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By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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DELMAR — Despite the turning of the seasons, life is getting a whole lot greener in Bethlehem.

Last week, town officials were joined by National Grid, NYSEERDA, and PlugIn Stations Online to unveil new electric vehicle charging stations outside of Town Hall.

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■ POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY CALLS

Police nab sex predator

Guilderland man faces multiple felonies related to child sex crimes



RUTHOSKY

ALBANY — A Guilderland man was arrested by New York State Police on charges related to child sex crimes.

John H. Ruthosky Jr., 36, was arrested on Monday, Oct. 20, following an investigation conducted by New York State Police Troop G, SP Latham BCI, along with the Troop G Computer Crimes Unit, the New York State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce, and Homeland Security Investigations.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children provided a cyber-tip to State Police, that a user on the social media platform Kik was sharing images of child sexual exploitation.

During the initial portion of the investigation, search warrants were executed. Sexually explicit images and sexually explicit videos of young children were found on Ruthosky's cellular phone.

He was charged with predatory sexual assault against a child, use of a child in a sexual performance, promoting a sexual performance by a child, and possession of a sexual performance by a child, all felonies. He was also charged with Sexual Misconduct, a misdemeanor, for allegedly engaging in sexual conduct with a dog.

Ruthosky was arraigned

in Guilderland Town Court and remanded to Albany County jail without bail.

State Police are investigating the possibility of additional victims. If you have any information, please contact the New York State Police at 518-477-9333.

Stealing over \$300K on job

GUILDERLAND — Aurilla Vandervort, 55, of Schenectady, was arrested on charges of Grand Larceny and Falsifying Business records, both felonies.

Vandervort is accused of stealing in excess of \$300,000 from a local business while employed as a leasing agent. She was arraigned by the Town of Guilderland Court and released on her own recognizance.

The case has been transferred up to the Albany County Court.



Bomb scare on Western Avenue

GUILDERLAND — The threat of a bomb during a bank robbery attempt had police close Western Avenue on Friday, Oct. 29, before ultimately arresting the 19-year-old Guilderland man responsible for the mayhem. Traffic was stopped at the intersection of Western Avenue and Fuller Road for more than two hours as State and Guilderland Police investigated.

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Kenwood Ave partially closed

By **JOHN MCINTYRE**
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DELMAR — The Town of Bethlehem closed one lane of Kenwood Avenue on Monday, Nov. 1 from the Four Corners to the Key Bank parking lot as Public Works crews prepare to spend the next two weeks repairing a faulty sewer line.

"About a year ago we noticed a depression in the pavement on that stretch of Kenwood Avenue and we got a sense that something was going on," Bethlehem Commissioner of Public Works George Kansas said. "We confirmed it was a sag in the pipe after we did an video inspection."

The pipe was installed in 1929 and the sag could cause blockages from fats, oils and other materials from the properties nearby.

"It is also a concern that because of the sag, it could jeopardize the seam in a joint and let dirt or ground water in," he said. "You can get a catastrophic failure that can create sinkholes similar to the one they had on Madison Avenue in Albany recently. This will prevent that."

Kenwood Avenue eastbound will be closed and rerouted to Adams Place, but the westbound lane will remain open during the process. Delaware and Kenwood avenue on the north side of the four corners will not be closed.

Kansas and Town Supervisor David Van Luven walked around the area Tuesday to inform businesses of the closure due to the short notice.

"It is something that we need to do as soon as we can to prevent a failure and a major disruption," Kansas said.

The solution to the problem, according to Kansas, is to replace the sagging section, which is about 65 feet, then insert a sleeve inside the pipe along entire span between the manhole on Delaware Avenue to the one by Adams Place.

"We will sleeve both the new and old sections to make one continuous piece," he said.

Kansas said that the project will take longer than usual because there are both a natural gas line and communication cables buried nearby.

"It is a deep sewer line," he said. "We will have to really be careful not to disrupt anything else."

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From page 1 ... Going green

“We chose specific locations where people often park their vehicle for longer periods,” said Town of Bethlehem Supervisor David VanLuven. “Our goal is to make owning an electric vehicle as easy as possible and to encourage more people to consider an electric vehicle as their next car.”

In May, National Grid announced it had joined the Electric Highway Coalition to enable more electric vehicle charging stations near highways across the United States.

Each utility within the Coalition is taking steps to provide charging solutions in their service territories and collaborating to ensure accessibility, reliability, and a positive customer experience. This effort will support a network of fast charging stations along major highways from the Atlantic Coast, through the Midwest and South and into the Gulf and Plains regions. Other participating utilities in the Coalition include American Electric Power, Dominion Energy, Duke Energy, Entergy Corporation, Eversource, Southern Co., and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

National Grid is providing charging ports for the stations across its territories in Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island. It has already deployed 1,400 charging ports with 16,000 on the way, one of the largest EV charging programs outside of California. Many of these ports are in environmental justice communities, so that all customers of varying incomes have access.

“Transitioning the Town of Bethlehem from fossil fuels needs to be our highest priority to address the current climate emergency,” said Maureen Cunningham, Bethlehem Town Board Member. “Electric vehicle infrastructure like we now have in Bethlehem represents one step of many needed to put us on track to achieve New York’s climate goals and lay the foundation for a clean energy future.”

National Grid is partnering with companies, like PlugIn Stations Online,

to increase the number of charging stations across the State. It has provided more than \$46,000 in funding for the stations in the Town of Bethlehem that were installed by PlugIn Stations Online.

Passenger vehicle chargers are a big part of the changing energy landscape. National Grid is also working with the major Transit Authorities in upstate New York to convert city buses to electric. Here in the Capital District, the company has been working with the CDTA who has installed four charging stations for the first electric buses to hit the road in upstate New York, and are partnering with them to plan large-scale electrification of 25 percent of their fleet by 2025.

Electrifying trucks and buses are pivotal to reducing emissions from transportation. National grid is supportive of New York’s participation in a 15-state agreement which sets a goal for 100 percent

of truck and bus sales to be electric by 2050.

Approximately 40 percent of the Northeast’s GHG emissions are from transportation, making it a larger source of emissions than any other sector. National Grid has committed to electrifying their entire light duty fleet by 2030 and exploring zero carbon alternatives for medium and heavy-duty vehicles. The company is also helping put electric city and school buses on the road and are one of two companies in the U.S. to adopt electric backhoes.

The Electric Highway Coalition will provide DC fast chargers that will allow drivers to charge and be back behind the wheel in up to 30 minutes. It is designed to coordinate EV charging station planning, so EV drivers will have the tools they need to drive electric with convenience.

Chargers can be found at the Adams Street Lot near the Rail Trail, Bethlehem Town Hall and Elm Avenue Park.

REAL ESTATE

Home market cooling

Home sales slow as prices continue to soar in New York State

ALBANY — The median price of homes has continued to climb for 17 consecutive months in year-over-year comparisons, while sales declined in September for the first time since August of 2020, according to the housing report released today by the New York State Association of Realtors.

Median sales prices escalated to \$378,000 in September. This represents an 18.5 percent increase from the \$319,000 price in September 2020. The New York market has seen 17 consecutive months of median sales increases in year-over-year comparisons.

Closed sales are down for the first time in 13 months, falling 4.6 percent from 13,907 sales last September to 13,274 units

last month. Pending sales dropped from 15,607 homes to just 13,588 units – a drop of 12.9 percent. New listings of homes also fell, decreasing from 21,155 sales in September 2020 to 16,563 last month. This marks a 21.7 decrease in month-over-month comparisons.

Inventory of homes for sale has fallen for 23 consecutive months in year-over-year comparisons. In September 2020, there were 54,863 homes for sale compared to just 42,849 in September 2021 – a 21.9 percent decrease.

Mortgage interest rates rose slightly in September. According to Freddie Mac, the monthly average on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage in September inched up to 2.90 percent.

The decline in local sales is mirroring a national trend where the National Association of Realtors has observed pending home sales had dipped

in September, retreating slightly following a previous month of growth.

Each of the four major U.S. regions saw contract activity decline month-over-month and year-over-year, the association said, with the Northeast weathering the largest yearly drop.

The association’s Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking indicator of home sales based on contract signings, decreased 2.3 percent to 116.7 in September. Year-over-year, signings decreased 8.0 percent.

An index of 100 is equal to the level of contract activity in 2001.

“Contract transactions slowed a bit in September and are showing signs of a calmer home price trend, as the market is running comfortably ahead of pre-pandemic activity,” said Lawrence Yun, NAR’s chief economist.

— Michael Hallisey

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■ POLITICS

One last jab before Election Day

Tiger squares off against Town Board over ethics allegations

By MICHAEL HALLISEY
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DELMAR — John “Tiger” Anastasi continued his fight against Highway Superintendent Marc Dorsey, this time taking it to other members of Town Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

The Republican challenger continued a barrage of criticism that started with a political forum two weeks before, after expressing that he was “a little dismayed” that the Ethics Board’s recent determination was not included in the Town Board’s agenda.

The town’s Ethics Board investigated and made a determination following a complaint against Dorsey for services he had allegedly received. According to multiple sources with knowledge of the matter, he had contractors transport soil and fill, and deposit it upon his personal property.

Town Supervisor David VanLuven explained earlier in the meeting that the board had only just met that evening to discuss the details and seek legal advice from Town Attorney Jim Potter while in executive session. Without disclosing Dorsey’s name, he said the Town Board decided to allow him to speak in another private meeting before the board meets again on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Dorsey had previously confirmed that the complaint is against him, and has called it “a political hit job.” He shared with Spotlight News how he explained to the Ethics Board that he receives clean fill on his land, and has held a permit to do so for the last five years. The fill is “valueless” he said, otherwise the contractors who dump it would sell it on the open market.

“If this was a real problem, it would have been brought up when I was first elected in 2019,” Dorsey shared in a statement. “Instead, this is being used as a political hit job two weeks before an election.”

Anastasi, who served as the town’s highway czar from 2017 to 2019, told the Town Board that’s still a violation of the ethic’s code. He followed by asking Potter to confirm. The town attorney refused to comment, reiterating the board’s policy that it avoids interaction during public comment.

Anastasi pressed on for nearly seven minutes with the same fervor he first expressed during an online political forum two weeks ago. During that forum, Anastasi questioned Dorsey’s morality while listing his mishaps from the prior year, including selling \$1,800 of town equipment last July without prior approval and going \$150,000 over budget to pave the town’s compost facility on Feura Bush Road the following September. The Republican Party later followed with a mailing campaign that copied headlines and editorials from The Spotlight as the newspaper reported those events.

The Republican challenger proceeded to involve himself in an exchange of words with Town Board members, specifically Democrats Maureen Cunningham and Joyce Becker. He blamed Cunningham, and her sister Bethlehem Democratic Committee Chair Joanne Cunningham for selling the town “a bad bill of goods” when they introduced Dorsey as a candidate in 2019.

“I know you can’t comment, Maureen, because you and your sister endorsed him. Which is fine. I’m not asking you to comment,” he said. “Joyce, I know you’re best friends with his parents. I don’t know, from what they say,

you might even be his godmother. ... I’m just telling you what’s going around.”

“I find this to be a political campaign, Tiger,” Becker responded. “This is not about a political campaign. You’re being very political.”

“I’m not being political at all, and don’t say that. This is about an election coming up,” he said.

“That you’re running in,” said Cunningham.

“I’m talking. I’m talking right now. Maureen, I’m talking.”

“Full disclosure, for anyone who doesn’t realize, you’re running against the person that you’re talking about,” Cunningham said. “So this is a political speech.”

“And you and your sister brought this false bill of goods on us, okay? Let’s be transparent here. I know you’re laughing. It’s funny, but it’s not. It’s pretty sad,” Anastasi said, directing his comments towards Cunningham. “Because, you’re costing me, as a taxpayer, money...”

This is believed to be the first determination by the Ethics Board. Through a FOIL request, the Town stated that the board had not presented one in the previous three years. A review of its meeting minutes revealed it had never shared a judgment with the Town Board since it was established in 2013.

The Ethics Board meets sporadically; only when it receives a complaint or as the five-person board prepares its annual report to the Town Board. The board, comprised of town residents appointed by the Town Board, provides advice upon request. It also investigates sworn complaints and makes recommendations to the Town Board regarding how to address them. The board can recommend any kind of action, from suggesting fines to outright termination.



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Pandemic Upgrade

Guilderland Public Library opens new \$8.3 million expansion - ahead of schedule, under budget

By **DANIELLE SANZONE**
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GUILDERLAND - Some good, indeed, has come from 2020. The Guilderland Public Library's building project started construction in October 2020 and then finished the 6,555 square foot expansion this past September, ahead of schedule and under budget.

The \$8.3 million project finished nearly one year ahead of schedule and about \$250,000 under budget, library officials said.

The addition to the library focuses on a Children's Library with a heated floor, natural light from a skylight, a craft activity area, and nursing area. There is a 540-gallon aquarium with 12 varieties of fish that makes a border between the children's section and the main library.

It was determined that it made sense to focus energies on children's



The lobby of the newly renovated Guilderland Public Library.

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Pandemic Upgrades at GPL

programming, there's also a teen room called The Foundry.

Exploring the New & Improved Library

With the new space, there is a large area that will eventually be able to accommodate 300 to 400 people for popular concerts, speakers, and children's programs.

In the meantime, 100 people are currently allowed in the building as the library continues to follow COVID guidelines. Eventually, the total building capacity will be 800 people.

With cooler weather here, the library is equipped with a cozy space with a gas fireplace, complete with a historic mantel from Fuller's Tavern.

There are four new study/meeting rooms in the library, a cafe, and unisex single-stall bathrooms.

The main library building dates back to 1992, while the public library's founding occurred in 1957.

The new building addition is complete, but there are some minor projects still ongoing (like new computers and hearing assistance tech). The new computers are expected this fall, but other items will depend on any supply chain delays, said Nicholson.

A ribbon cutting was held on September 24th to mark the completion of the new addition. Butler Rowland Mays Architects, LLP, a Ballston Spa firm specializing in library renovation, and Turner Construction Company

were the main entities working on the project.

Green Initiatives

The library has projected that, with green initiatives and additions, they will utilize about 20 percent less energy even though the building space will be larger.

This will be accomplished through: maximizing natural light, utilizing occupancy sensors, energy efficient appliances in the bathrooms, ductwork modifications, and an HVAC system addition.

Comparing with the 2012 Project

Work on this project started in earnest in 2018, revamping a 2012 proposal that was defeated by the public.

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The main reading room, above, and the fish aquarium that separates the children's library.

Guilderland Public Library

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Pandemic Upgrades at GPL

The public approved the latest project iteration in a referendum in the Spring of 2019, with 1,861 voters (about 58 percent) in favor, and 1,329 (about 42 percent), against. The referendum proposal presented in May 2019 which Guilderland voters approved was more modest

than the 2012 plan: about 6,000 less square footage, and \$4.6 million less, keeping the building on one level, said Nicholson.

Library Usage

Currently, the library has 15,698 registered borrowers, about 44

percent of Guilderland's population of 35,752, said Nicholson, noting that stats from the past year are off, due to COVID service disruptions.

She added that curbside checkouts, which begin in June 2020, have proven to be popular and convenient and continue as an option, in addition to in-person browsing and checkouts. Meanwhile, demand for digital content skyrocketed during the pandemic,

especially March-June 2020, when the library was closed and physical checkouts were not offered. Ebooks jumped 68 percent and audiobooks 28 percent.

The library issues about 1,100-1,200 library cards per year, on average, Nicholson said.

In 2019, the library had

a total of 152,065 visits, utilizing their 225,474 collection items and other resources and programs.

The Guilderland Public Library is located

at 2228 Western Ave. in Guilderland. More information about the library can be found on their website.



New renovations are on display everywhere including the children's library.

Guilderland Public Library



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Keeping us updated everyday

Supervisor takes to the web each day to update residents on the latest COVID-19 data and info.

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Spearheaded by Supervisor Peter Barber, the town of Guilderland has published more than 600 daily updates with information about COVID-19 and the pandemic.

"I never would have thought we'd still be doing this at this point," said Barber in late October about the updates that started March 10, 2020. "When we started, I would have thought it'd be under control by now."

These updates posted on the town website are usually about one-page long and include information from New

York State, Albany County, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA),



Guiderland Town Supervisor Peter Barber.

Town of Guilderland photo

and the town's own emergency services.

"It's a team effort," said Barber, who has been town supervisor since 2015. "These updates are thanks

to the assistance I get at home and from people like my assistant, Jessica Montgomery. Without her, I couldn't be doing this."

How It Started

The impetus for the updates was an early morning phone call from the chief of police, notifying Barber that positive cases were reported in the town and there would be a press conference downtown. That was March 9, 2020. It was the next day that the updates started, remembered Barber.

In the beginning, the town would get about 100 inquiries per week from residents about COVID. Now that number is closer to about 15 inquires per week.

Barber's two children

are both journalists and the town supervisor points out that keeping the public informed is very important to him, along with providing reputable sources for information.

During the beginnings of the pandemic, Barber's daughter, a writer with The New Yorker, lived temporarily in Guilderland and even wrote about the experience.

How It's Going

With few exceptions, feedback regarding the updates has been positive. The updates have a reach of about 10,000 people, daily with the update and link shared on social media and via email. Barber's assistant, he said, is the one who sends out the updates.

Barber says he tries to share relatable stories in

these daily updates; like how his family, with much more time on their hands at home, discovered they had three waffle makers for some reason.

These updates are written mainly for Barber's fellow Guilderland town residents but the town has received comments about the COVID updates from as far away as Europe and Asia. One 7th Grade class in Kansas read the updates regularly and would check for any grammar mistakes then give Barber a grade for his grammar.

"I hope Guilderland residents are more informed thanks to these updates," said Barber, who encourages the readers to check out the sources usually cited in the updates.

What's Next?

Before the Delta variant, Barber said he planned to stop doing the updates.

At this point, he said he's discussed doing the updates less regularly, like possibly weekly or as-needed.

"The daily updates will continue for as long as we get information from the state and county," he continued. "Having a governor and county executive give updates has helped to do this at the local level. I really do think it's an obligation of towns to keep residents as informed as possible."

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■ SCHOLASTIC SPORTS

Bethlehem falls in semis

MECHANICVILLE — The Bethlehem girls soccer team, one of the strongest programs in the state, came into the Class AA tournament as the unfamiliar No. 5 seed.

Without their top scorer, the team made it to the semifinals before getting beat on Thursday, Oct. 27, 1-0 by the No. 1 seed, and Suburban Conference rival, Shenendehowa.

Bethlehem keeper Sophia Soka had an exceptional game and kept the Eagles in the game but one did get by her with 26:43 left in the game and Bethlehem, despite pressuring the Shen defense, could not answer.

Check out our website for more photos of the game.

—Jim Franco



Colonie bests Bethlehem in five

COLONIE — The Garnet Raiders advanced to the Class AA semis by beating Bethlehem in five sets in a hard fought match at home.

The No. 3 seed from Colonie (9-5, 11-6) will square off against the No. 2 seed from Columbia on Wednesday, Nov. 3, at Stillwater High School at 7 p.m. Columbia beat Guilderland, the No. 7 seed, to advance. The No. 1 seed Shenendehowa will play against the No. 5 seed from Ballston Spa in the other bracket beginning at 5 p.m. with the championship slated for Nov. 5 at Saratoga High School.

Against Bethlehem, the No. 6 seed, Colonie won the first set 25-20, dropped the second and third 11-25 and 20-25, respectively, before coming back to win the last two 25-21 and 25-22.

Shannon Coyle had 17 kills and 10 digs for Colonie while Grace Bauman had nine kills and Charley Herrington had 29 assists.

For the Eagles, Caroline Davis had 10 kills, five aces and 11 digs while Maren Louridas had 15 kills and two digs.

Check out our website for more photos of the game.

—Jim Franco



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Reader: Those were hurtful words directed towards BC school board

Dear Letters to the Editor,

I'm writing to say that I can picture the unfortunate use of an inappropriate term at the recent school board meeting as you describe it ("Board of Ed Losses Chance to Educate"), but there was something kind of sensationalist and mean spirited about the way it was reported.

It sounds like everyone involved put a lot of thought into the selection and donation of children's school books designed to raise cultural awareness, and that's quite a damper you threw on the much larger good for a single slip of the tongue.

People make mistakes. Not everyone generally trying to do good is at the same stage of progressive awareness and reassessment. And there is no one true imperious unforgiving movement of the day, or shouldn't be.

— Shawn Purcell

Delmar

Bells would be good for Rail Trail

To the Editor,

Everyone agrees the Rail Trail is terrific. However, I have a concern, which I suspect is shared by others. I am a walker. But I can't tell you how many times I have had bicyclists speed by me without any warning whatsoever. It can be scary. So my question is this. Why can't the town require that bicyclists have a bell on their bikes?

As it's become more popular, the walking paths on the Rail Trail have obviously become more compressed. While I understand that bells may not be required in other contexts and I am personally not opposed to bicyclists riding the Trail, some move pretty quickly. And frankly, I am worried that someone who does not hear, will step out and unfortunately, someone could get hurt. Particularly children ducking out; which we have all seen.

— Steve Coffey

Slingerlands

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2020: Pomp and Terrible Circumstances

The Class of 2020: Parents' Perspectives of the Pomp and Terrible Circumstances — 2020 was an unprecedented year of challenges and perseverance. Parents were hit especially hard as they tried to juggle jobs while providing virtual school for their children. Join Michelle Napierski-Prancl, PhD, Professor of Sociology and Faculty Director of the Women's Institute at Russell Sage College for a virtual Zoom meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov.



10. Dr. Napierski-Prancl is currently co-editing a book *Persevering During the Pandemic: Communication, Creativity and Connection* (2022), in which she pens a chapter based on her interviews with parents of Class of 2020 students from all around the country. They describe what it was like to parent their children after schools shut down and important rituals like prom and graduation were

cancelled or celebrated virtually.

International Games Day

Kids in grades K-5, with a caregiver, are invited to come in and play at the library, Sunday, Nov. 7, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Celebrate everything games and gamers love with some new family board games. We'll also have a Breakout Room and Switch videogames on the big screen. Registration is required.

Power your Job Hunt with Google

Discover new job opportunities using Google Search, and learn how to organize and enhance your job search experience using G suite tools. Register online for this one hour lecture with demonstrations, taught online Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m., via Zoom.

Holiday Hours

In observance of Veteran's Day, the library will close at 5 p.m.,

Thursday, Nov. 11.

Curbside pickup is available during all open library hours.

Masks are required of all visitors over the age of two, regardless of vaccination status.

— Lynn Kohler

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Medicare 101: An Update for 2020

GPL is holding “Medicare 101: An Update for 2022” virtually on Monday, Nov. 8 at 10:30 a.m. in partnership with the NY Statewide Senior Action Council. Several topics, including Medicare part A and B, Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage, Medicare costs, and Medicare Savings programs will be covered. Please register on the Events tab of our website for the link to this presentation.



an hour-long virtual 1:1 appointment offered every Monday during November at 6:30 p.m.

Fall Card Project

Our popular card project with Community Caregivers is underway! All ages are encouraged to spread joy to our neighbors.

Guidelines:

- Create or repurpose one or more cards no larger than 5” x 7”
- Optional: add an uplifting message inside your card and/or sign it
- Envelopes will be provided by Community Caregivers, and they will address and mail all cards received
- Drop off your card(s)

in our lobby by Sat. Nov. 6 – thank you!

Night Owls Online

Our monthly evening book discussion group is reading “The Night Came With Many Stars” by Simon Van Booy, in preparation for the virtual meetup Monday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. You can pick up a copy of the book at the library’s Information desk. If you prefer curbside pickup, please call us at 518-456-2400 ext. 3 or email us at ask.librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org, then register on the Events tab of our website to receive the Zoom link.

Preserving Apples

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m., Karen Roberts Mort from Cornell Cooperative Extension will present a live demonstration on making and canning applesauce, plus directions for freezing and canning apple slices. Attendees will receive a bag of fresh Gade Farm apples as a special treat, which can be picked up at the library at a later date. Please register on the Events tab of our website for the Zoom link.

Memoirs in the Morning

Our new adult daytime book discussion group, Memoirs in the Morning, has a spot just for you! For November, we’re reading “Finding Freedom: A Cook’s Story; Remaking

a Life from Scratch” by Erin French. This title is available in print and digitally on Overdrive in eBook & audiobook formats. Please reserve a copy (call or email us for assistance placing a hold) and register on the Events tab of our website for our online meetup Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 10:30 a.m. Also, search for the “Memoirs in the Morning” group on goodreads.com to join our discussion anytime!

Browsing Hours

Masks are required to enter the library. GPL policies based on current COVID conditions are outlined in our Pandemic Operations Plan, accessible on our website. Current hours are: Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Friday 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 – 5 p.m. The library renovation

project is nearly done. Still to come: meeting and study rooms; new public computers; exhibit space; car charging stations; hearing assistance technology; furniture; and the new café. All fines continue to be waived (since March, 2020).

Veteran’s Day

Please note that GPL is closed Thurs. Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran’s Day. We will reopen Friday, Nov. 12, at 9:30 a.m.

— Luanne Nicholson



Webslinger on the loose

ELSMERE — Elsmere Elementary School families reported the sighting of the mysterious wallcrawling vigilante as they enjoyed their trunk-or-treating event in the school parking lot on Friday, Oct. 29. The antics of this webslinger were first reported by J. Jonah Jameson at the Daily Bugle. Now known as the Spider Man, he spent the evening posing for photographs with friendly, neighborhood children who marveled his energy and skill. There have been no reports of him stealing candy, but that remains to be seen.

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Libraries don't use collection agencies

A patron from another library recently received a phone message from someone claiming to be from the Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS) stating that she had fines. THIS IS A SCAM. UHLS does not use a collection agency and will not seek fine payments on behalf of member libraries.

The Knapp Family at Cherry Hill

Harriet Maria Elmendorf "Minnie" Knapp and her sister Jane Amelia Knapp came to Cherry Hill in 1854, shortly after the death of their mother, Jane. They and their two brothers were raised as wards and servants in four Van Rensselaer households. How common was this practice, in Albany and elsewhere, during the 19th



century? What was the special relationship between the Knapp family and the Van Rensselaers of Cherry Hill?

On Friday, Nov. 5, at 1 p.m., a speaker from Historic Cherry Hill will join us virtually for "The Knapp Family: Kinship and the Struggle for Autonomy." This Coffee and Conversation presentation will explore the family's experiences, their enduring ties to one another, and their mysterious connection to earlier generations of the Van Rensselaer family, dating back to time of enslavement.

Visit our online calendar at bethlehem.librarycalendar.com or call the library at (518) 439-



Trick-or-treaters made their way through Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 28. The popular annual event returned after a pandemic hiatus in 2020.

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9314 to sign up.

Blood drive at the library

According to the Red Cross (www.redcrossblood.org/learn-about-blood/), someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds. You can do your

part. Bethlehem Public Library is once again hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, Nov. 18, from noon-6 p.m. in the Community Room. Donors must be at least 17 years old and in good general health. To make an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code:

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VOX Books and Wonderbooks: Another way to read

For young readers, there's more than one way

to enjoy favorite stories like "Stellaluna," "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" and "Click, Clack Moo." The library is loaning out Wonderbooks and VOX Books versions of these titles and dozens more.

VOX Books and Wonderbooks are audio books that live in print books. The permanently attached readers transforms an ordinary print book into an all-in-one read-along. There's no need for computers, tablets or CDs. Kids can simply push a button to listen and read.

These read-alongs combine high quality picture books and non-fiction with audio recordings that capture children's attention. The fully portable read-along requires no data or Wi-Fi. Visit www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org and search "VOX."

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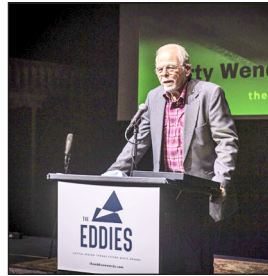
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Playing for a culture

As a young man with an old soul, 'Kingfish' Ingram has earned the respect of his elders to be called a true bluesman

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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At 22 years old, Christone Ingram is too young to be a blues man. At least, that's what people say.

"Anytime any young person gets into music that's older than them, they're going to hear the older people say that," Ingram said. "I still kind of hear it today, as well."

But the blues has been Ingram's life ever since he can remember. The Grammy-nominated artist has been swimming in the music. His father introduced him to Muddy Waters' music when he was just 5. Mr. Hoochie Coochie Man had died years before he came into this world, but once he took his first breath the two already had one thing in common — Clarksdale, Mississippi.

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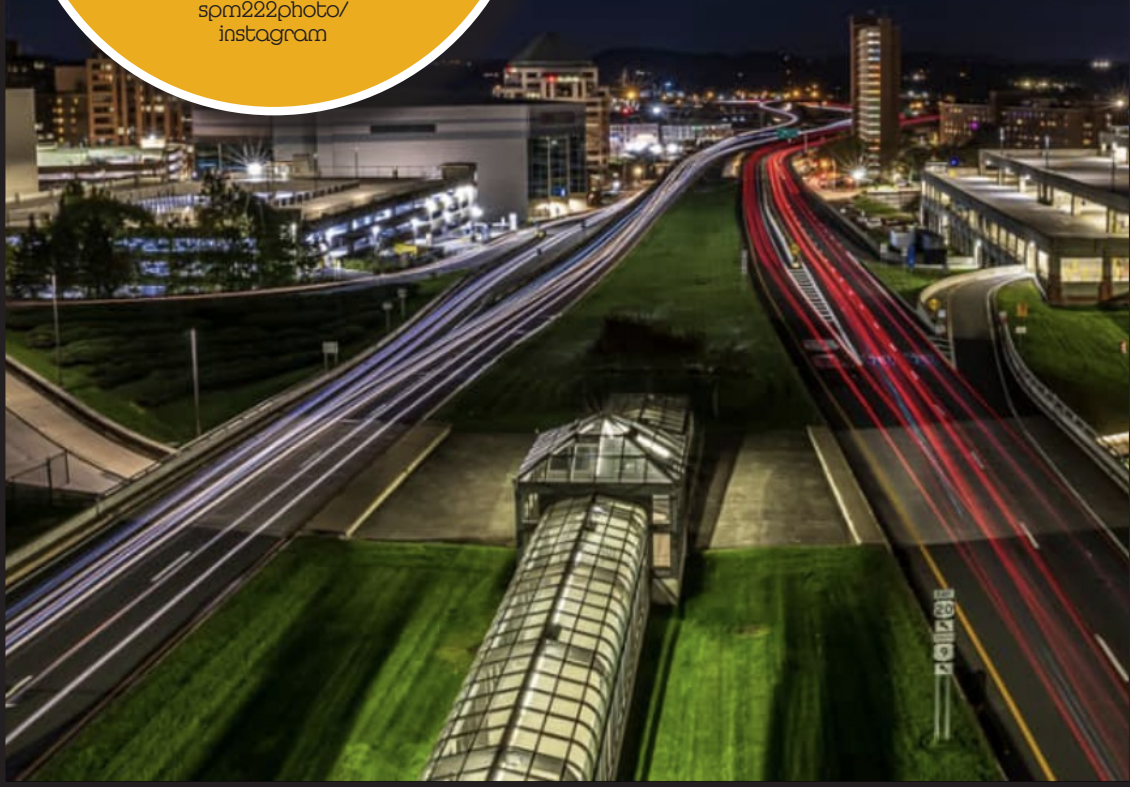
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A wise man said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop to look around every once in awhile, you might miss it."

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quote of the week

"I didn't really have a motive. Then, once I got deeper into the industry, I saw that I could really do this. I can show my peers that there's nothing wrong with being young and liking blues. Once we sit them down, we can teach them about real world things. So far, for me, it's actually worked."




Christone "Kingfish" Ingram, Bluesman



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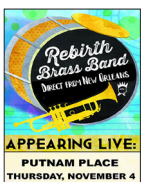
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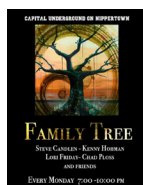
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From page B1 ... Kingfish

The world was introduced to “Kingfish” two years ago, a rocking debut album that shared Ingram’s nickname — a gift bestowed upon him by a teacher when he wasn’t yet a teenager. It wasn’t meant to be a compliment, he said. He had a bit of a swagger to him, perhaps too much for a kid who hadn’t lived enough of a life to embrace the blues. He was at the Delta Blues Museum, being taught how to play the guitar by Bill “Howl-N-Madd” Perry and Richard “Daddy Rich” Crisman at the arts and education program of the museum.

“They gave the kids in the class nicknames. And we thought of them as stagemen,” Ingram said. “They would introduce us with the name. My name was Kingfish, because I reminded him of a character from an old sitcom. It wasn’t too much to be proud of.”

The name originates from Tim Moore’s portrayal of George “Kingfish” Stevens in the radio serial turned television sitcom “Amos ‘n’ Andy.” The series was almost immediately controversial after premiering on the small screen. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People protested against how it painted a crude distortion of Black culture.

“So, you know, he gave me that name and I kept it because ‘King’ was a nod to B.B. [King],” he said.

Ingram’s journey began in the 662, just ten miles from where they say Robert Johnson sold his soul to the devil at the legendary crossroads of Highways 61 and 49. Born to a musical family, he fell in love with music as a small child, initially playing drums and then bass. At a young age, he got his first guitar and quickly soaked up music from Robert Johnson to Lightnin’ Hopkins, from B.B. King to Muddy Waters, from Jimi Hendrix to Prince.

Ingram’s “Kingfish” debuted

two years ago on the Billboard Blues Chart in the No. 1 position, and remained on the chart for an astonishing 91 weeks. In addition to receiving a Grammy Award nomination, it was declared the No. 1 Best Blues Album Of 2019 by tastemaker UK music magazine *MOJO*. NPR Music included Kingfish in its list of Best Debut Albums. Outlets including *The New York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, *Guitar World*, *The Washington Post* and others shared it with their respective audience. In 2019, Ingram’s first single, “Fresh Out,” featuring Buddy Guy, was the most played song on Sirius/XM’s highly regarded Bluesville channel. Kingfish was also No. 1 on the Living Blues Radio Chart’s Top 50 Albums Of The Year.

In 2020, Ingram won five Blues Music Awards, including Album Of The Year, Contemporary Blues Album Of The Year, Best Emerging Artist Album, Contemporary Blues Male Artist Of The Year and the coveted Best Guitarist award. He also won four Living Blues Awards, including Album Of The Year and Artist Of The Year.

Within those two years, he’s headlined two national tours and performed with friends including Vampire Weekend, Jason Isbell and Buddy Guy, with whom he appeared on Austin City Limits. He was interviewed by Sir Elton John on his Apple Music podcast, Rocket Hour, and recently released a duet with Bootsy Collins.

“A lot of people think it’s just about the music, but there are other things that make up the culture,” Ingram said. “In ‘662’, like I said, there’s literally a church on every corner. They got people in the yard smacking and drinking and cussing, and talking about going to work. I feel like I make up the culture, the African-



Christone Ingram’s hometown of Clarksdale, Mississippi is steeped in the blues, which is why he can understand if his friends lean more to hip hop than the “old, sad music.” When they rib him over his love for the blues, he’ll tell them, “rap is nothing but the blues’ grandchild.”

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American Blues culture. And not only does it go that deep. It goes as deep as protest music as well. The song, ‘Another Life Goes By,’ shouts that out as well.”

Ingram describes “662” as his own personal journey, a story that sits upon the legacy of his influential blues elders. The songs—reflecting his life in and away from his home in the Delta—speak to universal truths, as well as to similar experiences shared by his large and growing multi-generational, multi-cultural fan base. From the blistering, hometown title track, “662,” to the irresistible “She Calls Me Kingfish” to the slow, soulful and poignant “Another Life Goes By” to the funky truth-telling “Too Young To Remember,”

“662” overflows with hard-hitting songs, jaw-dropping guitar work and deep, soul-possessed vocals.

“I didn’t really have a motive,” Ingram said. “Then, once I got deeper into the industry, I saw that I could really do this. I can show my peers that there’s nothing wrong with being young and liking blues. Once we sit them down, we can teach them about real world things. So far, for me, it’s actually worked.”

With his eye-popping guitar playing and his reach-out-and-grab-you-by-the-collar vocals, Ingram performs every song with unmatched passion and precision. While his new songs tell personal stories, they also tell of shared human experiences. With “662,” he creates contemporary

blues music that speaks to his generation and beyond, delivering the full healing power of the blues. And he can’t wait to bring that power on stage.

“From the couple of experiences I have had with some of the old time legends like Eddy Clearwater, rest in peace, and Mr. Buddy Guy, having their respect — I think so. I think so. ... I feel the OGs respect me for what I do, and understand that I have the love and appreciation for the music as a young guitar player,” Ingram said. “Sometimes, being a young blues player the stigma is there that you don’t care about the past. I think a lot of the OGs see that I really do care about the past, because I come from it. It’s my culture. That’s for sure.”



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■ WHAT'S HAPPENING

Youth orchestra returning to live shows

Empire State Youth Orchestra to launch 2021-22 season Friday from Troy Music Hall

SCHENECTADY — The Empire State Youth Orchestra, known regionally and nationally as a premiere performance institution for young musicians living in Upstate New York and Western New England, returned to rehearsals for the 2021-2022 Season.

ESYO Symphony Orchestra starts the season with a performance at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall featuring guest conductor Andrés Rivas this Friday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

A complete list of ESYO Fall performances is available online at ESYO.org/tickets. Tickets can be purchased online for as little as \$1 with ACCESS

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The return to in-person regular rehearsals and live audience performances at the historic Troy Savings Bank Music marks a milestone in ESYO's efforts to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. It is an emergence underscored by the hiring of Dr. David Bebe as ESYO's first-ever Director of Education and a renewed sense of commitment to education, enrichment, and empowerment for members of ESYO performing ensembles and CHIME. The CHIME Program is ESYO's music access program that provides free daily music instruction and ensemble education to students in Schenectady, Albany, and Troy School Districts.

"We've learned a lot about ourselves and our musicians during the pandemic," said ESYO

Executive Director Rebecca Calos. "We allowed ourselves to be flexible. We embraced innovation and made strategic investments in our educational infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing young musicians as we all emerge from the ongoing impact of COVID-19," she continued.

Guiding ESYO's ventures to enrich the musical experiences of ESYO musicians is Dr. David Bebe, a gifted cellist, conductor, and experienced pedagogue. Before joining ESYO as its first-ever Director of Education, Dr. Bebe was a frequent guest sectional coach with ESYO's flagship performing ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, and was an Associate Professor of Music at the College of St. Rose. Using his skills and experience developing string curriculum and performance courses, Dr. Bebe is a critical resource

for ESYO's artistic staff and CHIME Teaching Artists.

"I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues and the conductors at ESYO to identify and provide the tools ESYO musicians need to be successful in their ensemble, especially after COVID-19 interrupted music programs across the country" said Dr. Bebe "I've had the opportunity to work with emerging and developing musicians throughout my entire career. ESYO nurtures and supports amazingly talented and passionate musicians," he continued.

Throughout the season, ESYO will develop events and programs that unify and strengthen ESYO ensembles and the CHIME program while discovering opportunities to bridge various levels, programs, and ensembles. Dr. Bebe will also focus his attention on supporting ESYO.

CHIME Teaching Artists, providing professional development and training, while building a curriculum that will nurture the growth of each CHIME musician. This past summer Dr. Bebe collaborated with ESYO conductors to create new summer offerings, which featured sight reading jams, brass workshops, nature hikes, and a summer chamber music program that culminated with a performance at Freedom Park in Scotia. This fall, Dr. Bebe launched a year-round chamber music program and the ESYO Chamber Orchestra that provides small-ensemble experiences for ESYO ensemble musicians.

"Chamber music is an incredibly powerful educational tool," said Dr. Bebe. "It demands student leadership and, more importantly, a musical conversation between the performers that requires

both leading and following at the same time." With support from Dr. Bebe and a team of experienced coaches, ESYO musicians will experience music in a smaller, more musician directed ensemble. As with all ESYO-sponsored ensembles and programs, the ESYO Chamber Music program will culminate with a performance in early December.

ESYO's 2021-2022 concert season restores a sense of "normalcy" for concert-goers with live audience performances across the region. This season, ESYO's concerts will feature Dvorak's Symphony No. 8, Bizet's L'Artesienne Suites No. 1 & No. 2, Jennifer Higdon's Light, Danzon No. 2 by Mexican composer Arturo Marquez and Jazz standards by Miles Davis and Thelonious Monk.



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Taking over Troy with music

More Music Less Violence to take over Troy

By **JESSICA SHERMAN**
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TROY — More Than Music LLC announced the next independent artist showcase in their More Music Less Violence series will be at the Lucas Confectionary on Sunday, Nov. 7, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Bringing the positive and uplifting sound to the stage this time around are local artists including; Raina Simone, Ohzhe (A SNUG Community outreach representative), JB Dirty Moses, Hannah Amigo, Ali Sifflet, Jordan Taylor Hill, Carlito, LIF and poet Nergy round out the list. Also being featured this time will be The Art Center of the Capital Region's own artist in residence Meg Gala who has been interacting with the Troy community via the Fish Market Project.

Intermittently throughout the



DJ HollyW8D (second from the left, top row) and More Than Music LLC will bring More Music Less Violence to Troy. Eddie Quinn

evening various representatives will be presenting on the issue of violence in the Capital District. Guests can expect to hear from Steven Figueroa who works for

the Boys and Girls Club of the Capital Region and is currently running for Troy City Council in District 2. Joining him to speak on anti-violence initiatives will

be Jerry Ford from TEAM Hero along with representatives from SNUG.

More Music Less Violence, Troy edition, comes on the heels of the very first showcase held back in September. The Ground Up Cafe hosted the event and organizers were happy to announce a packed house as attendees were treated to performances from artists that ranged in age from 8 to in their 30s. Tickets will still be only \$5 and sold at the door.

"Due to the COVID pandemic there were no events going down, so I made an event. 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." — Mario Johnson, CEO of More Than Music LLC said when asked what his inspiration behind the event was.

Originally from Brooklyn, DJ HollyW8D energizes crowds throughout the Upstate New York Capital Region. 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, HollyW8D aims to inspire others with his daily grind and optimistic energy. He 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 showcases 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. HollyW8D quickly learned that with being a DJ it's more than music; it is a platform to move not only bodies but also the human spirit, to change the mood of an entire room, to share light with other artists and space with people who share a passion for music. For DJ HollyW8D it's more than music. It's about leaving an impression.



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Sat: **DUKE ROBILLARD BAND** | 8 - 10 p.m.
Sun: **FOLK HERITAGE SERIES: JIM KWE-SKIN** | 7-9 p.m.

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Almost Queen, Always Awesome

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The Hudson River School: Landscape Paintings from the Albany Institute- The Albany Institute holds a large and important collection of nineteenth-century American landscape paintings, works often associated with the term "Hudson River School. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Nineteenth Century American Sculpture: Erastus Dow Palmer and His Protégés Launt Thompson, Charles Calverley, and Richard Park- Designed to showcase the museum's nationally known collection of mid- to late-nineteenth-century sculpture, This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Ancient Egypt- Egyptologist and Guest Curator Dr. Peter Lacovara has incorporated the research and scientific discoveries revealed in the GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies exhibition into a new exhibition about Ancient Egypt. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Traders & Culture: Colonial Albany and the Formation of American Identity- This exhibition looks at those diverse peoples who shaped colonial Albany and the objects that reflect their interests, values, commercial, and social interactions. This exhibit is currently ongoing. The Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave. Albany, 518.463.4478.

Albany International Airport 2021 Mohawk Hudson Regional- This fall, for the first time in its 85 year history, the Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region Exhibition will be presented simultaneously at the Albany International Airport Gallery. After receiving 561 entries by artists from across the region, jurors selected 143 works of art from 96 outstanding artists. There

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Fri: **Emily Wolfe** | 8-10 p.m.

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Saratoga City Tavern
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Fri: **ESYO Symphony Orchestra** | 7:30 p.m.

Sat: **Yonder Mountain String Band** | 8:00 p.m.
Sun: **Schumann Quartett with Jon Nakamatsu, Piano** | 3:00 p.m.

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The Clark Art Institute

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

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Summer Bomb Pop: Collection in Dialogue- Brings together seventeen

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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

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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.

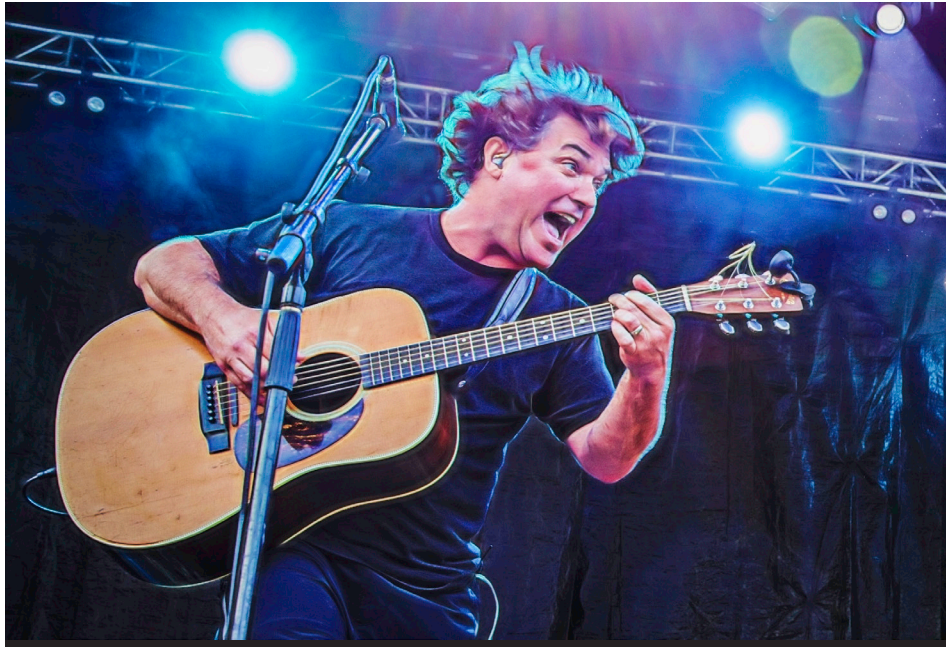
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Keller Williams on the fly

Keller Williams is a band by himself, creating samples on the fly in front of your eyes. He's to play at Lark Hall on Friday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m.

Emily Butler

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.

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,

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

ming 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

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CLUES ACROSS

- Taxis
- Mega energy unit (abbr.)
- Single-strand break
- Combinations of countries
- Cutting tool
- Small bay in Gulf of Maine
- Actress Lathan
- Chatter incessantly
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- Simple shoe
- Woman (French)
- Abnormal rattling sound
- Able to change
- Future butterfly
- Used in cooking and medicine
- A street for nightmares
- French modernist painter
- Dishonors
- Integrated data processing
- Frameworks
- Apply new materials
- Where merch is displayed
- American figure skater Lipinski
- Cycles per second
- Oohed and ___
- Dark olive black
- Peyton's little brother
- Plant in the bean family
- A wife: ___ covert
- Born of
- Arranges balls on the pool table
- Title of Italian monk
- Tooth caregiver
- American feminist poet

- ___ fide (Latin)
- Sign of healing
- Warm-blooded vertebrate
- Model
- Of or relating to plants
- Plant of the heath family
- Where to weigh something
- Internal structure
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- South Slavic person
- A way to record
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- As much as one can hold
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- Comedienne Gasteyer
- Beloved dog Rin Tin ___
- Midway between east and southeast
- Call it a career
- Former CIA
- American time
- Confederate general
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Travel downward
- Made red-blue
- Vietnamese revolutionary Le Duc
- Capital of Italy
- Small bunches of flowers
- Calvary sword
- A distinctive, pleasant odor
- A well-defined track or path
- Cereal used to make flour
- Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- Grayish white
- Engrave
- Famed men's basketball program
- Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- Dan Rather's old network
- Expression of sorrow or pity

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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

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



HOT DATE

FUNKY

Hartley's Encore open for The Grammy Award-Winning Rebirth Brass Band at Putnam Place on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 8 p.m.

New York State Museum

Thomas Hart Benton

In 1956 Thomas Hart Benton was commissioned 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 head of every household

Bob Saget has been in everyone's house for the past two decades, either by hosting America's Funniest Home Videos or as the lovable dad in Full House. He'll be at the Funny Bone in Crossgates on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m.

Bob Saget

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Athena
Plush

Toes Across The Floor
Blind Melon

Disarm
The Smashing Pumpkins

The Night Begins to Shine
B.E.R.

River of Deceit
Mad Season

In My Life
Madison Cunningham

Heaven
Girl Blue

There is neither a rhyme nor a reason for this rather eclectic playlist this week. They say the veil between the worlds of the living and beyond grows thinnest this time of year. Perhaps that played an influence upon my choices this week. I'm not going to figure it out. I just welcome you to listen to some of the tracks that caught my attention recently.

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Be in Heavenly Hell with her

Emily Wolfe has the microphone, and you're going to hear everything she has to say. This up-and-coming rock star has the instruments to keep the room loud and will do that at The Linda on Friday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m.

Emily Wolfe

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

SHIFTING GAZE: A Reconstruction of the Black & Hispanic Body in Contemporary Art -

From the collection of Robert B. Feldman. On view from October 22 - December 14th. Opening reception on Friday, October 22nd from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Proof of vaccination is required to enter gallery and view exhibition.

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

320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free



HOT DATE

THE MCKRELLS

This time of year, nothing says Saratoga Springs like taking in a performance by The McKrells at The Parting Glass on a Friday night. Do it Friday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m.

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 schenectady-historical.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-Representation 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.

HOROSCOPES

November 2021 Week 1

ARIES – MAR 21/APR 20

Find new ways to bring more love into your life, Aries. This can be romantic love or the love of friends and family. What you put out you get in return.

TAURUS – APR 21/MAY 21

Taurus, if you explore art in any form, this is the time to get more serious about it. It could be your opportunity to turn it into a career or at least a side venture.

GEMINI – MAY 22/JUN 21

The person you may be trying to reach may not be getting your messages, Gemini. Don't be too quick to give up on him or her. Try a different approach to get through.

CANCER – JUN 22/JUL 22

The way you reacted to a situation came out differently than you had hoped, Cancer. You may have some people feeling put off as a result. Find ways to make amends.

LEO – JUL 23/AUG 23

Leo, look for pleasures in all the simple things you experience over the next several days. It's all about having a positive attitude and finding happiness in what counts.

VIRGO – AUG 24/SEPT 22

Step up and take charge of a situation, Virgo. If you wait around for someone else to plan out your future, you'll be waiting for some time. Be proactive in your pursuits.

LIBRA – SEPT 23/OCT 23

Libra, this is a good opportunity to spend more quality time with people. Foster new friendships in the days to come. Certain ones may have the potential to last a lifetime.

SCORPIO – OCT 24/NOV 22

Don't feel like you need to make excuses for how you feel, Scorpio. If your gut tells you to go in a specific direction, then trust your instincts. Usually you're right on target.

SAGITTARIUS – NOV 23/DEC 21

Keeping everything in perspective may mean you have to be more conservative in your choices right now, Sagittarius. There will be opportunities to let loose later.

CAPRICORN – DEC 22/JAN 20

Social engagements keep stacking up, Capricorn. Soon you will have to make some tough choices regarding which events you can commit to and which to pass up.

AQUARIUS – JAN 21/FEB 18

Aquarius, you are feeling extra generous this week, but you do not need to treat everyone you meet. If you want to lavish attention on a special person, go for it.

PISCES – FEB 19/MAR 20

It can be frustrating when your emotions seem to be all over the place, Pisces. You just have to hold on a bit longer and remain patient.

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 asserts 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.



HOT DATE

TRIMA NIGHT

You may be the smartest person in the room, but no one will know it unless you get to Ravenswood Grill & Tavern on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m.

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/man-deville/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, convalescence, 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



A fifth of The Infamous Stringdusters

Andy Falco, guitarist, singer, songwriter and one-fifth of the Grammy Award-winning bluegrass quintet, The Infamous Stringdusters, will play the Cohoes Music Hall on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 8 p.m.

Andy Falco

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Simple indulgence

FOOD and VINO

Oysters are a beloved delicacy. The speed with which oysters go from bodies of water to people's dinner tables belies just how difficult it can be to harvest them. For instance, in her book "Eula Mae's Cajun Kitchen" (Harvard Common Press), the late Eula Mae Doré, a legendary cook who plied her trade on Louisiana's Avery Island for decades before passing away in 2008, described the backbreaking work of harvesting oysters. That work required oyster fishermen to haul up heavy nets and baskets filled with oysters in their shells, after which the oysters were sorted, iced down and sent to market.

Thankfully, oyster aficionados need not contend with such labor. For many oyster lovers, simply feasting on this tasty delicacy is enough. And there's always unique ways to enjoy oysters, such as in this recipe from Doré herself.

Mini Oyster Tarts

INGREDIENTS: Makes 1 dozen 3-inch patties or 3 dozen small patties

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
 - 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
 - 2 1/2 cups chopped yellow onions
 - 1/2 cup seeded and chopped green bell peppers
 - 1/2 cup seeded and chopped red bell peppers
 - 2 garlic cloves, pressed
 - 1/2 cup sliced white button mushrooms
 - 1/2 cup (1 stick butter)
 - 1 quart oysters, well drained and liquor reserved
- Salt, white pepper and freshly ground black pepper to taste

- 1/8 teaspoon Tabasco brand pepper sauce
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley leaves
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped green onions (green part only)
- 1 dozen 3-inch patty shells or 36 bite-size patty shells

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat the oil for 2 minutes in a large, heavy saucepan over medium heat. Add the flour, blend, and cook, stirring constantly and slowly, to make a roux the color of peanut butter. Add the onions and cook, stirring, until very soft, about 15 minutes. Add the bell peppers, garlic, mushrooms, and butter and cook, stirring, until very soft, about 15 minutes. Add the reserved oyster liquor and reduce the heat to medium-low. Simmer, stirring often, until the mixture thickens. Add the oysters, season with salt, white pepper, black pepper, and Tabasco, and cook until the edges of the oysters just begin to curl. Remove from the heat. Stir in the parsley and green onions. Let cool to room temperature.

2. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
3. Fill the patty shells about three quarters full with the filling. Put them on an ungreased baking sheet and bake until golden, 20 to 25 minutes. Serve immediately.



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■ HEALTH and FITNESS

How to get your butt in the gym

Features to look for in a fitness center

Each January, individuals make New Year's resolutions that focus on getting fit. Soon afterwards, the phones at area gyms start ringing off the hook with men and women looking to become new members. In fact, according to IHRSA, The Global Health & Fitness Association, 12 percent of all new gym memberships begin in January.

Gyms are not one-size-fits-all organizations. Gyms that appeal to some might not appeal to others. The following are some features to consider when looking for a new gym.

- **Cost:** IHRSA says 46 percent of former gym members claimed the reason they quit was due to cost. Finding an affordable center is a top priority for

many people. The good news is many gyms market themselves as low-cost options with low monthly fees with minimal annual add-on costs.

- **Specialized programs:** Some fitness centers focus on specific workout regimens, such as crossfit facilities. If a certain style of workout is compelling you to get in shape, research gyms that specialize in that program.

- **Atmosphere:** Two gyms may have the same equipment and group classes but may give off completely different vibes. Individuals should take tours to assess who is visiting the gym and what kind of atmosphere exists inside it. The goal is to find a comfortable, encouraging environment with like-minded people that will keep you going back.

- **Hours of operation:** A center that has flexible



Choosing a gym has everything to do with the features they have available.

hours is important for people balancing careers, families and school schedules. Planet Fitness suggests asking about the

general hours of the gym; when trainers are available; whether certain sections of the gym or amenities close at certain times; and when

classes are offered.

- **Guest privileges:** Working out with a friend or family member can

provide the healthy level of competition needed to keep workouts going. Ask about family membership discounts as well.

- **Equipment:** Equipment is an important consideration as well. Visit each gym you're considering to determine if equipment is modern, well-maintained and clean. Gyms that have several broken down treadmills or outdated strength training equipment may not be worth the membership fee. Determine which equipment is included in the cost of membership as well. Cardio machines, free weights, stretching areas, weight machines, and changing rooms are desirable among many gym members.

The right facility can make all the difference and help people achieve their fitness goals.

Classes make exercise fun

Some people find the best way to get in shape is to do so alongside another person. Group classes can provide the inspiration, variety and fun needed to keep fitness enthusiasts engaged. Some are offered by traditional gyms while others may be found at specialty fitness facilities.

Regular exercise is essential to good health, and these classes can add a spark to workouts.

- **Spin class:** Spin classes have been around for some time and have long been a trendy group exercise. Many health clubs offer spin classes in their facilities. Spinning may be easier on the joints than other exercises due to the smooth rotary motion of the stationary bikes. Resistance can make the exercise harder and simulate riding uphill outdoors.



- **Trampoline classes:** Sometimes referred to as "SkyRobics," trampoline classes take place in trampoline recreation centers or specialized trampoline training centers. NASA states that 10 minutes of bouncing on the trampoline is equivalent to 30 minutes of jogging. Bouncing around also can help adults feel young again.

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SCIENCE

The Road to Zero

New York power plant teams with GE on 'Green Hydrogen' demonstration project

By WILL PALMER
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DUTCHESS COUNTY — Thirty miles east of Poughkeepsie in the town of Dover, the Cricket Valley Energy Center occupies an old industrial site that was vacant for 20 years. Today, the place also points to the way of decarbonization in the energy industry.

The 1,100-megawatt Cricket Valley power plant, in operation since 2020, is one of the most efficient combined-cycle power plants in the state. It is capable of providing the equivalent electricity needed by 1 million homes with three GE 7F.05 gas turbines that run on natural

gas, a cleaner-burning fuel that can help utilities add baseload power and allow them to retire coal-fired power plants. And now it's on a trajectory to become even more sustainable.

In an agreement signed with GE last week, Cricket Valley will undertake a demonstration project, starting in late 2022, by running one of its three turbines on a blend of natural gas with 5 percent "green hydrogen" by volume — hydrogen produced with renewable energy. It's the first step in a process that could lead to converting the entire plant into a 100 percent green-hydrogen-burning facility over the next decade — and marks another boost in the burgeoning effort to deploy hydrogen as part of the transition to cleaner energy.

The initiative, dubbed the H2 Roadmap, is intended to support New York state's goal of 100

percent zero-carbon emissions in the electricity sector by 2040, a target announced in the state's 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), the most ambitious by any U.S. state. The H2 Roadmap will facilitate research and development in the hydrogen sector by testing percentages of hydrogen utilization in the fuel mix as the clean fuel becomes more available.

"As a leader in providing reliable, dispatchable power generation, we enlisted GE's extensive experience with hydrogen to support the development of lower-carbon technologies in the state of New York," said Chuck Davis, president of Advanced Power Asset Management, which manages the facility. "With this agreement, we will begin to define a roadmap for the conversion of recently constructed natural-gas-fired power

plants to lower- and zero-carbon fuels."

The Cricket Valley plan is the second boost "green hydrogen" has received this month in the state of New York. On July 8, then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that the New York Power Authority will conduct a pilot project in 2021 to temporarily replace natural gas with a blend of natural gas and "green hydrogen" at its Brentwood Power Station on Long Island. GE Gas Power will play an integral role in that project also, supplying the hydrogen/natural gas blending system and supporting the project's planning and execution.

Beyond New York, the Long Ridge Energy Terminal in Hannibal, Ohio, is another power plant that is expected to go online later this year with a hydrogen-and-gas blend. The 485-megawatt facility will be the first purpose-built power plant in the United States to burn hydrogen and will use a powerful new gas turbine made by GE to

produce enough electricity to light up the equivalent of 400,000 U.S. homes. And in Australia, the EnergyAustralia utility is building that nation's first gas-and-hydrogen power plant, which will use a GE 9F.05 gas-fired turbine to churn out approximately 316 megawatts of quickly dispatchable power that will help offset the energy that will be lost when a nearby coal-fired facility is decommissioned.

To be sure, "green hydrogen" must overcome several obstacles before it can become a viable replacement fuel. The price will need to come down by about 50 percent, according to S&P Global. For example, green hydrogen producers could tap more renewable power during periods when a wind farm is spinning out more power than the operator can send to the grid or store.

GE is well positioned to help during this crucial phase of the energy transition. More than 75 GE gas turbines have already racked up over 6

million operating hours running on hydrogen or hydrogen-like fuels, much of it at factories that create hydrogen as a by-product and feed it back into the turbines that drive their plants.

"GE's gas turbine technology, building on decades of our leadership in low-BTU fuel operations including hydrogen fuels, validates the important role existing technologies and assets can play in reducing carbon emissions," Scott Strazik, CEO of GE Gas Power, said of the Cricket Valley agreement. "We are pleased to work with CVEC to support its efforts in achieving carbon neutrality across its operations, while demonstrating the collaboration essential for a decade of action to reduce carbon emissions from the power generation sector."

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CONCERT REVIEW

Darlingside at The Egg's Swyer Theatre

By MICHAEL HOCHANADEL
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ALBANY — For Boston string-and-sing band Darlingside, playing late (we hope!) in the pandemic means standing together again on a stage, so close you could cloak all four with a tablecloth.

Their music felt that close, too, in The Egg's Swyer Theatre Friday night. Their talent on devices and voices could fill Yankee Stadium; the damn Yankees aren't using it in this World Series anyway. But that small welcoming space felt just right for this most intimate, intelligent, sweet, silly, sonically sumptuous band.

They played most of "Birds Say" in an almost hour-long first set, celebrating, they said, the first anniversary of the fifth



Darlingside.

Album Artwork

anniversary of this 2015 album.

The first lush rush of their linked voices hit like a slow soft wave in "The Ancestor." As mandolinist-violinist-beginning-guitarist (more on that later) Auyon Mukharji noted after all four had spoken, they showed their sheer glee in being back onstage by all talking before their second song.

In the show, as on the album, "White Horses" changed up the tempo more than the chords, drawing smiles as they sang of cider donuts, cited in their between song rap. They also questioned whether everything is real or a simulation and later mused whether everything, and not just the foods they discussed at length, were comprised solely of pizza, making a playful, persuasive

case in a wise-ass grad seminar way.

In the dizzy Darlingside tautology, everything is everything, as they rummaged freely through musical materials they could have copped from a music school library. "Harrison Ford," fast and staccato, felt cleverly episodic rather than random-choppy, offering lessons in counterpoint and the sly sounds of a plucked cello before surfing ashore on Beach Boys-like falsetto. The slower, folkier "Clay & Cast Iron" featured Leslie electric guitar and a pretty coda. "Go Back" also served up beautiful a cappella at both ends of a driving tune. When cellist-guitarist Harris Pasetliner's intro wandered from cogent to less so, then stopped, acknowledging he'd wandered into the weeds, Mukharji protectively exclaimed, "That was awesome!" In its whack way, it was.

Embracing the engagingly strange, they

adroitly stopped short of uncomfortably odd.

The jaunty jug-band-y "My Gal My Guy" played with syncopation under snappy lyrics on a New York City sojourn — "I put on my feet, walk out the door into a busy street."

Darlingside's sound sweetens the air with such hypnotic beauty that the words can all but evaporate. But the same articulate intelligence infuses both. All four voices fit at the baritone end of tenor range, a different sonic continent than, say, Howlin' Wolf's growl. But they sing real soulfulness in the quietest, most subtle way. They weave in almost endless variety: Beach Boys meet Amazing Blondel in a club where Manhattan Transfer and the Swingle Singers are having drinks, then stir things up good.

Solos are scarce in playing as elegant as their singing: NewGrass zip, Bach-fugue stateliness, cozy coffeehouse clatter, even

rock and roll energy like the lighter side of Wilco or The War on Drugs glide. Precise but never sterile, they swapped around like kids in a music store. Don Mitchell (stage right) played six- and 12-string electric guitars, banjo, acoustic guitar and keyboard elegantly. David Senft made soft electric bass throb over unobtrusive kick drum soft booms. Mukharji joked that playing easily portable violin and mandolin didn't prepare him for how cumbersome guitars are, noting Senft's (Rickenbacker) bass is heavy as 20 violins. Pasetliner's cello and acoustic rhythm guitar glued things together.

And, they're funny as hell.

Introducing "Do You Ever Live," Mukharji played guitar, admitting that, a self-taught beginner, he'd only try to play four notes — "five, if I make a mistake." Nope, no mistakes, just a shifting blend of voices

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Darlingside

over complex riffing to an irresistible uplift.

Noting they'd framed band intros in McDonald's lore in their last Egg show (2019), cellist-guitarist Harris Paseltiner said there's something about the "giant concrete Egg" that conjures fast food visions before linking Friday's intros to Taco Bell. Then they turned seriously pretty with "She's All Around" and held this serene mood for "The God of Loss." Then they masked up and left the stage to happy roars.

Back on after 20 minutes, they asked with arch but un-ironic solicitude if the crowd had enjoyed the intermission. Not as much as what was

to come: a carefully curated swing through all three albums, as soothing and stimulating as the first set, but with intimations of mortality fighting it out with hope.

"Green + Evergreen" from 2020's "Fish Pond Fish" took us to the forest as a metaphor for change and accepting it; then from the same album, "Whippoorwill" hit a similar note, craving togetherness in isolation.

As COVID music goes, this is lively, lovely stuff, and the joy of playing and singing together again eclipses the stress of this time for these four young-ish men. But they're also realists. Next "Time Will Be" looked at life's

unbreakable limits through a clear lens, with banjo solo.

"Denver" mixed nostalgic geography with that same somber mood. The intro noted they are four individuals who don't like standing far apart, so being together beats the gloom. They gave the dark its due, however, in "Heart Again" where, again, beauty barely beat desolation; as it also did in "Ocean Bed," They sing of water as much as of the woods, though their next tune, "Orion," starts in Santa Fe before observing "Beach is just a line in the sand" to trace the borders of a life over a fugue decorated with a lyrical violin break. They sang of love as bending the toll of time in "Old Friend" and "Best of the Best of Times" soothed some with "Everything's fine" before concluding we're far from the best of the best of times.

Tough stuff, maybe, but right for this second plague year. And they encoored in the kind mercy of "Hold Your Head Up High" and its assurance "the new life thunders up and on."

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Reason for the season

Belle-Skinner dropped her latest album, "Love Spell" on Halloween. She told Nippertown's Lucas Garrett that it was a race to release it in time for Oct. 31, as the idea only came to her in August. Nonetheless, outside of "Love Witch," she said the rest of the album isn't necessarily "Halloween-y." "You can play it any time of year," she said. "I hope to play 'Black Magic Baby' at my next show – it's the hardest guitar part that I've ever had to learn by ear, so I've been practicing extra hard on it! So, yeah, I just play them live whenever I like."

Album art

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THEATRE REVIEW

Boeing Boeing takes off with a flight filled with laughs

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Originally written in 1960 by French playwright Marc Camoletti and first translated into English in 1962 by Beverly Cross, "Boeing Boeing" is a farcical romp through one man's love life as he juggles three fiances. Each of his fiances is an airline stewardess one with Lufthansa, one with TWA, and one flying Alitalia. Neither is aware of the existence of the others and Bernard, the bachelor Lothario, juggles them all in and out of his Paris flat based upon the flight time schedules and a devoted maid who spends her time knowing what to cook for

each of the ladies and making certain the correct photos are in the flat along with her color coded apron. Things run relatively smoothly as this was back in the day when airline service was predominantly on time and reliable! Bernard's best friend Robert drops in rather unexpectedly and watches the entire situation begin to unravel.

Typical slapstick and quite predictably, the entire situation begins to unwind then nosedive to what appears to be a crash landing when the weather interrupts flights and a new faster Boeing jet is put into service thus messing with the sacred travel times and arrival and departure schedules. The play is, in many respects, quite predictable, yet it will make you laugh out loud over and over again. Doors slam, people get pushed into bedrooms and the inevitable

photos start to lose their proper place in the frames. While the show is dated, Classic Theater Guild's founder and the play's director Glenn Read has put his nearly 25 years of community theater experience to good use, steering his cast through this most enjoyable romp. He keeps the action moving and both the cast and audience on their toes as the laughs keep coming. Steve Suriano and Bill Wilday's set design works well on this relatively small stage making use of the requisite number of doors for the cast to keep coming and going through at any given moment.

Ben Amey's Bernard is the right amount of self-satisfied egoism and flustered mania as he orchestrates the chaos around him. Isabella Varno, Olga N. Bogdanova, and Rebecca Flinker are equally at home as the three

unwittingly used stewardesses, all have great timing and each one plays her part as if she were the only fiance, though interestingly, none of them seem particularly upset when the plot is exposed. The show, however, belongs to the exquisite timing and delivery of the two lesser characters and the actors who inhabit them. Christine Vermilyea as Berthe the maid has incredible deadpan delivery. She is the lynchpin that keeps the home intact and in fact, allows for this nonsense to keep on course for as long as it does. Russell Roberts as best friend Robert is an absolute joy to watch. From panic to love, he channels his emotions to the audience with precision and perfection.

The most interesting takeaway from this production is, it is a piece that could never have been written in today's world,

let alone most probably ever had a production mounted. At the time it was most likely viewed as a harmless bit of fun... today it would have been assassinated by every group with a cause. It presents an interesting slice of theater and life of 50 years ago that even by the standards of the day, had to be considered to be farcical, but perhaps people went to the theater more to be entertained and escape reality than without looking for social context. Whatever the reason, "Boeing Boeing" is at the least, a slice of theatrical history, a plane full of laughs, and worth the time to see it.

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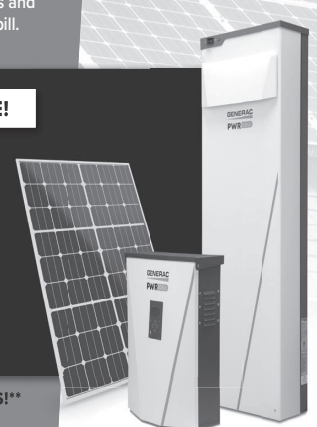
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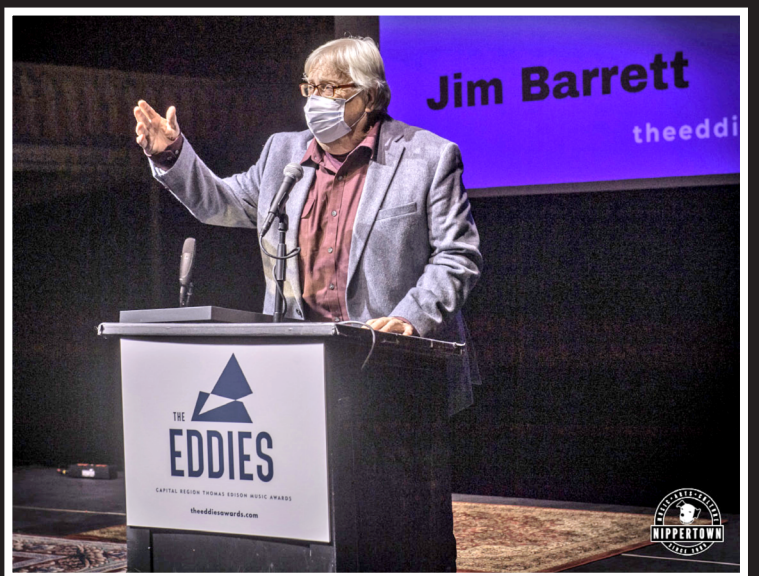
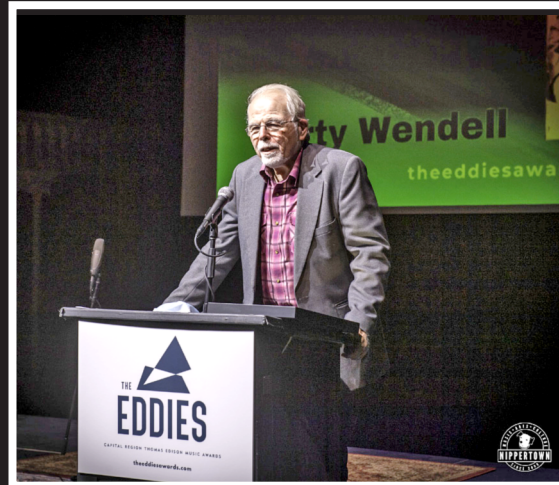

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