethlehem.

The chamber provides services to more than 400 businesses in Albany County. Its workforce development program brings educators and business leaders together to help create a pipeline of future workers.

“Ms. McGuinness along with the Chamber have done a variety of things to bolster the business education program at Bethlehem [Central] High School.” BTANYS shared in statement on Saturday, Aug. 28. The association recognized McGuinness’ work with sponsoring high school interns, sponsoring scholarships/awards to business education students, being a supporter and advisory board member to the business department program, sponsoring the high school’s The Buy-It School Store and her contributions to support students with technology needs.

The association also recognized the chamber president’s efforts to support implementation of remote learning and online coursework to support CEIP and GEWEP students to earn work-based learning experiences with CourseEra Online. She also volunteers as a guest speaker in the Bethlehem High School Business Department.

Prior to coming to Bethlehem, McGuinness was director of workforce and economic development at the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber. While there she worked with 12 school districts and 800 businesses on workforce development.

But the most important job McGuinness has, BTANYS said, “is being mother to her two daughters.”

The Business Teachers Association of New York State is a voluntary professional organization made up of an executive board that consists of officers, special directors, and regional directors. Also serving on the executive board are friends of BTA, which include textbook publishers and our liaison from the New York State Department of Education, Michael LaMastra.

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Pioneer collecting school supplies

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New items in their original packaging, such as writing utensils, art supplies, notebooks, three-ring binders, and folders, are being collected and may be dropped off at any of Pioneer’s local branches during normal business hours.

— Michael Hallisey

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■ BUSINESS

Wedding Present Farm for sale

Coeymans estate linked to prominent families of town's past is on the market and fetching an asking price of \$2.9M

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COEYMANS — On the hills rising above the banks of the Hudson River sits a stately Georgian Colonial with a past that's for sale should you have enough money to buy it.

"The history is all there on my website," said Klemm Real Estate agent, Drew Hingson.

The Litchfield, Connecticut-based real estate company markets homes of all kinds, but specializes in high-end properties that warrant seven-figure prices. Last year, it garnered \$16.5 million for the Atalanta Estate in Dutchess County. That property was erected in 1851 between the towns of Rhinebeck and Red Hook. Also overlooking the Hudson, it was built for Franklin Hughes Delano and his wife Laura Eugenia Astor.

The Coeymans property has its own history, with a relatively approachable asking price of \$2.9 million.

Known formally as the Wedding Present Farm, the 73-acre estate presents a palatial manor home made of local brick. It's unmolested views of the Hudson River were said to be used by the former proprietor of the Knickerbocker Ice Company that harvested ice from the river. But, it

derives its name from the land's initial owner, Edward Townsend Reed.

Reed, a notable lawyer, merchant and agronomist, gifted the land as a summer home to his newly-wed friends Edward and Martha Van Antwerp Easton in 1907.

Reed and Easton were prominent Albany attorneys, Yale men and mercantilists — Reed in seed and Easton in lumber. Martha's son-in-law Ten Eyck Powell, upon marriage to her daughter Kate V.A. Easton, joined the household and raised their family there.

Ten Eyck Powell family lineage traces back to the original Coeymans family, which owned Powell & Minnock Brick Co. P&M Brick exclusively supplied bricks to Co-op City, from its yard the 145th Street Bridge was assembled.

"This stately Georgian Colonial was erected in local brick in 1910 so as to maximize views of its elongated Hudson River shoreline and distant prospects of the Berkshire Mountains," Hingson's website reads. "Wedding Present Farm is set amongst a string of storied Manor Houses and River Estate Farms south of Albany that articulated life for prominent families."

Characteristic of a Georgian Colonial, the manor house features a red

brick facade with accents of the Grecian Revival movement popular the century before. Red bricks are married with white pediments and columns, and a cupola stands atop a second-floor porch on the corner.

House guests are greeted by a grand, wooden staircase. Grecian accents continue through the interior of the home with stately looking cornices in over-sized public rooms featuring oak floors and large windows admitting light from both ends. French doors open into a living room, complete with a carved fireplace and abundant bookcases. Another fireplace is found in the dining room, expressed by high-panel wainscotting. The adjoining kitchen includes a Butler's Pantry with marble countertops. There are five bedrooms throughout the estate, the largest of which is the 31-by-17-foot master bedroom on the second floor.

And for socialites looking to entertain guests indoors, there's a 40-by-25-foot ball room on the third floor, with wide board floors bookended by facing fireplaces.

The River Road property includes a 3,400-square-foot Tudor-styled guest house, two more guest houses, three barns, garages, fields, an inground pool



and shelter, and a blend of ancient deciduous and non deciduous trees.

Trip Powell, the great grandson of Edward Easton, called the wedding present story a "realtors fancy" while commenting about his family's former estate online. According to his family history, the Powell family moved out of Wedding Present Farm sometime around 1940, selling it to John Hall Blackburn, heir to a prominent coal business in Albany.

Blackburn lived there for 50 years, once leading the charge against Coeymans centralizing its schools into the present day Ravena Coeymans Selkirk School District. He died around 1990. His wife, Ruth, stayed at the home until she died

in 1992.

"The house was renovated in about 2008 and sold," Trip said. "I was in it recently, and despite years of disuse, it is a magnificent place."

The home features a grand, wooden staircase that leads to spacious bedrooms on the second floor and a grand, third-floor ballroom.

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EDUCATION

Driver shortage to impact schedules

BCHS students will start their days earlier

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DELMAR — The ongoing bus driver shortage that has plagued school districts across the nation will have an impact upon the Bethlehem Central High School schedule, the district said on Thursday, Sept. 2.

For the first 10 weeks of the school year, high school students will start school at 7:35 a.m. rather than the 8 a.m. start time that was in place last year.

The schedule change for the first quarter is the result of a critical bus driver shortage impacting

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Bethlehem and school districts nationwide. The new bell schedule for students in grades 9-12 at the high school will be in place through Friday, Nov. 12.

The change to the high school start time was announced as part of the COVID 2021-22 Return-to-School update provided by Superintendent Jody Monroe to the Board of Education at its September 1 meeting. A shortage of bus drivers and a significant increase in transportation requests for high school students prompted the change.

“We will need our high school families to plan for an earlier start for the first quarter. Our goal is to get all students in all grades back to school every day but to do so we need to address what has quickly become a crisis in transportation,” said Superintendent Jody Monroe. “Our

bus driver shortage has been compounded by COVID-19, and now at the high school by a surprise increase in demand for transportation that has forced us to enact this stopgap measure. Without changing the start time for high schoolers, there would be a ripple effect throughout the district.”

Monroe said the district’s transportation department had surveyed all district parents over the summer to create a more efficient district routing plan based on actual ridership and projected need. The department was able to identify several route consolidations and efficiencies at the elementary and middle school levels. However, at the high school, ride requests from families increased dramatically, creating a supply and demand issue, especially in the morning.

The district said the influx of requests means that more drivers will be assigned to routes at the high school than usual. More than 52 percent of students have requested transportation in the morning for the start of the new year.

In 2019-20, the district said approximately 35 percent of students would take the bus in the morning on a typical fall day. The district has 59 school bus drivers currently available to meet the transportation needs of students at the district’s seven schools, private and parochial schools and for afterschool activities.

Prior to COVID, the district had more than 80 available drivers.

“There are currently not enough drivers to accommodate the morning runs for a high school start time of 8 a.m. without impacting bus

transportation at all grade levels,” said Monroe.

Monroe explained that if the district continued with the 8 a.m. start time at the high school, there is not enough time for those drivers to then turn around and cover those routes serving middle school or elementary school. An earlier start time at the high school frees up more drivers to cover all routes.

“We will need to use the first weeks of school to record actual ridership at the high school to see where we can find efficiencies there. Returning to an earlier start time, at least temporarily, is the best solution we have to a difficult situation.”

In addition to examining ridership at the start of the year, the district will also be looking at possibly increasing the walking distance for students to reduce strain on the district’s transportation.

At the high school, students are eligible for transportation if they live more than a mile from school; at the middle school, eligibility is one-half mile; and at the elementary level, all students are eligible for transportation.

“We want to be able to preserve the later start time at the high school that we implemented last year. We will spend the next several weeks looking to refine routes, stops and schedules at the high school based on new sets of data so we can get there,” said Monroe. “Unfortunately, that may only be a band-aid at this point when we need much more. Looking ahead, we will be examining our transportation system districtwide, including bell times and eligibility, as a way to ensure long-term stability for student transportation.”

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Capital projects forum Sept. 27

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DELMAR — Bethlehem Central residents will have their time to question the district’s proposed \$40.7 million infrastructure project in an online video conference forum on Monday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m.

The Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education pushed the public forum date on its 2021 Facilities Improvement Capital Project from its original date of Monday, Sept. 13. According to the district office, the board had thought the public needed to vote on the referendum within September. When that was found to not be the case, the vote was moved to Tuesday, Oct. 19.

The board finalized a list of projects under the plan early last month, including renovations to the Bethlehem Central Middle School auditorium and a proposed artificial playing field for the high school.

Despite the \$40.7 million price tag, administrators will secure funding through a combination of state aid and capital reserves.

Field 2 is one of several fields on the high school campus, which includes two neighboring baseball fields and adjacent softball fields. The field has historical drainage issues. The proposed plan would include a stormwater facility system in addition to new drainage system underneath the playing field.

The synthetic structure of the field will resemble that used at other schools, incorporating a “crumb rubber” filled surface. According to the district’s demonstration, the loose crumb rubber would be contained with “minimal spillage.” The district also



Bethlehem Central High School.

Spotlight File Photo

cited a 2009 state Department of Environmental Conservation report that said “crumb rubber may be used as an infill without significant impact on groundwater quality.”

Board member Jonathan Fishbein remained skeptical over promises that the field would be safe for the local environment, and the school children playing upon it. He had suggested that the field be separated from the rest of the capital project. The board member feared the district could lose all of the projects if voters rallied against the turf option.

District residents voted down an artificial turf referendum in 2013.



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■ EDUCATION

Pens, pencils, shots

Bethlehem school board orders teachers to get vaccinations by Sept. 9

By MICHAEL HALLISEY
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DELMAR — With a little more than a week before the start of the school year, Bethlehem Central is requiring its teachers and staff members to receive a COVID-19 vaccine by Thursday, Sept. 9 — the first day of school.

The Bethlehem Central Board of Education voted unanimously to issue the mandate following Superintendent Jody Monroe's presentation on the district's return-to-school plans at its meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

"We have two goals this school year," Monroe said. "To make sure we have a safe and effective learning environment for our students, and to bring back all of our students for in-person instruction. One goal informs the other, and this directive by the Board will help us reach both of these objectives."

According to the district, of the more than 850 people it employs, 88 percent are fully vaccinated or have received the first in a series of two shots.

In the weeks leading to the start of school, the district has touted a layered mitigation strategy to facilitate its commitment to a full return to in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year. The district



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— Jody Monroe,
Bethlehem Central
Superintendent

is also following state guidelines and requiring all individuals to be masked while inside district buildings. The district will be updating its COVID mitigation document that had been shared with parents last month following meetings between district administrators and employee bargaining units.

Gov. Kathy Hochul implemented a statewide mandate

requiring masks inside schools shortly after she was sworn into office on Aug. 24. The order was first preceded by several protests across the state from parents balking at the prospect of having their children wear masks all day. However, since the mask mandate, there had been hints that the new governor would require vaccines from teachers and school staffers.

In August, the New York State United Teachers voiced its support for the new governor and the universal requirement for masks in state classrooms. However, it has also advocated for adequate testing for teachers, at no cost to them.

The union, affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association and the AFL-CIO, represents more than 600,000 educators, human services and health care workers in New York. Prior to Hochul, the teacher's union voiced its stance against forcing vaccination through a mandate.

"We have advocated since the beginning of the year that any educator who wants a vaccine should have easy access to one," the union shared in a statement on Aug. 4. "We would support local efforts to encourage more vaccinations, such as through programs that require that those who are not vaccinated get tested on a regular basis. But it's critical that districts come up with plans to make testing available on-site and at no cost. What we have not supported is a vaccine mandate.

Parents' guide to COVID

Albany Med experts provide back-to-school tips

By GREG FRY
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ALBANY — The start of a new school year has many parents and families navigating uncertain waters. Due to continuing Covid-19 concerns, schools are updating plans based off state and federal guidance and distributing updated information to families. Questions still linger about how to ensure student health and safety.

We asked Danielle Wales, MD, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, along with Aruna Phekoo, MD, Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Resident, to weigh in on some of the most asked questions from parents ahead of the start of school.

Q: What are simple steps parents can take to help their children stay healthy during the upcoming school year?

Dr. Phekoo: The first thing is to get vaccinated for Covid — both parents and children over the age of 12. If a child is under the age of 12 or not vaccinated, teach them about the proper way to wear a mask. Teach them about proper hand hygiene such as how long to wash their hands and what type of hand sanitizer to use.

It's important to remind children that whenever possible, they should practice social distancing.

Q: Along with a child's physical health, how much focus should be placed on their mental health?

Dr. Phekoo: It's important to talk with your children about what's going on regarding Covid-19. We have seen an increase in cases of anxiety and depression among children and this pandemic has impacted everyone. Be sure that you explain why we're wearing masks and why we're being careful but try to do so in a way that won't cause more anxiety.

Q: There's been so much unpredictability during the Covid-19 pandemic. Is there any way for parents to be prepared for whatever may come next with the virus?

Dr. Wales: We're hoping to get more data soon on the safety and effectiveness of the Covid-19 vaccine on children under the age of 12. We're hoping that it will show to be safe and effective. Until then it's important for parents to be prepared if your child needs to be tested for Covid because of a potential exposure. If a child is feeling symptoms such as a fever, respiratory problems, stomach troubles or any other signs of illness, call their pediatrician and discuss testing for Covid.

Q: Are there other preventive measures that parents can take to protect their child's overall health?

Dr. Phekoo: Parents should make sure children are getting all other vaccines as scheduled. A lot of routine vaccinations were delayed in 2020 due to concerns about Covid-19 and coming into their pediatrician's office. Without these other vaccines, your child can be at risk for many other illnesses.

If you aren't sure what vaccines your child needs, you can always ask their pediatrician. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics also have great resources for parents. And, if you missed vaccines or are behind, work with your pediatrician to come up with a plan to make sure your child gets back on schedule.

Q: You mentioned being back together more with the start of the school year. Should parents consider limiting their child's extracurricular activities in an effort to keep them healthy?

Dr. Wales: The risk of getting Covid from outdoor activities is pretty low assuming that there's not a lot of people gathered together. Kids should be encouraged to get outside for

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■ COMMUNITY



Grange offering baked ziti dinners

SELKIRK — Bethlehem Grange 137 is offering take-out dinners on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

The “take-out only” dinner includes baked ziti with meat sauce, tossed salad, bread and butter, and dessert for \$13 each. Dinners must be pre-ordered by Thursday, Sept. 9.

Bethlehem Grange 137 is a non-profit community service organization that has been in continuous operation for over 147 years.

Pre-order your dinners by calling Carol Carpenter at 518-421-1384. Dinners are to be picked up at Bethlehem Grange 137, 24 Bridge St. (Rt 396W) in Selkirk.

Remember 9/11

GLENMONT — The First Responders Honor Garden will host “20th Anniversary 9/11 Sunset Remembrance Ceremony” on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m.

The ceremony will focus on respecting and honoring police, fire, military and first responders who lost their lives, or as a result of, responding to the events of 9/11. No political speeches will be present. Organizers wish to remember and remember the sense of community.

This is a dusk ceremony. Glow stick candles will be provided. Masks and social distancing will be practiced.

First Responders Honor Garden is located at 40 Center Lane, Glenmont. For more information, call 518-469-8772.

Karner Kids Film Fest

ALBANY — The 2021 Karner Kids Film Festival invites kids from aged 10 to 18 years old to create short films featuring the Albany Pine Bush Preserve on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m.

Junior producers and directors are challenged to create short films featuring the Albany Pine Bush Preserve for the 2021 Karner Kids Film Festival.

Masks are required for individuals over the age of 2 who are unvaccinated for COVID-19.

Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center is located at 195 New Karner Road. For more information, visit albanypinebush.org.

Free home lead inspections

ALBANY — The county Department of Health, in conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extension, offers free home lead visits. In addition to the lead inspection, free educational materials and cleaning supplies are provided.

Lead poisoning occurs when an individual breathes or ingests the lead. For more information, call the Albany County Department of Health at 518-447-4620.

50 years ago this week

SELKIRK — The Elm Avenue Park has been in the news in recent years due to COVID-19 related restrictions and with the replacement of its diving pool, but 50 years ago it made the newspaper for something else. The Town of Bethlehem broke ground to have the pools installed as Phase I of a staggered construction schedule. It didn't quite have a name to it, but residents looked forward to the Olympic-sized swimming pool, along with the diving pool and wading pool. It has since served the town well.

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■ COUNTY

Eight county residents die in a week

Dr. Whalen continues to stress the need for vaccinations

By **JIM FRANCO**
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ALBANY — Eight county residents died of COVID-19 from Friday, Aug. 27 to Friday, Sept. 3.

Of those, said County Executive Dan McCoy, four were fully vaccinated, one reported being vaccinated but it could not be confirmed and three were not vaccinated.

The ages of those who died are: one person in their 30s, two in their 40s, two in their 50s, two in their 60s and one in their 70s. Four were men and four were women and all but one had a medical condition.

The death toll in Albany County stands at 397 as of Friday.

As of Friday, Sept.

“But we also know the vaccine is not enough. We know when we are in a place like Albany County with a high prevalence of infection, there are other measures we have to take and that includes masking and social distancing.”

— **Dr. Elizabeth Whalen,**
head of the Albany County Department of Health

3, the day this paper went to print, there were 26,800 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic took hold in March, 2020.

Dr. Elizabeth Whalen,

head of the county Health Department, said the delta variant is at the root of the spike in numbers and the vaccine does not guarantee a person will not get infected. Of the 1,870 cases reported from Aug. 1 to Aug. 31, 826 were fully vaccinated. A caveat, she said, is that people were self-reporting and telling health officials whether they had gotten the shots or not.

“Where we find ourselves now, in New York state, is we have seen our cases increase 10 fold since early July and 95 percent are the Delta variant,” she said. “We know it is more highly contagious and we believe it is directly responsible for the spread we are seeing.”

She said the situation continues to evolve and that is why the guidance given in April — to not wear masks once vaccinated — no longer applies now.

“The game has changed and because that game has changed we are now getting as much information as we can to inform the public on best practice and it will be different information,” she said.

She said the vaccine is still an effective protection against hospitalization and/or death but it is waning over time.

“I am still joining public health and national experts to encourage people to still get vaccinated,” she said. “It does help your body produce the antibodies to fight the infection. But we also know the vaccine is not enough. We know when we are in a place like Albany County with a high prevalence of infection, there are other measures we have to take and that includes masking and social distancing.”

She said right now the federal government is recommending that

booster shots be available by Sept. 20 but when they will be recommended is still up in the air. Right now, booster shots are not yet approved by the CDC and vaccinations are not yet approved for children under 12.

As of Thursday, Sept. 2, 69.7 percent of all Albany County residents have received at least the first dose, and 63.9 percent have been fully vaccinated. The first dose vaccination rate for the county’s 18 and older population is up to 80.6 percent.

Albany County continues to deliver vaccines to homebound residents, which includes seniors, disabled individuals, those lacking childcare and those with other accessibility issues. Anyone who would like to schedule a time for a vaccine appointment should call 518-447-7198.

Residents can also receive free Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., each week at the Albany County Department of Health located at 175 Green St.

The 12 and older population is currently eligible. No appointments are needed and walk-ins are welcome. Those 12 to 15 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Free transportation is available for anyone at least 60 years old by calling the county Department for Aging in advance at 518-447-7198.

For general information on the vaccine, residents can also dial the United Way of the Greater Capital Region’s 2-1-1 hotline or the Albany County Department of Health at 518-447-4580.

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victim that no one would believe him if he told anyone.

The victim has asked the court to remain anonymous. The claim does use traditionally male pronouns of he and him throughout.

"I do not want the facts and circumstances of the abuse I experienced to be known to my friends and especially to my family," the victim stated in a written request to the courts to remain anonymous. "If my name were publicly disclosed in this lawsuit, I would suffer further shame, guilt, and embarrassment from my sexual abuse. I have friends and family who do not know about the abuse I experienced as a child."

The victim ultimately told his foster mother of the abuse. The claim does not state whether the family confronted Weider or removed themselves from the congregation. It does, however, state that the abuse went unreported under "the dominating culture of the Catholic Church."

Since his ordination in 1963, Weider has served at several parishes including St. Thomas the Apostle. He has also served at

Blessed Sacrament in Mohawk; St. Anthony in Schenectady; St. Agnes in Cohoes; St. Mary's in Cossack; Holy Cross in Albany; Sacred Heart in Watervliet; and Holy Trinity in Schaghticoke, which was the merger of St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Johnsonville, and St. Monica, Valley Falls.

Details about the two other complaints in 2004 and 2010 referenced in the diocese statement are unknown. Spotlight News has asked the diocese for more information on the two cases, but have not yet received an answer.

Boy Scouts - Weider and other accused abusers as chaplains

Weider was heavily involved with the Boy Scouts of America beginning in the early 1970s and continued through at least 1986. This was at the diocese and national level through the National Catholic Committee on Scouting

According to its website, "(NCCS) is a church committee of concerned Catholic lay people

and clergy who see as their mission the constructive use of the program of the Boy Scouts of America as a viable form of youth ministry with the Catholic youth of our nation."

According to diocese records, Weider served as the Diocesan Chaplain for Scouting beginning in 1972 through 1980. His national role with the NCCS began when he was elected to be the Associate National Chaplain in 1980 for a three-year term. According to NCCS bylaws, that position elevates to the National Chaplain automatically for an additional three-year term which he served until 1986.

His duties included screening and choosing priests and seminarians to serve at the 137,000 acre Boy Scout Philmont summer camp in New Mexico, other Boy Scout camps and for Jamborees:

According to Scouting magazine, 42 percent of the youth members of scouting were enrolled in units that belong to the NCCS and the other religious committees in 1981.

All priests named diocesan chaplain after Weider were accused abusers

During Weider's tenure with the scouts there was at least one claim of abuse against him, but he was not the only Albany Diocese priest accused of abuse to hold

the title of Diocesan Chaplain for Scouting.

In 1981 Father James Rosch was appointed by then Bishop Howard Hubbard to be the next chaplain through 1994. He was assisted by Father Charles Gaffigan until 1985.

Rosch was removed from ministry in 2002 and was placed on the diocesan list of offenders in 2015. He is also named in two current CVA lawsuits alleging abuse that took place between 1992 and 1993 at St. Madeleine Sophie in Schenectady and in 1975 and 1976 at St. Joseph's in Scotia.

Gaffigan has two CVA lawsuits accusing him of abuse in 1974 at St. Michaels in South Glens Falls and from 1992 and 1994 at Holy Infancy in Lake Luzerne.

Hubbard then named Father Joseph Schuck in 1994 to the position.

Schuck was a priest in the Diocese of Brooklyn through 1983 but was put on leave and released by the Brooklyn Diocese. He was then picked up by Albany Diocese and served from 1983 until his removal by Brooklyn in 2003 for abuse in the 1950s and was added to their diocesan list of offenders. He does not, however, appear on the Albany diocesan list of offenders as a priest who was removed and served in the

Albany Diocese."

Schuck's status on the Diocese of Brooklyn's list was recently brought to the attention of diocesan leadership, and the process for including him on our list is in progress," Poust said.

Schuck is the last priest named as chaplain for the Boy Scouts. The Diocese now names deacons to that role.

Local Boy Scout troop service

There is no record of Weider serving as a leader with Troop 71 at St Thomas or other local troops, however, Troop 71 was chartered in the late 1970s by the Parish Council. The process was started while Weider served as associate pastor and he was an advocate for parishes and the diocese chartering scouting units. He explained how scouting was part of the parish in an interview for the Boy Scouts national magazine Scouting in a September 1981 article.

"I think the scouting coordinator should act with the Catholic committee as well as represent the church to the scout council, and Scouting to the Parish Council. The coordinator should be a member of the Youth Ministry Program of the parish," he said.



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activities. We want kids to be active and they should be able to be comfortable being active outside. Exercise, particularly outdoor, is great for not only your cardiovascular health but your mental health as well. And we encourage parents to participate with their children in these outdoor activities whenever possible.

Q: Do you have advice for parents who are looking to stay informed?

Dr. Phekoo: Make sure that you're using reputable sources to find information. Refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website for the most up-to-date guidelines. It's important to stay up-to-date and that website will

give you the information you need.

Dr. Wales: Things continue to change, and it's important to know that good science means that our knowledge grows – and guidance does change – as we learn new information.

Q: Do you have any final tips on ways to make sure your child is ready for the school year?

Dr. Wales: Kids are naturally curious, and often are naturally smarter than we give them credit for. Talk

with their pediatrician and use the CDC and AAP resources we mentioned.

It's also important to make sure that your child is following healthy habits such as eating meals at consistent times and within nutrition requirements and going to bed on time. This should be not only during the school week but on the weekends to maintain a healthy lifestyle going forward.

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President George W. Bush's address

Editor's note: On the evening of September 11, 2001, United States President George W. Bush addressed a nation that earlier that day witnessed the deadliest terrorist attacks in world history. That morning, hijackers took control of four airplanes, ultimately crashing two into the Twin Towers at the World Trade Center in New York City and another into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. A fourth hijacked plane crashed in a field near the town of Shanksville, Pennsylvania after passengers and crew attempted to regain control of the plane from the hijackers. All passengers and crew on board all four flights died on September 11, and thousands of others on the ground lost their lives that day as well. It was under those conditions that President Bush delivered the following speech to a shaken nation.

Good evening. Today, our fellow citizens, our way of life, our very freedom came under attack in a series of deliberate and deadly terrorist acts. The victims were in airplanes, or in their offices; secretaries, businessmen and women, military and federal workers; moms and dads, friends and neighbors. Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror.

The pictures of airplanes flying into buildings, fires burning, huge structures



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collapsing, have filled us with disbelief, terrible sadness, and a quiet, unyielding anger. These acts of mass murder were intended to frighten our nation into chaos and retreat. But they have failed; our country is strong.

A great people has been moved to defend a great nation. Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations

of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.

America was targeted for attack because we're the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world. And no one will keep that light from shining.

Today, our nation saw evil, the very worst of human nature. And we responded with the best of America — with the daring of our rescue workers, with the caring for strangers and neighbors who came to give blood and help in any way they could.

Immediately following the first attack, I implemented our government's emergency response plans. Our military is powerful, and it's prepared. Our emergency teams are working in New York City and Washington, D.C. to help with local rescue efforts.

Our first priority is to get help to those who have been injured, and to take every precaution to protect our citizens at home and around the world from further attacks.

The functions of our government continue without interruption. Federal agencies in Washington which had to be evacuated today are reopening for essential personnel tonight, and will be open for business tomorrow. Our financial institutions remain strong, and the American economy will be open for business, as well.

The search is underway for those who are behind these evil acts. I've directed the full resources of our intelligence and law enforcement communities to find those responsible and to bring them to

justice. We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them.

I appreciate so very much the members of Congress who have joined me in strongly condemning these attacks. And on behalf of the American people, I thank the many world leaders who have called to offer their condolences and assistance.

America and our friends and allies join with all those who want peace and security in the world, and we stand together to win the war against terrorism. Tonight, I ask for your prayers for all those who grieve, for the children whose worlds have been shattered, for all whose sense of safety and security has been threatened. And I pray they will be comforted by a power greater than any of us, spoken through the ages in Psalm 23: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me."

This is a day when all Americans from every walk of life unite in our resolve for justice and peace. America has stood down enemies before, and we will do so this time. None of us will ever forget this day. Yet, we go forward to defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world.

Thank you. Good night, and God bless America.

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September is Library Card Signup Month, so if you know someone who hasn't gotten theirs yet, be sure to share all the great perks that come with being a library cardholder. And here's one more perk: For a limited time, you can get a Bethlehem library card



featuring The Child (aka Baby Yoda). This is the way.

Sign up for a library card in person or online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/borrow/online-library-card-application. (P.S. The Child card is available to current cardholders, too!)

Meet Libby

The Libby app makes it easy to borrow OverDrive ebooks, audiobooks and magazines to read on your phone or tablet. Download and setup is simple for new users and a streamlined experience for current OverDrive app users. Learn more at overdrive.com/apps/libby.

Beginning in early 2022, the legacy OverDrive mobile app will no longer



September is Library Card Signup Month, and at Bethlehem Public Library, you can choose from a couple of card options – including one featuring Baby Yoda.

Library staff photo

be available to download and will eventually be phased out. Current OverDrive app users are encouraged to switch to Libby. Need help making the switch? Give us a call at (518) 439-9314.

Fall book sale

Mark your calendar for the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library's Pop-Up Book Sale on the library plaza Saturday, Sept. 18, from 1-4 p.m. For sale will be books and other

materials that have been removed from the library collection and are in excellent condition.

Pricing will be cash-only by suggested donation; the Friends will not be able to make change. The book sale is weather-permitting and a rain date of Sunday, Oct. 19, has been scheduled.

Share the music

Have you been hanging on to a musical instrument from your or your child's past that is no longer being used? Vanguard, a group of volunteer supporters of the Albany Symphony Orchestra, is seeking donations of instruments for low-income Capital District children whose families aren't able to cover the rental or purchase fees. They will be on the library Green Saturday, Sept. 25, from 1-4 p.m. for a special collection event. Donated instruments should be gently used and in good

condition.

More than 270 instruments have already been donated to the cause, and these tax-deductible gifts enable hundreds of children to participate in their schools' band and orchestra programs.

Back to school support

As your kids get ready to head back to school, we're here to help. Bethlehem cardholders have access to HelpNow by Brainfuse, a learning resource for all ages with personalized homework help in core subjects, as well as SAT preparation. Live one-on-one online tutoring is available for elementary, middle school, high school and college students. Find HelpNow on the library's Research page at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/webapps/research.asp.

— Kristen Roberts

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IS DRUNK DRIVING

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Night Owls Online at Guilderland Public

For September's virtual book discussion, we're reading "Still Life" by Louise Penny, the first in the acclaimed murder mystery series set in the fictitious village of Three Pines, Quebec. Please place a hold on a copy for curbside pickup, then register on the Events tab of our website for the link to participate on Monday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Reopening Plans

We're about \$250,000 below the anticipated project cost and 10.5 months ahead of schedule with our extensive construction project! Our enhanced facility is 20 percent larger, yet projected utility costs 20 percent lower, due to advances in technology and green initiatives. We expect to conclude this project in September,



barring additional supply chain material delays. More details may be found at: <https://bit.ly/GPLbuildingproject>. Currently, GPL is not open to public browsing, and masks are required upon entering our curbside room.

We are excited about the opportunity to welcome patrons back into the freshly renovated and expanded library, but ever-mindful of rising pandemic levels. Therefore, we are delaying a larger-scale grand reopening celebration in favor of a phased reopening. We plan to reopen for public browsing on Mon. Sept. 27, resuming regular hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Fri. 9:30 a.m.-6:00

p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Photocopying will be available, and all fines are still waived (since March, 2020). Meeting and study room use is currently on hold in accordance with COVID case numbers. Updated public computers, stalled by global microchip shortages, are expected to be accessible in mid-October. Programs will remain outdoors (with masks required) or virtual until further notice.

These stated plans are subject to change as COVID circumstances dictate. Our pandemic operations plan is accessible on first slide of the home page of guilderlandlibrary.org, or by going to <https://>

guilderlandlibrary.org/get-to-know-us/people/board-of-trustees/.

Virtual Poetry Workshop

Open Places, Urban Places: The Poetry of Being There is a six-week virtual writing workshop beginning Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m., suitable for beginning and seasoned poets alike. We'll read and discuss works by rural-influenced poets Joy Harjo and Ted Kooser, contrasted with the metropolitan leanings of Frank O'Hara and Terrance Hayes. Our focus will be on how the writer's physical surroundings are infused in their works, ("poetry of place"). Next, we'll explore where each of us are grounded, and how these geographical backdrops color our own writings.

Susan Comminos, a

well-established published poet who has taught writing at Siena College, The College of St. Rose and The University at Albany, leads this online series. Please see the Events tab of our website for more information, and to register. Space is limited; please commit to all six sessions.

Scarecrow Decoration

The cozy harvest season is right around the corner, and we have a fall craft activity planned to kick it off. We'll meet in the large pavilion in Tawasentha Park on Friday, Sept. 17, at 2:30 p.m. to create a scarecrow autumn decoration. Using paint, straw, and terracotta flowerpots, we'll make a charming decoration to add to your décor. This program is intended for adults, and masks are required. Please register on the Events tab of our website.

Don't Get Ticked!

Learn from an expert about the different ticks in our area, and how to protect yourself and others from being bitten in this virtual program entitled Don't Get Ticked! Protecting Against Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases. You'll be glad you armed yourself with this important information on Monday, Sept. 20, at 9:30 a.m. before heading out for a scenic fall hike. Presented by Joellen Lampman, Community Integrated Pest Management Extension Support Specialist, New York IPM Program at Cornell University. This program is offered through a collaboration with Albany Guardian Society. Please register on the Events tab of our website; AGS will email registrants a link in advance.

— Luanne Nicholson

Animal Scavenger Hunt

The Library will be the place "Where the Wild Things Are" during the week of September 13. Drop in anytime Monday through Saturday and pick up a list of animals to find somewhere in the Library. Will you be able to find them all?

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Juice and Jammies

After hours at the Library, Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Pop the kids in their jammies and head to the Library for an indoor, socially distanced after hours storytime. Stuffed animals optional! Registration is required and limited. Sign up today on the Library website under "Events".

Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

Give the family cook the night off! The Library Trustees will be dishing up tempting Frese's BBQ Chicken Dinners to benefit the Library on Thursday, Sept. 23, from 4 p.m. until sold out. Dinner includes half a chicken, baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, coleslaw, roll, butter, and cookies. Pick-ups begin at 4 pm and continue until we're sold out. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the Library or from a Library Trustee. Get your tickets early - we always sell out!

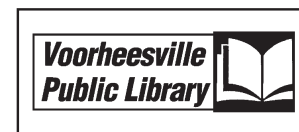
Cotton Ball Catapult Drop-In

Drop by our creation station on Saturday, Sept. 18, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and find everything you need to make your own cotton ball catapult game. Once you've designed, decorated and built your game, browse while it dries, then take it home for hours of fun. This craft is recommended for 7 & up (younger kids may need adult assistance) and requires approximately 10-15 minutes assembly time & 10-15 minutes to dry before transport. No need to register!

— Carol Melewski

Annual book sale

The Friends of the Library (FOL) annual Fall Book Sale will be held September 24 - 26. Friday, Sept. 24, 12-7pm is FOL members only day. Memberships are available for as little as \$10 at the door. The doors open to the public from 10-4pm on Saturday, Sept. 25. There will be a bake sale as well as raffle tickets available for purchase for various baskets. The raffle drawing will be held at 2pm on Sunday. You do not need to be present to win. Sunday, Sept. 26 is special deals day from 11-4pm, so stop by and find a dvd, book, audiobook or video game at a spectacular discount.



own and return it to the library the week of October 10th. The finished blankets will be donated to Project Linus, as well as a Sgt. Henry Johnson Veterans House. Please register online to receive your No Sew Throw kit.



The Great Give Back

This is the last week that you can register for the Great Give Back. This year we would like to ask the community to pick up a No Sew Throw Kit the week of September 12 to make with your family or on your

Craft & Chat

Join us for an in-person program at 1:30pm, Wednesday, September 22, where we will be making a fun craft, supplied by the library. Registration is required and attendees must follow all COVID related guidelines.



Preschool Storytime

In person, indoor preschool storytimes are back! Children ages 2-5 w/caregiver are invited to join us at 10am, Tuesday, September 21. Registration is required and attendees must follow all COVID related guidelines. Take & Make kits will be available after the program for fun at home activities.

— Lynn Kohler



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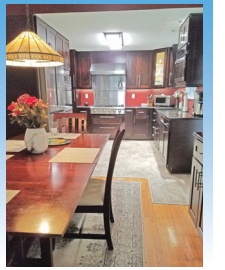
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The Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, with their unique exoskeleton structure, as they once stood in Lower Manhattan.

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REMEMBRANCE

Putting a name on it

Black 47's Larry Kirwan explains his 20-year struggle with putting his experience with 9/11 into words

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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The library's talk with Larry Kirwan starts as the former Black 47 frontman reflects upon a crush he once had on a girl that worked at the library he frequented as a boy. Context didn't matter, not with his lullabye of an Irish brogue falling so easily upon the ears.

That lede doesn't read quite right. This is the man, after all, whose group was allegedly barred from playing CBGB's by Hilly Kristal. Kristal allowed all sorts to play at his club in the Bowery, but saw Black 47 as being "too demonic" for his stage. The condition of his bar's bathroom leaves one to believe

he set his standards low. There's no telling what Kirwan and his band did to earn such a distinction. Those days, however, fall within one of two distinct periods in his life.

"There's a period in my life, anyway, that's pre-9/11 and there's a period that's post-9/11," said the wordsmith. By 2001, Black 47 was "the house band of New York City," he mused. The wild rovers had regularly toured across the country, but always had a home on Saturday nights at Connolly's on 45th Street. The Irish pub took more of a liking to the punk band whose name paid homage to Ireland's darkest

"I had a clear view. It was a plane, stuck in the tower. It had gone right in it. And there were clouds of smoke coming out of it, and tongues of flame licking out from it. . . . and I didn't want to put a name on it."

— Larry Kirwan

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Defazio's Pizzeria opened for business in Albany's Warehouse District last week. Have some.

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quote of the week

"Staying in Nola."




— Lo Faber, sharing on Facebook his intent to wait out Hurricane Ida from his home in New Orleans



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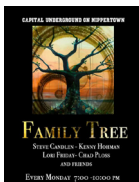
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■ WHAT'S HAPPENING

Let the love of music heal the city

More Music Less Violence to kickoff school year

ALBANY — More Than Music LLC announced the kickoff of More Music Less Violence, a new series of artist showcases, to launch at The Ground Up Café on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 4 to 8 p.m.

More Music Less Violence came into being as a pop-up event last summer in the heat of the COVID-19 pandemic. It focuses on bringing people together within the community with a purpose to heal through arts. Though COVID restrictions are coming to an end, the Capital District still sees an influx of gun violence peppering throughout the area. Now "More Music Less Violence" is back and here to stay.

"Due to the COVID pandemic there was no events going down, so I made an event," said Mario Johnson, CEO of More Than Music LLC. "Music is a common factor that always brings people together and

growing up in Brooklyn you saw violence every day. I don't want to see it where I am living now."

Johnson, best known by his stage name DJ Hollyw8d, said he will be debuting a special surprise as well for the showcase.

Keeping with the spirit of a positive energetic message, the first showcase is filled with a Capital District roster of 11 bright, young talented artists, featuring Freedom Stratton, Triya Love, Alexys Rae, Jaccpot, Ricky Bandana, Tony Twix, Rell Dolo, Chaz Money, Astrx Boomin, B Lyriq and Iveilah Dutton.

Various representatives will also be presenting intermittently throughout the evening on the issue of violence in the Capital District. Owusu Anane, member of the Albany Common Council representing the 10th Ward Pine Hills neighborhood will speak before the crowd. He will be joined by Mayorial Candidate Greg Aidala, Jerry Ford from TEAM H.E.R.O., and representatives from the Boys and Girls Club of the Capital Area.



Performers, clockwise from top left: Astrx Boomin, DJ Hollyw8d, Alexys Rae & Chaz Money Bottom Left to Right: Jaccpot & Rell Dolo.

Eddie Quinn Photography

The evening will also feature live painting with artist Heartless Harlot and kid-friendly Chalk Talk with Carrie Love. Everyone will have access to the photobooth and will receive a raffle ticket upon admission that can be used later for merchandise.

Originally from Brooklyn, DJ HollyW8D energizes crowds throughout upstate New York

and the Capital District. He has always gravitated to music throughout his life and hopes to bring versatility in his music mixing wherever he goes. Drawing inspiration from many including his mother, Sean P. Diddy Combs and DJ Puffy, he aims to inspire others with his daily grind and optimistic energy. DJ HollyW8D has been

featured in The Alt Weekly and has played music at venues such as Rivers Casino, Troy Kitchen, and Jupiter Hall. DJ HollyW8D is an influencer who curates showcase for independent artists and hosts a radio segment on WCDB 90.9 FM to highlight the arts, especially music. He believes music brings energy, joy, nostalgia, and good vibes.

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Here comes the rain

Lo Faber weathers Hurricane Ida from New Orleans

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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NEW ORLEANS — Hurricane Ida was forecasted to be a monster of a storm, projected to glance past the city devastated by another cyclone 16 years to the day, but hours before it would slam the coast, Lo Faber shared he would ride it out with a song.

The upstate New York native, an honorary Ominous Seapod for all the times he's played in with Albany's favorite jam band, has called The Big Easy home for nearly a decade. In true form, he posted a cover of Randy Newman's "I Think It's Going to Rain Today," with a simple note stating, "Staying in Nola."

Since earning his doctorate and taking a professor position at Loyola University New Orleans in 2012, Faber said he's observed a social dynamic within New

Orleans. It's defined in casual conversation among strangers learning about one another. What one did during Hurricane Katrina was an easy way to break the ice for those who were there. The city timeline is broken between what happened before the storm, and what is now after the storm. Faber is distinguished as a resident who moved in "after the storm."

Tropical storms that spin over the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico always draw concern. The latent heat above gulf water, registering as warm as 85 degrees, is the kind of fuel that transforms storms into devastating weather events overnight. That's the kind of pace the National Weather Service was observing as Ida approached the coast.

"Recent reports from both NOAA and Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunter aircraft



Lo Faber plays a cover of Randy Newman song from his home in New Orleans.

Lo Faber / YouTube

indicate that Ida has continued to strengthen since [9 a.m.] and the maximum winds are estimated to be [150 mph]," the weather agency reported at 10 a.m. that Sunday, adding superlatives such as "extremely life-threatening" and "catastrophic" to describe the storm. It's not meant to scare people as much as it is to lend proper perspective; to influence residents to up and leave when asked to evacuate. A 10-foot storm surge places the water's surface level at the same height as an NBA regulation basketball hoop.

"Conditions in New Orleans

Noon Sunday: just the edge of the storm," wrote Faber. "High winds but nowhere near what's coming. Steady rain. Scattered outages but we still have power Uptown. The real storm hits in 4 to 8 hours."

New Orleans suffered a catastrophic breakdown of its infrastructure when Katrina hit in 2005. The city built below sea level fell victim to broken levees, flooding neighborhoods. Everyday amenities that define modern living — electricity, refrigeration, running water — were stripped away.

On Sunday, Aug. 29,

Hurricane Ida hit the Louisiana coast as a Category 4 storm, with sustained winds of 155 mph and storm surges above 9 feet. The timing of its landfall wasn't lost on many meteorologists concerned they were going to see another Katrina hit New Orleans. They weren't wrong.

"3:10 pm power's been out for 90 min, starting to get some higher wind gusts," wrote Faber.

The storm knocked out all eight transmission lines feeding power into the city as peak winds of 150 mph hit the area.

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From page B1 ... Putting a name on it

Kirwan's post-9/11 days have been more reflective upon that Tuesday morning when dark days befell his home in September 2001.

"I'm a Mets baseball fan, and I remember that morning I was studying the box score [and my head was down] like that when I heard the plane coming," he recalled. The roar of the jet engines had him believe it was to crash into his building. He "jammed" his head into his copy of the *New York Times*, and stayed there before hearing what sounded like a sledgehammer hitting concrete. "I raced up to the roof and there was this amazing sight; because, I had a clear view. It was a plane, stuck in the tower. It had gone right in it. And there were clouds of smoke coming out of it, and tongues of flame licking out from it. ... and I didn't want to put a name on it."

In 1983, Dr. Jeffrey Mitchell, a former firefighter and paramedic, proposed what is called Critical Incident Stress Debriefing to allow first responders a means to process the stress of being involved with traumatic events. In groups, they each work through the seven stages of critical

incident stress; shock, denial, anger, rage, anxiety, moodiness, sadness and sorrow.

The news coverage of 9/11 gave the people of the world an intimate view of the hell unleashed upon New York City. Certainly, the tragedy hit Washington, D.C. and aboard a jetliner flying above a remote field in Pennsylvania, but it all played out before cameras in lower Manhattan where nearly 3,000 people died. Some of them had their final moments captured before television audiences as they chose to jump from the Twin Towers. The day was a critical incident for the millions who watched.

Kirwan has spent nearly 20 years trying to put a name on that day. His first effort came with his band's release of "New York Town." He said it captured Gotham in the three years prior to 9/11, and the three years that followed. The 12-track album is unsentimental and upbeat throughout, it nonetheless hits a poignant climax with a ballad named Mychal, after Rev. Mychal Judge. According to a review of the album published in 2004 by *The Register-Star*, Judge



Jerry Kirwan, center, with Black 47.

frequented Black 47 shows and ultimately befriended Kirwan. Judge died when debris from the North Tower crashed into the lobby of the South Tower and struck him in the head. Kirwan's tribute was meant to capture his friend's thoughts that morning,

"And, I thought that would tell the story," Kirwan said. "But

it didn't."

His followup attempt was in the format of a kitchen sink drama called, "The Heart Has a Mind of Its Own." It tells the story of a fictitious family struggling with the inconsistent details surrounding the death of NYPD Lt. Brian Murphy, who died when the Twin Towers fell.

It debuted off-Broadway in 2007. The playwright said it was a "pretty good" production, but he couldn't help but feel that he had failed to capture the magnitude of it all.

"And, it definitely didn't capture the story of John and Joan as I wanted to tell it."

Black 47

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Fri, Oct 1: **Liz Cooper: The Hot Sassa Tour with Special Guests, New Madrid** | 8-11 p.m.

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Thurs: **The Hawthornes** | 7 p.m.

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Thurs: **Leah Woods** | 7-8:30
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Mon: **Maroon 5** | 7 p.m.

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Arts Center of the Capital Region

Fence 2021- The Fence Show is an annual celebration that pays homage to a time when members' artwork was exhibited on the iron fence surrounding Washington Park in Troy, the original location of the Arts Center. Open September-December 2021

265 River St., Troy. Gallery hours: Daily, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4

p.m. Free admission. 518-273-0552 or artscenteronline.org

The Clark Art Institute

Ground/Work- A reverence for nature and a desire to further enliven the surrounding trails, pastures, and woods inspired Ground/work—the Clark Art Institute's first outdoor exhibition. Building on a history of collaboration with contemporary artists, the Clark commissioned Kelly Akashi, Nairy Baghramian, Jennie C. Jones, Eva LeWitt, Analia Saban, and Haegue Yang to create new works of art in active dialogue with this specific environment. Ground/work highlights the balance between fragility and resilience that both nature and the passage of time reveal, while offering fresh experiences with every visit. Open: Now- October 17th, 2021. Advance timed ticket reservations are required.

Erin Shirreff- This yearlong exhibition in public spaces around the Clark examines Erin Shirreff's practice—between analog and digital media, two and three dimensions, and still and moving images—and its fascination with the mythmaking behind art history. Through photographic manipulations of sculptures found in books, and ones of her own making, Shirreff asks what is left of the original experience of an artwork once it has entered the historical record, and what traces of an artist's labor might still be legible after the fact. The exhibition includes photographs on paper and aluminum that have been creased and cut, to take on sculptural dimensions, as well as the artist's video work. Open: Now- January 2nd, 2021. Advance timed ticket reservations are required.

Claude & Francois- Xavier Lalanne: Nature Transformed- The imaginative and expertly crafted art of Claude Lalanne (1925–2019) and François-Xavier Lalanne (1927–2008) reflects their belief that the human, animal, and vegetal worlds share a profound kinship. Throughout their long careers they looked to nature for inspiration,

creating sculpture, furniture, and other works that morph natural objects into unexpected inventions that play with the boundaries between form and function. Open: May 8th - October 31st, 2021. Advance timed ticket reservations are required.

Museum hours: Daily, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission: Adults, \$20; children 18 and younger, free. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. 413-458-2303 or www.clarkart.edu

Clement Art Gallery

Ongoing: Permanent antique print and map room exhibits. Gallery hours: Weekdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. 201 Broadway, Troy. 518-272-6811 or www.clementart.com

The Esther Massry Gallery

Massry Center for the Arts, The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Gallery hours through Saturday, April 27: Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.; open until 8 p.m. on Thursday, closed on Sundays, academic holidays and between exhibitions. Free admission. 518-485-3902 or www.facebook.com/esthermassrygallery

The Hyde Collection

Summer Bomb Pop: Collection in Dialogue- Brings together seventeen works of contemporary abstract painting from the collection of the Tang Teaching Museum at Skidmore College by artists such as Sarah Braman, Jeffrey Gibson, Rashid Johnson, Mindy Shapero, and Chuck Webster with several twentieth-century works from The Hyde Collection's renowned Feibes & Schmitt Collection by artists such as Grace Hartigan, Alfred Jensen, Ellsworth Kelly, Bridget Riley, and Andy Warhol. Summer Bomb Pop is organized by the Tang Teaching Museum in collaboration with Jonathan Canning, Director of Curatorial Affairs and Programming at The Hyde Collection. This exhibit is currently ongoing - October 31st.

Masterpieces & Mysteries- Artistic

treasures and art historical queries, drawn from its vaults. Among the great works of art that Louis and Charlotte Hyde brought to Glens Falls are delicate works on paper so sensitive to the damaging effects of light that they can only be exhibited once every few years. Out from storage come watercolors by Winslow Homer, pastels by Edgar Degas, drawings by Henri Matisse, and a pen and ink sketch by Vincent Van Gogh. This exhibit is currently ongoing- October 31st.

Museum hours: Daily, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., Closed Monday. Admission: adults, \$12; seniors (60+), \$10; Children, students (w/ID)/active military members and their families, free. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. 518-792-1761 or hydecollection.org

The Jan Rutland

Memorial Artists' Space

Gallery hours (through Thursday, Feb. 28): Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Second Floor, National Bottle Museum, 76 Milton Ave., Ballston Spa. 518-885-7589 or nationalbottlemuseum.org/the-jan-rutland-artists-space/

Mabee Farm Historic Site

Redesigning Fashion: Transgression and Identity in Women's Historic Dress- A partnership between SCHS and the Fashion & Textiles program at SUNY Oneonta. The collaboration has resulted in an exhibition that explores the historical importance of women's clothing and fashion in the expression of cultural values and the creation of identity, and examines how those ideals change over time. Open now - November 13th, 2021.

Beyond the Pines: Early Schenectady- Explore early Schenectady: its founding, its people, and what life was like for early Schenectadians. This exhibit is ongoing.

Changing Downtown- At the heart of a successful downtown are interesting stories and unique buildings that illus-

trate a city's distinct character. Changing Downtown traces Schenectady's stories and buildings through the years, exploring the city's legacy of transformation and innovation. By discovering the forces that shaped downtown Schenectady, we can better understand ourselves, and our vision for the future. Open now - Dec. 31st, 2021.

Winter hours: Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1100 Main St. (NY Route 5S), Rotterdam Junction. Admission: Adults: \$5/person for self-guided access; or \$8/per person for tour and exhibit access; children and students (w/ID) free. 518-887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org

miSci

New York's World's Fairs- The New York World's Fairs of 1939 and 1964 were landmark events in the lives of millions. Explore through photographs and films, the major attractions General Electric created for both fairs including the 10-million-volt Steinmetz Hall lightning generator, and the groundbreaking Progressland building that was designed in partnership with Walt Disney and featured the first public demo of nuclear fusion. On View Through Nov. 14, 2021

Goose Bumps! The Science of Fear- Goose Bumps! The Science of Fear explores the universal emotion that can save our lives. Through fun, interactive challenges and immersive environments, visitors can experience fear safely and discover the science behind their physical and emotional responses. The presentation was developed by the California Science Center and includes information based on the current research in neurobiology, physiology, and psychology. On View Through October 31, 2021

Museum hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (observatory open until 8 p.m. on Thursday); Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 15 Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Admission: Adults (13+), \$12; seniors (65+), \$10; children (3-12) \$8. Additional \$6/person for planetarium show. 518-382-7890 or www.miSci.org

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Religion native to some in China
5. Nursemaids
10. Coats a porous surface
12. Garment of long cloth
14. Containing a broader message
16. University of Dayton
18. Patti Hearst's captors
19. Insane
20. Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
22. Taxi
23. Trainee
25. Comedian Carvey
26. Some couples say it
27. Belong to he
28. High schoolers' test
30. Young goat
31. You drive on one
33. Denotes a time long ago
35. Space between two surfaces
37. By and by
38. A way to sell
40. A line left by the passage of something
41. Indicates near
42. Where wrestlers compete
44. Prosecutors
45. Body part
48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
50. Indicates silence
52. NFL's Newton
53. Ancient Roman garments
55. Drunkard
56. Expression of satisfaction
57. Thus
58. Noisy viper
63. Plants of a particular region
65. Communicated with
66. Latches a window
67. Swarm with

CLUES DOWN

1. Split pulses
2. Brew
3. Ask humbly
4. Distinctive smells
5. Digressions
6. Partner to cheese
7. Father of Aethyrea
8. Made a cavity
9. Tin
10. Appetizer
11. Presenting in detail
13. Compound in guano and fish scales
15. Cool!
17. "___ than a doornail"
18. Popular literary form ___ fi
21. Be the most remarkable
23. "Final Fantasy" universe character
24. Buffer solution
27. Muslim physician using traditional remedies
29. Fantastical planet
32. S. American plant
34. Domesticated animal
35. The tops of mountains
36. Expression of disapproval
39. Skeletal muscle
40. Game show host Sajak
43. One's interests
44. Identify the existence of
46. Partner to "oohed"
47. Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
49. Hammerin' Hank
51. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
54. Elaborately draped garment
59. Check
60. Car mechanics group
61. One point east (clockwise) of due north
62. Austrian river
64. A command to list files

Answers on Pg. B21

National Museum of Dance Posters From Hollywood's Golden Age- An unprecedented one hundred thirty dance movie posters from the collection of veteran producer Mike Kaplan are on view in three of the Museum's galleries. This rare and exceptional collection includes several American and international versions of Hollywood film posters which range in date from 1918 to the 1980s with the majority from the 1930s, 40s, and 50s. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

On Being Still: Portraits By Joanne Savio- Renowned photographer Joanne Savio has been documenting the arts community through portraiture since the 1980s. She has captured some of the most influential dancers and choreographers of our time including Mikhail Baryshnikov, Pina Bausch, and Elizabeth Streb in addition to several members of the Hall of Fame such as Merce Cunningham, Mark Morris, Gregory Hines, Bill T. Jones, and Trisha Brown. Her stunning, iconic portraits of dancers and choreographers are on view in the Foyer.

Dancers After Dark- Dancers After Dark features photographs from Jordan Matter's 2016 book in which he documents nude dancers in iconic locations around the world. This exhibition also includes exclusive video from the making of Dancers After Dark. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Museum hours: Daily, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Admission: Adults, \$6.50; seniors/students (w/valid ID) \$5; children ages 4 to 12, \$3; children ages 3 and younger, free; free admission for all patrons on Tuesday. 518-584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org

New York State Museum Thomas Hart Benton

In 1956 Thomas Hart Benton was com-

missioned by Robert Moses, chairman of the New York Power Authority, to create two murals for the powerhouse building of the state's first hydropower facility in Massena. They feature Jacques Cartier's explorations of the St. Lawrence River and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Alternately titled The Seneca Discover the French and Jacques Cartier Discovers the Indians, the murals depict the 16th-century encounters from two points of view. These life groups were on view at the Museum when it was at the State Education Building.

The original building in Massena where these murals were displayed is now closed to the public. They were removed and conserved beginning in 2018 and are on loan to the New York State Museum until Dec 31.

Also, "a small fort, which our people call Fort Orange." This exhibition examines the momentous discovery of Fort Orange and the lasting impact of events occurring there 400 years ago that shaped the character of the region, state, and the nation. Select artifacts, film footage from the excavation preceding the construction of I-787, and four decades of historical and archaeological research are highlighted.

Museum hours: Tuesday-Sun, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free admission; suggested donation of \$5/person or \$10/family. 518-474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

Opalka Gallery

Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sage College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Free admission. 518-292-7742 or opalka.sage.edu

Saratoga Arts

Art in Public Places- Art in Public Places is a Member-Exclusive program which features monthly or bi-monthly

exhibits of member artists work in various locations throughout the Capital Region and online. The goal of the Art in Public Places program is to present artwork in publicly accessible spaces and give artists at all points in their artistic careers an opportunity to show and sell their work. Open now- Sep 27, 2021

320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free admission. Gallery hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 518-584-4132 or saratoga-arts.org

Schenectady County Historical Society

Continuing: "Back in My Day: Childhood, Play, and Schenectady." Are play and childhood toys a reflection of larger social, cultural, and technological developments? This exhibition examines that question, focusing primarily on cultural and social influences on childhood in the 20th & 21st century. Admission, \$5. On view indefinitely. **Plus permanent exhibits. Ongoing: "Mapping Schenectady."** Some of SCHS' most prominent and interesting maps are now on permanent display in the Map Gallery. Also, "Beyond the Pines: Early Schenectady," an exhibit focused entirely on early Schenectady: its founding, its people, and what life was like for the city's earliest residents. Plus permanent exhibits. Museum hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Library and Museum, 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Admission: \$5. 518-374-0263 or schenectadyhistorical.org

Dan Sekellic Visual Arts Gallery

Gallery hours: Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 NY Rte. 43, Averill Park. Free admission. 518-674-2007 or slca-ctp.org

Tang Teaching Museum

Un-Representation-Un-Representa-

tion is the capstone project for Maria Staack '22, the 2020-21 Meg Reitman Jacobs '63 Endowed Intern. The Internship is a yearlong pre-professional opportunity for a Skidmore junior or senior in the Tang Museum's Education Department. This exhibit is currently ongoing - Nov 21st.

All Together Now- All Together Now forges new collaborations between neighbor arts organizations to bring attention to rarely seen objects. At the Tang Teaching Museum, exhibitions feature furniture, tools, and textiles from the Shaker Museum and a revealing survey of postcard collages by Ellsworth Kelly. At partner institutions, exhibitions will show focused selections of work from the Tang collection, including many recently acquired paintings, photographs and sculptures, many shown in dialogue with collections at each museum. This exhibit is currently ongoing- Jan 2, 2022.

Look After Each Other: Intimacy and Community- presents work by artists and designers who demonstrate that life with the disease is bigger than someone's medical diagnosis: it includes intimacy, care, friendship, and more. Intimacy is a political act. The intimacy and love, both romantic and platonic, highlighted in this exhibition extends from bedrooms to community centers to ephemeral objects that bring people together even when physically distanced. This exhibit is currently ongoing - Dec 5th. Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Museum hours: Tuesday - Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; Thursday until 9 p.m. Free admission; suggested donations of \$5/adult; \$3/child 13+; seniors, \$2. 518-580-8080 or tang.skidmore.edu

Union College Galleries

Alisa Sikelianos-Carter: In the Eye of Belonging- Sikelianos-Carter as-

serts that Black features are a manifestation of a sacred and divine technology that has served as a means of survival, both physically and metaphysically. She envisions a cosmically bountiful world that celebrates and pays homage to ancestral majesty, power, and aesthetics. Inspired by traditionally Black hairstyles, Sikelianos-Carter uses web and catalog-sourced images to construct new archetypes. Through her exploration of opulent, luminescent materials she is creating a mythology that is centered on Black resistance and uses the body as a site of alchemy and divinity. This exhibit is currently ongoing- Jan 9, 2022.

Olivier Models at Union College- Union College's Permanent Collection includes an extremely unique and priceless collection of Theodore Olivier's stringed models, used for demonstrating the relationships and intersections of geometric shapes in space. This collection is the largest single group (forty-six) of Olivier models to be held in one collection around the world. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Chitra Ganesh: Sultana's Dream- a portfolio of twenty-seven linocuts created in 2018 by contemporary artist, Chitra Ganesh, and published by Durham Press, will be on exhibition in its entirety on the third floor of Schaffer Library. This exhibit is currently ongoing. Hours (all galleries): Daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 807 Union St., Schenectady. Free. 518-388-6004 or muse.union.edu/mandeville/home

University Art Museum

Well/Being: An Exhibition on Healing and Repair- Well/Being: An Exhibition on Healing and Repair features 12 established and emerging artists and musicians presenting multi-disciplinary approaches to pandemic-related issues such as kinship, chronic illness, conva-

lescence, intimacy, the emotional costs of caregiving, and various incarnations of love and community. This exhibit is currently ongoing- Dec 11th.

I'll Be Your Mirror- I'll Be Your Mirror explores mediated representations of self in the newly launched Collections Study Gallery. Featuring works from the collection in dialogue with pieces on loan by past-exhibiting artist, Dave McKenzie. Features artwork by Andreas Feininger, Katria Foster, Rachel Foulton, Jenny Kemp, Mary Ellen Mark, Dave McKenzie, Edward Steichen, and Andy Warhol. This exhibit is currently ongoing- Dec 11th.

Uptown Campus, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission. 518-442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum

Noteworthy Resources of Albany

"There Are No Rules" Art Show by Lily Buckley. Join local artist Lily Buckley on Friday, September 24, from 7-10 PM at the Noteworthy Resources of Albany Community Center as she debuts her artwork at her first solo exhibit. 247 Lark Street 2nd floor, Albany. To register for this event visit www.nwralbany.org/events. Free admission.

MUSIC

Jonas Brothers: The Remember This Tour

The Jonas Brothers will be at Saratoga Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. Show starts at 7pm. Please note this performance is requiring all fans to provide PRINTED proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours of the event OR full vaccination for entry.

HOROSCOPES

September 2021 Week 2

ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

Aries, this week you can share some secrets that have been troublesome. A trusted confidante may offer advice or be willing to serve as a supportive sounding board.

TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

Taurus, a welcoming aura is drawing others to you in the days ahead. Open yourself to new friendships and look for ways to foster these budding relationships.

GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

Gemini, consider what you are going to aim for next and don't be afraid to take whatever steps necessary to put you on a path to success. Your confidence will compel you.

CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

News about investment and career possibilities could be brought to your attention this week, Cancer. Give these situations a lot of attention over the next few days.

LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

You are inclined to spend time with others in the coming days, Leo. Take advantage of opportunities to socialize, or take the lead and plan a fun get-together with friends.

VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

Virgo, you have a drive like no other. This can come in handy as you actively seek change. A career change could be in the cards in due time.

LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

Libra, keep aiming to fulfill your ambitions, even if your approach requires a little revision. This is an amazing period of growth for you, and you'll learn a lot.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

Embark on opportunities that will break you out of your comfort zone, Scorpio. These can provide some opportunities for growth and present chances to meet new people.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

Sagittarius, your often positive attitude may be challenged in the days to come as you are faced with a few situations you aren't sure how to handle. Take a deep breath and forge ahead.

CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

Capricorn, if you find yourself in the spotlight, remember to put your best foot forward at all times. This is especially true in professional settings.

AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

Aquarius, your work ethic has been unrivaled in recent weeks. The summer vacation season has ended and you have gotten back to business. A big change is on the horizon.

PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

Focus on romance and sensuality this week Pisces. Take the time to spend moments with a spouse or significant other as much as possible.

SPAC 108 Avenue of The Pines Saratoga Springs. www.spac.org/events.

Dead Man's Waltz (formerly Steal Your Peach)

Interweaving the classic songs and jams of The Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers Band and The Band, Dead Man's Waltz (formerly Steal Your Peach) is an all-star collective from the Northeast festival scene. Dead Man's Waltz features top-notch musicianship and offers a refreshing twist to the music of three legendary and iconic bands. While staying true to the spirit of the music, the band members put their own dynamic spin on a vast catalog of beloved songs that are now part the new American song book.

With 2 drummers, DMW's line-up mirrors those of both The Dead and The Allmans as well as later line-ups of The Band. Dead Man's Waltz features "Rev" Tor Krautter (Rev Tor Band) on

guitar and vocals, Tom Major (Entrain) on drums, Andrew Costa (Stone Revival Band) on keys, Jeremy Walz (Soul Sky) on guitar and vocals, Jeff Prescott (Rasinhead) on drums and vocals, and Brian O'Connell (Uncle Sammy, Gordon Stone Band) on bass and vocals.

Sept. 11 9:00 - 11:45 pm, Putnam Place, 63a Putnam Street, Saratoga Springs.

LITVAR! with special guest Sydney Worthley.

Litvar is a pop rock band from Wilimantic Connecticut. Originating as a studio project from Rex Thurstan and Joe Lemieux in 2020, they grew into a full band after the release of the debut album, 'The Greatest Movie of All Time'. Taking musical influence from Brian Eno, Snow Patrol, Vampire Weekend, as well as modern electronic acts such as John Hopkins and Porter Robinson.

Worthley is jumping in head first with Rose Colored Glasses. Almost 3 years af-

ter her debut, Sydney Worthley, a shining young star from New York's Capital Region, has continued her journey in music with a new EP. Sept. 9 Pauly's Hotel, 337 Central Ave., Albany 518-426-0828. paulys-hotel.com.

The Garcia Project

The Garcia Project's performances are based on actual set lists performed by The Jerry Garcia Band. All of their shows are classic recreations of a Jerry Garcia Band set list from the 1976 to 1995. For anyone that never had a chance to experience the Jerry Garcia Band or for fans that want to relive a classic show, The Garcia Project delivers.

With precise arrangements and the proper instrumentation and feel for any and all given eras, The Garcia Project faithfully channels and projects the feelings, emotions and music that propelled the Jerry Garcia Band and the fans through many years of musical bliss. It's about family, soul searching,

rejoicing, contemplating, celebrating, seeking truth and loving one another. Friday, Sept. 10, 8-11 p.m., Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes

Creative Pairings: Tunes and Tacos with Quintocracy

Join Quintocracy in the courtyard of Troy Savings Bank Music Hall for an evening of food and music featuring a wonderful pairing of tacos from La capital Tacos with Latin inspired music (Piazzolla, Medaglia, D'Rivera, and more). Tickets are \$35 including dinner and a seat to the concert. 6 p.m. Reserve your spot by Sept. 8th, 30 Second St., Troy, 518.273.0038. TROYMUSICBALL.ORG

to become a Broadway and Hollywood Academy-Award nominated star. The story of Ethel Waters begins with her impoverished childhood that led to singing in church, smoky jazz joints and a life on the road. Through it all, there were the songs – the ones that gave her solace and the ones that made her a legend. This is her remarkable story, filled with the greatest hits of a lifetime. 251 N Pearl St., Albany. 518-462-4531 or www.facebook.com/pg/CapitalRep/events/. This event is ongoing until Sept. 26, 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS

Troy Farmers Market

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sion. 518-708-4216 or www.troymarket.org

Schenectady GreenMarket

Vendors, shoppers, musicians and friends gather at this festive marketplace featuring more than 60 vendors who produce everything they sell. Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission. 518-986-0318 or schenectadygreenmarket.org/

Veterans Meet-Up

All veterans welcome to free coffee Tuesdays, from 6 to 8 p.m. Saratoga Coffee Traders, 447 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. 518-884-4999 or www.VeteransPeerConnection.org

Social Night/Open House tours

Get a feel for this amazing creative community. Free. Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tech Valley Center of Gravity, 30 3rd St., Troy. 518-279-7863 or www.tvcog.net

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Fall HOME Improvement PAGES

What to expect when remodeling your kitchen

By **MERYL D. DAY**

It was mid-March in a very unusual year. Spring had finally arrived. And with it came a sense of renewal, rebirth, and the desire to make things seem fresh and new. My husband and I made the decision to finally renovate our kitchen. Our existing kitchen was original to the house, circa 1965. And, believe me, it showed. The cabinets, although sturdy and well-built, looked dated and tired. The countertops were the old Formica style—again, sturdy and well-made, but



Before

the color of ugly clay. The flooring held up to the traffic you'd expect of the heart of the house, but the flesh colored Mexican-style tile was fading and showing its age.

We wanted new. We wanted contemporary. We wanted utilitarian and fresh. We wanted a change. What we did not want, but got anyway, was chaos. Pure chaos.



After

Be ready.

--Do try to have your cabinets and appliances and such on hand prior to demo. We did not plan this well and did the work in stages. We lived

for three weeks with walls to the studs, and only a kitchen sink remaining, and then at least another three weeks with no sink at all. You have no idea how much you miss a sink

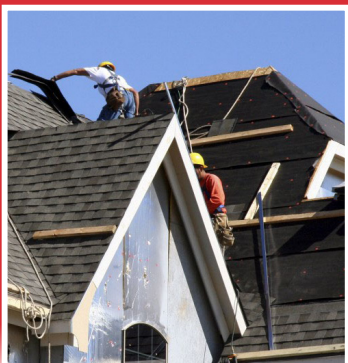
and your countertops until they are gone. (Washing dishes in the bathroom is wrong on so many levels, but necessity made it so.)

--Do hire someone you trust to do the work. Best way to do this is ask your friends and neighbors about their experiences and get referrals.

--Do plan on some type of temporary tables for coffee pot, microwave, toaster, etc. You'll find those temporary "countertops" extremely helpful.

--Do expect to add to your budget the cost of

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Did you know?

When remodeling a home with the ultimate goal of making it more attractive to prospective buyers, homeowners can benefit from taking stock of current trends, including the style of home that's most popular. According to a 2020 Homes.com survey of more than 5,000 adults across the United

States, modern farmhouse is the most favored house style. The survey asked participants to choose from a selection of styles, including mid-century modern ranch, Spanish colonial/southwest, bohemian craftsman, Italianate, French chateau, and Tudor.

The modern farmhouse style was the most popular choice in 42 of the 50 states, proving that home style preference is not beholden to geography. Respondents gave a host of reasons for favoring the modern farmhouse look, including that the style is "aesthetically appealing but not boring" and that it looks "simple, cozy, and not too busy."

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Safe and effective ways to clean up fallen leaves

Removing leaves from the yard is a task that homeowners must perform each fall. Thousands upon thousands of leaves can drop from a single tree. Multiply that by the number of trees on a property, and it's no surprise the task of leaf cleanup can seem so daunting. Furthermore, not all leaves are shed at the same time, so several cleanup sessions may be necessary before the last leaf is banished from the yard.

Just like removing snow, leaf cleanup can be a taxing job if done by hand. For people unaccustomed to exercise, cleaning up leaves can turn into quite a workout. According to the Discovery Health Calorie Counter, raking leaves for one hour can burn nearly 292 calories. Shoulders and arms will feel the burn. Raking leaves is considered moderate physical activity, similar to brisk walking. Those who find themselves straining or out of breath should take a break, and these tips also make the job safer and easier.

• **Wear layers when cleaning up leaves.** It may be



cool at first, but it's easy to work up a sweat after raking for awhile. Layers can be peeled off so as not to get overheated or risk hypothermia from sweating in chilly temps.

• **Pay attention to your posture while raking.** James Weinstein, chairman of the Department of Orthopedics at Dartmouth Medical School, recommends forming a wide base with the feet and holding the rake slightly toward the end of the

handle with one hand three-quarters of the way down the handle from the other. Do not twist the spine; move your entire body. Avoid overuse of muscles on one side of the body by switching sides periodically.

• **Do not try to rake or blow leaves on windy days.** Wind will only make the task that much more difficult, which could lead to overworking oneself.

• **Avoid overfilling bags.** For those who plan to mulch and bag leaves, remember that compressed leaves can get heavy pretty quickly. Do not over-fill bags, as they can be hard to move or bring to a recycling center.

Using a leaf blower to push leaves into piles will reduce the strenuousness of the task, but leaf blowers can be heavy and noisy and gas-powered blowers can produce a considerable amount of exhaust.

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Turn your new house into a home

Historically low mortgage interest rates are helping to drive a new wave of home sales. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicates roughly 14 percent of the population, or around 40 million people, move every year for various reasons. Statistics Canada's Canadian Housing Survey found about half of Canadian households have either moved within the past five years or intend to do so within the next five.

While people may be inclined to move far from their current residences, the moving resource Move.org notes that some U.S. states



are seeing an influx in people leaving while others are absorbing new residents. Illinois, Alaska, New Jersey, New York, and West Virginia are the top five states Americans are leaving, while Idaho, Nevada,

Arizona, Oregon, and Montana are gaining residents.

People relocate for various reasons. After moving into a new house, it can take some effort to turn that house into a true home and feel

comfortable in your new environs. These steps can help that process along.

- **Create at least one complete and serene space.** Focus on setting up the bedroom so you can retreat at the end of the day. Invest in new furniture or get new bedding to give the room this comforting feeling.

- **Create an organizational plan.** It can be tempting to want to throw everything in closets and unpack quickly, but give yourself time to fully analyze where you want to store items, where you may need to paint or reconfigure spaces, as well as any home improvements you want to make before taking out all of your stuff. When you fully unpack, you can immediately enjoy your hard work.

- **Hang artwork.** Hang a few select pieces of artwork or family photos shortly after moving in. Surround yourself with things that make you feel good.

- **Bring mementos.** Your first home may bring about warm feelings. While you can't recreate it entirely, you can use a piece of furniture or a few family heirlooms to make your new space feel homey.

- **Rely on familiar scents.** Break in the new space with familiar aromas, whether it's preferential air fresheners, scented candles or baking your favorite chocolate chip cookie recipe.

Moving into a new home can be exciting. Certain touches can help make the new space feel more like home.

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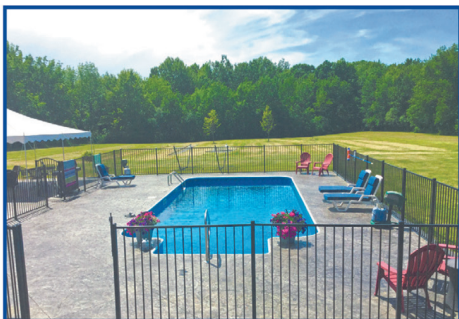
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Kitchen

from pg. B11

eating out. Despite your temporary digs, you will find making the simplest meal frustrating.

--Do take care of any pets in the house. We have three cats. 2 of them would vanish at the sound of the workmen coming up the stairs, but the third was incessantly curious. It was really hard keeping him from being under foot of the workers. One day one of the skittish cats decided his "hiding spot" was going to be through a tiny hole in the floor (put there to run wiring and pipes) and he got under the floorboards. Thankfully, the workers said they would leave and not scare him any further, and he eventually came out. I had three strokes and a heart attack that day.

--Do expect curse words. A lot of curse words. The men we hired were very sweet and professional but were a little rough around the edges. The days I tried to stay there to work from home were riddled with a stream of \$%#@'s, loud music, and cigarette smoke (We did not allow smoking in the house, but smoke inevitably attaches to clothing.)

--Do expect to lose your garage use for the duration. Between the huge dumpster in our driveway, and the need for space in the garage for cabinets, appliances, etc., I lost use of the garage. You might not care, but my car is my baby. Ask anyone that knows me. And, inevitably, a flock of birds with gastrointestinal issues will somehow find



the perfect trajectory.

--Do expect to lose your mind on occasions. It's not just losing your

kitchen on a temporary basis. It's the boxes and boxes of stuff from when you cleaned out



the old cabinets. They're everywhere. And after a few weeks, you start to lose your sanity from the apparent explosion that hit your house.

--Do not expect things to run smoothly. There

will be glitches along the way. We found a huge carpenter ant problem when installing a new door to the deck. Enter unexpected pest control cost. We found one of the floor-to- ceiling cabinets

that needed to slide in along the floor from the adjacent room was 1/4 of an inch too tall to do so. So, we had to remove the flooring underneath. We discovered the refrigerator we were planning on reusing stuck out too far from the cabinet that encloses it. Enter new refrigerator cost. And since we were now replacing the refrigerator, we might as well replace the dishwasher to match, right? Sigh...

--Which brings me to the final Do: Do be excited for the change to come. You will find your new kitchen is fresh and delightful and ready for entertaining. At least that's what hubby keeps telling me...

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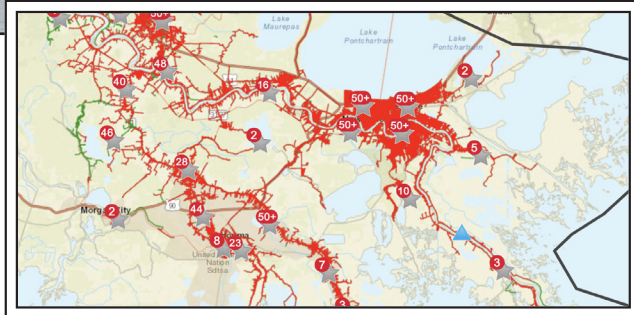


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From page B5 ... Here comes the rain

The winds toppled a 400-foot tower that had survived Katrina. An estimated 2,000 miles of transmission lines were put out of service. Local news coverage reported that 216 substations were subsequently knocked out. Experts are estimating it will take three to six weeks to restore power.

“7 pm update. We are in the midst of it now for real,” Faber wrote. “Very high winds and they are more or less continuous, with strong gusts that shake the whole house. We can see we’ve lost a whole lot of roof shingles. Horizontal sheets of whipping rain. I think this part will last the next couple hours. We are totally fine though, so far.”

“I pray for the folks out in Houma, Thibodaux, Laplace etc. Going to light the drinking lamp I think (the only lamp we can light) Love to all and thanks for the well wishes!”

Mark Sudduth, an amateur hurricane tracker, has been posting storm updates on his Twitter feed. Prior to Ida’s landfall, he had installed a camera at Frenier Landing in the coastal town of Laplace, Louisiana. What he shared looked like a scene out in the middle of the ocean. Only the faint sight of a naked, gnarly tree can be spotted between the waves beating up against the camera lens. Sudduth

“...Very high winds and they are more or less continuous, with strong gusts that shake the whole house. We can see we’ve lost a whole lot of roof shingles. Horizontal sheets of whipping rain. I think this part will last the next couple hours...”

— Lo Faber

noted that the camera was installed 10 feet above the ground. The ocean reclaimed the land.

Entergy, the power company that supplies energy to Louisiana and Mississippi, described the hurricane as “historic” as it warned customers of power outages “lasting for weeks.”

“Ida’s historic intensity has brought a tremendous amount of damage across Louisiana and Mississippi,” Entergy shared in a statement over its website. The company added that it expects to employ the services of 20,000 people through the industry’s mutual assistance program. “Because of the extent of damage and rebuilding required, we expect recovery to be difficult and challenging, and customers in the hardest-hit areas should expect extended power outages lasting for weeks.”

President Joe Biden declared Louisiana a major disaster due to widespread damage across the state. Before the end of the day, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said more than 800,000 were without power.

“This will be critical to our response to the recovery from Hurricane Ida which has proven to be as dangerous as we anticipated,” Edwards said. “FEMA has been with us since before the storm to help coordinate our state and federal efforts, which has been incredibly helpful. I know that it will take some time to address all of the challenges of this storm, but I am confident in the resilience of our people and the commitment of all of our partners to pull through this, which we will do together.”

Faber emerged the following morning with another online update shortly before noon on Monday.

“We are alright. No power, obviously,” he wrote. “Took a walk round the neighborhood, Lots of wind damage, trees down, branches blown around, roof shingles blown off by the thousands, fences blown over. A few trees pulled out by the roots - that’s some high wind! But no flooding, at least in this part of Uptown Nola.”

“Have a feeling it’s gonna take a long time to restore power based on the number of downed trees and utility poles. Thanks for all the well wishes.”

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From page B6 ... Putting a name on it

Connolly's has three locations. The one Kirwan speaks of is on 45th Street. It's a little slice of Ireland placed on the isle of Manhattan. A cool, dark pub that can let the weary sit down with a pint and take the weight of their legs for a while. It's a place to go for live music. Patrons less acquainted by the atmosphere call it too loud. Black 47 called it home. It was also a favorite among firefighters and police officers, alike. When Hurricane Sandy wedged itself up the Hudson River in 2012, the storm surge inundated the city, including Midtown. The waters flooded the pub, nearly destroying it. But, once the waters receded, people returned. Local volunteers helped bring the pub back to life.

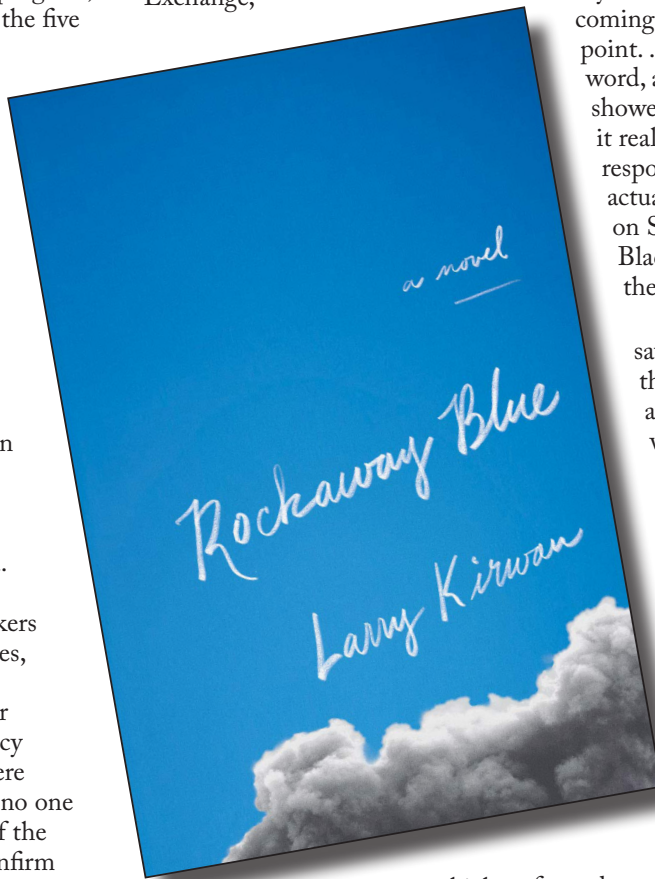
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prospects test into the program, applicants from one of the five boroughs earn an extra five points. So, it's not uncommon for a would-be firefighter from one of the surrounding counties to use a family member's mailing address from Wakefield, Glen Oaks or anywhere in between.

By the time the Twin Towers splintered and rained down to earth, lower Manhattan was severed from the world. Then-Mayor Rudolph Giuliani told New Yorkers to remain in their homes, in their places of work, and asked them to clear the streets for emergency vehicles. Phonelines were congested to the point no one could call into or out of the city. The inability to confirm the safety of loved ones was just as crippling. Those who could leave the island likely did so on foot. The *New York Times* reported thousands crossing over

the Brooklyn Bridge.

Once they did leave, they didn't come back. Many businesses were closed for several days. The New York Stock Exchange,



which was minutes away from its 9 a.m. opening bell, suspended trading for the rest of the week. There was no

rush to return. "Everyone was afraid there was going to be another attack," Kirwan said.

"So, we knew that we had to get people back into the city. Remember, nobody was coming into the city at that point. ...So we put out the word, and some of our fans showed up," he said. But, it really got out to first-responders; that there was actually a place to go to on Saturday nights, and Black 47 was going to be there playing."

Most of America saw New York City through the eye of a television camera, with politicians and celebrities attempting to place a name to it. In the months that followed the attacks, there was still an incomplete list of people who died. The people who had taken the brunt of the events, the everyday people of the city, were walking through the front doors of Connolly's.

"Something would happen," Kirwan said. "You see, we didn't know who was alive. We knew certain people were dead. We

didn't know who was alive, and first-responders there didn't know either." The schedule of gigs in which Black 47 performed at the pub over the next four months was intense. ...Whenever the door... would open, everyone would look over, and there would be, 'Oh my God, John is alive.' Or, 'Oh my God, Joan is alive.' And, everyone would rush over and [there would] be bear hugs."

Kirwan reintroduces the Murphy family to the world in his latest novel, "Rockaway Blue." The cover of the hardcover book captures the cloudless, baby blue sky that was over New York City on 9/11. Below the book title and Kirwan's name, however, are the black and grey plums of smoke and dust that followed the attacks. Since the book hit the stands in March, it has received a 4.5 out of 5 score with GoodReads.

"After seeing that so many times after the first three or four weeks, I made a vow that I was going to tell the story of John and Joan, the story of the regular people of New York City," Kirwan said. "Not the politicians who were lining up to get their photos taken, or the media hounds trying to be associated with it all, but the people who had taken the brunt of this."

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Thank you, Mona

SCHENECTADY — The abbreviated Music Haven series ended this Sunday with a pops concert by the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra with a theme from the Great American Songbook on Sunday, Aug. 29. Traditionally this has meant the songs of Tin Pan Alley. Artistic director and conductor Glen Cortese has expanded the definition for this program to include traditional American folk music including “Shenandoah” & “Red River Valley”. Vocalist Casey Gray was featured on “Puttin’ On the Ritz”, “Minnie the Moocher” and “It Never Entered My Mind”. Vocalist Mia Scirocco was featured on George Gershwin’s songs, “Summertime”, “Fascinating Rhythm” and “Someone to Watch Over Me”. The Orchestra also performed popular works by Aaron Copland and John Williams. Thank you, Mona Golub and the rest of the Music Haven volunteers for all you efforts to bring us live music during our strange and troubled times. Hope to see you in 2022.

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Last plane out of Kabul

A mother's eight year effort to bring her four children to the Capital District from Kabul was accentuated by the harrowing events that followed Washington's order to pull the U.S. military out of the country, ending 20 years of war

By **JIM FRANCO**

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COLONIE — Four children, ages 7 to 18, made it out of war-torn Afghanistan just before the border closed and were reunited with their mother for the first time in nearly eight years.

The mother, who is only being identified as Suneeta for security reasons, had been working to bring her children to this country since her husband, a former U.S. ally, went missing in 2013 and his brother took the children, as is that country's custom.

Her efforts were accelerated when the U.S. announced it was pulling out of Afghanistan after a 20-year occupation. The Afghanistan government quickly collapsed, and the country was taken over by the Taliban. The U.S. announced it had completed evacuation efforts a day earlier than the previously announced Aug. 31 deadline.

"That was the only chance to get away from Afghanistan," said one of Suneeta's children through an interpreter. "For us to get out, we had to stay there (near the airport in Kabul) for us to do that it was the last flight. It was our last chance. We couldn't lose that. We didn't have any choice after that."

The children's identities are not being released for security reasons.

On Monday, Aug. 30, the five walked through the Albany International Airport arm in arm and Suneeta, through tears, thanked everyone as they were greeted by friends and the media and she hugged her children, especially the two youngest.

Most recently, the children had been staying with a family at an apartment near the airport in Kabul, the Afghanistan capitol. They and

thousands of others who are fearful of staying in the country ruled by the Taliban had fought for days trying to get a flight out of the war-torn country. Horrible images and video showed people clinging to the outside of the planes as they took off, some falling to their death.

Suneeta and her family, though, got help from a number of entities including the staff attorney Sara Lowry of the Albany-based U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, to get her children a safe flight to Washington and then to Albany.

"This is the biggest thing I have ever done in my life with the help of so many other people," she said. "It is just a tragedy that so many people who we were working for didn't make it out, and it is not lost on us."

That organization received assistance from Alex Plitsas, U.S. Army war veteran who helped refugees escape in conjunction with official U.S. government efforts, and the Tzedek Association, a non-profit group who has worked to get people out of the country.

Suneeta said the Taliban do not treat people well and are going door-to-door looking for dissidents.

"We are worried about the people, the girls and women, back in Afghanistan," she said. "The Afghanistan culture is different than here. Men do not let women go out or study and I hope someday we can help the ones who were not able to make it out."

For now, though, she and her children were safe and are ready to start a new life in this country.

"I am so excited to have my children in my arms after all these years. It is like a dream. They are touching each other, it is not a dream. This is real," she said through an interpreter.

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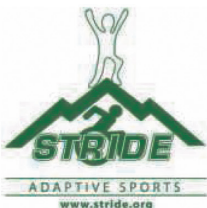


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