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In the process of redistricting congressional and state seats, Bethlehem lost Assemblymember Patricia Fahy in the State Assembly and Congressman Paul Tonko. Democrats can find solace that Congressman Antonio Delgado will now represent the local issues, but are disturbed to see Republicans Jake Ashby and Chris Tague representing the town in the State Assembly.

Michael Hallisey / Spotlight News

Like a thief in the night

The political landscape in Bethlehem flips on its axis with recent redistricting

By SPOTLIGHT STAFF
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BETHLEHEM — Relationships forged across each house of government — from Washington, D.C. to Delaware Avenue, — brings results. Just a few months removed from declaring a big blue wave last November, town Democrats find reason for concern in the State Assembly where they lose Patricia Fahy.

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Dash and smash

DELMAR — A car traveling at a high rate of speed left a trail of destruction after it crashed into multiple cars on Delaware Avenue near the high school on Saturday, Feb. 5.

According to the Bethlehem Police Department, Antonio Trivellotto, 24, of Schenectady, was driving westbound on Delaware Avenue near the intersection of Longmeadow Drive in a grey 2005 Acura approximately 12:47 p.m. a when he struck a white SUV, shearing off the driver's side doors.

Police said his car continued and struck a Honda minivan in the rear and another vehicle then travelled backwards past Meyer's Funeral Home into a tree on the left side of Delaware Avenue. The sedan left the roadway and hit a tree approximately six feet off the ground, before ricocheting across Delaware Avenue.

Trivellotto allegedly fled, but police were able to track his footprints in the snow to Canterbury Lane. While officers were interviewing, he allegedly punched one in the face. The officer was not injured.

Trivellotto was transported to Albany Medical Center with injuries sustained in the crash. Injuries to the occupants of the other vehicles were not disclosed.

— John McIntyre

■ POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY CALLS

Bail jumping

A Burlington, Vermont woman was detained as a fugitive of justice in Vermont and returned to Guilderland Town Court by State Police on Jan. 27 after she failed to appear on Oct. 14, 2021 to face drug charges.

Brittany Lawley, 24, was also charged with bail jumping, a felony, in addition to two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance and a count of criminal possession of a narcotic drug from the prior arrest.

Lawley was arraigned and sent to the Albany County jail. Bail was set at \$5,000 cash or \$10,000 bond.

Fake plates

On Jan. 27, Bethlehem police noticed a black 2004 Toyota Prius at the intersection of Route 9W and Maple Avenue in Glenmont that had a paper license plate from New Jersey. The officer observed the number format on the plate was incorrect and pulled the vehicle over.

The driver of the car, Maxime Lauture, 42, of Selkirk, was unable to provide any valid vehicle registration information. The paper plate on the vehicle had the letter at the end of the

alphanumeric sequence and it also did not have a QR code on it.

Lauture allegedly stated he got the vehicle from a garage in New Jersey, but could not provide the name of the garage or who sold the vehicle to him. According to police reports, he stated the paper registration plate was given to him when he purchased it. A police database search by the vehicle identification number revealed that the vehicle had an expired prior registration to another person and no temporary registration was in place.

He was charged with possession of a forged instrument, a felony, and operating a motor vehicle with improper plates, a violation.

Lauture was arraigned by Bethlehem Judge Andrew Kirby and released. He will return to court on Feb. 15.

Aggravated DWI

Bethlehem police responded to a single-car collision with a tree at the intersection of Winne Road and Mcguffey Lane on Jan. 31.

When police arrived, The airbags of the 2023 Hyundai had deployed, the wipers were still

on and the driver's side door was up against the tree. A passenger in the car had to be removed by Bethlehem EMS.

The driver of the car, Sherry Boomer, 26, of Ravena, had climbed through to the back seat to get out. The officers allegedly noticed an odor of alcohol emanating from Boomer's breath and that she had slurred speech and bloodshot, watery eyes.

According to reports, officers asked the driver for information multiple times without success. The vehicle was registered in Virginia and was a rental car.

Boomer allegedly said she did not know where she was or what time it was, but said she was not hurt and refused treatment by Bethlehem EMS. Boomer said she got agitated and distracted with a passenger in the car. After an investigation, police determined the vehicle failed to stop at a stop sign and crossed over Mcguffey Lane before striking the tree. Police also recovered two full bottles of whiskey and one empty bottle of rum in the vehicle.

Boomer failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for DWI. She submitted to a chemical test at the police station and it returned a 0.20 percent BAC.



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Ken Bailey sits patiently with a drink in hand as he poses before a birthday cake with candles spelling out "100" for his special day.

Rhonda Cooper

■ COMMUNITY

Happy Birthday, Sir Ken

At 100, there's no chance in slowing down Ken Bailey

By CHEYENNE WALLACE
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Reaching any milestone in life is something to celebrate, but to Ken Bailey reaching 100 years is no different than any other year. Bailey reached that milestone on February 2, and is in no hurry to slow down.

"I just think it's absolutely incredible. There's not many 100-year-olds that have it so together," friend and minister Rhonda Cooper said. "He can run circles around all of us."

Bailey was born in 1922, lived through the Depression, served from 1942 to 1945 in World War II, moved to Voorheesville in 1950 and has lived there ever since. He even has the title of Sir Ken Bailey from the French government as a reward for his service during the war. In recent

years, Bailey has found a new life that gained him a new extended family and a new outgoing personality.

"It's funny growing up my dad always worked and always occupied with work and then he'd come home and we'd sit together for dinner," Jack Bailey Sr, Ken's middle son, said. "But I don't remember him being as outgoing as he is today back then"

Happy to Be Here

For Bailey's 100th birthday, the celebrations spread out over two days and didn't disappoint. On his last day of being 99, Ken, Cooper and her husband went down to the State Police Troop G Headquarters to meet with First Sgt. Trooper Rich Betts. Unbeknownst to Ken, 22 state troopers were waiting for his arrival to surprise him on his special day.

"They all saluted him, he saluted them back and it was really moving," Cooper said.

After his day at headquarters, all Ken wanted to do was go to the Texas Roadhouse for dinner with the troopers. He was excited to have people sing happy birthday to him and dance with the servers.

Those that know Ken constantly joke that there are "seven degrees of Sir Ken Bailey", similar to the phenomenon people may experience in relation to Kevin Bacon. The idea being there are seven people in between you and Kevin Bacon, or in this case, Ken.

"Wherever he goes, someone knows him," Jack said.

A couple sitting behind the birthday table at Texas Roadhouse offered to pay for Ken's meal, not knowing who he was. After speaking to the couple, his family found out that the couple lived on the same street as Ken's grandson.

On his birthday Wednesday,

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■ TOWN NEWS

Town Board Agenda

Meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m.

- The Chief of Police will request that the Town Board authorize the appointment of Officer Kristen N. Spinnato from the position of Patrol Officer to the position of Patrol Sergeant, effective Feb. 14, 2022 at an annual salary of \$87,990.
- Request from the Director of Human Resources to appoint Jennifer Hammond as a Personnel Assistant I at a salary of \$47,355 effective Febr. 28, 2022.
- Request from the Superintendent of Highways to purchase two 2022 Dodge Charger police vehicles. The vehicles will be purchased on state contract from Robert Green Truck Division using operating funds from the police budget.
- Request from the Administrator of Parks and Recreation to accept a donation from Friends of Parks and Recreation, per attached memo.
- The Recycling Coordinator requests the Town Board set a public hearing for Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. to solicit public comment on a Local Law that would establish a new Recycling & Composting Department.
- Councilmember Dan Coffey requests that the Town Board set a public hearing on February 23, 2022, at 6 p.m. to solicit public comment on Local Law __x__ to authorize members of the Town Board to participate in Town Board meetings videoconferencing from locations outside the Town of Bethlehem's geographical limits.
- Request from the Director of Planning for the Town Board to Accept a Donation in the amount of \$200.00 to the Farms and Forests Fund from Patricia Beeler.
- Request from Senior Economic Developer for the Town Board to adopt the Resolution Classifying the Town of Bethlehem Microenterprise Grant Program (103ME983-21) as a Type II Action under SEQR.
- Request from Senior Economic Developer to Authorize Supervisor's Signature on Agreement with NYS Homes and Community Renewal for the Bethlehem Microenterprise Grant Program (103ME983-21).



Feet in the sand

A Bethlehem Town Highway applies sand on the intersection of Adams Place and Kenwood Avenue, in front of the Masonic Temple in Delmar on Friday, Feb 4. An unusual weather pattern produced sleet and ice over the course of 10-plus hours causing school closings throughout the Hudson and Mohawk valleys.

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EDUCATION

BCSD Superintendent earns 'Phenomenal Woman' award

DELMAR — Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Jody Monroe was announced as the recipient of the "Phenomenal Woman in Leadership" award from the New York State Association of Women Administrators on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

The award celebrates administrators from across the state who are inspiring leaders within the educational leadership field and changing the landscape of education.

"It comes as no surprise that this award would go to Superintendent Monroe," said Holly Dellenbaugh, president of the BC Board of Education. "Leadership requires grace under pressure. I am continually impressed by the way Jody Monroe is able to lead 4,200 students and hundreds of staff members through a global pandemic. She makes an impossibly tough job look easy."

Monroe was subsequently featured as a speaker in an online NYSAWA-sponsored event for education leaders. She was among five speakers who shared stories, experiences and actions that have helped pioneer their careers as successful women in school administration.



Jody Monroe

Founded in 1990, NYSAWA is the largest organization of women school and district administrators in New York State. From its inception, NYSAWA has been determined not to be an organization solely of women, but one that would be inclusive by gender, race and leadership. NYSAWA currently has nearly 400 members. The organization seeks equity, inclusion, tolerance, diversity, and fair treatment of all.

IN BRIEF

Berkshire Bank included in Gender-Equality Index

BOSTON, Mass. — Berkshire Bank, a socially responsible community-dedicated bank with branch locations in New England and New York, announced that it is one of 418 companies across 45 countries and regions to join the 2022 Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index, a modified market capitalization-weighted index that aims to track the performance of public companies committed to transparency in gender-data reporting.

The GEI index measures gender equality across five pillars: female leadership & talent pipeline, equal pay & gender pay parity, inclusive culture, anti-sexual harassment policies, and pro-women brand.

The 2022 GEI expands globally to represent 45 countries and regions, including firms headquartered in Colombia and Uruguay for the first time. Member companies represent a variety of sectors, including financials, technology and utilities, which collectively have the highest company representation in the index.

"Berkshire is thrilled to again be listed as a member of the Bloomberg Gender Equality Index," said Gary R. Levante, SVP Corporate Responsibility. "This recognition illustrates our strong commitment to creating an internal

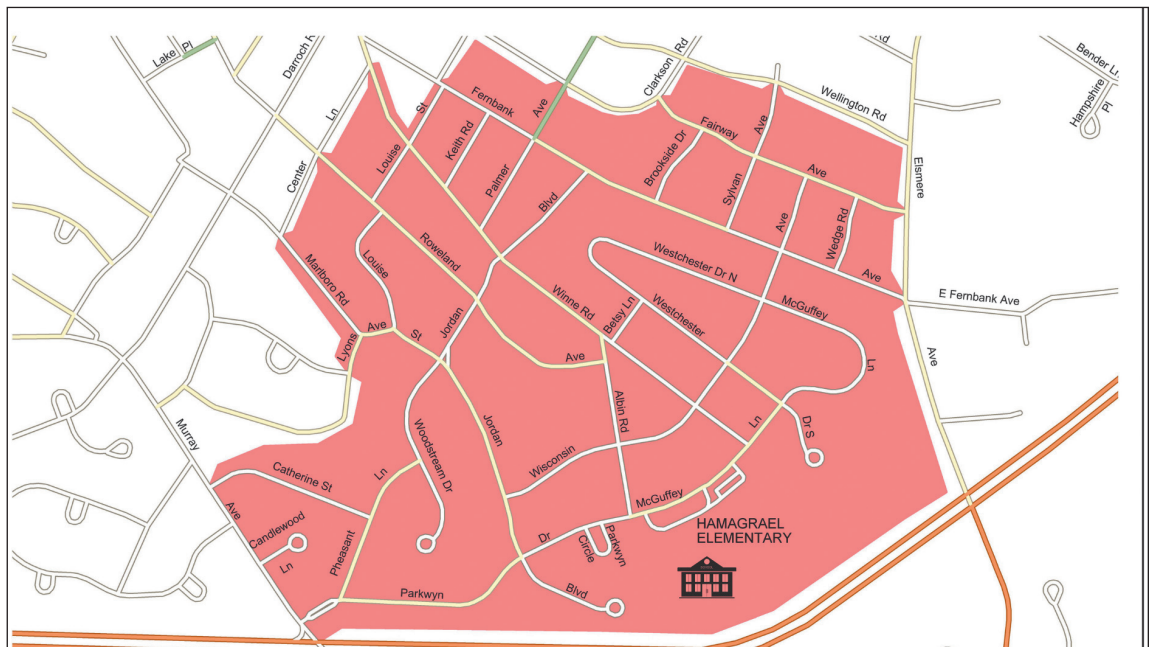
ecosystem with diverse talent and equality for our employees, as we strive to be the leading socially responsible community bank in New England and beyond. I want to thank our Power of Women Employee Resource Group and all our Berkshire bankers for their efforts to build an equitable workplace."

"We are proud to recognize Berkshire and the other 417 companies included in the 2022 GEI for their commitment to transparency and setting a new standard in gender-related data reporting," said Peter T. Grauer, Chairman of Bloomberg and Founding Chairman of the U.S. 30% Club. "Even though the threshold for inclusion in the GEI has risen, the member list continues to grow. This is a testament that more companies are working to improve upon their gender-related metrics, fostering more opportunity for diverse talent to succeed in their organizations."

Those included on this year's index scored at or above a global threshold established by Bloomberg to reflect disclosure and the achievement or adoption of best-in-class statistics and policies. Bloomberg collected this data for reference purposes only. The index is not ranked. While all public companies are encouraged to disclose supplemental gender data for their company's investment profile on the Bloomberg Terminal, those that have a market capitalization of \$1 billion are eligible for inclusion in the Index.

EDUCATION

Who gets on the bus, and who doesn't



Students of Hamagrael Elementary School who live within the large shaded area on the above map could walk to school under the district's proposed change to transportation eligibility. The family would be responsible for getting their child to and from school.

Bethlehem Central School District

BCSD proposing changes to bus eligibility for students

By MICHAEL HALLISEY
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DELMAR — Bethlehem Central is pitching a proposal that, among other ideas, would ask elementary school families living within 3/4 of a mile away to drive their children to school or have them walk.

The plan is just one of a few

the district is considering to phase-in to practice to address a nationwide and local driver shortage. Bethlehem is proposing changes to bus transportation eligibility to all five of its elementary schools, its middle school and high school for next year.

Currently, all elementary school students can take the school bus. Middle school students who live within a half-mile of the middle school and high school students who

live within one mile of the high school are not eligible for transportation.

Under the new plan, elementary students living within a 3/4-mile radius, middle school students within one mile, and high school students within a 1 1/2-miles, would be ineligible for school transportation.

The district currently has 58 permanent drivers on staff to cover 59 bus routes every day. In 2019, the district had 87 permanent drivers. The district changed its payment structure for its bus drivers earlier this year, offering the highest hourly wage within Albany County at \$23.60, in an attempt to recruit more drivers.

That's step one in a three-year plan that includes changing transportation eligibility next

year, and staggering school start times between the three levels of learning.

The district has discussed possible changes to transportation eligibility, which could impact up to 800 students beginning in 2022-23, since last November. The proposal now on the table would need to be approved by a public vote in May before they are implemented.

If voters approve the proposal, the district expects it could eliminate as many as five bus routes, reducing the number of drivers needed by just as many, and stabilize transportation needs.

Recruiting as many drivers as possible, streamlining routes and ridership and building more efficiency into the system continue to be priorities for both the Transportation Department

and the district. This year, the driver shortage has resulted in the high school having to return to an earlier start time, late arrivals and departures, changes to the late bus schedules for secondary students, and a shortage of buses for athletics and other afterschool or extracurricular needs.

District families were asked to provide the district feedback in an email last week. The Board of Education is expected to discuss details from that feedback when it meets again on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Board members are expected to make a decision on eligibility next month. District residents would then be able to vote on the changes adopted by the board during the Annual Budget Vote, scheduled for May 17.

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REDISTRICTING

Dynamic shift in political landscape

Bethlehem sees representation shift from Democrat to Republican in State Assembly

By MICHAEL HALLISEY
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ALBANY — A nonpartisan group weighed in on local races prior to Gov. Kathy Hochul signing into action the redistricting plans submitted by the New York Independent Redistricting Commission.

Though New York Republicans filed a lawsuit last week arguing that the new congressional maps violate the 2014 state constitutional amendment intended to protect against gerrymandering, Bethlehem Republicans see at least an opportunity in the state's lower house.

From a high-level view, the Campaign Legal Center out of Washington, D.C. sees marginal advantages in state races for U.S. Congress and the State Assembly, with a more balanced layout for the State Senate. However, a dynamic political shift in mapping takes State Assemblyperson Pay Fahy and U.S. Congressman Paul Tonko, both Democrats, away from the voters who elected them in Bethlehem.

Depending on which legislative house, and which one of the two proposed maps you look at, Delmar may share representatives with voters from as far as Valatie, Red Hook, New Paltz, Utica and Binghamton.

Tonko's seat in the U.S. Capitol represented all of the Capital District, including the Tri-City area of Albany, Schenectady and Troy. That's no longer



With the strike of a pen, Bethlehem's representation in the State's lower house went from Democrat Assemblymember Patricia Fahy, left, to a town shared between two seats occupied by Republicans Jake Ashby and Chris Tague (center and right, respectively). The change has local Democrats upset while Republicans hope to seize the opportunity.

the case. A redefined 20th Congressional District no longer includes Troy. It no longer includes Bethlehem, either.

Bethlehem now falls under Democrat Antonio Delgado's 19th Congressional District seat, an expansive territory that includes Utica, Binghamton, New Paltz and nearly all of the border towns that abut the Massachusetts state line.



Though local Democrats said they were disappointed with losing Tonko's leadership in Washington, they expressed confidence in gaining Delgado's stewardship.

"I have every expectation that Congressman Delgado is going to be wonderful for Bethlehem, and will equally be responsive," said Bethlehem Democratic Committee Chairperson Joanne Cunningham. "We all look forward to working closely with him as we had with Congressman Tonko."

Sen. Neil Breslin's seat at the 44th District may change numerically to the 45th, but competing interests won't change too much with a new territory that excludes Troy but includes Ravena, Voorheesville and Castleton. The new district extends to Albany County's southern border, west to New Scotland and over the Hudson River into Columbia County.

According to data collected by the *New York Times*, the move adds more Republicans to what is still a predominately blue district. Based on the 2020 General Election, more residents voted for Donald

Trump than Joe Biden, but not by much. Biden won by a 65.4 to 34.6 percent margin compared to 69 to 31 percent.

In the State Assembly, Democrat Patricia Fahy represents the 109th District which previously covered the towns of Bethlehem, Guilderland and New Scotland. Her district also covers a large swath of the city of Albany, where the border zippers across midtown and downtown with a jagged North-South longitude. The new map now has all of Albany in the 109th District, lobbing Bethlehem off of Fahy's territory.

The State Assembly's new map breaks Bethlehem into two separate districts, and shifts representation from Democrat to Republican. The town's leading Democrat called that change "devastating." Cunningham said she's not happy with two districts sharing Bethlehem. She called Fahy a "tremendous partner" to the town, having garnered funding for area school districts and local endeavors.

"I've looked at the districts, and they sort of looked like Bethlehem was just wedged into their districts," she said. "Bethlehem has a very high expectation and high bar set by Assemblymember Fahy, and we also have high expectations for continued representation."

Cunningham added that her party will work "very, very hard" to ensure town interests are represented under the new districts.

Assembly District 107 now absorbs Delmar and

North Bethlehem, running a southern border along Crebel Road, cutting across the back end of Elm Estates and stretching west along Feura Bush Road before adopting the town's westernmost border.

Delmar is now included in the predominantly rural communities of Rensselaer, Columbia and Washington counties of the current 107th District represented by Republican Jake Ashby. The rest of Bethlehem — notably South Bethlehem and Selkirk — now falls upon Republican Chris Tague's seat in the 102nd District.

Tague, formerly Schoharie's town supervisor, is no stranger to issues related to rural communities. Within the state's lower house, South Bethlehem's interests will no longer compete against those of the City of Albany, but they will be included with the likes of Otsego County, the Catskills and everywhere in between.

General Election results paint a tale of different political bases within these two seats.

Tague's territory can be expected to remain red, where Trump earned 57 percent of votes. Ashby's, however, will go from a territory in which Biden squeaked out 51.5 percent of votes, to one where he would have garnered 53.7 percent. Bethlehem, where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans in nearly all of its 31 voting districts, will play a factor this November.

Bethlehem Republican Party Chairperson James McGaughan said his party will keep the town red in that house and anyone who aligns with the party platform "will benefit."

"I am wholly focused on turning Bethlehem red and getting sound governance back in Town Hall," shared McGaughan in an emailed statement to The Spotlight. "Any Republican incumbent or challenger that is newly aligned with the Bethlehem Republicans will benefit. We represent all seven hamlets regardless of changing district maps."

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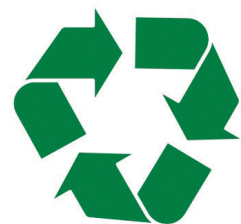
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■ POLITICS

Gerrymandering: What's it look like?

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — Gerrymandering is a term being thrown around as of late, especially by those who oppose the redistricting plans authored by the New York Independent Redistricting Commission.

The G-word refers to an act by the legislature to remap districts that favors a particular party or social class. The nonpartisan Campaign Legal Center out of Washington, D.C. calls it an act involving either “cracking” or “packing.”

“Partisan gerrymandering is always carried out by cracking a party’s supporters among many districts, in which their preferred candidates lose by relatively narrow margins; and/or by packing a party’s backers in a few districts, in which their preferred candidates win by enormous margins,” the organization states as it defines efficiency gap.

The nonpartisan Campaign Legal Center is dedicated to advancing democracy through law and fighting for every American’s rights to responsive government and a fair opportunity to participate in and affect the democratic process.

The goal for a fair remapping of districts is to create an equal distribution of party representation among registered voters. There is also the need to balance socioeconomic groups within the proposed territories as well. Anything less would be inefficient.

Cracking and packing are each a matter of perspective. Cracking occurs when breaking down a group of voters against one party, while packing favors the other party for success.

The efficiency gap was created by University of Chicago law professor Nicholas Stephanopoulos. His measurement was used to argue against Wisconsin’s redistricting plans before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2019.

In that case, state Democrats argued a Republican-led legislature remapped districts in 2011 to favor future GOP victories. The Campaign Legal Center’s PlanScore project calculated an efficiency gap in all three houses — the U.S. House of Representatives, State Senate and State Assembly — that favored Republicans by as much as 11 percent.

New York’s plans for redistricting have also been evaluated.

The Campaign Legal Center sees a 2.1 percent efficiency gap determining New York races for the U.S. House of Representatives based on the redistricting plans submitted by the independent advisory committee. That’s enough to favor Democrats in 60 percent of predicted scenarios.

While there is more balance within the State Senate (a 0.1 percent gap favoring Democrats), Republicans show a marginal advantage within the State Assembly. In the state’s lower house, there is a 1.2 percent gap that the Campaign Legal Center says favors Republicans in 63 percent of predicted scenarios.

Regardless of perspective, even Wisconsin’s alleged packing attempts survived in court when in 2019 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled federal courts didn’t have the power to decide. The court ruled 5-4, stating “partisan gerrymandering claims present political questions beyond the reach of the federal courts,” in an opinion written by Chief Justice John Roberts.

Nonetheless, New York Republicans filed a lawsuit last week, arguing that the new congressional maps violate the 2014 state constitutional amendment intended to protect against gerrymandering.

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OBITUARY

Robert 'Hoagie' McFawn

COLONIE — Robert "Hoagie" MacFawn was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He left this world on February 6, 2022 at the age of 80.

He was born to Elias and Mildred MacFawn on January 13, 1942.

Bob is survived by his beautiful wife, Victoria Heidelmark MacFawn; his loving children: Robert (Kathy) MacFawn, James MacFawn, Joseph MacFawn and Justina (Scott-deceased) Seavey. He was a very proud grandfather to Robert MacFawn III, Evan MacFawn, Dylan MacFawn (deceased), Owen MacFawn, Michael Seavey and Ryan MacFawn, as well as step grandkids: Antonio Fiacco, Katina Rizzo and Katelyn Hazzard.

Bob went to Cardinal McCloskey School and was an accomplished basketball player. After school, he had a very long career at the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance. After retirement, he decided to become a Hall Monitor at Bethlehem Central High School in order to keep an eye on his autistic grandson Michael. He loved that job so much and all the children that after Michael left he decided to stay on.



Robert MacFawn

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his calling hours on Thursday February 10, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at New Comer Cremations & Funerals, 343 New Karner Road, Colonie, New York 12205. A service will follow at 12 Noon. Facemasks are required inside of the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Legion, Delmar, NY or to Rolling Thunder NY Chapter 5.

IN BRIEF

NBT announces \$154.9M net income

NORWICH — NBT Bancorp Inc. reported net income and diluted earnings per share for the quarter and year ended Dec. 31, 2021.

Net income for the year was \$154.9 million, up 48.4 percent from \$104.4 million for the prior year primarily due to changes in the estimated impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on expected credit losses. Diluted earnings per share within the same period was \$3.54, as compared with \$2.37 for the prior year, an increase of 49.4 percent.

Pre-provision net revenue was \$195.3 million compared to \$193.4 million in the prior year. The increase in PPNR from the prior year reflected higher net interest income and higher noninterest income partly offset by higher noninterest expense. Income from Paycheck Protection Program loans increased by \$7.1 million from the prior year.

Net income for the three months ended Dec. 31, 2021 was \$37.3 million, or \$0.86 per diluted common share. Net income increased \$3.1 million from the fourth quarter of 2020, primarily due to higher net interest income and higher noninterest income, partly offset by higher provision for loan losses.

The fourth quarter 2021 provision for loan losses was \$3.1 million compared to the fourth quarter 2020 provision release of \$0.6 million. Quarterly net income was consistent with the previous quarter and reflected improved revenue generation offset by a higher provision for loan losses and higher noninterest expense.

PPNR for the fourth quarter of 2021 was \$51.5 million compared to \$47.4 million in the previous quarter and \$48.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2020. Income from PPP loans increased \$4.7 million and \$1.9 million from the previous quarter and the fourth quarter of 2020, respectively.

Hoeller joins NBT Board Of Directors

NORWICH — NBT Bancorp Inc. announced Heidi M. Hoeller has joined the Boards of Directors for NBT Bancorp Inc. and NBT Bank, N.A. Hoeller is a retired Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP with over 25 years of experience as a leader in audit and financial services.

Hoeller held numerous positions at PwC from November 1993 until her retirement in June 2019. She spent most of her career in the Northeast, including assignments in Syracuse, Hartford and Boston, where she served as Audit Partner on a diverse portfolio of clients within the insurance sector. Prior to her retirement, she was a Financial Services Partner in PwC's National Quality Organization for three years. During that time, she also led diversity and inclusion for a group of approximately 120 professionals.

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■ SCHOLASTIC SPORTS

A shot at states

TROY — Athletes from all over Section II were at Hudson Valley Community College on Saturday, Feb. 5, to try and qualify for the state track and field meet on March 5 at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex in Staten Island.

Local top qualifiers are:

• Girls 55-meter hurdles: Guilderland senior Maeghan Hickey placed second with a time of 9:04, good enough for the top 50 in the state.

• Girls 55-meter dash: Guilderland senior Kate Scanlon finished third with a time of 7:41, good enough for the top 25 in the state.

• Girls 300-meter run: Shaker's Kaleigh Higgins placed second with a time of 10:02.23, good enough for the top 10 in the state.

• Girls 4x400 relay: The Shaker "A" team of Gabby Cairns, Kamira Medford, Annabel Kelsey and Leana Sousa won with a time of 4:23.60. The Guilderland "A" team of Avery Kerr, Chelsea King, Parker Steele and Saida Assabahi placed second with a time of 4:28.68.

• Girls 4x200 relay: the Guilderland "A" team of Megan Swan, Kendall Barnhardt, Meghan Hickey and Willow Novak won with a time of 1:52.41. The Bethlehem "A" team placed second with a time of

Camella Douglas, Ciara Ryan, Isabella Hoogkamp and Lilyan Humphrey placed third with a time of 1:54.65.

• Girls 300-meter dash: Guilderland's Kate Scanlon placed second with a time of 42.75.

• Girls 600-meter run: Shaker's Leanni Griffin placed third with a time of 1:39.96.

• Girls long jump: Bethlehem's Camella Douglas placed third with a mark of 17-3.50

• Boys 4x400 relay: Colonie "A" team of Aidan Noris, Dylan Fox, Jordan Goddard and Ben Ross finished second with a time of 3:43.08.

• Boys 1000-meter run: Guilderland's Will Cusato finished first with a time of 2:42.79

• Boys 300-meter dash: Colonie's Ben Ross finished third with a time of 38.39

• Boys high jump: Shaker's Edward Xu finished third with a jump of 5-8

• Boys pole vault: Bethlehem's Matti Levasalmi finished third with a jump of 12-6

• Boys triple jump: Guilderland's Joshua Jerome finished second with a jump of 41-3.75.

— Jim Franco



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SSNY on 01/04/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 80-37 Cypress Avenue, Glendale, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283135

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MISOBRAGA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/17/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Craig Schmitterer CPA, P.C., 30 Bridle Path, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282736

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

NEW YORK CITY VETERINARY CANCER SPECIALIST PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/25/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 300 West 109th Street, New York, NY 10025. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Veterinary Medicine. D-284085

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NOI DUE GELATO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 63 Random Farms Circle, Chappaqua, NY 10514. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282926

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NYC GREASE REMOVAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/04/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 100 Merrick Road, Suite 206W, Rockville Centre, NY 11570. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283537

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NYSF SUNSET YARDS LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/21. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 11/12/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC

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upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 64 Grand Street, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282965

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ON CALL HOME SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/06/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 215-02 23rd Road, Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283204

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PARADA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/22. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2121. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1411 County Route 9, Davenport, NY 13750. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283636

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PERAN DESIGN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/30/21, with an existence date of 01/01/2022. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 68-42 Groton Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283089

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

PETWELL VETERINARY CARE MANHATTAN PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/01/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 142 West 57th Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Veterinary Medicine. D-284403

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

POLYSPHERE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/24/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Freedom Financial Solu-

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tions LLC, 2863 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283962

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PROV.14:27 ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/20/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Debra J. Millman, Esq., 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 2821, New York, NY 10170. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283816

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RAM'S HOMES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/10/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 461 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282641

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RAYDIENT LUSTER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 350 E. 82nd Street, 11A, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283168

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

REGENCY 435 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Falcon Rappaport & Berkman PLLC, 265 Sunrise Highway, Suite 50, Rockville Centre, NY 11570. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283122

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

Rick9Plus LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/06/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2855 Fifth Avenue, Unit 503, San Diego, CA 92103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283208

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ROBERT S. SCHNITZER, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21, with an existence date of 01/01/2022. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 248-54 Thebes Avenue, Little Neck, NY 11362-1252. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282642

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ROC PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/18/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1 Irving Pl., Apartment G12F, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283640

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ROCK FAMILY INVESTORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/12/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1577 East 36th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283297

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ROOSTERRAT HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/20/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 30 Riverside Boulevard, Unit 23D, New York, NY 10069. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283812

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

ROWAN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/20/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 756 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Mental Health Counseling. D-284149

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SAFINA 44 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/12/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the

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LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 44 West 127th Street, New York, NY 10027. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283298

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SELIM & MONA BRAHMI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2130 Williamsbridge Road, Suite 1E, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283053

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

SHANE METHAL DDS PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 252 18th Street, Apartment 3B, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry. D-282730

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SHEPHERD GLENMORE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/21, with an existence date of 01/01/2022. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1207 Broadway, Suite 907, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282743

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SHEPHERD GLENMORE PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/21, with an existence date of 01/01/2022. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1207 Broadway, Suite 907, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282744

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SIMPLE IMPROVEMENTS OF BROOKLYN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC,

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1736 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282638

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SKIPPING ELEPHANT PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/19/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 399 E. 78th Street, Apartment 2E, New York, NY 10075. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283732

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

SLATER LAW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 240 West 73rd Street, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law. D-283125

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

SODAFSKY LAW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/17/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 43-10 Crescent Street, Suite 1410, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law. D-282741

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SOFIA MARIE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/06/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 938 Lieds Road, Coatesville, PA 19320. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283207

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

STRONG TOWER HOME INSPECTION, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Sundale Ct., Smithtown, NY 11787. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282644

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TCF II, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/17/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 857 1st Street, Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282737

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

THE MADISON AVENUE CLUB, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/19/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1228 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-284468

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

THE THREE DONKEYS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/04/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 60 Broadway, Unit 9A, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283136

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

1. The name of the limited liability company is Thornbrook Shore, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on June 15, 2021.
3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is: 1450 Delaware Tpke., Delmar, New York 12054.
5. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law. D-284079

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TLL MANAGEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of

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process to the LLC, 1104 56th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283058

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TRIPLE A REALITY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/11/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 601 E. 20th Street, Apartment 6G, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283277

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TRIPLE L 9012 REAL ESTATE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 9012 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282912

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

UNCLE WILLIE'S BACK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Gerard Meagher, 320 East 49th Street, Apartment 53, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282930

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

VEF LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/26/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Vincent Fontana, 2649 National Drive, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-284134

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

VENETIAN C18 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/24/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Jacob Silber, 199 Lee Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283961

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From page 3 ... Happy Birthday, Sir

Ken was invited to the State Capitol after his granddaughter and grandson-in-law got in touch with the governor's office. He was given a proclamation for turning 100 and his service.

"It was the head of the NY Department of Environmental Conservation that did it, the senators were all there. I got a proclamation...two or three of them I guess. It was great," Ken said.

Ken had never been inside the capital before, finding the view and the million dollar staircase highlights of his in-depth tour. Following his morning, he and his family had dinner at the Barnsider.

"It was kind of low key, but I thought it was meaningful for him," Jack said.

This celebration was smaller than years before, but those were prior to the pandemic. Jack wanted to be safe over having a big celebration. To Ken, the size of the celebration didn't matter much to him.

"I had two good days," Ken said. "The way I look at it you have to celebrate the day because you can't remember yesterday."

A Small Town Kid

Ken Bailey was born and raised in Delmar. Growing up during the Depression, he was never too worried about his family's access to food.

"We always had something to eat, didn't know what we were going to eat but we had something," Ken said.

The food security came mostly from his father who worked at A&P bakery repairing machinery. If there was a truck wreck, the family would be able

to pay 25 cents on the dollar for anything that was damaged. An 18-inch wheel of cheese with debris stuck in it would be bought discounted and the debris cut away.

Ken worked at Lavery Farm at 10-years-old and eventually moved to working in the repair shop at 13-years-old. When his boss got drafted for the war, he was told to go to Orange Motors where a job would be waiting for him. Ken only worked there for a year before he too was drafted, but returned to the dealership upon his return in 1945 and worked there for 46 years in total.

In 1942, just weeks before serving in the war, Ken married Florence Eckler. The two met at Sport Haven which was Peter Harris Clothes on Kenwood Avenue. Sport Haven was a popular Friday night hangout with bowling upstairs and roller-skating downstairs.

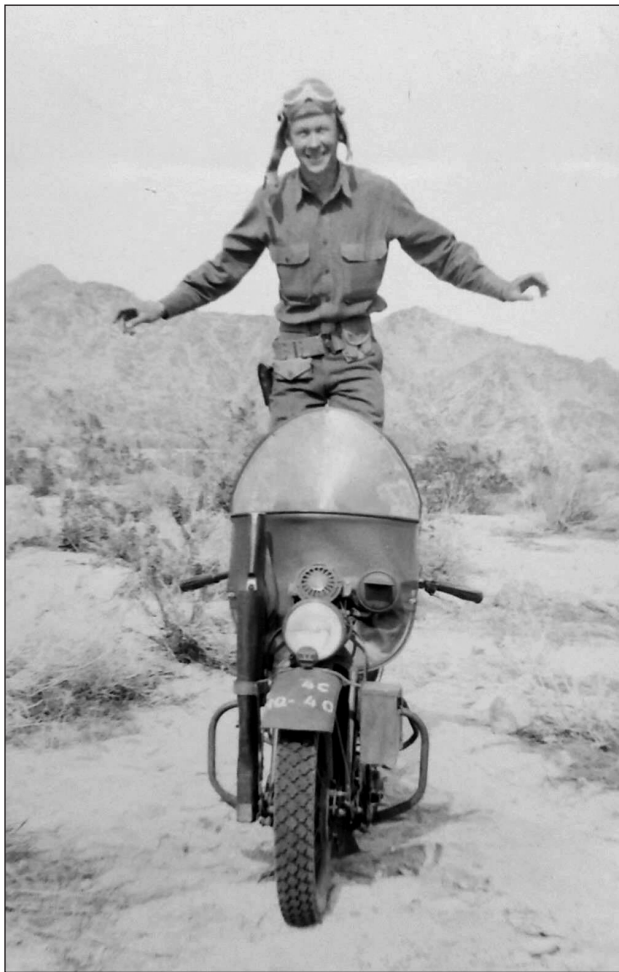
"I had to skate around three or four times to get up a nerve to ask her to skate," Ken said.

He recalls that in 100 years, marrying Florence and having his three sons were the best parts of his life. However, the newlyweds' time together was cut short.

"The chaplain saw that I just got married, he said, 'you just got married, I'm going to put you on reserve for two weeks,'" Ken said. "November 18 is when I actually went into the service."

War-time Efforts

Bailey served in the 4th Cavalry, the oldest unit in the United States Army. That unit dates back to 1856. He trained initially in the Mojave Desert in



Ken Bailey shows a penchant for the daring while serving in the military in this undated photo.

Photo provided by Rhonda Cooper

California for the war in Africa, but the war in Africa ended prior to deployment so there was no need to keep training in the desert. The unit switched to Paris, Texas to train for the war in Europe.

Ken Bailey landed on Utah beach, in Normandy, France, six days after D-Day. The outfit fought through France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg. He earned five battle stars during that campaign.

"I never thought I'd get anything like that," he said.

Ken received a Bronze star, the fourth highest honor in the U.S., for leading his men and the M20 armored car they were riding in back to safety after the German Army counterattack at Mortain, France. He drove the car

into an almost-dried river bed after realizing they were behind enemy lines. The vehicle's tires kept spinning when Bailey tried to move it, so the quick-thinking Bailey had his team cut down trees to get moving again and back to camp.

"I said, 'Colonel, I almost left the car there.' He said, 'if you had, I would've sent you back after it,'" Bailey said.

For Bailey, that battle was a turning point for the war.

On May 8, 1945 the 4th Cavalry met the Russians 60 miles from Lepzig, Germany and the combat subsided for him.

Ken's return home, however, didn't take place until November 1, due to a strike in New York harbor. There wasn't a welcome

parade, but his wife did meet him at 2 a.m. that day.

Riders and it all came out," Jack said.

Ken to Sir Ken

Upon his return to Delmar, Bailey built a house in 1946 and later built a house in Voorheesville for his family in 1950. Ken still lives there today. Once the war was over, Bailey's top priority became his family.

"He was kind of a person that always paid attention to us as kids and everything was done for the kids, he was that kind of person," son Jack said.

When Florence died in 2005 it left him by himself and unwilling to do much of anything. However, a 2013 Honor Flight sparked a new fire. His friend and minister Cooper said she was no longer taking no for an answer from Bailey, after he declined to fly multiple times. Honor Flights bring veterans to Washington D.C. to see the monuments and memorials. Before the flight, Bailey was quiet about his time in his service.

"It wasn't until my niece got to take the Honor Flight down to Washington D.C. and then he became part of the Patriot Guard

Following his flight, Ken joined the Patriot Guards who escort veterans and their families during funeral services. The Honor Flight and Patriot Guard Riders gave Bailey a new lease on life and extended family.

In 2015, Ken received the French Legion Honor Medal which is the highest honor in France. The medal was given as part of a thank you from the French government for those who liberated the country during World War II. As part of the honor, Ken was knighted and officially became Sir Ken Bailey.

"I had to go down to Pier 115 in New York City and that was very emotional," Ken said. "I can read my name, but I can't read the rest of it."

Now at 100, Bailey still loves riding ATVs and riding on the back of Patriot Guard Riders' motorcycles. Ken, even at 100, still has some bucket list items to do.

"I got two more things I want to do: ride in a hot air balloon and I want to go on a zipline," he said.

■ IN BRIEF

Owens Corning to announce 4Q results
TOLEDO, Ohio — Owens Corning is scheduled to announce its fourth-quarter and full-year 2021 financial results on Wednesday, Feb. 16, before the New York Stock Exchange opens.

CSX executive vice president, CFO
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — CSX Corp. announced last week the appointment of Sean R. Pelkey as executive vice president and chief financial officer effective immediately.

Latham Group, Inc. introduces new plant in Canada
LATHAM — Latham Group, Inc., announced the company is expanding its facilities in Ontario, Canada with a 148-acre fiberglass manufacturing plant.

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'Black History Month is not a singular event'

Editor's note: This week's Point of View is authored by Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr. of the New York State Board of Regents, and State Education Commissioner Betty A. Rosa.

Black History Month is not a singular event; Black History is part of our nation's legacy. As educators and role models, we must strive to move past the single-story narrative. All children can and should learn an appreciation for the roles historically

underrepresented groups and people play in our past, present, and future.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "The time is always right to do what is right." And now is the right time to make history and nominate the first Black woman to the U.S. Supreme Court to better reflect our country's diversity, as President Biden promises to do.

It is also the right time to build upon a foundation of access, opportunity, innovation, trust, respect,

and care so that every student in New York State has the support they need to succeed. It is up to each of us to ensure schools are places where all students are welcomed and valued for their unique life experiences and cultures.

Throughout February, the State Education Department and New York State Museum recognize the importance of Black History Month in several ways.

The State Museum offers a variety of resources

for students, educators, and the public. This includes research from historians and scientists, access to digital collections, virtual lessons and activities for the classroom, professional development videos for educators, and information about upcoming public programming related to African American History.

The Department, together with Education Trust—New York, is highlighting New York State My Brother's Keeper (MBK) students throughout the month on

social media, including Twitter and Facebook. The #MyHistoryMyFuture campaign features inspiring quotes from outstanding students who share how MBK has changed their lives and their hopes and dreams for the future. Artwork from the New York State Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Art & Essay Exhibit (link is external) will also be featured each day through the end of February using the hashtags #NYSMLK and #StudentsExhibitingMLK.

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Take and Make Tuesday

Bring backyard songbirds into your home with this week's Take and Make kit. Use art paper and sheet music to create a unique art project. Pick up begins at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Juice and Jammies

After hours at the Library, Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Pop the kids in their jammies and head to the Library for an indoor, socially distanced after-hours storytime. We'll be talking about animal tracks in the snow! Stuffed animals are optional! Registration is required and

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— Carol Melewski

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The library will be accepting donations of personal care items, beginning Feb. 1st, and running through the end of the month. Some examples of needed items are: shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, disposable razors, body/face/hand lotions, toothpaste, and deodorant. Donations can be any size, from personal on up. They are also looking for: Tide laundry detergent, XL twin size sheets, and pillows. All donations will benefit the Sgt. Henry Johnson Veterans House in Albany. A donation box can be found on the display table

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There are a few spots left for this snowshoe nature walk at the Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 12. Snowshoes will be provided, and the walk will be an easy to moderate exercise. Register online or call the library to reserve your spot.

— Lynn Kohler

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Workforce resources

Looking to make a career change or kick your job search into high gear in 2022? Curious about your chances of being hired with the skills and experience you have today? Need guidance on what areas to improve to better your ability to get that job? Our librarians have compiled a list of workforce development resources that can help steer you in the right direction. Find it at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/workforce-development-resources.

Do you know your employability score? Visit our workforce development

resources page and scroll down to JobZone to find out. Start by taking the "What's my employability score?" survey and then explore the website for ways to help you improve your score and get that job.

Kindness pass it on!

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Community expedition

There's still plenty of time to take part in our



Community Expedition for kids and families. Enjoy the outdoors this winter and explore our shared community and natural areas.

Stop by the Children's Place anytime from now until Feb. 25 to pick up expedition supplies (stamp pad, journal and map) and start your journey. Visit

the mapped locations at your pace and on your schedule. Keep your eyes peeled at each location to complete the activities before stamping your journal. Expeditioners will have a chance to explore places like the Pine Hollow Arboretum, Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail, Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy areas

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Live Virtual Storytime

Based on your feedback, we've added a new day and time for our Live



Virtual Storytimes on Zoom, alternating between Thursday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. Sign up on the Events tab of our website for Tues. Feb. 8 at 4:00 p.m. and/or Thurs. Feb. 17 at 10:30 a.m. We'll read books, sing songs and enjoy a lively time together! Storytimes are ideal for children ages infant-age 5.

Attracting Backyard Birds

Find out how to attract more birds to your backyard on Mon. Feb. 14 at 9:30 a.m. This virtual program covers types of bird feeders and feed, plantings, and shelter options, and features stunning photographs of common and rare bird species found throughout

the northeast. Please register on the Events tab of our website.

Tech & Résumé Help

Consult with computer coach Robin from the comfort of home to help you get the most out of your Apple device. She can also assist with the Learning Express tool on our website to help you craft a winning résumé. Sign up on the Events tab of our website for your 1:1 virtual hour-long appointment on Mon. Feb. 14 or 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Crafty Chat

Craft-minded folks are invited to join us Wed. Feb.

16 at 10:30 a.m. to chat, share tips, discuss crafty books, and inspire one another. Whatever craft you dabble in, you'll find kindred spirits here! This month, we'll take a look at the vibrant creative stylings of world-renowned fine artist, illustrator, author and podcaster Lisa Congdon. Sign up on the Events tab to receive the Zoom link.

Trustees Meet

The Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their virtual monthly business meeting Thurs. Feb. 17 at 6:00 p.m., streamed live on our YouTube channel and archived for later viewing. Public commentary may be submitted at any time to: pc@guilderlandlibrary.org.

GPL Podcast

A new episode of GPL's podcast, "How Did You Find It?," debuts Fri. Feb. 18. This month features

published author and frequent Humanities New York scholar Giacomo Calabria, discussing our upcoming six-part scholar-led discussion series on Ulysses S. Grant. We welcome your suggestions at: podcast@guilderlandlibrary.org

Presidents Day Closure

The library will be closed on Presidents Day, Mon. Feb. 21. Digital materials on our website, parking lot WiFi, and car charging stations are available anytime.

Twosday Two-Do List & Raffle

Celebrate the once-in-a-lifetime date of 2/22/22 with GPL! Pick-up a Two-Do List at the Adult Information Desk, then bring back the completed list to us. For every two items checked off, you'll receive a raffle ticket to win a prize. The raffle drawing

will be held on Tues. Feb. 22 at 2:22 p.m. Details at: www.guilderlandlibrary.org/Twoosday.

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Strength and Courage

World renowned pianist Wei Luo draws inspiration from Sergei Prokofiev

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — The world has known Wei Luo as an acclaimed classical pianist since stepping in front of her first orchestra when she was 11, but her passion for the arts extends beyond that of the ebony and ivory often in front of her.

"I think my biggest passion in life is the arts," said Luo. "Obviously, I am a pianist, so I want to express and I want to connect with people with my music, with the performances that I do. Making that connection with people and to love each other, I think that's the most important thing in my life."

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— Wei Luo, pianist and artist



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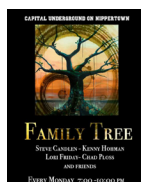
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The City Ballet returns to SPAC

Popular film nights return with Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban in Concert and The Princess Bride in Concert

SARATOGA SPRINGS — The Saratoga Performing Arts Center announced the return of its resident companies — New York City Ballet and The Philadelphia Orchestra — to their summer home in Saratoga for a diverse season featuring SPAC premieres and debuts by women and Black, Indigenous, People of Color composers, choreographers, performers and conductors, alongside iconic masterworks of the classical repertoire.

New York City Ballet returns with the full company from July 12 – 16, with its roster of more than 90 dancers under the direction of Artistic Director Jonathan Stafford and Associate Artistic Director Wendy Whelan, accompanied by the

New York City Ballet Orchestra, led by Music Director Andrew Litton. The Company will present four programs including the full-length story ballet A Midsummer Night's Dream; an evening dedicated to 20th Century Masters highlighted by Merce Cunningham's Summerspace, returning for the first time since 1967; and a program showcasing works by contemporary choreographers including new pieces by Jamar Roberts and Pam Tanowitz, and the return of Justin Peck's In Creases, gracing the SPAC stage for the first time since its World Premiere at SPAC in 2012. Back by popular demand is also a special "NYCB On and Off Stage" presentation designed to introduce the season with an intimate, up-close look at selected excerpts from the Company's repertory of ballets that will be featured during the residency.

"After two long years without the full New York City Ballet in residence at SPAC, it is tremendously exciting to be

announcing the return of the full Company in July 2022. It will be a perfect celebration of their return with timeless works of Balanchine and Robbins, SPAC debuts by Jamar Roberts and Pam Tanowitz, the return of Merce Cunningham's Summerspace, beloved story ballet A Midsummer Night's Dream, and NYCB On and Off Stage. The latter, born from the need to conform to COVID guidelines in 2021, was a format that was immensely popular with audiences. It will be a perfect kick off to the residency – as both an intimate behind the scenes look at NYCB as well as a poignant reminder as to how far we will have come since March of 2020," said Elizabeth Sobol, president and CEO of Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

The Philadelphia Orchestra's three-week residency (July 27 – Aug. 13) will feature Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin (Aug. 10–13) leading four programs including a finale featuring Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Highlighting the

residency is the return of world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma (Aug. 5) and violinist Joshua Bell alongside star soprano Larisa Martinez (JUL 29). Making their 2022 SPAC debuts is a diverse roster of artists including fourteen-time Grammy nominee Ledisi singing the music of Nina Simone (Aug. 3), pianist and NPR host Lara Downes (Aug. 4), soprano Angel Blue (Aug. 12-13), 26-year-old superstar violinist Randall Goosby (AUG 11), and Philadelphia's premier contemporary ballet company, BalletX (July 27), performing a new work choreographed by NYCB's Tiler Peck.

Also featured will be more than a dozen SPAC premieres including the East Coast Premiere of Contact by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Kevin Puts composed for the genre-crossing ensemble Time for Three (July 28). SPAC's popular film nights will also return to delight audiences of all ages as the Orchestra accompanies, live to picture, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban™

in Concert (July 30) and The Princess Bride in Concert (Aug. 6).

"SPAC's ambitious and artistically inspiring programming continues our effort to bring significant contemporary works and iconic classics that have never been performed at SPAC to our stage, while also presenting a record number of works by BIPOC and female composers throughout the season," said Sobol.

Tickets will be available beginning on March 7 for members (tiered by level) and on March 16 for the general public. New for this season, evening performances will be held at 7:30 p.m.

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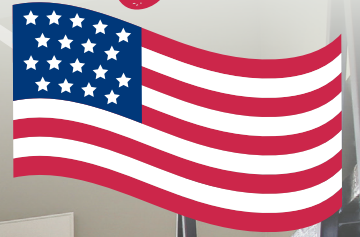
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Nippertown's 2022 March Music Madness is back, twice as nice

By **JIM GILBERT**
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ALBANY — Sure everyone has heard of the NCAA's March Madness tournament, the road to the Final Four, and a college basketball national championship. Well, this isn't the NCAA and while everyone enjoys a little college ball from time to time, we're going to stick to focusing on local music.

Our March Music Madness tournament is done with a flair that only the Capital Region's top dog, "Nipper" can pull off. And after the success of last year's tournament, we knew we had to do it again. Last year's Final Four were Bad Mothers, Candy Ambulance, Girl Blue, and the winner of the



Road to NipperFest

The tournament is accepting nominations from local music fans from now until Saturday, Feb. 19. Nominate your favorite local bands at <https://nippertown.com/march-music-madness/> and yes, you can nominate more than one band. If for any reason the link doesn't work, just email your nominations directly to jim@nippertown.com.

Up for grabs

Bands have the opportunity to win various cash prizes made available by our incredible local sponsors. Prices will be doubled this year, \$500 for the Winner, \$300 for the Runner-up, and \$200 for 3rd and 4th place Semi-finalists. Last year, we got enough sponsors to extend our prizes for 5th through 8th places. So we are going to double that, too, so if a band makes it to the "Elite Eight" they will walk away with \$100.

tournament, Glass Pony. The bands played a special Nippertown version of the Palace Theatre's Palace Sessions.

The virtual bracketed tournament pits local musicians in friendly competition, vying for bragging rights and the opportunity to win some much-needed cash. The seven-week event plays out across the polls with fans voting in to help their band advance to the next round.

The Capital District's music scene has long been appreciated but has recently garnered national attention with several of our own artists featured on national television audiences of "The Voice" and "American Idol." In 2016, a New York City-based data resource group placed the Tri-City area as No. 6 — one rung behind Austin, Texas — on its nationwide list for the best music scene. But as The Spot 518's Michael Hallisey likes to remind us, we are

#BetterThanAustin.

Our local March "Music" Madness will feature 64 musicians/bands from the Capital Region and include artists from every genre. Each will be welcomed to gather their fanbase to help them advance.

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Nippertown is also working with White Lake Music and Post again this year to come up with a recording studio package

for the winner, and there will sure to be other great prizes for the bands added.

And, the winner of this year's tournament will have the opportunity to play the Main Stage of NipperFest on Saturday, July 23. So instead of the Road to the Final Four, we can say that this is the "Road to NipperFest!"

If you are interested in sponsoring this year's tournament, email Jim Gilbert or Amy Klemme (amy@nippertown.com).

Voting will take place each week on Nippertown.com from Wednesday to Saturday. Bands who advance will be announced on Wednesdays in The Spot 518, as well as, on Nippertown.com. The Crew (Nippertown's Weekly Podcast discussing the local scene) will reveal results live on our Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Twitch channels. Tune in every Wednesday night at 7 p.m.



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RECENTLY ANNOUNCED

A celebration of genres

Hudson Valley Community College announces spring cultural events to be offered in-person, live stream

TROY — The Cultural Affairs Program at Hudson Valley Community College will offer a mix of musical genres during the Spring 2022 semester that will feature concerts by a handful of the Capital District's best known and new-to-the-scene groups and musicians. Plans call for each program to be presented in-person in the Bulmer Telecommunications Center on the Troy campus, as well as live streamed from that location. The live stream access link to each program is available at www.hvcc.edu/culture. The upcoming, hour-long concerts — open free to all — are:

Sara Milonovich & Daisy Cutter — Thursday, Feb. 17, at noon — BTC Auditorium
Fronted by singer/songwriter and fiddle virtuoso Sara Milonovich

and featuring Greg Anderson on guitars and Boo Reiners on banjo, guitar and lap steel, Daisy Cutter fuses bluegrass, indie roots-rock and alt-country to the delight of fans up and down the Hudson River Valley. "Northeast," the band's third album, was a 2021 "Album of the Year" Capital Region Thomas A. Edison Music Award nominee. "Waiting For The Stars," the long-awaited follow up to the band's self-titled debut album, was released in 2016. That same year Milonovich founded Rootstock, a music festival to support the next generation of northeast farmers.

Quintocracy — Thursday, Feb. 24, at noon — BTC Auditorium
Quintocracy, a wind quintet based in the Capital District, is anchored by the belief that music is for all. Classical music shouldn't be limited to traditional settings, and the music surrounding us should be as diverse as the culture we live in. Through interactive concerts highlighted by superb artistry and engaging commentary, the group breaks

the dusty, classical ensemble mold while gaining fans wherever they perform. Quintocracy features Melanie Chirignan on flute, Sue Daves on bassoon, Michael Dee on clarinet, Kelly Lockwood on oboe and Kathryn Svatek on horn.

Reese Fulmer & the Carriage House Band — Thursday, March 10, at noon — BTC Auditorium

Up-and-coming, Saratoga Springs-based, singer/songwriter Reese Fulmer describes himself as a "brand new soul," but his songs tell a different story. With a poetic touch and unique vision, Fulmer writes lyrics and music that are a conduit to something much older and deeper. He and his band mates — Andy Arnold on electric guitar, James Gascoyne on bass and harmony vocals, and Chris Carey on drums, keyboards and vocals — are eager to share the music on "It's All A Dream," their debut EP released in November 2021.

Jim Gaudet & the Railroad Boys — Thursday, March 24, at noon — BTC Auditorium

Jim Gaudet and the Railroad Boys deliver a blend of bluegrass and rockabilly reminiscent of Hank Williams, Earl Scruggs and Bill Monroe. Add some storytelling and a dash of down-home humor, and it's impossible not to have a good time. The lineup at HVCC: Gaudet, guitar and vocals; Bobby Ristau, upright bass and backing vocals; Sten Isachsen, mandolin and backing vocals, with special guests Tucker Callander on fiddle and Richie Pagano on piano. The band just released a new album, entitled "Hillbilly Rock n Roll."

Double B & the New Orleans Drive-by Band — Thursday, April 21, at noon — BTC Auditorium

Double B — aka Bob Button, one of the region's most respected musicians — started playing the trumpet in 1965. Fast forward through five decades of teaching, playing, recording with or opening for many great local and global bands — The Sharks, Blotto, Little Feat, Tower of Power. Double B now rides with The New Orleans Drive-By Band, a

gumbo of dance music, audience participation and soulful vocals that includes jazz, New Orleans Funk, R&B and Gospel-infused Soul. Band members are Bob Assini, drums and spoons; Marcus Benoit, tenor sax; Boot Calkins, guitar, harmonica, accordion and vocals; Mike Kelley, Hammond organ; Jon Paul, bass, and Jeff Roberts, trombone and tuba.

Visit www.hvcc.edu/culture for the live stream access link to each event.

Founded in 1953, Hudson Valley Community College offers more than 80 associate degree and certificate programs in three schools: Business and Liberal Arts, Health Sciences, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, and an Educational Opportunity Center for academic and career training. It is one of 30 community colleges in the State University of New York system and is known as a leader in distance learning initiatives and workforce training. The college has more than 80,000 alumni.



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Albany Capital Center
55 Eagle St., Albany.
518-487-2155

Across The Street Pub
1238 Western Ave., Albany.
518-438-1718
Thurs: **Trivia** | 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Avalon Lounge
29 Church St, Catskill
518-719-1640
Fri: **Dmitry Wild and the Spells / Toxic Tito** | 8:30 p.m.-11 p.m.
Sat: **Bobby Previte presents: The Grooveharmonic Trio** | 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Brown's Troy Taproom & Brewery
417 River Street ,Troy
518-273-2337
Fri: **Troy Night Out** | 5-9 p.m.

Black Bear Inn
310 19th St., Watervliet
518-272-9486
Wed: **Trivia Night** | 7:30 p.m.

Caffè Lena
47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs
518-583-0022
Thurs: **Della Mae** | 7:30-9 p.m.
Fri: **Mike Block Trio** | 8-10 p.m.
Sat: **Nora Brown** | 8-10 p.m.

Carson's Woodside Tavern
57 NY-9P, Malta
518-584-9791
Thurs: **Jay Yager & Chris Dollard** | 6-9 p.m.
Fri: **Jake Juron** | 6-9 p.m.
Sat: **Rich Clements Duo** | 6-9 p.m.

Centre Street Pub
308 Union St., Schenectady
518-393-2337

Cohoes Music Hall
58 Remsen St., Cohoes
518-434-0776

The Comedy Works
388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs
877-565-3849
Fri: **Robert Kelly** | 8 p.m.

Druthers Brewing Company
1053 Broadway, Albany
(518) 650-7996

Eden Cafe
269 Osborne Road #3, Albany
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Thurs: **The Tony Loves Trixie Show auditions and Rehearsal** | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Egg
Empire State Plaza., Albany
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Fri: **Tito Cheeto Tour** | 7:30 p.m.

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Empire Live/Underground
93 North Pearl St., Albany
866-468-3399
Fri: **Plush** | 7 p.m.

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HOT SPOTS EVENTS CALENDAR



Homecoming performance for Plush

Plush smashed the Billboard Mainstream Rock Top 40 last April and continues to draw fans with its hard rock sound off the band's debut album. Now Moriah Formica and bandmates come home to play Empire Live on Friday, Feb. 11.

ReelRage

Fort Orange Brewing
450 North Pearl St, Albany
518-992-3103
Frog Alley Brewing Co.
108 State Street Schenectady
518-631-4800
Fri: **The Refrigerators** | 8:30 p.m.
Sat: **DVB Rocks** | 9 p.m.

Fuze Box
12 Central Avenue Albany
518-992-6434
Sat: **Cretin Hop Winter Formal** | 9 p.m.

Funny Bone
1 Crossgates Mall Rd #K-206, Albany
518-313-7484.
Fri: **Shane Torres** | 7 p.m.

Gaffney's
16 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs
518-587-7359

Grappa '72
818 Central Ave., Albany
518-482-7200
Thurs: **The Hamilton Street Jazz Trio** | 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Fri: **Earl Davis with Peg & Bill Delaney** | 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The Hangar on the Hudson
675 River St., Troy
518-272-9740

The Hollow Bar + Kitchen
79 North Pearl St., Albany
518-426-8550
Fri: **The Seapods** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **The Seapods** | 7 p.m.

Lark Hall

351 Hudson Ave, Albany
518-599-5804

The Linda
339 Central Ave, Albany
518-465-5233
Fri: **Metropolis** | 8 p.m.
Sun: **NY Folklore** | 3 p.m.

McGeary's Irish Pub
4 Clinton Square, Albany
518-463-1455
Tues: **Trivia Night** | 7 p.m.

Nashville Of Saratoga
39 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs
518-909-6274

Nanola
2639 Rt 9, Malta
518-587-1300

The Night Owl
17 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs
518-319-2300
Thurs: **Cookout** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Fireside Fridays** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Supper Club Saturdays** | 6 p.m.

Olde English Pub
683 Broadway, Albany. 518-434-6533

The Palace Theatre
19 Clinton Ave., Albany
518-465-4663
Sat: **Tchaikovsky's Pathétique** | 7:30 p.m.

Playhouse Stage Co.
Madison Ave at New Scotland Ave Albany (518) 434-2035

Panza's

129 So. Broadway, Saratoga Springs
518-584-6882
Fri: **Artie Mozeik** | 6:30 p.m.
Sat: **Michael Panza & The Brian Halliday Trio** | 6:30 p.m.

Parish Public House
388 Broadway, Albany
518-465-0444

The Parting Glass
40-42 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs
518-583-1916
Sat: **Kilashandra** | 7 p.m.

Paulys Hotel
337 Central Ave., Albany
518-426-0828
Thurs: **Worm MTBA** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Kings Of Nothing, Grand Stand Jockeys, Society High and The Frozen Heads** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Heartbreakers Valentines Drag Show** | 8 p.m.

Proctors
432 State Street., Schenectady
518-346-6204
Thurs: **Blippi the Musical** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Rent 25Th Anniversary Farewell Tour** | 8 p.m.

Putnam Place
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs
518-584-8066
Sat: **Sirsy** | 8 p.m.

Rare Form Brewing Company
90 Congress Street Troy
(518) 326-4303

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
Wed: **Trivia** | 7-9 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub
150 Speigletown Rd., Troy
518-235-5858
Thurs: **Open Mic Night** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Double-B and The New Orleans Drive-by Band** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Beg, Steal or Borrow** | 8 p.m.

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

Saratoga National
458 Union Avenue Saratoga Springs
518.583.4653

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

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

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

Fri: **Poetic Injustice** | 8 p.m.

Vapor
342 Jefferson St, Saratoga Springs
(518) 584-2110
Fri: **Motion Blur** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **The Refrigerators** | 8 p.m.

Van Slyck's
Rivers Casino & Resort
1 Rush St., Schenectady
518-579-8800
Fri: **Chris Dollard** | 7-10 p.m.
Sat: **Elizabeth Woodbury Kasius** | 8 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
Sat: **Livewire 518 With Revenge** | 7 p.m.

Wishing Well Restaurant
745 Saratoga Rd., Wilton
518-584-7640
Fri: **Rob Aronstein Trio** | 8 p.m.

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

SUMMER Camp guide

Listings and editorial on all the Capital District's Summer Camp activities, workshops and programs.



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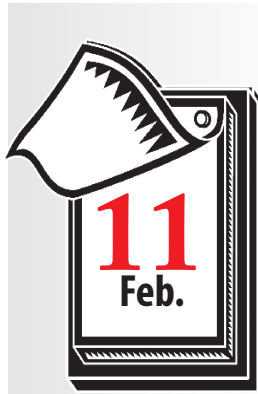
ECHO-Ginne Gardiner & Amy Talluto Recent Painting and Collage A pattern of reflections distinguishes the work of these two artists, who make paintings that are cycled into collages, which are then reinterpreted as new paintings. Amy Talluto and Ginne Gardiner both describe the earliest phases of their 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 cen-



HOT DATE

THE SEAPODS!

A great night for jamband music in Downtown Albany. Not quite ominous without Dana, The Seapods play the first of two nights at The Hollow on Friday, Feb 11, starting at 7 p.m.

ture, however, woodblock prints had largely fallen out of vogue. Mass-market newspapers and magazines had taken 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. 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

Salon '22 Art Show featuring local Art-

ists Through February. Ongoing: Local Antique Print & Map room Exhibit hours: Tue. thru Sat, 12noon - 5 PM. 201 Broadway Troy, NY clementart.com 518 272 6811The Hyde Collection

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

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

Mabee Farm Historic Site Redesigning Fashion: Transgression and Identity in Women's Historic Dress

- A partnership between SCHS and the Fashion & Textiles program at SUNY Oneonta. The collaboration has resulted in an exhibition that explores the historical importance of women's clothing and fashion in the expression of cultural values and the creation of identity, and examines how those ideals change over time. Open now - November 30.

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

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

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

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Seeing Ourselves: From Silhouette 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 Ourselves 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 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 GE Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine are also on view.

Interactive activities include Capture Your Shadow, Colorize a Photograph, Get In The Scene, Face Mixer, Fool a Computer Vision System, Make Your Bones Dance, and more.

Model Trains Show

An exhibition of approximately fifty photographs and works of art depicting scenes from the history of the American Locomotive Company and General Electric's development of locomotives will also be on view in the Museum's newly-renovated Lecture Gallery. Highlights include an 1895 photograph by famed GE engineer, Charles Steinmetz, of New York Central's Empire State Express, a steam locomotive that was built in Albany and set a world record by traveling 112 miles per hour; a photo of Big Boy, a 1.2-million-pound locomotive that was the largest ever built; and a 1932 work of art by Walter Greene titled More Power and Speed for New Haven that was commissioned by GE to promote their line of modern streamlined locomotives.

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

New York State Museum

Thomas Hart Benton

In 1956 Thomas Hart Benton was commissioned by Robert Moses, chairman of the New York Power Authority, to create two murals for the powerhouse building of the state's first hydropower facility in Massena. They feature Jacques Cartier's explorations of the St. Lawrence River and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Alternately titled The Seneca Discover the French and Jacques Cartier Discovers the Indians, the 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. Ex-

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Remain as is
5. Functional
11. News magazine
12. Popular treat
16. Area units
17. Artificial intelligence
18. Marten valued for its fur
19. Forms of matter
24. Home of the Dodgers
25. Bordering
26. Part of the eye
27. It might be nervous
28. Visualizes
29. Crest of a hill
30. Measures engine speed (abbr.)
31. Tears in a garment (Br. Eng.)
33. Not easily explained
34. Song in short stanzas
38. Detonations
39. Intestinal
40. EU cofounder Paul-Henri ___
43. Balmy
44. New Mexico mountain town
45. Gobblers
49. Insecticide
50. Golf scores
51. Has its own altar
53. "Pollock" actor Harris
54. Being livable
56. NHL play-by-play man
58. "The Great Lakes State" (abbr.)
59. Unpainted
60. Swam underwater
63. Native American people
64. Containing salt
65. Exam

CLUES DOWN

1. Small bone in middle ear
2. Long, angry speech
3. Move out of
4. Male organ

5. Two-toed sloth
6. Making dirty
7. Article
8. Oil company
9. Emits coherent radiation
10. Amounts of time
13. Unit equal to one quintillion bytes (abbr.)
14. Forbidden by law
15. Drains away
20. Not out
21. Sea patrol (abbr.)
22. Bird genus
23. Gratuity
27. ___ and feathers
29. Spiritual part of an individual (ancient Egypt)
30. Hot beverage
31. Pouch
32. It followed the cassette
33. Large northern deer
34. Ones who offer formally
35. Famed genie
36. Bequeathed
37. Skeletal muscle
38. Atomic #56
40. Silk garment
41. They deliver the mail
42. Equally
44. Check
45. Light-colored breed of hound
46. Drug that soothes
47. Railroads
48. Most slick
50. Jacket
51. A radio band
52. Hello
54. His and ___
55. Supporter
57. Popular software suite (abbr.)
61. Railway
62. NY coastal region (abbr.)

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Young at hand, old at heart

Nora Brown is a young banjo player who plays it with an old-time traditional style that goes back to the Southeast regions of eastern Kentucky and Tennessee. She picked up the banjo at 6 and started learning the instrument from the late Shlomo Pestcoe. You can hear her play at Caffe Lena on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Nora Brown

tended until February 5th 2022.

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

Ongoing: "Mapping Schenectady" Some of SCHS' most prominent and interesting maps are now on permanent display in the Map Gallery. Also, **"Beyond the Pines: Early Schenectady,"** an exhibit focused entirely on early Schenectady: its founding, its people, and what life was like for the city's earliest residents. Plus permanent exhibits. Museum hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Library and Museum, 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Admission: \$5. 518-374-0263 or schenectady-historical.org

Dan Sekellic Visual

Arts Gallery

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

Tang Teaching Museum

On Their Own Terms- On Their Own Terms is an exhibition curated by students in the Scribner Seminar "Outsiders? Folk and Self-Taught Artists in the United States" which presents works by a selection of nineteenth- and twentieth-century artists from the United States who have been variously categorized as

"self-taught," "outsider," "folk," or "visionary," among other labels. Objects range in form and medium and include textiles, sculptures, relief carvings, paintings, and drawings. The exhibition aims to present the visual art and lives of these artists while also interrogating the ways that curators, dealers, and scholars have exhibited, acquired, and sometimes overlooked this important work. Although a diverse group of artists, most of them began to create work late in life, received no formal training, and share a decisive commitment to what and why they wanted to create. Exhibit starts December 4th, 2021 - April 10th, 2022.

Lauren Kelley Location Scouting- Conceived and designed for conversation, dialogue, study, and contemplation, Location Scouting is the fourth exhibition in a series that invites an artist to re-imagine what a community space in the museum can be. Artist and curator Lauren Kelley reshapes the Tang Teaching Museum's mezzanine by combining meditations on travel with snapshots of everyday life in her drawings, sculpture, and stop-motion animation videos. Using plasticine, toys, and souvenirs, Kelley's videos conjure worlds that are malleable and unfixed, inhabited by robust protagonists whose quirks stem from efforts to correct the asymmetrical relationships they encounter. Accentuating the off-kilter, Location Scouting speaks to the shifts and rifts inherent in navigating today's post-pandemic landscape. 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



HOT DATE

SIRSY!

This dynamic duo is just the vibe you need this Valentine's Day weekend when SIRSY takes the stage at Putnam Place on Saturday, Feb. 12, starting at 8 p.m.

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 16, 2022.

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

University Art Museum

Ronny Quevedo: Offside-

Inspired by his mother's and father's respective careers—a seamstress and a professional soccer player—multi-media artist Ronny Quevedo will occupy the arched walls of the museum in a newly commissioned work with diagrammatic vinyl lines that recall both dress patterns and gymnasium floors. Throughout this exhibition, which will include artwork from 2012 to the present, Quevedo's own family's emigration from Ecuador to New York serves as a catalyst for work reflecting on socio-political issues of migration, Indigenous experiences, and sacred spaces. Gallery begins January 25 - April 2, 2022. University Art Museum is located at 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany.

THEATER

Come From Away

Broadway's COME FROM AWAY is a Best Musical winner all across North America! This New York Times Critics' Pick takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. Cultures clashed and nerves ran high, but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night, and gratitude grew into enduring friendships. Don't miss this breathtaking new musical written by Tony® nominees Irene Sankoff and David Hein, and helmed by this year's Tony-winning Best Director, Christopher Ashley. Show runs January 25th through the 30th only at Proctors 432 State Street Schenectady.

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HOT DATE

TRIVIA NIGHT!

If you've got plans to walk into an Irish pub to make a name for yourself at Trivia Night, you best bring your A-game, lad. McGeary's Irish Pub hosts such a night every Tuesday night, starting at 8 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jerusalem Reformed Church
Soup, Sandwich, and Desert Take-out. Saturday, October 9th from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Donations welcome. Please note, masks are required to enter the building. 1433 Indian Fields Rd, Feura Bush.

Troy Farmers Market

More than 80 food growers, bakers, chefs and artisans gather to offer the Capital District's freshest and finest! Live music, great food, family activities and learning opportunities. Every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Troy. Free admission. 518-708-4216 or www.troymarket.org

Schenectady GreenMarket

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

Veterans Meet-Up

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

Social Night/Open House tours

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

MUSIC

Dmitry Wild and the Spells / Toxic Tito

Dmitry Wild plays vaudevillian psych-rock... Toxic Tito are a powerful, no-frills New York City punk band led by Venezuelan-born Luis Accorsi, who came up in the 80s scene playing CBGBs and working as an art dealer for Keith Haring, Futura and others; they'll play a mixture of originals and classics by The Ramones, The Sex Pistols and more. The show will be February 11th at 8:30 p.m.

This is only at The Avalon Lounge 29 Church St. Catskill, NY.

Della Mae

Della Mae is a GRAMMY-nominated all-woman string band founded by lead vocalist/guitarist Celia Woodsmith and 2-time national champion fiddle player Kimber Ludiker. Rounding out the lineup are guitarist Avril Smith, bassist Vickie Vaughn and mandolinist Maddie Witler. Hailing from across North America, and reared in diverse musical styles, Della Mae is one of the most charismatic and engaging roots bands touring today. They have traveled to over 30 countries spreading peace and understanding through music. Their mission as a band is to showcase top female musicians, and to improve opportunities for women and girls through advocacy, mentorship, programming, and performance. The Show will be February 10th at 7 p.m. only at Caffe Lena 47 Phila Street Saratoga Springs.

Mike Block Trio

A supergroup string band featuring three unique and virtuosic musicians. By fertilizing American roots music with contemporary and international influences, they bring an exciting and personal perspective to acoustic music. Mike Block is a pioneering cello player, singer, composer, and educator, hailed by Yo-Yo Ma as the "ideal musician of the 21st-Century." Joe K. Walsh is a Bluegrass mandolin player and singer known internationally as an exceptionally tasteful player from his work with the legendary Gibson Brothers band. Walsh was the first mandolinist to graduate from Berkeley College of Music on that instrument. He returned to Berkeley in 2011 as both a mandolin instructor and as Managing Director of the American Roots Music Program. Zachariah Hickman is a double

bassist, singer, multi-instrumentalist and producer based out of Boston, MA. For most of his career he has toured with singer-songwriter Josh Ritter, traveling all over the world and recording 7 full-length albums. Currently, he is performing as bassist and musical director for Ray Lamontagne. Show will be February 11th at 8 p.m. only at Caffe Lena 47 Phila Street Saratoga Springs.

Nora Brown

Nora plays old-time traditional music with a particular interest in eastern Kentucky and Tennessee banjo playing. Along with the banjo and guitar she also sings traditional unaccompanied ballads from southeast Appalachia and beyond. She has played at numerous venues and festivals including TED Salon in NYC, NPR Tiny Desk, Joe's Pub, the Floyd Radio Show, Brooklyn Folk Festival, Oldtone Roots Music Festival, Irvington Folk Festival, Blue Ox Festival in WI, Mountain Song Festival in NC, and has had multiple month long residencies at famed Barbès in Brooklyn NY. She has been featured in a variety of podcasts including WNYC's Dolly Parton's America along with NPR's Weekend Edition and All Songs Considered and Apple Music has placed her on the American Best Songs, New In Acoustic. Show will be February 12th at 8 p.m. only at Caffe Lena 47 Phila Street Saratoga Springs.

Gaelic Storm

Since their performance in the 1997 feature film "Titanic" catapulted Gaelic Storm to international acclaim, the band has remained one of the world's foremost Celtic fusion bands and they return to The Egg as part of their "We Missed You" tour for an evening of party drinking songs, patriotic anthems, quiet folk songs and spritely instrumentals. Show is February 11th at 8 p.m. at the Egg.

HOROSCOPES

February 2022 Week 2

ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

Aries, you may be feeling romantic lately, but there will be little time to act upon it. Bide your time for a week or two until you can spend time with a special someone.

TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

Taurus, craft an eclectic guest list for an upcoming party you're hosting. The more points of view you can hear, the more engaging the event will be.

GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

Gemini, a loved one needs you and you're the right person for the job. Find a way you can lend a hand. Your efforts won't go unnoticed and pitching in will prove its own reward.

CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

Cancer, you may need to tighten the purse strings in the days ahead. Limit purchases only to the necessities for the next few weeks until you feel more secure.

LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

Leo, bring people together is your specialty. Put your talents to use and encourage friends and family to get together for some fun. The party will be welcomed by all.

VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

Someone in your life could be at a crossroads, Virgo. Lend an open ear if he or she needs to talk. Your support will be well-received and reciprocated when the time comes.

LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

Libra, your talents will be in high demand in the days and weeks ahead. Take things one task at a time and embrace the responsibility and trust.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

Scorpio, you usually are outgoing, but this week you may feel shy and reserved. Stick closer to home if you're not feeling the social scene right now.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

Sagittarius, now is the time to spread a little good cheer. Let others know how much you care and encourage them to do the same. This will have a positive effect on everyone's mood.

CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

Activities that have you working in a group go as planned, Capricorn. Your willingness to work with others and set a good example is highly valued.

AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

Aquarius, a brief separation from someone special in your life has you feeling melancholy. Surround yourself with friends to brighten your mood as much as possible.

PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

Treat yourself to a meal at a favorite restaurant or go on a little retail therapy spree. You deserve a little pampering.

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More than good taste

Garden Bistro's 24 has a Farm-to-Table menu that promises a feast for the senses

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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— Speak to John Grizzaffi about food and taste won't be the first sense he references, neither will it be the second.

It's a conversation the chef often has when people ask him to describe the contrasts between everyday food and his Farm-to-Table menu at Garden Bistro 24. The difference, he said, is first detected by the eyes and the nose.

"There's a lot more aroma, identifiable aromas to certain things," he said, explaining how herbs and berries enhance the flavor of a dish instead of other staples people are used to in processed foods. "I think a lot of the aromas are lost in transport. When you turn

around, aromas are what follows next after sight, and I think it just makes a major difference."

Grizzaffi opened Garden Bistro 24 as the first eatery in Slingerlands' Vista Technology Campus nearly a decade ago with his father, Charles.

Grizzaffi is a graduate of the prestigious Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park. Known for its food focus and world-class resources, the college is renowned for offering degrees in applied food studies, culinary science, food business and hospitality management. His kitchen is devoid of microwaves and freezers.

Grizzaffi curates fresh food from a dozen different farms, all of whom are listed on the restaurant's website. Outside of the

fish made available along the East Coast, meat and vegetables are obtained from farms within the Capital District.

For Grizzaffi, there's nothing fancy about his restaurant. The food is welcoming and authentic, and it brings kids to the table. And, if it's to be a night without the kids, venture on to Garden Bistro's heated patio for a chicken pot pie, a craft beer or some wine.

"We hate the word 'fancy,'" he said. "When I was a kid, a nice restaurant had to be considered a fancy restaurant. As an adult, absolutely not. I don't crave fancy food. ... A great restaurant is a simple restaurant; and that is, to provide a great environment and food."

170 Years in banking

National Bank of Coxsackie invests in its neighbors

COXSACKIE — The Spotlight recently sat down with Jody Shaw, assistant vice president and business development officer at National Bank Of Coxsackie, to ask her what's important about being a part of a community.

Question: When a company grows it either presents itself as one of the big fish in the pond, or it holds on to the small town appeal. Why has it been so important for NBC to keep to its grassroots approach?

Jody Shaw: National Bank of Coxsackie is celebrating 170 years of community business, and today we offer a full line of services for both individual and business customers. We have lending services that include everything from Residential Construction Loans to Commercial Lending. Our customers are confident that we are building a one-on-one relationship with them and the entire NBC team is local and working together to help them achieve their goals.

Question: Today's housing market is at a boom and favorable interest rates play a factor in that. What kind of conversations are you having with first-time buyers?

Jody Shaw: It is important for first-time buyers to know their budget and understand how their purchase fits into their long-term goals. At National Bank of Coxsackie, we hold and service our mortgages. It is nice that they can come to us for anything, even after we close. I fully explain the process of purchasing a home and I am available to talk and meet with them when it fits their schedule, and that includes nights and weekends. This makes their experience enjoyable and they will have peace of mind.

Question: National Bank of Coxsackie's Glenmont branch has impressed me as being a town crier, using its sign to praise the successes of Bethlehem Central and the surrounding community. What is your role within the community outside of just being a business that works here?

Jody Shaw: National Bank of Coxsackie is proud to be a part of this community and we pride ourselves on working with the community. Our team at the branch volunteers and collects food for the Bethlehem Food Bank, we sponsor a local Little League Team, we have a Community Board, and we are committed to helping local economics by supporting small and family-owned businesses.



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SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS 2022

The Spinney is an engaged community

Popular '55-and-better' community to add 118 more cottages

DELMAR — The first 102 units at The Spinney at Van Dyke have been leased and people are already clamoring to get into the next phase of cottages scheduled to break ground later this year. A total of 118 additional cottage-style units are to be completed by 2023. Many of the new apartments will continue to offer familiar floor plans that range anywhere between 700 to 1,450 square feet. Morgan Ruthman, President and CEO of The Spinney Group, said they will be breaking ground this spring.

"We continue to see high demand for our cottages. We have a waiting list of folks, who we maintain regular contact

with regarding updates to the project because they're eager to sign their lease," shared Ruthman.

The Spinney at Van Dyke, an active adult community, is a neighborhood of its own, designed for the "55-and-better" who have retired into their next phase of life, or are working professionals transitioning towards that goal.

Its popular Delmar location has been at full occupancy for some time. What stands built today represents the first two phases of construction of the planned development that were completed in 2017. The community will double in size now that the

Town has granted site plan approval to proceed with completion of the project.

The location allows many residents to stay in their hometown, close to family, friends, and houses of worship. It's still the same commute to the movies, the mall or the show downtown. The community also welcomes many residents new to the Capital Region that decide to call The Spinney at Van Dyke "home."

The Spinney is unique for its one-story living model. The cottages are built specifically so residents do not need to climb stairs in their homes, allowing them to more easily age in place.

While Spinney cottage amenities feel like living in a single-family home, residents will no longer feel the burdens of homeownership. Time that would otherwise be spent mowing the lawn, shoveling snow, or fixing the plumbing can be regained to focus on family, friends, and hobbies. Full-time Lifestyle Director Courtney Russell assists residents in cultivating and maintaining a variety of curated activities with a robust events calendar.

"We have a Lifestyle Director who has really given the community all kinds of outlets to continue to develop their skills and interests," Ruthman said. "COVID was a challenge to the lifestyle program, but Courtney did an incredible job pivoting to creative

"The Spinney motto is 'Home to a New Generation,' and I think it speaks to the fact that our cottage homes are more than just a place to live. They are a place where a group of folks can come together to engage with each another and create a new kind of community."

— Morgan Ruthman, president and CEO of The Spinney Group

COVID-safe initiatives which the residents have embraced."

The 5,000 square-foot Spinney clubhouse provides a town square feel that allows residents to socialize and gather for events. During the warmer months, there's also a community garden, 2 pools, a walking trail, and an exclusive summer concert series.

"The Spinney motto is 'Home to a New Generation,' and I think it speaks to the fact that our cottage homes are more than just a place to live," Ruthman said. "They are a place where a group of folks can come together to engage with each another and create a new kind of community."

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Did you know?

Firms on the lookout for ways to manage employees' time more efficiently may want to reconsider their approach to meetings. A recent study on meetings commissioned by Verizon Conferencing found that an overwhelming majority of professionals who are considered heavy meeting-goers admitted to an array of behaviors that suggest meetings aren't as productive as employers may believe. Ninety-six percent of respondents admitted to having missed meetings in the past, while 91 percent acknowledged daydreaming during meetings. In addition, 73 percent of respondents did other work during a meeting, while 39 percent acknowledged falling asleep.



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Wei Lou performed Sergei Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3 for her orchestral debut at the age of 11. This weekend, she comes back to Prokofiev, from whom she draws courage and strength to pursue another passion — poetry.

David Wong

From page B1 ... Strength and courage

By MICHAEL HALLISEY
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ALBANY — The world has known Wei Luo as an acclaimed classical pianist since stepping in front of her first orchestra when she was 11, but her passion for the arts extends beyond that of the ebony and ivory often in front of her.

"I think my biggest passion in life is the arts," said Luo. "Obviously, I am a pianist, so I want to express and I want to connect with people with my music, with the performances that I do. Making that connection with people and to love each other, I think that's the most important thing in my life."

Luo's realization of that passion became evident to her during the height of the pandemic. Marked by global shutdowns and frequent quarantines, she would find herself lost while sequestered in a hotel room without a piano. What she soon found was the desire to write poetry.

This Saturday, Feb 12, Luo will revisit her 2017 premiere with the Albany Symphony Orchestra with a performance of Sergei Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3. Later this year,

however, she plans to host an immersive art exhibit in Midtown Manhattan featuring portraits and poetry she wrote about Prokofiev, all the while she plays the work of her favorite composer on piano.

The Russian pianist and composer is dear to her. The composition she is to play at the Palace this weekend is the same piece she performed before the Shanghai Philharmonic when she was 11.

As a child, Wei said, she was quiet. She learned to express herself behind the keyboard, where she would remain for hours. Today, the 22-year-old is in flight while on stage. The electricity she finds in Prokofiev's work appears to surge through her as she plays. Her promotional photographs accentuate this passionate play, freezing in time her long, flowing mane of black hair.

Wei has other favorites, some of whom she has shared on a YouTube channel. But, in recent months, she said she found herself drawn back to Prokofiev while looking for a source of strength and courage.

The Peter and the Wolf composer was a bit of a rebel. Prokofiev's early

works would stray from the conventional. Sarcasms for piano, Op. 17, in particular, presented a manic display of polytonality that prompted one audience to leave in disgust. But his use of the percussive, she said, is what strikes her.

"Especially during the last year, so many things were changing," said Wei, describing her mindset during the COVID pandemic. "I went back to Prokofiev the most and I found so much courage and power to be brave enough to deal with all of these ever-changing problems in life."

Wei comes back to Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3, a fitting tribute to the composer she most admires, just days before Valentine's Day in Albany. The Valentine's Weekend program also includes Tchaikovsky's masterful Symphony No. 6, "Pathétique," and New York City-based British composer Hannah Kendall's The Spark Catchers.

"I am beyond excited to be back with Albany Symphony to perform this masterpiece," said Luo. "The Prokofiev Third Piano Concerto is one of the most powerful yet beautiful concertos of all time with touching melodies, percussive sounds, and electrifying rhythms. It will be a blast!"

Music Director David Alan Miller said he's

excited to have her back as one of two favorite virtuoso pianists who will be featured on two separate weekends.

Luo returns to perform On Saturday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 pm at the Palace Theatre and streaming live online.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Wei Luo back to play one of my all-time favorite piano concertos, Prokofiev's glorious Third, along with the most romantic, passionate, life-affirming Russian symphony in the repertoire, Tchaikovsky's Sixth, the 'Pathétique,'

Miller said. "We're also delighted to feature a brilliant recent work by composer Hannah Kendall. All the music on this program crackles with warmth and love; it is the perfect antidote for a cold winter's night, and a musical Valentine you won't want to miss."

On Saturday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 27, at 3 p.m., Kevin Cole—the foremost interpreter of the music of George Gershwin—makes his long-awaited triumphant return for a special program including a rare

presentation of an iconic favorite.

"We're delighted to welcome Kevin Cole back for a gorgeous evening of Gershwin classics from the 1920s, including 'Rhapsody in Blue,' performed in its seldom heard original jazz band version, and some of Kevin's own dazzling Gershwin improvisations," Miller said. "Don't miss this concert; it will be unforgettable!"

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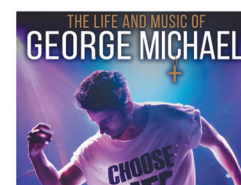
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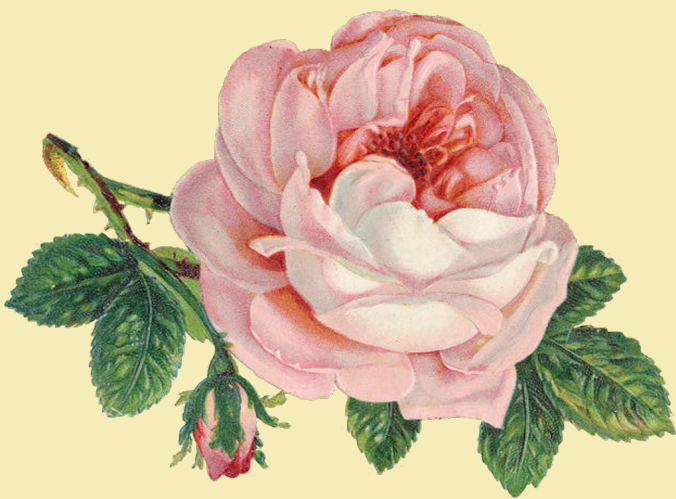
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— Michael Hallisey

Rensselaer leads workshop to develop New York's hemp industry as revolution in sustainable construction

TROY — Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute brought together academia, New York state government, and industry at a recent workshop to discuss the growing hemp industry and opportunities in New York.

The Seed to City Hemp Initiative combines Rensselaer expertise in design, engineering, and business to develop a holistic plan for a sustainable and economically viable hemp industry for New York.

The workshop included representatives from the Executive Chamber, New

Did you know?

New York launched the Industrial Hemp Agricultural Research Pilot Program, recognizing hemp's potential benefit to local business.

York State Assembly, New York State Agriculture and Markets, Empire State Development, the New York Farm Bureau, the Manufacturers Association of Central New York, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to discuss next steps for bringing the Seed to City Hemp Initiative to fruition. The group also toured several research facilities on the Rensselaer campus.

New York state launched the Industrial Hemp Agricultural Research Pilot Program in 2015, recognizing its potential impact on manufacturing, job creation, and the

profitability of farms across New York state. Since then, the State has joined with researchers, academics, businesses, and processors to develop strategies to advance research and grow the industry throughout the State. Today, the New York State Industrial Hemp Agricultural Research Pilot Program has nearly 800 authorized growers, and approximately 30,000 acres registered for growing industrial hemp.

"Rensselaer is pleased to be a partner in this exciting effort to develop and commercialize hemp as an industrial product," said Robert Hull, Rensselaer acting vice president for research. "Rensselaer is home to world-class researchers and platforms focused on driving discovery and innovation in advanced manufacturing and the built environment. Rensselaer President Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson

announced at President Biden's virtual climate summit the creation of our Institute for Energy, the Built Environment, and Smart Systems, or EBESS. A major focus of this new Institute will be to create new processes and products that drive decarbonization of the construction industry, in this case by helping to incorporate industrial hemp into New York's built infrastructure."

"I'd like to thank the team at RPI for their hospitality," said Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, who chairs the NYS Assembly Agriculture Committee. "We were very impressed by the research being done to reduce carbon in the built environment through sustainable manufacturing practices using hemp fiber and hurd, the woody inner core of the hemp stalk. The opportunities for New York farmers, processors, and

manufacturers are endless if we can concentrate our efforts to promote these uses of industrial hemp. In fact, many manufacturers will be able to retrofit existing operations to substitute hemp raw materials for their product lines."

"It was my pleasure to join members of the RPI team, Assemblywoman Lupardo, and other industry and community leaders to see first-hand how industrial hemp can become a meaningful part of manufacturing and agriculture," said MACNY President and CEO Randy Wolken. "It was eye-opening to learn more about its environmental benefits and wide-ranging uses. There is real opportunity for industrial hemp to become a strong factor in the future of sustainable agriculture and manufacturing practices."

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associate director of the Center for Architecture Science and Ecology (CASE), and Dan Walczyk, professor of mechanical engineering and director of the Manufacturing Innovation Center (MIC), presented an overview of agricultural/horticultural, processing, and manufacturing aspects of going from hemp plant to construction products.

The building and construction industries have embraced the environmental benefits of both hemp fiber and hurd. However, there are technical hurdles that need to be overcome, including the lack of effective stalk processing methods and equipment that does not

damage the fiber, lack of material property data, lack of manufacturing methods and, crucially, lack of higher value end-products for the construction industry.

A Rensselaer team is developing several cost-effective hemp processing technologies that separate fiber and hurd without adversely affecting their mechanical properties. They are also developing a sustainable degumming method and new hemp bio-composite processing methods.

The Rensselaer team has determined that processing facilities will be required to receive the plants after they are harvested. They are proposing the development

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The Rensselaer researchers are also developing a hemp-based rebar reinforcing technology for cement.

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TROY — Services like Instacart, Grubhub, DoorDash, and Amazon certainly existed before the COVID-19 pandemic. However, demand for groceries, food, and other products purchased online and delivered directly to your door substantially increased when the coronavirus forced many Americans to stay at home.

But just how much has the demand for deliveries increased, who uses the services, what kind of products are being delivered, and perhaps most importantly, will this increase in usage last? Researchers at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute are

answering these questions to aid policymakers and transportation logistics planners.

In the first comprehensive study investigating the initial adoption and continuance intention of delivery services during a pandemic, Cara Wang, an associate professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Rensselaer, found that over 90 percent of people who use online delivery services would likely revert back to their original way of shopping.

“It is likely that the increased use of e-commerce is not the result of market competition, where the most efficient competitor outperforms the others,” Dr. Wang said. “Rather, an external disruption — the pandemic — significantly altered the playing field. Once this external effect is removed, some of the

gains made by the delivery services will likely fall off.”

Using a survey method and computer modeling, Dr. Wang determined that not all delivery products are the same, nor do all consumers use delivery services in the same way.

Dr. Wang identified four distinct types of users: non-adopters, prior adopters, temporary new adopters, and permanent new adopters. And delivery-service users access products in four different categories: groceries, food, home goods, and other items.

The research showed that both the initial adoption of delivery services and the intent to continue using them varies by goods type. Grocery deliveries had the highest proportion of new adopters, followed by home goods, food, and, finally, other packages. These results imply that the COVID-19

pandemic had a larger impact on the purchase opportunities for essential items than less essential items.

The study also found what while the number of users for grocery deliveries increased by 113 percent during COVID, almost half of these new adopters would not continue to use it once the pandemic is over.

Temporary new adopters accounted for a larger portion than the permanent new adopters for essential items, while there were more permanent new adopters for less essential items.

These findings are essential for investigating the impacts of the pandemic and predicting future demand.

“Answering these questions is essential to estimate the current and future demand for deliveries,” said José Holguín-Veras,

director of the Center for Infrastructure, Transportation, and the Environment at Rensselaer and a co-author of the paper. “Transportation professionals and researchers have assumed that people would still rely on delivery services even after the COVID crisis is over. However, in reality, consumers’ technology acceptance is much more dynamic and complex during a pandemic than during normal conditions. Understanding these nuanced behaviors is essential for sound transportation policy making.”

The paper, “Adoption of delivery services in light of the COVID pandemic: Who and how long?” was also co-authored by Woojung Kim and Joshua Schmidt, both doctoral students in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Rensselaer.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Bruce Dickinson at The Egg

By JOHN MOORE
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ALBANY — It was Groundhog Day, but an appearance by Iron Maiden vocalist Bruce Dickinson — doing a band-and-(mostly)-music-free solo talking show — is hardly a Groundhog Day-type event.

Dickinson hasn't performed in Albany in over 30 years, since Iron Maiden last played the area in January 1991 at the then-Knickerbocker Arena, with Anthrax supporting. Strange, that. Maiden were regulars in the area from 1981, pre-Dickinson, when they first opened for Judas Priest at the Palace Theater, until that 1991 gig, also hitting the Glens Falls Civic Center (3x), and RPI Fieldhouse (2x), with

Bruce himself, also playing a solo band show at Saratoga Winners in Latham in 1990. And then nothing for 31 years. Until now.

Bruce isn't known as a spoken-word guy. But the crowd was engaged and into it, and heavily populated by Iron Maiden shirts of all vintages. And why shouldn't Dickinson do spoken word? Aside from being the guy from Iron Maiden, he's a fencer (has competed internationally), an aviator (and a former airline pilot), an author (including some fun Douglas Adams-style novels), a DJ, and a brewer. Lots to talk about.

To be sure, there was some Iron Maiden-related talk from Mr. Dickinson, but this wasn't a night of Maiden stories: he covered a gamut of subjects, delivered animatedly, with English humor sprinkled throughout, and spot-on vocal

imitations of band-mates, his manager, and stuffy, sexually inappropriate schoolteachers.

And he covered everything from birth (cleverly working in the "Egg" angle) to his battle with cancer. His early years were covered with humor — home town (Worksop, UK), parents, grandparents, attending "public" (i.e. private) boarding school as a youth, and getting kicked out for a manure delivery to the school's front steps. Regarding family, he returned often to an uncle, a former WWII fighter ace, which fit neatly into his early years and later aviation adventures.

And, of course, music. Bruce delved into school-era bands, discovering Deep Purple, being on his university concert committee and bringing the band Gillan to campus, and playing pub gigs with his University band Shots. As an NWOBHM

enthusiast, I liked that he told a whole lot of stories about his pre-Iron Maiden band Samson, who put out some great LPs with Dickinson between 1979-81 and got exactly nowhere success-wise (although those are some killer metal records., if you can find them). And of course, there were tales involving Iron Maiden.

But he did delve — a lot, and it was a highlight of the talk — into his experiences as an aviator, being an airline pilot in the early 2000s, and travels connected thereto. And of course, as he discussed at length in his autobiography a few years back, his experiences with cancer, chemo, radiation, and a funny story of his beard falling right off his face as a result of chemo — while he was drinking in a pub.

The night finished lead to one of the best stories of the night — that Maiden drummer Nicko

McBrain was actually the first band member to become a pilot, which led to a tale about how, while the band was rehearsing on the Isle of Jersey in the 80s, Bruce and a fencing comrade became trapped in northern France across the English Channel, and he convinced Nicko and his flight instructor to fly a 140 HP small engine plane over to France to get Bruce back to Jersey, a hilarious story punctuated with some great McBrain impressions.

The whole thing lasted a hefty 3-plus hours, but went quickly, and wrapped up with the only bit of music of the evening. Dickinson belted out an a cappella version of "Revelations", from Maiden's 1983 'Piece of Mind' record, and exiting the stage to applause.

Great night, and top points to Bruce for an engaging talk.

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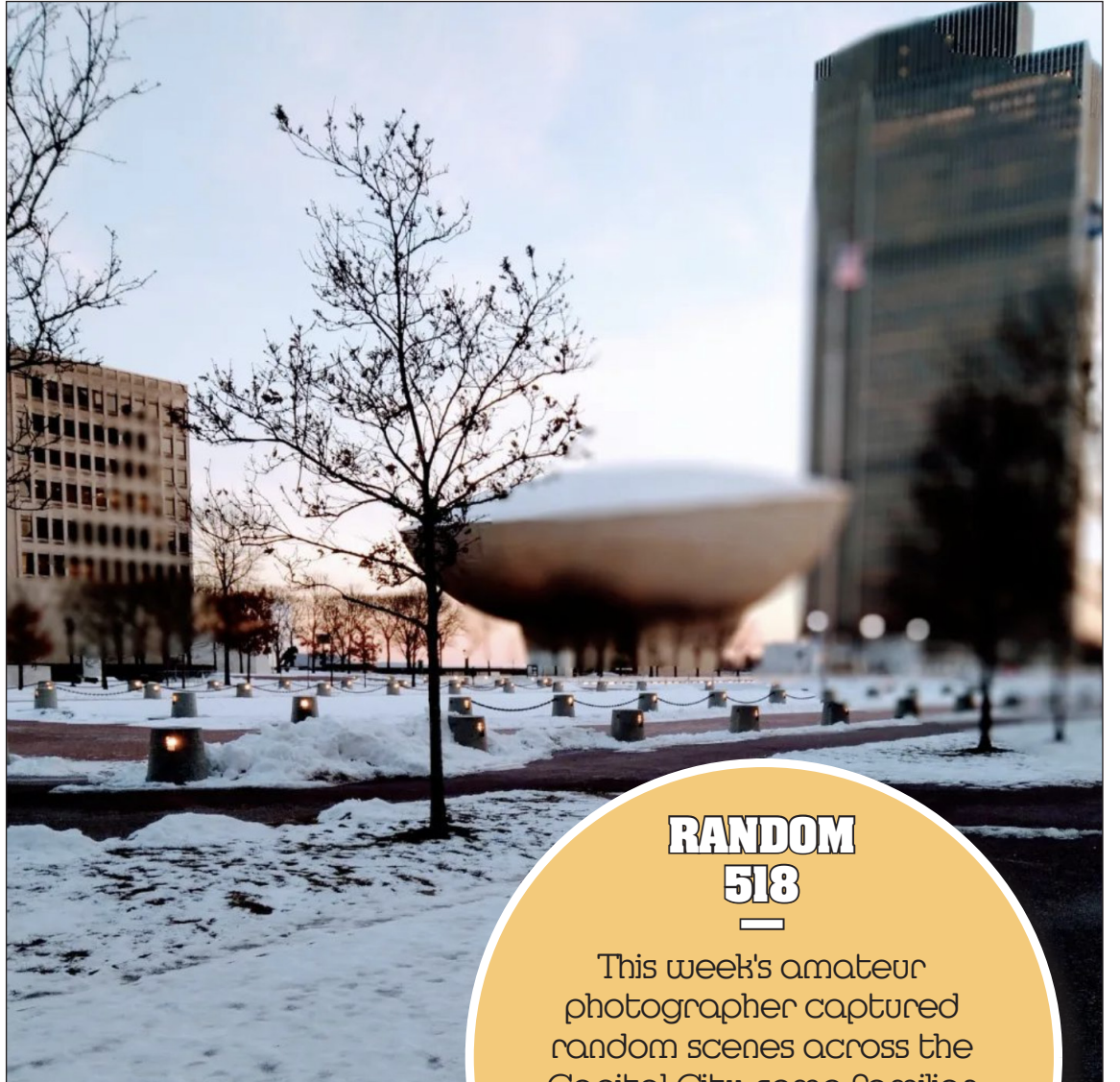
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More than good taste

Garden Bistro's 24 has a Farm-to-Table menu that promises a feast for the senses

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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SLINGERLANDS
— Speak to John Grizzaffi about food and taste won't be the first sense he references, neither will it be the second.

It's a conversation the chef often has when people ask him to describe the contrasts between everyday food and his Farm-to-Table menu at Garden Bistro 24. The difference, he said, is first detected by the eyes and the nose.

"There's a lot more aroma, identifiable aromas to certain things," he said, explaining how herbs and berries enhance the flavor of a dish instead of other staples people are used to in processed foods. "I think a lot of the aromas are lost in transport. When you turn

around, aromas are what follows next after sight, and I think it just makes a major difference."

Grizzaffi opened Garden Bistro 24 as the first eatery in Slingerlands' Vista Technology Campus nearly a decade ago with his father, Charles.

Grizzaffi is a graduate of the prestigious Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park. Known for its food focus and world-class resources, the college is renowned for offering degrees in applied food studies, culinary science, food business and hospitality management. His kitchen is devoid of microwaves and freezers.

Grizzaffi curates fresh food from a dozen different farms, all of whom are listed on the restaurant's website. Outside of the

fish made available along the East Coast, meat and vegetables are obtained from farms within the Capital District.

For Grizzaffi, there's nothing fancy about his restaurant. The food is welcoming and authentic, and it brings kids to the table. And, if it's to be a night without the kids, venture on to Garden Bistro's heated patio for a chicken pot pie, a craft beer or some wine.

"We hate the word 'fancy,'" he said. "When I was a kid, a nice restaurant had to be considered a fancy restaurant. As an adult, absolutely not. I don't crave fancy food. ... A great restaurant is a simple restaurant; and that is, to provide a great environment and food."

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COXSACKIE — The Spotlight recently sat down with Jody Shaw, assistant vice president and business development officer at National Bank Of Coxsackie, to ask her what's important about being a part of a community.

Question: When a company grows it either presents itself as one of the big fish in the pond, or it holds on to the small town appeal. Why has it been so important for NBC to keep to its grassroots approach?

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Question: National Bank of Coxsackie's Glenmont branch has impressed me as being a town crier, using its sign to praise the successes of Bethlehem Central and the surrounding community. What is your role within the community outside of just being a business that works here?

Jody Shaw: National Bank of Coxsackie is proud to be a part of this community and we pride ourselves on working with the community. Our team at the branch volunteers and collects food for the Bethlehem Food Bank, we sponsor a local Little League Team, we have a Community Board, and we are committed to helping local economics by supporting small and family-owned businesses.



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The Spinney is an engaged community

Popular '55-and-better' community to add 118 more cottages

DELMAR — The first 102 units at The Spinney at Van Dyke have been leased and people are already clamoring to get into the next phase of cottages scheduled to break ground later this year. A total of 118 additional cottage-style units are to be completed by 2023. Many of the new apartments will continue to offer familiar floor plans that range anywhere between 700 to 1,450 square feet. Morgan Ruthman, President and CEO of The Spinney Group, said they will be breaking ground this spring.

"We continue to see high demand for our cottages. We have a waiting list of folks, who we maintain regular contact

with regarding updates to the project because they're eager to sign their lease," shared Ruthman.

The Spinney at Van Dyke, an active adult community, is a neighborhood of its own, designed for the "55-and-better" who have retired into their next phase of life, or are working professionals transitioning towards that goal.

Its popular Delmar location has been at full occupancy for some time. What stands built today represents the first two phases of construction of the planned development that were completed in 2017. The community will double in size now that the

Town has granted site plan approval to proceed with completion of the project.

The location allows many residents to stay in their hometown, close to family, friends, and houses of worship. It's still the same commute to the movies, the mall or the show downtown. The community also welcomes many residents new to the Capital Region that decide to call The Spinney at Van Dyke "home."

The Spinney is unique for its one-story living model. The cottages are built specifically so residents do not need to climb stairs in their homes, allowing them to more easily age in place.

While Spinney cottage amenities feel like living in a single-family home, residents will no longer feel the burdens of homeownership. Time that would otherwise be spent mowing the lawn, shoveling snow, or fixing the plumbing can be regained to focus on family, friends, and hobbies. Full-time Lifestyle Director Courtney Russell assists residents in cultivating and maintaining a variety of curated activities with a robust events calendar.

"We have a Lifestyle Director who has really given the community all kinds of outlets to continue to develop their skills and interests," Ruthman said. "COVID was a challenge to the lifestyle program, but Courtney did an incredible job pivoting to creative

"The Spinney motto is 'Home to a New Generation,' and I think it speaks to the fact that our cottage homes are more than just a place to live. They are a place where a group of folks can come together to engage with each another and create a new kind of community."

— Morgan Ruthman, president and CEO of The Spinney Group

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