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By **JIM FRANCO**
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MIDDLETOWN — The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk football season came to an end after a hard-fought game against Pleasantville in the Class B state semifinals.

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■ POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY CALLS

Second arrest in Coeymans assault case

Waterford man pinned to imprisonment crime

COEYMANS — A 50-year-old Waterford man was arrested on Tuesday, Nov. 23, for an incident in Coeymans a week prior.

According to the Albany County Sheriff's Department, Paul Farley stands accused of assaulting the victim with a weapon causing physical injuries, and forcibly stealing property from the victim while unlawfully preventing the victim from leaving the residence.

The victim was located at Saint Peters Hospital after a nurse alerted authorities of the victim's injuries. Farley's co-defendant, Brian Bagley, was arrested on Wednesday, Nov. 17 for his involvement in the incident.

Farley stands charged with

two counts of robbery, assault, unlawful imprisonment and grand larceny, all felonies. He was also charged with misdemeanors of petit larceny, menacing, and criminal possession of a weapon.

Farley was arraigned in Coeymans Town Court and was released on the supervision of probation.

DWI

On Wednesday, Nov. 24, Bethlehem police were part of a statewide DWI detail when they stopped a 2017 Honda Pilot on Elm Avenue in Delmar for speeding.

The operator of the vehicle, Robert A. Regnowski, 39, of Delmar, displayed bloodshot and watery eyes and officers detected an odor of alcohol emanating from his breath. Officers administered standardized field sobriety tests, which he failed. Regnowski was arrested.

Regnowski subsequently refused to submit to a chemical test.

He was issued appearance tickets for the misdemeanor

of DWI and the infraction of speeding. He is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Court on Dec. 14.

Bronx man charged with trespassing at Albany International

ALBANY — Stan Johnson, 23, of the Bronx, was arraigned Wednesday, Nov. 17 on an indictment charging him with unlawfully breaching a perimeter fence, entering an unoccupied aircraft, and entering the terminal at the Albany International Airport on May 24.

The announcement was made by United States Attorney Carla B. Freedman and Janeen DiGuseppi, Special Agent in Charge of the Albany Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The charge filed against Johnson carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of up to 3 years. A defendant's sentence is imposed by a judge based on the

particular statute the defendant is charged with violating, the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other factors.

Johnson was arraigned today in Albany, before United States Magistrate Judge Daniel J. Stewart, and ordered detained pending trial.

The charges in the indictment are merely accusations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This case is being investigated by FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force, the Albany County Sheriff's Office, and the Transportation Security Administration, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexander Wentworth-Ping.

Utah man charged with Murder-for-Hire

ALBANY — Christopher Pence, 41, of Cedar City, Utah, was indicted last week for using the Internet to solicit and pay for the murders of two individuals in Rensselaer County.

The announcement was made by United States Attorney Carla B. Freedman and Janeen DiGuseppi, Special Agent in Charge of the Albany Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to the indictment and a previously filed criminal complaint, between July 16 and Aug. 9, Pence used a computer at his residence in Utah to connect to a darknet website that offered the services of "hitmen," and paid approximately \$16,000 in Bitcoin for the murder of two individuals residing in Rensselaer County. The intended victims were not harmed.

The charge filed against Pence carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of up to 3 years.

Pence was arrested in Utah on October 27. A magistrate judge in Utah ordered him detained and transferred in custody to the Northern District of New York. His arraignment in Albany federal court will take place at a later date.

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TOWN NEWS

NRP back to ask for waiver

Developer of affordable housing project proposed for Selkirk returns amid moratorium extension

By MICHAEL HALLISEY
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DELMAR — As the Town Board considers extending the 12-month residential development moratorium by another six months, the developer of a proposed affordable housing project has returned to ask for a waiver.

NRP Group has resubmitted a waiver request that would allow the Town to continue reviewing its Selkirk Reserve development, a proposed affordable housing project last deliberated in May. The proposal for the 72-unit development was placed on hold when the Town instituted a moratorium last December.

The Town Board will host a public hearing, and is expected to act on a subsequent resolution, when it meets again on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

The Cleveland-based developer returned to the Town Board last week to resubmit its waiver request in order to save state funding it was awarded prior to the moratorium. The group was secured funding from New York state Homes and Community Renewal

contingent on plan approval. Chris Derr, of NRP Group, told the Town Board that the state service “reluctantly” agreed to keep funding available after it was approached by local legislators. However, he told Town Board members Wednesday that the state will pull funding if the review process is delayed beyond December.

Robert Leslie, the town’s director of planning, confirmed that should the Town Board approve NRP Group’s waiver request in its Dec. 8 meeting, the developer’s plan could continue to be reviewed by the Planning Board when it meets on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

The Town Board last hosted a public hearing on this waiver request in May, where residents were torn by the benefits of the project. Many others questioned the timing just prior to the anticipated approval of the Town Comprehensive Plan Update. A draft of the plan update is not expected to be before the Town Board before the end of the year, prompting town officials to consider another six-month halt on residential development. Nonetheless, Leslie cited the incomplete draft of the plan before the Planning Board when he voiced his recommendation in favor of granting the waiver two weeks ago.

“The proposed application is unique and has demonstrated an unnecessary hardship,”

he said, adding that the project had received funding from NYS Homes and Community Renewal, now in jeopardy of going elsewhere since the moratorium was set in place. “The waiver will not adversely affect the purpose of the local law, comprehensive planning, and the health, safety or welfare of the Town since ... statements in support of affordable housing are included in the draft Comprehensive Plan Update materials...”

Affordable housing has long been a concern in Bethlehem. It was first addressed in the Comprehensive Plan when it was completed in 2005. Selkirk Reserve is the first plan of its kind to present itself to the town in more than 15 years. The ongoing plan update assessed housing affordability, Leslie said, and it concluded that a quarter of Bethlehem households make less than \$50,000 a year.

“While many Bethlehem households make enough money to support the cost of owning a home,” he said, “a sizeable percentage of the Town’s renters — 40 percent — are cost burdened as measured by spending more than 30 percent of their income on housing costs.”

According to the developer’s plans, Selkirk Reserve would cater to incomes ranging from 30 to 60 percent of area median income — or \$21,000 to \$60,000 per year.

The need for affordable housing was identified in a report the town commissioned in 2019. In the report, the Capital District Regional Planning Commission stated how the average county resident would find it difficult to purchase or rent property in Bethlehem. The town was identified as a housing opportunity area by the state Office of Homes and Community Renewal due to its high-performing school districts and as an area experiencing economic growth.

According to Realtor.com, the median listing home price in Bethlehem was nearly \$310,000 in October. The real estate website states that figure has tended downward since a peak of \$364,000 in March.

The price for an average home in Bethlehem is still high compared to neighboring communities. Asking prices for the average home in Guilderland, Colonie, and Coeymans are \$299,500, \$254,700 and \$221,000. For all of Albany County, a single-family home is on the market for \$264,900.

“While Selkirk Reserve will not meet all of the needs in Bethlehem,” said Peter Cook, executive Director of the New York State Council of Churches, “its completion will be a very powerful step forward and serve as a symbol for the positive work that can be done

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Fit to run for office

DELMAR – Bethlehem Town Board member Dan Coffey finishes his run in the Our Towne Bethlehem Turkey Trot as it returned to the masses with a brand new course Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 25. In all, more than 1,000 runners lined up for the traditional holiday run. See Page B19 to see more images from the day.

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■ COMMUNITY

Donation campaign launched to improve Normans Kill Ravines

Local donors invite community to contribution towards Town's newest multi-use park

DELMAR — Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation, a not-for-profit organization working to protect, enhance and expand recreational activities and parks in the Town of Bethlehem, announced a matching donation campaign to raise funds for trail building and trail amenities at Normans Kill Ravines Park.

Delmar residents Mark Bryant and Lisa Callahan have pledged to match dollar-for-dollar all donations up to \$50,000 designated for the campaign. Donors wishing to double the impact of their gifts for this purpose are invited to give to Friends between Tuesday, Nov. 30 and Friday, Dec. 31.

"We are thrilled to devote our 2021 year-end giving campaign to raising funds for Normans Kill Ravines Park improvements in partnership with Mark and Lisa," said Joan Gavrilik, president of Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation. "It is heartwarming to have Bethlehem residents so passionate about our Town parks!"

The 147-acre park is within walking and biking distance of the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail, the Four Corners in Delmar, and several of Bethlehem's residential neighborhoods. It officially opened for public use this past May.

Mark Bryant and his friends spent a good part of their adolescence exploring the gorgeous forest, ravines, floodplains and Normans Kill shoreline that run through the present-day park. As an adult with a passion for mountain biking, he is part of a local biking group helping the Town improve the property. And he is as enthusiastic about the potential the park brings to local businesses as he is about the recreational opportunities it offers to the public.

"Lisa and I are delighted to contribute to the sustainable development of this unique property, which makes Bethlehem an even better place to live and play," Bryant said. With the park being so close to the center of town and the rail trail, he anticipates "families stopping for lunch or to pick up a unique local gift, and thirsty bikers dropping in for a draft." If it's good for Bethlehem, "we're on board," he said.

"The Parks and Recreation Department is fortunate to have an established working relationship with the mountain biking community," said Parks and Recreation Administrator Jason Gallo. "From

mountain bike trail development at North Bethlehem Park to the annual Bethlehem cyclocross cup race at Elm Avenue Park, their group has proved that they back up what they say with sweat equity. But more funding could give a big boost to professional efforts to construct a planned 3.5-mile multi-use loop around the property and about an equal distance of concentrated mountain biking trails in the park's center."

Gene Primomo, Treasurer of the Capital Bicycle Racing Club and a friend of Mr. Bryant's since their childhood days along the Normans Kill, noted that the CBRC board is already committed to giving to the campaign and is encouraging its individual members to donate as well.

"Our organization has been part of this amazing park from its infancy, and now we stand to help raise the capital necessary to make it not only a gem in our own backyard but a multi-use destination for surrounding communities," Primomo said.

Information on making a tax-deductible donation is available at www.friendsofbethlehemparks.org/donations or by calling 516-200-4730. Secure donations will be accepted online via PayPal or by check mailed to Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation, c/o Parks and Recreation Department, 261 Elm Avenue, Delmar NY 12054. Matching funds apply to gifts made between Nov. 30 and Dec. 31.

Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, is a collaborative partner with the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department, working to protect, enhance and expand its recreational activities and parks to improve the quality of life for all residents. For more information, or to become a Friend, visit www.friendsofbethlehemparks.org.

Grange craft fair

SELKIRK — The Bethlehem Grange will host a craft fair on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be lots of exciting crafts for all of your holiday shopping in one place. Some of the available items will be quilted gift items, crocheted gifts, cat toys, candy wreaths, tupperware, honey goodies, body works creams and beauty creams, handmade afghans, hanging kitchen towels with knitted or crocheted tops, decorated glassware, tote bags, home decor, and more.

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EDUCATION

Combatting more than summer slide

Study: Hybrid, remote learning could have lasting consequence

Lazy summer days are great for lounging around the pool. Though such afternoons are synonymous with summer, failure to flex cognitive muscles along with physical ones may lead to struggles when children return to classrooms.

Summer learning loss, also dubbed “summer slide,” is a term used in reference to the loss of academic skills and knowledge during summer vacations. However, in addition to the potential for lost skills from being away from school during summer breaks, students also may be affected by deficits that developed due to virtual learning. This summer may be one best spent catching up on studies.

Researchers have been looking at summer slide since at least 1996, when one of the first comprehensive studies on the phenomenon was published. That

study indicated children lose significant knowledge in reading and math over summer break. More recently, a 2020 NWEA MAP Growth assessment found children in third to fifth grades lose, on average, 20 percent of their school-year gains in reading and 27 percent in math during summer break. NWEA is a research-based, not-for-profit organization that creates assessment solutions that premeasure growth and proficiency.

While summer learning loss has been widely recognized for years, a new issue has developed due to the global pandemic. A shift to hybrid or all virtual learning for significant portions of the last two school years could have long-term consequences for students. A recent study from the Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Research and Strategic Improvement in Virginia found that middle and high school students have had less academic success as a result of online learning. The percentage of students with two

or more failing marks increased by 83 percent in the first quarter of the 2020-21 school year. Certain demographics of students struggled even more, including students with disabilities, Hispanic students and English learner students, according to the report. When separating middle school students from high school students, the former had higher incidences of two or more failing grades, a 300 percent increase versus 50 percent increase among high school students.

There are physical consequences to consider as well. A recent study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that included 1,290 parents whose children were engaged in online instruction found that students receiving virtual instruction were more likely than those who received in-person instruction to report decreased physical activity, fewer opportunities to socialize with friends and worsened mental or emotional health overall.

Dept of Ed: 4 in 10 took evaluation tests

ALBANY — The New York State Education Department said less than half of area students participated in the state’s annual English and math evaluation tests this spring.

The Education Department released the scores of the Spring 2021 Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics tests last week. Due to circumstances related to the pandemic, it said approximately 4 out of 10 students participated in this year’s tests. In ELA, 41.9 percent of students enrolled in grades 3-8 took the exam and in math, 39.9 percent of enrolled students took the exam.

In an ordinary year, the percentage of students who participate in the tests is typically over 80 percent. Therefore, the 2021 grades 3-8 test results are not representative of the state’s student population and should not be compared to that of previous school years, statewide, or among subgroups of students.

As a result, NYSED is not making statewide comparisons of the data and only district and school level results are posted on NYSED’s public data website. Although statewide comparisons of 2021 grades 3-8 test results are not recommended, the Education Department said the data can still be used as a snapshot of student attainment by districts, schools, instructors, and families.

The state said educators use test results to better understand individual students’ needs and to consider individualized support.

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■ COUNTY NEWS

Mask mandate is on the table

By **JIM FRANCO**
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ALBANY — The COVID-19 numbers over the past month are worse than a year ago, and if that trend continues through the Thanksgiving holiday, a mask and other mandates could come back into play, said County Executive Dan McCoy on Wednesday, Nov. 24.

Last year, in Albany County from Oct. 24 to Nov. 24, there were 1,756 new infections, 113 new hospitalizations and eight deaths due to COVID-19. This year, over the same time frame, there were 2,764 new infections, 136 new hospitalizations and 19 COVID deaths.

Vaccinations were not available to the general public until April, 2021.

“The million dollar question is why are our numbers worse than a year ago when we didn’t have the vaccine,” he said. “We said if you vaccinate you don’t have to wear a mask if everyone in the room was vaccinated. Just walk around. Go into any store. Nobody is wearing a mask.”

Numerous times through his 40-minute briefing where he introduced former NFL player Dion Lewis as the county’s new Community Health Wellness Coordinator, he urged people to get vaccinated and said the unvaccinated are more likely to get sicker, more likely to die and more likely to not take precautions, like wearing masks, and are the reason the virus continues to

spread.

“I don’t want to implement stuff that is going down in New York City, with mask mandates and people having to show their vaccination card to go into a restaurant,” McCoy said during his first press briefing in a month. “Go into any corner store and nobody is wearing a mask. Maybe one person.”

He said he would look at the numbers after Thanksgiving and is expecting a spike. How large the spike will dictate whether or not he mandates masks. A decision is expected next week, he said.

“We know the infections rate will increase after Thanksgiving and we are on a pace to crush our numbers last year,” he said. “We can’t stick our heads in the sand. In January of this year we had 89 deaths in Albany County and I’m afraid it will happen again.”

The press briefing comes at a time when Glens Falls Hospital announced it was past capacity and that this “COVID spike is much worse than any other.”

“Let me be blunt, said Dr. Howard Fritz, chief medical officer at Glens Falls Hospital in a press release posted on the Warren County Facebook page. “If you are not vaccinated, get the vaccine immediately. If you are eligible for the booster, get it. Your life, your loved one’s lives, and those of your friends and neighbors depend on it.”

■ BUSINESS SHORTS

Boulos named interim Dean of Albany Medical College

ALBANY — Alan Boulos, M.D., a 1994 graduate of Albany Medical College, has been named interim dean of the college, effective Jan. 1, 2022. Dr. Boulos is chair of the Department of Neurosurgery, the Herman and Sunny Stall Chair of Endovascular Surgery, founding director of neurovascular surgery, and professor of neurosurgery and radiology.

“Dr. Boulos understands our history, culture, and unique position as an academic medical center, and is keenly aware of the latest advancements in medicine and medical education,” said Dr. McKenna. “I look forward to working more closely with him as he advances our college’s educational missions.”

Dr. Boulos performs some of the most advanced neurosurgical and minimally invasive procedures available, including complex skull-base surgery for brain tumors. He specializes in the surgical and endovascular management of cerebrovascular disorders of the brain and

spine including stroke, cerebral aneurysm, carotid and intracranial vessel stenosis, and arteriovenous malformation.

It was during Dr. Boulos’s oversight that the former Division of Neurosurgery was granted departmental status in recognition of its continued growth and the strength of its clinical, academic and research pursuits.

Dr. Boulos completed his neurosurgery residency at Albany Medical Center Hospital before completing a fellowship in neuroendovascular surgery at Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo. He is the author of numerous publications and is a member of several professional societies, including the American College of Surgeons, the American Heart Association, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, the Cerebrovascular Section of the AANS and CNS, and the Society of Neurointerventional Surgery.

Vincent P. Verdile, M.D., announced his retirement as dean earlier this year. He will stay on as dean emeritus, mentoring rising senior leaders and supporting the college’s fundraising and alumni activities.

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REAL ESTATE

Realty sales fall but prices still climb

Pending sales drop by 6 percent from October

ALBANY — Closed sales have continued to drop across the Empire State while home prices have risen for 18 consecutive months, according to the housing report released today by the New York State Association of Realtors.

After escalating for 13 straight months, closed sales in New York have receded in back-to-back months. Sales fell 10.0 percent from 15,401 homes this time last year to just 13,867 sales in October 2021. Pending sales dropped as well, falling to 14,108 homes – a 6.45 percent decrease from the 15,069 sales last October. New listings of homes also fell, decreasing from 18,440 listings last October to 15,507 this October. This marks a 15.9 percent



New York State Association of Realtors reported a 23 percent decline in inventory over the past year.

decrease in year-over-year comparisons.

Median sales prices continued to rise in October. The median price of \$370,000 last month marks a 10.1 percent increase from the \$336,000 price in October 2020. The New York market has now seen 18 consecutive months of median sales increases in year-over-year comparisons.

Inventory of homes for sale declined 23.1

percent from 53,468 homes available last October to just 41,093 on the market across the state in October 2021.

Mortgage interest rates are starting to inch higher as well. According to Freddie Mac, the monthly average on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage in October rose to 3.07 percent – the first time above three percent since April.

According to the United

States Census Bureau, sales of new single-family houses were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 745,000 across the country last month. This is 0.4 percent above the revised September 2021 estimate of 742,000.

Christiana named Realtor of the Year

ALBANY — Jay Christiana of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Blake was named Realtor of the Year by the Greater Capital Association of Realtors. The GCAR Realtor of the Year Award recognizes individuals who have served not only the real estate profession in an exemplary manner but also in their communities. The association cited his longevity, having been an active member for over twenty years.

“He is extremely active in our community with several non-profit organizations, including Amtrak Rails to Recovery Program, Voices of Hope, Capital District YMCA Circle of Champs, Best Buddies Program, and the Ring of Hope Program founded by his father, Jeff Christiana,” the association shared through a statement.

Each year a Realtor of the Year Committee, which is comprised of the five past recipients, comes together to review nominees for this most honored recognition. The committee reviews civic activity, service to non-profit organizations and other charitable activities, volunteer work for the local association, business accomplishments, and state and national association activity.

Christiana served as the president CRMLS, the GCAR Board of Directors (serving as President in 2019), and currently sits

on the Global MLS Board of Directors. He also has served on the board of directors of the New York State Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. Through all this volunteer work, this member still has enough energy, dedication, and drive to lead one of the top four brokerages in our market.



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AMATEUR SPORTS

Delmar turkey trot returns, goes off without a hitch

Over 1,000 runners plod across new course

DELMAR – The Our Towne Bethlehem Turkey Trot returned to the masses with a brand new course Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 25.

Competitors and casual participants awoke to a crisp late autumn morning with temperatures in the high 20s shortly before the 9 a.m. launch just outside the Blanchard Currey Post on West Poplar Drive.

Approximately 100 runners lined up for timed competition in the traditional holiday run. In all, event organizers said 1,000 people participated in the 5K race.

Keith Machabee won the race with an official time of 16:28. Valentine Allen won the women’s trophy with a time of 21:59.

This year’s race revealed a new path across Delmar.

What once meandered through Olde Delmar following a launch from Bethlehem Central Middle School, this year’s race snaked through and button-hooked inside Delmar’s Kenholm Gardens neighborhood in a USA Track & Field certified 5K course.

See Page B19 to see more images from the day.

— Michael Hallisey



From page 1 ... RCS Football

Photos by Jim Franco / Spotlight News

The Indians found themselves down at the half 9-0 after the Section I champs from Pleasantville returned a punt for a touchdown and then got a safety after RCS fumbled in its own end zone.

Late in the third quarter, quarterback Luke Misetich hit Ryan Southworth over the middle and the senior broke a tackle to turn it into a 58-yard touchdown. The extra point by Southworth was good brining the Indians to within two points heading into the fourth quarter.

Pleasantville struck first in the fourth on a 1-yard run, but the kick failed and RCS was down by eight. With just more than two minutes left, RCS drove the ball to the Pleasantville 9-yard line, but were stopped just short of getting a first down to continue the drive. Pleasantville took over on downs and ran out the clock.

Pleasantville, which did an outstanding job of stifling RCS’s formidable running game, will play the Section VI champs from Maine-Endwell at the Syracuse University dome.

The only Section II team still in the mix for a state championship is Schuylerville, who crushed the Section I champs from Dobbs Ferry 52-14 on Saturday in Middletown. The Horses will play for the Class C title against Section IV champion Chenango Forks on Saturday, Dec. 4.

RCS won its first Section II title since 2004 by beating Gloversville on Sunday, Nov. 14, 33-14. The team then beat Peru, the Section VII champs, 39-21 in the state quarterfinals. The Indians finish the season under longtime coach Gary VanDerzee 7-2 in conference play and 9-3 overall.



■ COMMUNITY

The Friendship Singers are back

DELMAR — The Friendship Singers of Delmar are back!

The troupe recently announced that, in addition to a round of Senior Citizen performances, it will be offering two public Christmas concerts this December.

The first show will take place at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church at 2010 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. Masks will be recommended according to CDC guidelines; they are required if you're unvaccinated.

The second show will be performed at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. Masks will be strongly recommended as a matter of prudence and concern for others, as is vaccination.

The group, led by director Marie Liddle and accompanied on piano by Peg Dorgan, is hoping to spread a little Christmas cheer with old favorites, and reconnect with friends.

There will be no charge for admission.

Grange Hall available for parties

SELKIRK — The Bethlehem Grange announced that it has space available for you to host holiday parties this season.

There are lots of dates available in December, January and February for family gatherings and formal organizations. The handicapped accessible space seats 96 people and is available to rent time for holiday, office, birthday parties and more.

The Grange is equipped with a commercial kitchen and is available for use.

Call Carol Carpenter at 518-



The bird was the word

ALTAMONT — Indian Ladder Farms' head chef Luca Brunelle prepares Thanksgiving turkeys as the cidery and brewery set off to offer the key component to everyone's holiday dinner. The farm offered up turkeys and advice on which one of its spirits to pair with it on Wednesday, Nov. 24. "Thanksgiving is a Chef's treasure trove," said Brunelle, adding that the turkeys were brined with ILF cider, rosemary, and lemongrass from the farm. "A perfect match for Dew of the Sea. And the sweetness of the caramelized shallot and sage gravy will bring out the tropical notes of Superstar."

Leanne Ricchiuti

421-1384 for more information.

Lights in the Park

DELMAR — The Bethlehem Police Department is hosting its second Holiday Lights in the Park at Elm Avenue Park on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays season as you drive in the park in the comfort of your own vehicle with famil and friends.

Local fire departments, EMS, business and community leaders will have displays to brighten up the night.

Santa will also be there, waiting to see every child. Be sure to bring your letter to drop off to him.

There will be a limited amount of goodie bags and baked goods to hand out, too.

There is no entrance fee required, but donations of unwrapped toys, non-perishable food and pet care items will be appreciated.

To register and receive a ticket for entrance, visit bit.ly/BPDlights.

UAlbany prez highlights milestones in Fall Address

ALBANY — President Rodríguez's Fall University Address began with a first.

"As we gather here today," University Senate Chair Timothy Sergay told the crowd

assembled in the Campus Center West Auditorium and joining via Zoom on Nov. 18, "I want to acknowledge that the University at Albany sits on the traditional lands of the Mohawk Haudenosaunee, known as the People of the Flint, and the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans, known as the People of the Waters that are Never Still."

Sergay, an associate professor of Russian in the Department of Languages, Literature & Cultures, read the University's land acknowledgement publicly for the first time as part of his formal welcome, recognizing UAlbany's presence on the "homelands of sovereign Indigenous nations with rich histories and cultures that continue today."

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NRP waiver

by the Town to build a diverse and a sustainable community for all." The council, which represents 7,000 congregations across the state, also advocates for affordable housing.

Public opinion of the project was mixed when residents shared their concerns earlier in the year. Those who spoke out in May often prefaced their opposition to the project by acknowledging the need for affordable housing in town. However, they all pointed to several factors to which they felt the particular proposal appeared inadequate — lack of public transportation, no walkability, and its distance away from grocery stores. Even if sidewalks were to be installed from its location just south of the Jericho Drive In it would be nearly 3 miles away from the nearest grocery store in Bethlehem Center.

Slingerlands resident James McGaughan alluded to many problems surrounding the Town's incomplete Comprehensive Plan update, including the "incredible push" for affordable housing, while speaking in front of the Town Board during last Wednesday's meeting.

"We've seen nationwide how these bad policies at the city and town level can do a lot of damage," McGaughan said. Prior to sharing how he grew up in town with a less fortunate upbringing before joining the military and earning a college education, he shared concerns over increased risks of drug addiction, crime and property damage. "I know what low income housing looks like. I grew up low income. The debate shouldn't be about attacking or shaming concerned residents or business owners, it should be about finding the best ideas to truly move Bethlehem forward."

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Gov't needs more imagination

Editor's Note: Paul Marsh is a Guilderland/Bethlehem local. He and his son have operated a charter bus company since 1980. His family is invested in Bethlehem. Paul spent many recent years working for Volvo/Nova Bus as The National Field Representative dealing with transit authority issues across the States and Caribbean Islands.

To the editor;

For many years I sat in on the Capital District Transportation Planning Committee (CDTPC) board meetings. At these meetings new plans were introduced to the members from all the different municipal entities including cities, towns, villages and planners including NYSDOT.

Back some time ago, someone from the City of Albany introduced a

program for a "China Town" district in the downtown area. When I asked why a china town noting that this area has been a Dutch Village since 1640 the planner from DOT stood up and proudly said, "Everywhere else I have put a china town it was successful!"

I knew then that all of the recent transportation updates all worked once, somewhere else, a long time ago. I knew then this planner was a civil engineer not an imaginer.

Our new traffic circle in Glenmont, the road diet on Delaware Ave and even our coveted bike trail are ALL old ideas. Our town board adopted these programs because that was the only real plan offered to them. For the town board the question becomes do we take the millions in dollars from the State to make our

town like everywhere else? Well the crowds finally spoke and voted down one of these ideas recently.

Please take note. I have no opposition to the ill-conceived transportation projects we currently back, but I am choking on the fumes to present a different plan.

The current administration's transportation plan is just not ready. If we move all of our needed power supply for cars from fossil fuel to electric we need thousands of power plants built by the time the electric cars are mandated. I did not see this in the infrastructure plan.

If electric power is the way to go why is PSEG selling 250 or so power plants late this year, including ours? Is this another misconceived, it worked somewhere else plan. I imagine myself

standing next to my car hooked to my windmill praying for wind. So the question arises, what would it take to get you and I out of our cars?

- 1) It has to come to my door and bring me to work.
- 2} it has to get me there faster than my car.
- 3} no traffic delays
- 4} no emissions
- 5} no massive infrastructure build.

There is a plan, for our town's situation only. This plan can do all of that plus create additional income from tourist related activities for our local businesses. Just a little *Imagineering* on our part. New equipment and technology are the answers.

The Right of Way already exists. The MAI study I had done said we would attract 78,000 visitors spending over \$83.00 per person using the Altamont Fairgrounds as an attraction along with Voorheesville and the Delaware Ave area.

The study did not say anything about bicycles but Albany County did conduct a study exposing that 172000 linear feet of guard rail is needed to keep riders safe at a cost of millions. I guess Bethlehem's Town Board did not get this message before accepting this property.

The plan I have includes

re-use of the bike trail through our town to something more useful, not just for the avid vocal rider or two. It has much better uses. It is the right of way for an emission free future without massive infrastructure changes. This project will relieve thru traffic in our town, reducing the need for traffic circles and another bypass, saving green spaces for the future. It includes door to door service, faster commutes, and clean quit operation.

I am suggesting to our town board that a breathable future is a better use for the bike trail property than its current use. After all it is hard to walk or ride when you can't breathe. I also suggest to our board that a plan to integrate this ROW into the master plan for Bethlehem's clean future transportation needs. Do we even have a plan? Are we stuck with plans that worked someplace else a long time ago?

I believe the people of this town are ready for a transportation system that is not like everywhere else. A system that provides for the needs of the people in our daily lives that is quiet, clean and most of all efficient.

P.S. To the bicyclist who ran over my wife's and my toes while we sat on a bench behind Elsmere Fire department. *Ouch.*

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Time for some trivia

Compete for bragging rights as the top know-it-all at our Thursday, Dec. 9, Trivia Night! Get together over Zoom with other trivia buffs for an evening of wit and whimsy focused on wide-ranging general trivia knowledge. We'll be self-scoring on the honor system. The fun starts at 7

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— Kristen Roberts

Community service hours

Students in grades 6 and up, with sewing machine experience, are invited to register for this baby blanket project.

Unless circumstances dictate otherwise, this will be an in-person program, held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the library. Community service certificates will be given to participants.

Virtual Ugly Sweater Party

Join our virtual party at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16, as we dress to impress in our holiday best (or worst).

Snowmen, sparkles, sequins, anything goes for this Zoom party. Once you have registered online, please contact the library to set up a time for curbside pick up of your party kit, which will be filled with



lots of goodies and holiday cheer.

Preschool Storytime

In person, indoor preschool storytimes are back! Check our online event calendar for this weekly 10 a.m. Tuesday morning program.

Some upcoming themes are Kindness & Giving, Happy Holidays, and The Sounds of Music just to name a few. Children ages 2 to 5 with a caregiver will enjoy an interactive, theme-based storytime.

There is always an emphasis on early literacy that includes an art activity that can be completed at

the library or at home. Registration is required.

Teens Care

Students in grades 6 and up, with sewing machine experience, are invited to register for this baby blanket project. Unless circumstances dictate otherwise, this will be an in-person program, held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the library. Community service certificates will be given to participants.

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— Lynn Kohler

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Live Virtual Storytime

Let's meetup via Zoom for an interactive storytime on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 10:30 a.m., ideal for children ages infant-age 5. We'll read books, sing songs and enjoy a fun time together! Please register



online, where you'll find a list of common household items that can be used with the songs and rhymes. We also read picture books to viewers every Friday on our YouTube channel.

Kettlebell Workouts Online

Take a break from the holiday hustle-bustle with fun, fast, and effective kettlebell workouts during December. This on-demand workout combines cardio, strength and resistance training, challenging all major muscle groups. If you don't have kettlebells handy, no worries; we'll show you to use hand weights to achieve the same results. Registration is open on the

Events tab of our website. After registering, we'll send you a link to pre-recorded workout sessions to follow at your own pace.

Toys for Tots

We're collecting new, unwrapped toys in our lobby for Toys for Tots, through Friday, Dec. 17. Thank you for helping make a child's holiday brighter!

Genealogy Consults

Looking for some help researching your family tree? Professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty, is available virtually for free family history consultations and advice. Please register

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Night Owls Online

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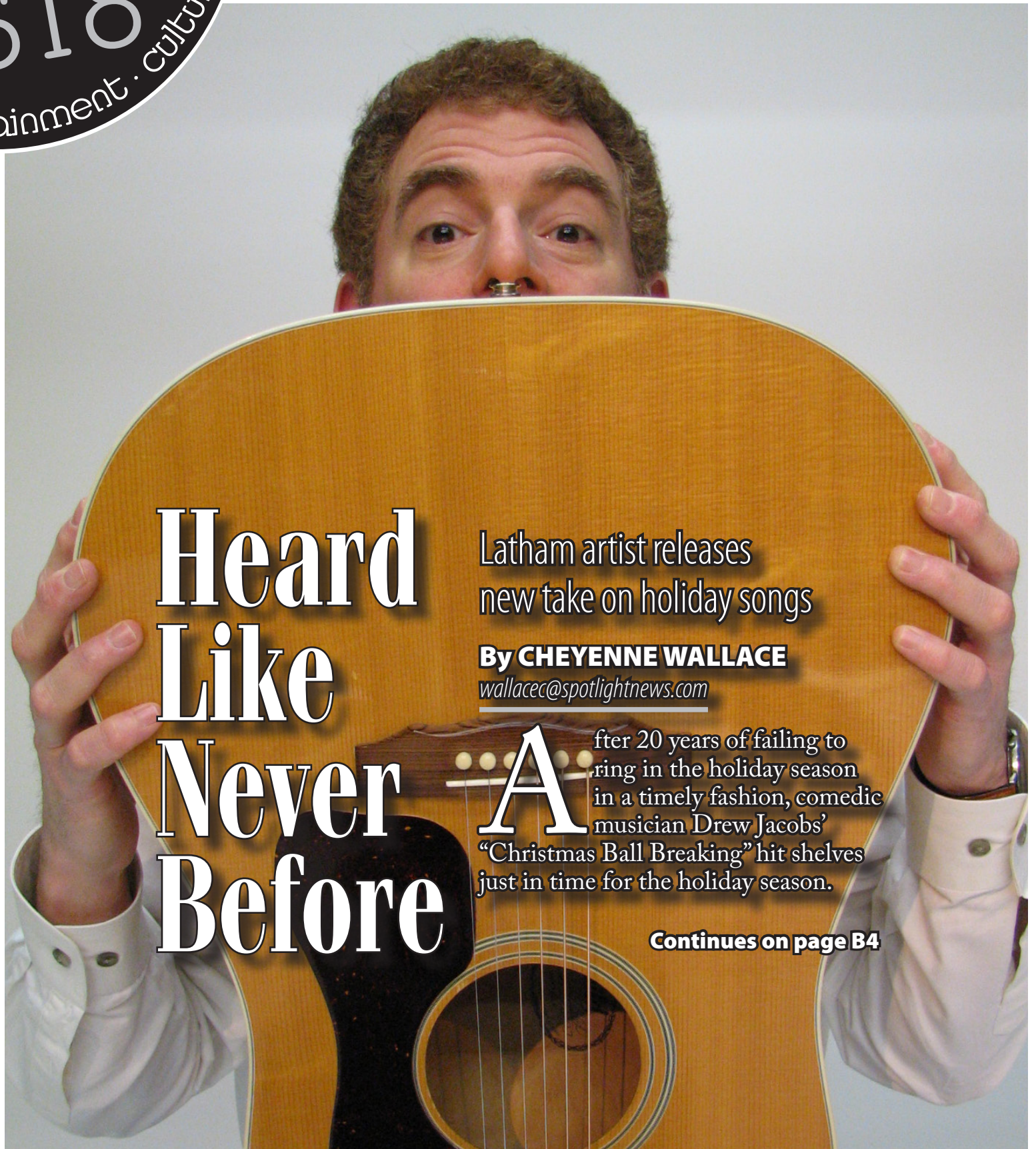
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Latham artist releases new take on holiday songs

By **CHEYENNE WALLACE**
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After 20 years of failing to ring in the holiday season in a timely fashion, comedic musician Drew Jacobs' "Christmas Ball Breaking" hit shelves just in time for the holiday season.

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Drew Jacobs, comedian

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Still are the autumn days that give way to winter's snow.




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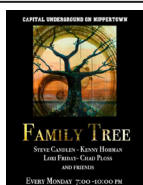
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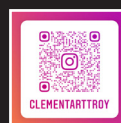
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Art adds more color to Albany skyline

Nine Pin Cider, Albany Center Gallery announce completion of latest outdoor mural

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — Nine Pin Ciderworks announced the latest outdoor mural addition at its Albany cidery and tasting room last week.

In collaboration with the Albany Center Gallery, the mural was designed and painted by Lexi Hannah. Hannah is a mixed-media artist from Latham. In addition to her work being featured by Instagram, INSIDER, and Strathmore Artist Papers, she has worked on individual and community projects across the United States, Italy, Ecuador and Peru.

“As Nine Pin crafts its cider, these artists create their work and we couldn’t be more thrilled to once again partner with the Albany Center Gallery for this mural,” said Alejandro del Peral, co-founder and cidemaker. “Lexi’s talent is on brilliant display with this new mural, and we’re honored it will be seen by our customers and visitors for years to come.”

This mural is the latest collaboration with the Albany Center Gallery and overall, part of Nine Pin’s commitment of supporting the local arts community. Over the years, Nine Pin has commissioned murals and artwork as well as hosted art shows and exhibitions within the tasting room.

The mural can be viewed on the Thatcher Street side of the



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cidery facility.

“I had a really wonderful time working with Nine Pin on this project,” said Hannah. “They wanted a colorful orchard scene and showed interest in impressionist types of work, so I utilized colorful strokes and a sense of movement with the trees stretched upwards to complement the tall shape of the door; the branch in the forefront is meant to help further emphasize the perspective of the trees moving back (the farthest being bluer to suggest distance). I used a violet background for interesting shadow tones that would work nicely against their bright green exterior.”

Nine Pin Cider Works is New

York’s first farm cidery. Founded in 2013 and based in New York’s capital city, Albany, Nine Pin cidery products can be found in hundreds of bars, restaurants, and retailers throughout New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

“We are excited to support local art and artists and to see so many colorful murals come to life at Nine Pin Ciderworks,” said Tony Iadicicco, executive director, Albany Center Gallery. “This is the third mural commission we’ve worked on together, and we look forward to many more partnerships with Nine Pin while supporting our regional artists. Special thanks to Lexi for sharing her creativity and talent with us all.”

WHAT’S HAPPENING

Troy’s Victorian Stroll this Sunday

Hot Plant-based popup by Meadowlark Catering, Lustre Kings to play Takk House ballroom

TROY — The Capital District’s top Rockabilly band The Lustre Kings return to the Takk House ballroom during Troy’s Victorian Stroll on Sunday Dec. 5, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Always one of the most anticipated performances of the Stroll, The Lustre Kings bring a modern take on the reverberated sounds of early rock and incorporates country and blues.

The Takk House front parlor barroom, recently remodeled to be more spacious and comfortable, will feature a cash bar with beer, wine and hot drinks.

Strollers will also be able to access the Franklin Alley Social Club and bar in the basement through the front stairs inside the house or through the rear alley entrance.

Meadowlark catering is Troy’s newest purveyor of plant-based cuisine. It’s a collaboration between Alex Berta and Chris Carpentier of Burrito Burrito and Wizard Burger, Heidi Lynn Sicari of Takk House and Franklin Alley Social Club, and Beth Mickalonis.

They will be offering soup, chili and hand-held foods during the day. The team also provides the menu at Troy Beer Garden weekly and special popups at the Takk House.

A former Knights of Columbus clubhouse, The Takk House is located at 55 3rd St. in downtown Troy.

Franklin Alley Social Club bar, arcade and shuffleboard game room is located in the basement of the Takk House. Guests can enter from the alley at 50 Franklin Street or through the front stairs of the Takk House on 3rd Street.

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From page B1 ... Heard like never before

"I realized every year I come up with a great Christmas song by Dec. 15 which is too late," Jacobs said. "It's something I always wanted to do."

However, the songs are not like the traditional Christmas songs you've heard before. The album mixes songs he has performed in his live act since 2001 with newer songs that have never been

released.

Most of the songs on the album are parodies of classic rock songs like "Santa Claus is Coming to Rock You," a take on Queen's "We Will Rock You" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." If the songs don't follow the classic rock parody, they are comedic takes on real life experiences, like Jacobs's song "Flat Santa" about

Jacobs has been focusing on music comedy for the last 20 years, putting out four albums showcasing his clean-adult-act with songs like "I'm Allergic to My Job," and "Wives for Dummies."
"It's something I enjoy, I like all kinds of comedy," he said. "But for me, my persona lends itself to a relatively clean act."



Be careful of what you say around comedian Drew Jacobs. What you say can and may be used in a routine down the road. The entertainer said he draws his comedy from his own experiences, but sometimes what's said around him can spark inspiration.

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Jacobs finds that clean adult comedy rather than the usual dirty-adult songs allows him to do his act virtually anywhere, in front of anyone. He finds there are less people to offend while doing clean comedy, allowing him to find more audiences and more people to find him.

Sandy McKnight, a fellow comedian, singer songwriter, and producer worked with Jacobs on his second album, "I'm Allergic to My Job." McKnight and Jacobs' (it either has to be Jacobs' like above or Jacobs's. Doesn't matter so long as it's consistent) working relationship is full of trust and support of the other.

"He seems to trust my feedback, and we're generally on the same page," McKnight said. "Drew is an example of someone who is flexible, but also has firm comedic ideas and a good sense of who he is as an artist."

Holiday Laughter

An audience favorite off the album so far is "Strip Club Christmas Eve." According to Jacobs, it is a song unlike any other he has performed. It is the most requested song in his playlist and received immediate positive reaction following its debut.

"A friend of mine who I would consider a relatively conservative person, loves it," Jacobs said.

The album is now out and can be found locally at River Street Beat Shop in Troy for you to get in on the joke.

If there's one thing that Jacobs has learned in the 20 years of doing musical comedy is that cutting too close to the deadline might give you an album.

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Motor Oil Coffee launches 'Jetfuel'

Craft coffee producer adds its fifth blend to lineup on National Espresso Day

ALBANY – Motor Oil Coffee, a craft coffee startup based in Albany, has released its new espresso blend, Jetfuel. The new product will be joining Motor Oil Coffee's four existing blends.

Jetfuel espresso is made from a blend of organic Sumatran, Ethiopian, and Nicaraguan beans.

"Drinking our Jetfuel espresso is like getting into a Lamborghini and hitting sixth gear. You are going to feel this for sure," said Joe Bonilla, co-founder of Motor Oil Coffee. "Jetfuel is perfect for any espresso fan and offers an exceptional balance of flavor and energy to keep you going throughout the day."

Motor Oil Coffee has been expanding its overall lineup, with the launching of its at-home delivery subscription service, "MO at Home," in early October. The introduction of Jetfuel espresso blend to its lineup is a

continuation of the company's growth.

"For our returning and new customers, adding Jetfuel to our lineup is exciting and new," said Rich Fazio, Motor Oil Coffee's co-founder. "We hope that people love drinking it as much as we loved creating it."

Motor Oil Coffee's four other blends include:

High Octane Premier Guatemalan blend: Rev up with Motor Oil Coffee's High Octane Premier. Made with the finest Guatemalan beans to really start your body's engine. Organic Guatemalan beans which leaves a velvety mouth feel, honey like sweetness, and a citrus acidity that creates the perfect mix of power and taste. This is our darkest road, certified organic fair trade.

Cruise Control (formerly Motor Oil Standard) harvest blend: Motor Oil Coffee's signature Cruise Control blend infuses the strength, power, and drive to keep you moving throughout the day (and night). An organic blend of Sumatra, Guatemala, and Ethiopia coffee

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Motor Oil Coffee products can be found at motoroilcoffee.com, participating car shows, farmers markets, and Amazon.com.

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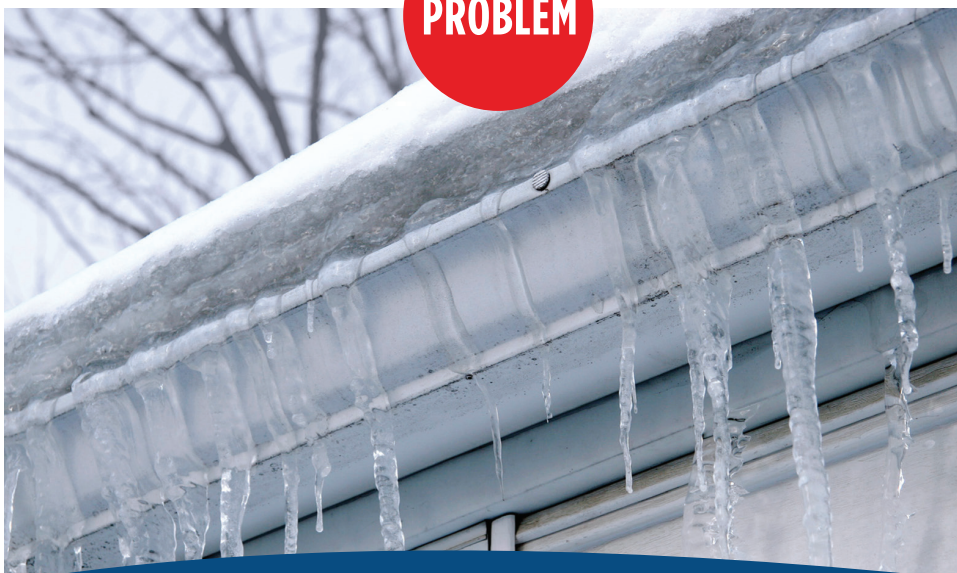
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Sat: **Bill Kirchen's Honky Tonk Holiday Show** | 8-11 p.m.

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Sat: **Gratefully Yours** | 8:30 p.m.

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Sat: **Learning To Live Together: The Return Of Mad Dogs & Englishmen** | 7-10 p.m.

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Sat: **Lunasa: Christmas From Ireland** | 7:30 p.m.

Putnam Place
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs
518-584-8066
Thurs: **Moon Hooch w/ Consider The Source** | 8:30 p.m.
Fri: **Haley Moley, Bendt, E.R.I.E.** | 9-11:45 p.m.
Sat: **The Wheel** | 9 p.m.

Rare Form Brewing Company
90 Congress Street Troy
(518) 326-4303
Wed: **Christmas Vacation Trivia!** | 7

p.m.
Thurs: **Thursday Night Monthly Jazz** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Terminal Floor / Clock Serum / 100 Psychic Dreams** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **Gluehead / Fine Grain** | 6 p.m.

Ravenswood Grill & Tavern
1021 NY 146, Clifton Park.
518-371-8771
Tue: **Trivia Night** | 6:30 p.m.

The Ruck
104 3rd St., Troy
(518) 273-1872
Sat: **Troy Santacon!** | 11 a.m.
Sat: **Brunch And Paint** | 1 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub
150 Speigletown Rd., Troy
518-235-5858
Thurs: **Open Mic Night** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **The Classics** | 8 p.m.

The Saratoga Winery
462 Route 29, Saratoga Springs
518-584-9463

Saratoga National
458 UNION AVENUE SARATOGA SPRINGS
518.583.4653
Thur: **Rich Ortiz** | 6 - 9 p.m.
Fri: **Steve Candles** | 6 - 9 p.m.
Sat: **Jeff Brisbin** | 6 - 9 p.m.
Sun: **Brunch With Live Jazz And Santa!** | 10- 2 p.m.

Saratoga City Tavern
19-21 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs
518-581-3230
Thurs: **Karaoke** | 9 p.m.
Mon: **Bingo** | 8 p.m.
Tues: **Trivia** | 8 p.m.

Sand Lake Center for the Arts
2880 NY 43 Averill Park
518-674-2007
Fri: **Brian Melick and Kevin McKrell Live in Concert** | 8-10 p.m.
Sat: **Zucchini Brothers** | 7-8 p.m.

SPAC
Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs
518-584-9330

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
30 Second St., Troy
518-273-0038

Vapor
342 Jefferson St, Saratoga Springs
(518) 584-2110
Fri: **Jukebox Rebellion** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Big Sky Country** | 8 p.m.

Van Slyck's
Rivers Casino & Resort
1 Rush St., Schenectady
518-579-8800
Fri and Sat: **David Gleason** | 7-10 p.m.

Waterworks Pub
76 Central Ave., Albany
518-465-9079
Fri: **Friday Night Dancing & Karaoke** | 10 p.m.-4 a.m.
Sat: **Saturday Night Dancing & Drag** | 10 p.m.-4 a.m.

Wicked
1602 Route 9, Clifton Park
518-467-8900

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745 Saratoga Rd., Wilton
518-584-7640
Sat: **Rob Aronstein** | 6- 9 p.m.

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EXHIBITS

Albany Institute of History and Art Romancing the Rails: Train Travel in the 1920s and 1930s

The 1920s and 30s were a kind of golden age for rail travel in the U.S., a period when railroads were portrayed as modern amenities that carried passengers to romantic getaways in luxury and comfort. Yet the story of railroads and rail travel during the period is much more complex, involving talented individuals, hardworking people, engineering accomplishments, celebrations, and momentous events. Open: Now -Feb. 2022.

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

ECHO-Ginne Gardiner & Amy Talluto Recent Painting and Collage A pattern of reflections distinguishes the work of these two artists, who make paintings that are cycled into collages, which are then reinterpreted as new paintings. Amy Talluto and Ginne Gardiner both describe the earliest phases of their creative process as cloaked in associations with landscape, weather and seasons. Beginning November 20th 2021 to April 25th, 2022 Location: 3rd Floor, Main Terminal, 737 Albany Shaker Rd, Albany, NY. 518-242-2241 or www.albanyairport.com/arts

Arts Center of the Capital Region

Fence 2021- The Fence Show is an annual celebration that pays homage to a time when members' artwork was exhibited on the iron fence surrounding Washington Park in Troy, the original location of the Arts Center. Open September-December 2021. 265 River St., Troy. Gallery hours: Daily, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Free admission. 518-273-0552 or artscenteronline.org

The Clark Art Institute

Competing Currents: 20th-Century Japanese Prints - Japan's printmaking landscape underwent an unprecedented tidal shift in the twentieth century. During the Edo period (1603-1867) a new market of middle-class patrons had encouraged artists to create expressive and iconic images for mass distribution.

These prints, known as ukiyo-e (pictures of the floating world), became wildly popular not only in Japan but across the globe when the country opened to international trade in the mid-nineteenth century.

By the beginning of the twentieth century, however, woodblock prints had largely fallen out of vogue. Mass-market newspapers and magazines had taken



HOT DATE

RICH ORTIZ

If you're fishing for good music, you're not going to find a better catch than Rich Ortiz at Saratoga National on Thursday, Dec. 2, starting at 6 p.m.

Japan by storm, and the popular woodblock prints of the previous century seemed to many a relic of the past. Open: Now - January 30, 2022.

Anne Thompson-Trail Signs -Thompson has long explored the shifting meaning of signs and symbols in relation to their social setting, whether making paintings, prints, or outdoor projections. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, she began designing posters featuring bold, black-and-white symbols and installing them on trail kiosks throughout Berkshire County. This un-

sanctioned project sought to engage and complicate public messaging at a time when people increasingly ventured into and sought meaning in the outdoors.

As striking as they are mysterious, Thompson's abstract forms suggest public wayfinding, but also digital iconography, modernist logotypes, or even ancient languages. Open: Now-Dec. 31.

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, 2022. Advance timed ticket reservations are required.

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

Clement Art Gallery

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

The Esther Massry Gallery

Massry Center for the Arts, The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Gallery hours through Saturday, April 27: Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.; open until 8 p.m. on Thursday, closed on Sundays, academic holidays

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Polish city
6. Very eager
10. Identifies a specific person or thing
14. Tennis great Naomi
15. One concerned by professional advancement
17. PGA Championship reward
19. A fashionable hotel
20. Norse mythology afterlife location
21. Stood up
22. Car mechanics group
23. Weather forecasters use it (abbr.)
24. Broken branch
26. Astronomy unit
29. East Asian nursemaid
31. "Airplane!" actor
32. Exclamation that denotes disgust
34. "Batman" villain
35. Downfalls
37. Philippine province
38. Once-vital TV part
39. Valley
40. Tax
41. Classic Scorsese film
43. Subway dwellers
45. Book part
46. Taxi
47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
49. Swiss river
50. Founder of Babism
53. Have surgery
57. Withdrawal from a larger entity
58. Lot's father
59. Greek war god
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. Lemur

CLUES DOWN

1. Quarrels
2. Right away
3. Comedian Carvey

4. Egyptian unit of weight
5. A Brit's mother
6. Tropical tree
7. One who speaks Gaelic
8. NHL legend Bobby
9. Vacation spots
10. Military personnel
11. Shakira's don't lie
12. Wimbledon champ
13. Teletypewriter
16. Mistakes
18. Whale ship captain
22. Thus
23. From end to end
24. Kids love him
25. One and only
27. Fencing swords
28. Taxis
29. Basics
30. Refuse of grapes
31. Go quickly
33. French ballet dynasty
35. Most open
36. Popular soap ingredient
37. US time zone (abbr.)
39. Items of food
42. Backbones
43. Infrequent
44. Blood type
46. "Let It Snow!" songwriter
47. Dutch colonist
48. Pike
49. Egyptian sun god
50. A cardinal is one
51. From a distance
52. Bolivian river
53. N. American student organization (abbr.)
54. River (Spanish)
55. Chinese life force
56. Chinese surname

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and between exhibitions. Free admission. 518-485-3902 or www.facebook.com/esthermassrygallery

The Hyde Collection

Summer Bomb Pop: Collection in Dialogue- Brings together seventeen works of contemporary abstract painting from the collection of the Tang Teaching Museum at Skidmore College by artists such as Sarah Broman, Jeffrey Gibson, Rashid Johnson, Mindy Shapero, and Chuck Webster with several twentieth-century works from The Hyde Collection's renowned Feibes & Schmitt Collection by artists such as Grace Hartigan, Alfred Jensen, Ellsworth Kelly, Bridget Riley, and Andy Warhol.

Summer Bomb Pop is organized by the Tang Teaching Museum in collaboration with Jonathan Canning, Director of Curatorial Affairs and Programming at The Hyde Collection. This exhibit is currently ongoing - January 2022.

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

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

The Jan Rutland Memorial Artists' Space

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

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 30.

Beyond the Pines: Early Schenectady- Explore early Schenectady: its found-

buildings through the years, exploring the city's legacy of transformation and innovation. By discovering the forces that shaped downtown Schenectady, we can better understand ourselves, and our vision for the future. Open now - Dec. 31.

Winter hours: Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1100 Main St. (NY Route

to Selfie - Imagine not knowing the look of their own face. For most people throughout history, this was the rule rather than the exception. It was only through the development of technology that we reached the modern day, where seeing yourself is as simple as looking in a mirror or pushing a button. Seeing Our-

painting by Harold M. Mott Smith titled Their Last Meeting that commemorates Thomas Edison's visit to Schenectady in 1922 where he met Charles Proteus Steinmetz, another trailblazer in the field of electricity. Early prototype X-ray equipment, rare photographs, a collection of cameras, and a model of the first



Light up the tree

The State Tree is up and ready for this year's annual tree lighting ceremony at the Empire State Plaza this Sunday, Dec. 5. A day of music and entertainment, including Skeeter Creek and skating demonstrations from Hudson Mohawk Figure Skating Club, begins at noon and culminates at 8 p.m.

Empire State Plaza Events

artists-space/

Mabee Farm Historic Site

Redesigning Fashion: Transgression and Identity in Women's Historic Dress- A partnership between SCHS and the Fashion & Textiles program at SUNY Oneonta. The collaboration has resulted

ing, its people, and what life was like for early Schenectadians. This exhibit is ongoing.

Changing Downtown- At the heart of a successful downtown are interesting stories and unique buildings that illustrate a city's distinct character. Changing Downtown traces Schenectady's stories and

55), Rotterdam Junction. Admission: Adults: \$5/person for self-guided access; or \$8/per person for tour and exhibit access; children and students (w/ID) free. 518-887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org

miSci

Seeing Ourselves: From Silhouette

elves takes guests on a journey through the development of portraiture, photography, mirrors, and more.

Featuring approximately 55 objects, the exhibition includes more than 20 works of art, among them a collection of late 18th-century miniature portraits by Irish-born artist George Place, and a

GE Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine are also on view.

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Interactive Minigolf Exhibit - This exhibit features nine interactive, miniature golf holes, each designed to demonstrate a concept from the science of physics. Observe projectile motion, kinetic friction, collision, and more as you play a full round of miniature golf.

Players track their progress using a digital scorecard, accessible with any smart device, as well as access bonus materials associated with each hole. Open Now - Jan. 9.

Schenectady Inventors that Changed the World - Explore a rotating display of inventions from Schenectady that changed the world, from the first home appliances and televisions to power generation and medical imaging devices. The exhibit features unique artifacts from miSci's collection including the world's first synthetic diamond; a prototype mechanical television from 1928; and a 1907 Electric Breakfast Set, featuring some of the first electric appliances ever produced. Open: Now - Jan. 17, 2022

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

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 Discover the Indians, the murals depict the

16th-century encounters from two points of view. These life groups were on view at the Museum when it was at the State Education Building.

The original building in Massena where these murals were displayed is now closed to the public. They were removed and conserved beginning in 2018 and are on loan to the New York State Museum until Dec 31. Also, **"a small fort, which our people call Fort Orange."** This exhibition examines the momentous discovery of Fort Orange and the lasting impact of events occurring there 400 years ago that shaped the character of the region, state, and the nation. Select artifacts, film footage from the excavation preceding the construction of I-787, and four decades of historical and archaeological research are highlighted.

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

Opalka Gallery

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

Schenectady County Historical Society

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

Dan Sekellic Visual Arts Gallery

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

Tang Teaching Museum

Un-Representation - Un-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 at-



HOT DATE

BRING OUT YOUR DEAD!

Pauly's Hotel is hosting Bring Out Your Dead!, welcoming all Deadheads to come down to enjoy on Saturday, Dec. 4, starting at 8 p.m.

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.

Olivier Models at Union College - Union College's Permanent Collection includes an extremely unique and priceless collection of Theodore Olivier's stringed

attention to rarely seen objects. At the Tang Teaching Museum, exhibitions feature furniture, tools, and textiles from the Shaker Museum and a revealing survey of postcard collages by Ellsworth Kelly. At partner institutions, exhibitions will show focused selections of work from the Tang collection, including many recently acquired paintings, photographs and sculptures, many shown in dialogue with

HOROSCOPES

December 2021 Week 1

ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

Aries, when life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade. Take that to heart and try to see the silver lining when an obstacle gets in your way.

TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

It's one thing to stand by your views, Taurus. It's another to stubbornly refuse to listen to others when they make good points. Be open-minded this week.

GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

You may be juggling too much at one time, Gemini. If you're finding it difficult to manage your time, reach out to a friend or colleague for help. They're ready and willing.

CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

Cancer, lately you have been a person of few words, and others may be wondering what is going on. Confide in someone close to you if the need arises.

LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

Leo, if you are up for an adventure, look to those around you for inspiration. Maybe you'll overhear a coworker talking about a dream getaway.

VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

Virgo, you may start to rethink a decision you made a while ago when an unexpected hiccup occurs. Reevaluate your decision-making process.

LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

Good times are ahead, Libra. Focus on the fun that is coming your way and make an effort to include more good times in the weeks ahead.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

Scorpio, a situation at work will require the utmost patience and perseverance. The outcome will be in your favor if you take a measured approach.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

You could use a night out with friends, Sagittarius. Make a concerted effort to get together and invite the people whose company you most enjoy.

CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

Capricorn, you may have to reexamine your priorities. Don't let something pull you in one direction when a friend or family member may need you more.

AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

Aquarius, you're not much of a fan of waiting games, but you will have to stick things out a little longer until your plan can come to fruition. Patience will pay off.

PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

Avoid overzealous spending in the weeks ahead, Pisces. Find ways to be generous with your time rather than with your wallet.

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 Foulon, Jenny Kemp, Mary Ellen Mark, Dave McKenzie, Edward Steichen, and Andy Warhol. This exhibit is currently ongoing- Dec 11th.

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MUSIC

Eliza Edens / Sisters of Sound

Edens brings her vision to life with adventurous fingerpicking, heart-tugging melodies, and poetic lyrics. Inviting listeners to inhabit the songs as they wish. Recorded with support from Club Passim's renowned Iguana Fund, 'Time Away From Time' carves out fresh sonic territory in the realm of traditional songwriting and marks a moment of growth in the life of a budding songwriter. Sisters of the Sound is Elizabeth Ibarra (Camp Saint Helene) and Holland Kerker (Holland Belle/Nightjacket), a folk duo brought together by a love of singing and connection through song. Mixing old folk tunes and originals, their voices blend together in harmonies both delicate and powerful. The result is a fresh breeze of experimentation, amidst comforting nostalgia. Show is Wednesday, December 1st from 8-10 p.m. only at The Avalon Lounge 29 Church St, Catskill.

Arone Dyer's Dronechoir / Booker Stardrum & Weston Minissali

Dronechoir combines unfamiliar collaborators with an unrehearsed performance that continuously reshapes itself through space-specific movement directions, physically foregrounding specific singers at different points in the carefully-composed piece, bringing depth to the listener's experience by challenging comfort barriers and introducing a heightened sense of engagement with the performance. Booker Stardrum is a composer,



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percussionist, producer, and educator. His compositions are sculptural, carved from the dense layering of instruments and manipulated samples, a pantonal harmonic sense, and an intuitive approach to rhythm. Stardrum has released three solo records. Weston Minissali is a composer and synthesizer player living in Brooklyn. He primarily writes/performs/releases with the microtonal pop band



Going solo with Richard Thompson

Richard Thompson is an iconic British folk rock songwriter who is equally admired for his prowess at guitar. He is to perform at The Egg Performing Arts Center for an intimate solo acoustic set on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

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Erica Eso, with a forthcoming LP on NNA. He has toured throughout North America and Europe with other bands such as Cloud Becomes Your Hand, VaVatican and Trumpet Trumpet Synthesizer. Show is Friday December 1st from 8-11 p.m. only at The Avalon Lounge 29 Church St, Catskill.

Scott Sharrard

Lead guitarist and music director of the Gregg Allman Band from 2008 to 2017 and Guitarist/Vocalist for Little Feat since 2019, Sharrard has been hailed as "the next Eric Clapton or Mike Bloomfield." (Indianapolis Star Tribune) Sharrard's unforgettable farewell song, "My Only True Friend" co-written with Allman, earned a 2018 GRAMMY nomination for Americana Song of the Year. Sharrard's first post-Allman solo album, Saving Grace, reflects their shared predilection for fusing blues, soul, jazz and folk. Fans relish Sharrard's deep-soul vocals bobbing, weaving and riding atop the guitar grooves, along with his warm, heartfelt stagecraft. This will be a two night event Thursday and Friday starting at 7 p.m. only at Caffe Lena 47 Phila Street Saratoga Springs.

Planet Light

This dynamic show features an eclectic

offering of seasonal arrangements, along with original material that draws on inspiration from the gifts of nature and the return of light. Featuring Jonathan Greene (woodwinds), Bobby Kendall (bass), Brian Melick (drums), Zorkie Nelson (drums), Mitsuko Suzuki (violin), Elizabeth Woodbury Kasius (piano), Garland Nelson (vocals) and Kelly Bird (vocals). Show will be Saturday December 4th at 8 p.m. only at Caffe Lena 47 Phila Street Saratoga Springs.

Jay Yager & Chris Dollard

a trio of seasoned musical veterans - and friends - from upstate New York who finally joined forces after 30 years of playing "around" each other in various projects (including regional heavyweights The Audiostars, The Burners U.K., City Rhythm, and The Refrigerators). BLS was inadvertently formed during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic when the friends decided to play socially-distanced "front yard concerts" of music they all knew and loved for fans and music lovers yearning to somehow experience live music while most venues were shut down. The band then introduced a weekly webcast on their Facebook and YouTube pages in early 2021 called "Tuesday Social Hour" in which they played live shows and welcomed a host of well-



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known guest artists, gaining a substantial new fanbase, and offering the band a new performance platform. Now, the group has commenced on a rigorous touring schedule for 2021 and beyond, with numerous live shows scheduled, many of which will be livestreamed as well. The show is Thursday December 2nd starting at 6 p.m. at Carson's Woodside Tavern 57 Route 9P Malta

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originally met and formed in 2010 via craigslist with the intent of being a 1990's/2000's cover-band, but quickly realized how much fun it was to perform everything back to the early 70's so...after several line up changes and 10 years of experience under our belt...we've matured into a professional Classic/Modern Rock Cover Band that consistently leaves our audiences wanting more. We are constantly building our repertoire of songs so our fans have a great experience at every show. Oh, and if you're wondering where the name of the band comes from, you should watch the last 5 minutes of the 1998 cult classic movie The Big Lebowski, but that's just like my opinion man. Showtime is 4 p.m. on December 4th over at the Centre Street Pub 308 Union Street Schenectady.

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Hot Tuna with special guests The Midnight Ramble Band

Guitarist Jorma Kaukonen and bassist Jack Casady - joined by drummer Justin Guip - celebrate over 50 years leading Hot Tuna - the legendary blues-rock band performing classic tunes and epic improvisations with both acoustic and electric sets. The Midnight Ramble Band is a group of extraordinary musicians that accompanied legendary drummer Levon Helm for many years, and they continue to honor the legacy of Levon and The Band. The Midnight Ramble Band features Amy Helm (vocals, mandolin), Larry Campbell (guitar, fiddle), Jim Weider (guitar) Teresa Williams (vocals, guitar), Brian Mitchell (keyboards), Tony Leone (drums), Adam Minkoff (bass), Steven Bernstein (trumpet), Jay Collins and Erik Lawrence (saxophones). Show is Wednesday, December 1st at 7 p.m. hosted by The Egg Empire State Plaza, Albany.

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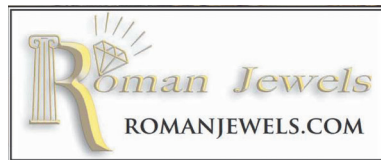
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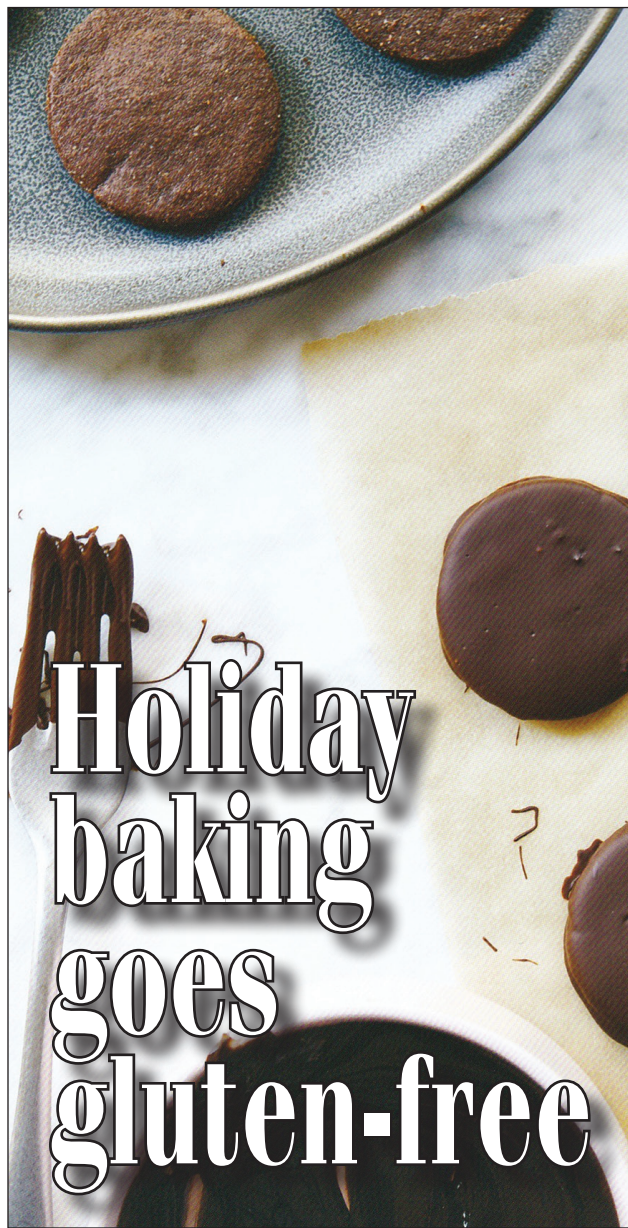


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FOOD and VINO

People who avoid gluten for health reasons may feel left when the bevy of desserts is distributed during home visits or office holiday parties, as they probably cannot indulge in these sweet treats. This recipe for “Mint Slims” from Danielle Walker’s “Eat What You Love” (Ten Speed Press) ensures that even those who have gone gluten-free can enjoy some holiday sweets.

Mint Slims

INGREDIENTS: Makes 25

- 2 cups blanched almond flour
- 2 tablespoons coconut flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1/4 cup maple sugar
- 1/4 cup light-colored raw honey
- 1/4 cup expeller-pressed coconut oil
- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon pure peppermint extract

Coating

- 10 ounces dairy-free and soy-free semisweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 teaspoon expeller-pressed coconut oil
- 1/4 teaspoon pure peppermint extract

INSTRUCTIONS

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the beater attachment, or using a food processor, combine the almond flour, coconut flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, salt, and maple sugar and mix thoroughly on medium speed.

In a saucepan, combine the honey, coconut oil, chocolate, and peppermint extract and cook over low heat, stirring until melted. Pour the melted chocolate mixture into the dry ingredients and beat on medium speed until fully combined.

Using your hands, pack the dough firmly into two balls, then flatten each into a thick disk. Roll each disk into a 1/4-inch-thick circle on a piece of parchment paper. Stack the pieces (with parchment paper in between) on a baking sheet and refrigerate for at least 1 hour, or up to 2 days. (If chilling for more than 2 hours, cover the top piece of dough with another piece of parchment paper.)

When you’re ready to bake the cookies, preheat the oven to 350 F and line two or three baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats.

Remove one of the dough pieces from the refrigerator. Use a 2-inch-round cookie cutter to cut out circles and place them on a prepared baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining dough, rerolling and cutting circles until all the dough is used.

Bake one sheet at a time for 8 minutes, rotating the sheet halfway through baking. Cool the cookies on the sheets for 5 minutes, then transfer them to a wire rack to cool completely.

To make the coating, melt the chocolate chips and oil together in a double boiler or a heatproof bowl set over a saucepan filled with about 1 inch of boiling water. Stir the mixture frequently until the chocolate melts. Stir the peppermint extract into the melted chocolate. Turn off the heat and remove the bowl from the pan.

Dip each cookie completely into the melted chocolate and use a fork to lift it out. Tap the fork gently on the side of the bowl to allow any excess chocolate to drip off. Place the dipped cookies on the prepared baking sheets, then refrigerate the cookies for 1 hour to help the chocolate set. Serve chilled.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Gobble Gobble Hey at Pauly's Hotel

By **BRIAN KLEMME**
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ALBANY – There's nothing quite like spending a Friday night after a long week — even if there was that break for turkey there — listening to some quality loud music and throwing back a few cold ones to truly appreciate what it's like to live in Albany.

There are seemingly limitless amounts of immense talent showcased through the capital region, and Friday night was no different at Pauly's Hotel on Nov. 26.

Gobble Gobble Hey presented "The Weirdos, Wackjobs and Warriors Rock and Roll Spectacular" presented a stellar lineup with Brother T, Ike's Wasted World, Soundtrack Killers, Blasé DeBris, and The Erotics.

Brother T's opening set was a drastic departure from what would follow, where as Ike's Wasted World hit the stage running with gritty in-your-face heavy rock. Their mix of originals and covers is sure to meet any and all needs one could want in a live band.

Soundtrack Killers, comprised of members of Poor Dead Molly, and The Erotics really shined by moving soundtracks and saying "what if?" They really nailed it and I would recommend seeing

them to anyone that has the chance.

Blasé DeBris, Albany's horror punk band, followed with their mixture of classic metal and punk-reminiscent of the Rocky Horror Picture show only harder. Lead singer Duane Beers' commanding vocal style and Justin Birk's addition of saxophone really helped push the pace along during their set. The band, debuting an entirely new set, was truly able to show their skills with songs spanning their

unique variety of deranged classic punk with songs such as "Go Soak Your Skull."

The Erotics ended the night with a mix of songs spanning their extensive 20-year catalog of tracks full of sleaze, punk, and classic rock all rolled into one set. They were raw, aggressive and full of attitude; as is customary when seeing this band.

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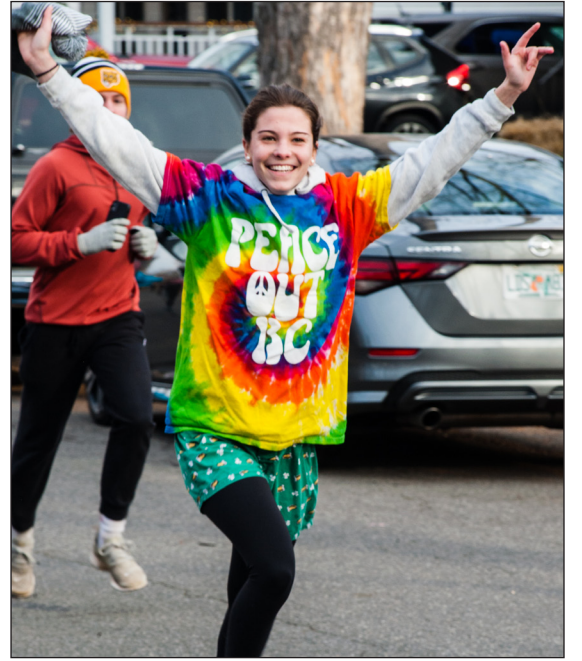
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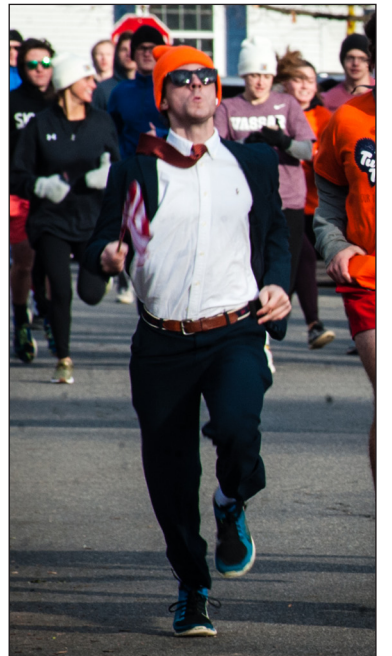
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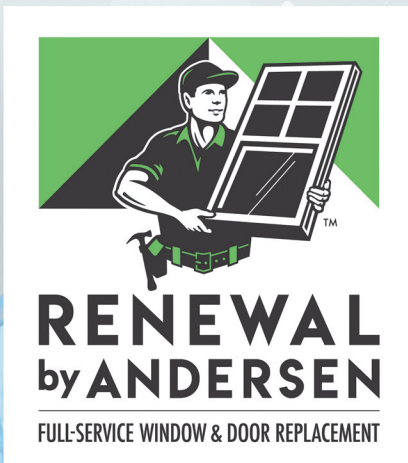
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