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# Unsportsmanlike conduct

Shortage of officials has reached a 'critical point'

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It's a perfect storm. Officials for athletic events have been hard to come by for the last decade. Many are retirees looking to get some exercise and stay involved with the sport(s) they love. Then COVID hit, and a bunch opted to not come back. Add that to what some say is an increasing animosity towards refs that can border on harassment and even physical violence — as evidenced by a recent incident in Clifton Park where an unhappy player attacked a referee — and fewer and fewer are putting on the stripes to fill the shoes left by the veterans who are hanging them up.

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◀ A football referee tries to stay warm during a pop up snow storm during a game between CBA and Shenendehowa in 2021.

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## Beware of phone scams

The Albany County Sheriff's Office wants community members to be aware of a phone scam that is currently active in the area.

Deputies have received reports from community members who stated that callers contact them claiming to be members of a police department or sheriff's department. The law enforcement impersonator often times:

- refers to the community member by name,
- tells the community member the call is being recorded, and
- tells the community member they missed a court appearance or jury duty.

The caller states they need to send money or a warrant will be issued for their arrest or they may turn themselves in to jail.

Sometimes scams such as these will include spoofing a legitimate police agency phone number and using a real name of a law enforcement officer in an attempt to gain the trust of the victim. No government agency of any kind takes gift cards as payment.

The Albany County Sheriff's Office reminds you to be aware that:

- The Albany County Sheriff's Office does not call individuals and demand or request money from community members under any circumstances.
- The Albany County Sheriff's Office or any other legitimate law enforcement agency does not call community members seeking payment for outstanding traffic citations or warrants. This includes claims of unpaid federal or state taxes.
- Individuals claiming to collect debts may try to instill fear in potential victims to persuade them to forward money.

If you are a resident of Albany County and fall victim to these scammers with financial loss, you are encouraged to file a report by calling the Albany County Sheriff's Office's Non-Emergency line at (307) 721-2526.

## ■ POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY CALLS

# Accident leads to DWI

**NEW SCOTLAND** — A Voorheesville man faces multiple charges after an accident on Delaware Turnpike on Thursday, June 16.

At approximately 10 p.m. Albany County Sheriff's Deputies witnessed a property damage motorcycle accident and identified Jeffrey Homeyer, Jr, 31 as the driver.

Homeyer allegedly failed field sobriety tests before he was taken into custody.

Police said Homeyer became aggressive while being processed. He allegedly refused a chemical test, then caused more than \$250 worth of damage to the station.

After an investigation, police determined that Homeyer had a prior conviction for DWI. He was charged with DWI with prior conviction and criminal mischief, both felonies.

He was to appear in New Scotland Town Court on June 17.

### Walmart crash leads to DWAI-Drugs

**GLENMONT** — Bethlehem

police responded to a report of a crash in the parking lot of the Walmart on Route 9W after the store manager escorted the driver from the store on Thursday, June 16.

An investigation revealed that Devin Vandenburg, 44, of Delmar was asked to leave the store due to it closing for the night. He got in his car and allegedly struck another while driving in the parking lot.

When police interviewed Vandenburg, they observed an odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath and that he had bloodshot and watery eyes. He allegedly tested positive for breath alcohol on a pre-screening device and field sobriety tests before he was taken into custody.

He was charged with DWAI-Drugs, given a bill of particulars and released. Vandenburg is scheduled to return to Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, July 5.

### Accident leads to DWI

**DELMAR** — Bethlehem police were called to the

intersection of the Delmar Bypass and Bender Lane for a report of a single-car accident.

When they arrived witnesses reported the driver was running from the scene east on Bender Lane and into the woods near Oakwood Road.

Officers detained the driver of the vehicle, Douglas Schulz, 56, of Delmar on Dumbarton Road and observed signs of intoxication.

He was given and failed field sobriety tests and tested positive for breath alcohol on a pre-screening device and taken into custody.

At the police station, Schulz provided a breath sample that returned a 0.25 BAC.

He was charged with aggravated DWI, a misdemeanor and leaving the scene of a property damage accident, speed not reasonable and prudent, operating an uninspected vehicle and moving from a lane unsafely, all violations.

Schultz was given a bill of particulars, issued traffic tickets and released.



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COMMUNITY

# Residents angry over health threats

Many say they were unaware of port expansion, worry over fly ash exposure

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DELMAR — Glenmont residents angry over the clearcutting of trees along River Road dominated the Bethlehem Town Board meeting on Wednesday, June 22, letting board members know they are not okay with the Port of Albany's expansion plans.

One by one, residents stepped up to the microphone, emotionally charged over concerns for their health. They said they never learned of the Port of Albany's expansion onto Beacon Island, in Bethlehem. And with recent news of clearcutting and the fly ash that could

potentially be released by it, many expressed anger.

"There are a lot of people affected by this; it's not just industry," said Christopher Dempf, a Glenmont resident and lawyer. In his hands, he said he had nearly 100 signatures from residents living within a mile of the approved wind turbine facility. "This record should be reopened. You should vacate the decisions that were made. Allow public input and comment, and have an informed decision made."

Residents used the public comment section of the Town Board meeting that precedes regular business during each meeting. Board members usually do not comment, allowing residents their time to speak. After 30 minutes, it became a back and forth conversation, with board members attempting to quell emotions.

The reported premature clearing of 80 acres of trees and brush on Beacon Island drew attention from residents, and ultimately, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Though the port had received state permits, more reviews were required before the job could proceed. According to a news report first reported by Spectrum News, the U.S. EPA had not received the review documents required by law.

The clearcutting has since stopped. The concern lies with how the unapproved work may have disrupted the approximate two million tons of fly ash that were dumped on the site before 1970.

The expansion plan, which builds into the Town of Bethlehem, has been the focal point of President Biden's push for a greener economy. Millions of dollars in grants have been promised towards

the project, heralded as the nation's first offshore wind facility.

This project is three and a half years old. It had previously gone before the town's planning and zoning boards for site review and a variance. Town Attorney Jim Potter said there were more than 30 meetings between the two boards. In addition to notifying residents living within 200 feet of the property line, state law requires that meeting agendas are published on the town's website and in the town's official newspaper, The Spotlight.

"Each time this project was discussed, it was published," he said.

"If you're a part of Bethlehem, it's going to be affecting you some way, shape or form," said Janine Goetz. "Whether you live in the million-dollar mansions in the middle of

town or you're middle class like most of us. ... How do you sleep at night thinking that this is okay?"

Goetz, the mother of a young family, proceeded to describe her Retreat House Road home as their forever home. She expressed pride in the school system that would benefit her children. Now she can see where the factory will be. Before breaking down, she said she's been told she can't sell the house.

"My home value is secondary. I could care less," she said. "But when you're putting my babies at risk and you care more about traffic just because I don't make a million dollars, and I'm not in politics, that's okay?"

Town Supervisor David VanLuven said the Town does not have the legal authority to rescind permits that have allowed the project to go forward.

However, he said, the Town Board will approach the Port of Albany and ask that they meet with the public to address their concerns in a public forum.

"I think that it's very important for the Port of Albany to hear your concerns," he said, "to see if they and the Town can work with the project applicants to address your concerns; either to alleviate your concerns where what you're hearing aren't accurate, and where they are accurate they can see if there are steps they can take to address them."

"So we will reach out to the Port of Albany to see if we can organize a time with them to sit down and hear your concerns, respond to your concerns and identify potential paths forward. Because I don't want this to just get lost in the ether. I want to see if we can find a way forward with the Port of Albany on this."

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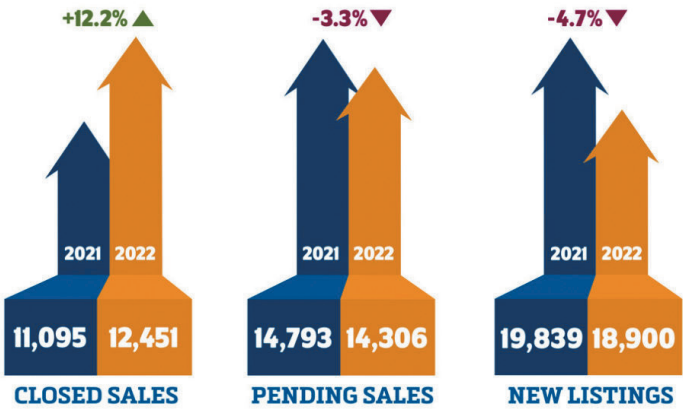
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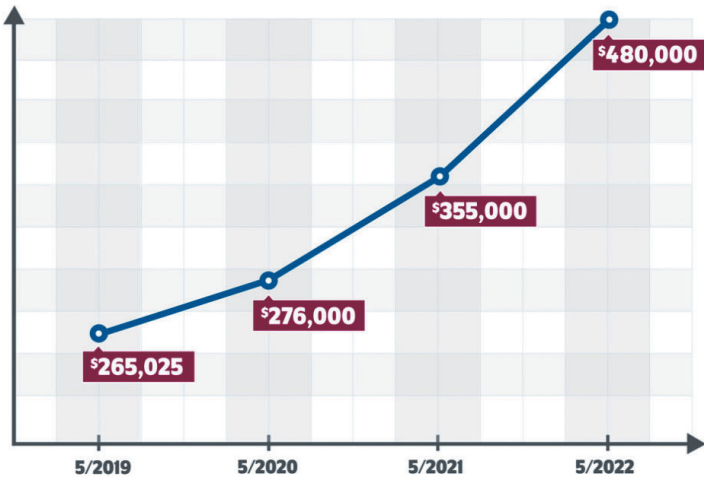
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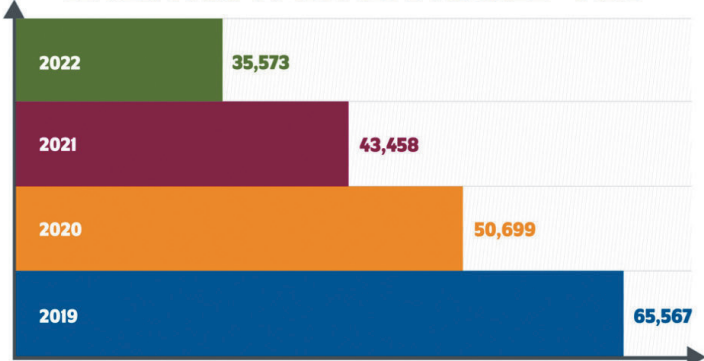
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The New York State Association of Realtors

Still a seller's market

Home prices soar across New York as mortgage rates continue to climb

By MICHAEL HALLISEY  
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ALBANY — The New York State Association of Realtors said it continues to see the dearth of available homes on the market as “a concern” amid surging mortgage rates and rising prices on houses presently being sold.

In May, realtors observed an 18.1 percent decline in available homes from the previous year. Last May, 43,458 homes were on the market throughout the state. Last month, the number of units was down to 35,573 units.

“Months’ supply of inventory fell 12.5 percent in year-over-year comparisons from 3.2 months of inventory in May 2021 to just 2.8 months in May 2022,” Realtors shared in a statement released Tuesday, June 21. “A 6-month to 6.5-month supply is considered to be a balanced market.”

Closed sales were up 12.2 percent in May – from 11,095 homes in May 2021 to 12,451 in May 2022. Pending sales fell from 14,793 units in May 2021 to 14,306 homes in May 2022. This represents a decrease of 3.3 percent. New listings were down as well, falling 4.7 percent from 19,839 in May of last year to 18,900 units last month.

Responding to the nation’s worst inflation rate in 40 years, the Federal Reserve raised benchmark interest rates three-quarters of a percent on Wednesday, June 15; its most aggressive rate hike since 1994.

According to Freddie Mac, the monthly average on a 30-year



New construction inventory continues to lag, but that has not cooled off would-be homeowners. Realtors report that they continue to go beyond asking prices despite rising interest rates.

fixed-rate mortgage soared from 4.98 percent in April 2022 to 5.23 percent in May 2022. This is first time the monthly average commitment rate has been over five percent since January 2010, when it stood at 5.03 percent.

Median sales prices continued to climb, escalating from \$355,000 in May 2021 to \$480,000 just last month. This represents an increase of 35.2 percent and marks 25 consecutive months in year-over-year comparisons that median sales prices have increased.

The residential real estate market throughout the Capital District remains fast-paced and challenging to buyers with the median sold price hitting a new high and time on market at a new low, the Greater Capital Association of Realtors said.

The median sales price reached \$279,000 in May, up about 11 percent as compared to last year and nearly 19 percent over May 2020.

The percentage of original list price received at sale rose to 102.4 percent indicating that buyers are still willing to pay top dollar for homes as inventory remains slim. In May there was just a 1.5-month supply of homes for sale. This was a 32 percent decrease from May 2021.

New listings decreased 8.2 percent from May 2021 to 1,641 for the month. However, more new listings entered the market in May than any other month since August of last year. On average, homes spent just 30 days on the market, down by 11 days from the same time last year and down 34 days from May 2020.

The total number of homes for sale was down 42.5 percent to 1,655 units from May 2021. However, this has improved from last month’s 51.5 percent decline.

“Any increase in inventory is positive news, especially during

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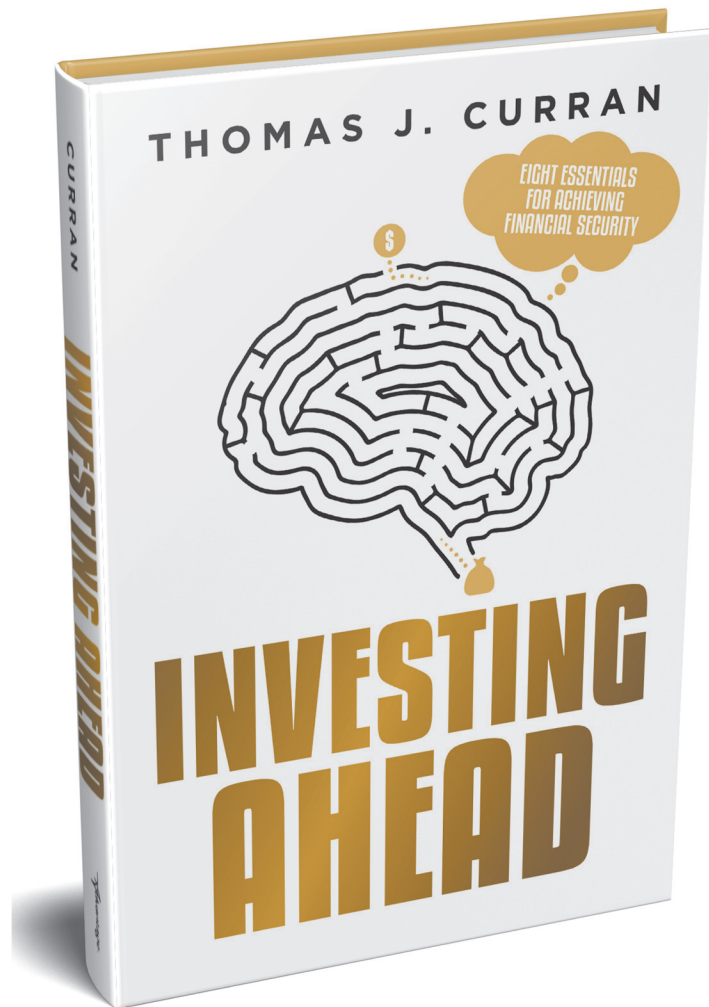
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LOCAL NEWS

# Douglas Schulz dies unexpectedly

Longtime business man, former politico, died at age 56

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**DELMAR** — Longtime business owner, insurance agent and Delmar resident Douglas A. Schulz died at his home on Friday, June 24, at the age of 56.

He operated the Schulz Insurance Agency at 163 Delaware Ave for many years. His father Donald started the agency in 1963 and Doug took over the business upon his retirement in 2005. In an interview with The Spotlight in 2015, Doug explained the deep relationships his family formed with the community.

"We're working on our second and third generation



Douglas Schulz

of members (customers)," he said. "Our members are not going to be considered a 1-800 number. They're going to be considered part of the Schulz agency."

Doug Schulz interacted with businesses as well as individuals.

"At the chamber we are sad to see the loss of a long-time member of our community," Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Chairman Vince Crisafulli

said. "He will be missed."

He was also known to ride his bike around town even to dinner, especially his favorite local restaurant My Place and Company on Delaware Avenue.

"We were shaken at the news at My Place," Owner Jim Giacone said. "He was loved by everybody."

Doug also was active politically as a member of the Bethlehem Republican Committee.

He served as a committee member for many years and ran for County Legislature twice, in 2015 and 2019.

"He was such a Republican party person," Albany County Deputy Election Commissioner and Bethlehem Republican Committee member Melissa Kermani said. "He was always willing to go above and beyond what needed to be done."

Even though he wasn't

successful in his runs for office, he was not ready to give up.

"I think he wanted to run again in the next cycle," Kermani said. "He was talking about it at our last outing. He had so much energy and life. That is what makes this such a shock."

Kermani said she met him in 2005 when she first joined the committee, but he also helped her as a professional.

"He also was my insurance agent and I remember being frantic after a hailstorm damaged the roof of my car and called Doug," Kermani said. "He came right over and helped me get things fixed. That was who he was."

He also gave back to many charities, such as the Bethlehem Food Pantry, American Heart Association and many charities involved with animals.

According to Bethlehem

police, on Friday, June 24 an employee at his office was concerned after he did not arrive for work. He was found later that day.

"It is under investigation by detectives," said Bethlehem police Commander James Rexford on Saturday. "All preliminary indications appear that he died of Natural Causes."

The Albany County coroner's office has said there is no evidence of foul play and will give an exact cause of death upon the return of toxicology reports, Rexford said.

At presstime, final arrangements have not been finalized, but Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar will be handling them. We will have a full obituary on spotlightnews.com and in print, once available, and check applebeefuneralhome.com for updates.

## RCS searches for new middle school admin

**RAVENA** — The Ravena Coeymans Selkirk School District is now looking for a new assistant principal for its middle school.

Chris Adamek had placed his notice earlier in the year, setting the end of the academic school year as his last day. He leaves the district to join the leadership team at Niskayuna Central School District.

The district has posted the position, which has an annual salary range between \$85,000 and \$92,000.

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Referee Jack Flynn makes a call during a Section II basketball game.

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## From page 1 ...

### Unsportsmanlike conduct

It has reached a “critical point” not just in Section II, but across the state and the nation, said Chris Watson, the director of communications for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

“We have faced a

shortage since at least my time here,” said Watson, who has been with NYSPHSAA for six years, “and it has only gotten worse. So now I would say we have reached a critical point with games at the sub-varsity level being postponed or cancelled. The

bottom line is we are in a desperate need of officials.”

The issue he said, is not exclusive to New York state. A survey of state high school associations indicates that approximately 50,000 people have quit officiating high school games since the 2018-19 season, according to [highschoolOT.com](http://highschoolOT.com).

Athletic directors are left with a scheduling nightmare. At times, they

have resorted to scheduling double headers with the varsity playing first followed by a JV game. It is easier to get two refs instead of four and it is more desirable to cover two games at one spot than just one. On paper it works so long as varsity has a priority and officials are assigned those games first, but since not all fields have lights, darkness becomes an issue.

“Rather than have the varsity and JV start 4:14 we have had the varsity play first, because they have to get the season in for sectional seeding, and have the JV start after, and that gets to be a problem towards the end of October going into November,” said Lenard Kies, the Athletic Director at the Bethlehem Central School District. “Many games have been called for darkness and a large chunk of JV kids are not getting full games in, let alone the modified kids.”

New York state athletics is divided into 11 sections and overseen by the NYSPHAA. In Section II, which encompasses the greater Capital District, there are 94 public high schools with a combined student enrollment of more than 165,000 in addition to 14 private schools. Annually, some 56,000 students compete in 30 different sports. Nobody could put a solid figure on the number of officials working in Section II, but every high school football team plays just about every Friday night and there are five officials working every game. And that is just one sport, which begins this fall and nobody is sure what is going to happen with the officials.

And not all sports are created equal. While there is a shortage of officials across the board, it is most pronounced in the niche sports like field hockey, swimming and volleyball. Far more kids play little league and youth softball, for example, than participate in field hockey at a young age so the rules of the game are not ingrained in the minds of youth.

“It’s along the same lines as there being less volunteer firefighters, less EMTs, less bus drivers, there is certainly a need for all of them too,” said William Roemer, the athletic director at the South Colonie School District. “If we didn’t have the people

taking care of the fields and the courts it makes it difficult for student athletes to participate in games. We need to take a step back and look at the big picture and look at what we have rather than sounding off about things we are not getting, which is a call not going our way. In the grand scheme of things, it’s not worth losing our minds over.”

## Attitudes

Officiating an athletic contest is one of the toughest jobs out there. The athletes are strong and fast, rules are complex and the pace of the game requires split second decisions. Add the emotional component and things often get out of hand with the officials taking the brunt of it.

The widely publicized incident at the Impact Center in Clifton ended with the athlete who attacked the referee after an AAU game facing assault charges and the team banned from what has become the premiere basketball venue for youth in the Capital District.

That is an extreme example of what officials have been putting up with for years. Anecdotally, umpires have told tales of parents stalking them back to their vehicles where they routinely change out of their gear into street clothes just to get a few last words in even though the contest has already been decided. Kies speaks of having the police officers assigned to games walk the officials back to their cars because fans have made explicit or implicit threats and made moves to follow the officials to the parking lots. And attend any game at any level and more often than not there are fans, and more than a few coaches, who relentlessly ride the officials.

Lost somewhere in the mix is the fact they are just kids participating in an interscholastic athletic event in upstate New York.

“There is so much competitiveness and parents who think their kids are NBA stars and that is few and far between,” said Jack Flynn, who has been officiating basketball games at the high school varsity level since 1995. “It’s always gone on, but it has gotten worse in the last few years. It’s more personal. It’s nastier. When it comes to the fans and the coaches,

people are taking it way too seriously. We are talking interscholastic sports played by teenagers. This is not the NBA.”

He said most refs have good jobs and are in it for the love of the game, to get a little exercise and make a little extra money. But, he said, it is getting harder and harder to get excited about working a game when he saw the video of his colleague who he knows well being attacked by a player.

“When I hear about him getting punched I’m thinking of all of us out there and thinking anyone can get punched,” he said. “I will keep doing it, for now, but it’s not as much fun as it was when I first got into it and if it were me who got punched, I would have second thoughts about coming back.”

It’s turning into a vicious cycle. There is such a need for officials that some of the new recruits are being pushed up the ladder to varsity before they have had time to season at the lower levels and with varsity sports comes faster and stronger athletes and the pressures of a bigger spotlight. More calls will be blown — no official denies being human too — which leads to more animosity from participants and fans.

“What is creating frustration is when you do you new people rushed into the higher sports and the errors are glaring,” Kies said. “That said, people are always going to be unhappy with officials but when we teach new coaches we teach them to take care of our stakeholders and that includes kind of protecting and shielding the referee because without officials you don’t have games.”

Another dynamic that is playing out at the lower levels is having one official cover the entire game rather than the typical two or three and that too leads to more bad calls and inflames one side or another and sometimes both.

The athletes, too, are hard on officials but that behavior is learned by coaches and parents, Watson said.

“We are setting an example for the kids. We can’t tell them to not do something and not hold ourselves to the same standards. They learn this behavior somewhere,” he said. “The verbal abuse,

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Bethlehem Athletic Director Len Kies (left) was also the assistant varsity baseball coach for a couple of years. He's had conversations with both coaches and fans on how to treat officials with respect.

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which has been going on for years, is concerning. What happened in Clifton Park is scary. I have never seen anything like that and you never want to see something like that again."

There is pending state legislation that would "establishes the crime of assault on sports officials and aggravated harassment of sports officials" a class B misdemeanor. It would also require the state "education Department to establish an information campaign to be distributed to all youth and school sports programs requiring such programs to disseminate information to parents and other spectators of such programs on the protections afforded sports officials."

The bill has been kicking around the halls of the Capitol for years, said Assemblyman John McDonald, A Democrat from Cohoes, but it has routinely died in the Senate. The incident in Clifton Park, though, and an noticeable decline in behavior across the board could re-ignite interest at the state level.

### Recruitment

Flynn said there are 33 states that have similar legislation to protect referees and govern the conduct of coaches and parents and it would help make the refs he works with feel more comfortable, not just at the high school level but while working youth, AAU and adult

leagues as well.

Better pay, streamlining the process, waiving or cutting fees for ref and/or ump "school," help with the cost of uniforms and gear are all ideas being bantered about to help alleviate the shortage of officials.

The requirements to become an official vary from sport to sport but generally include joining an association specific to that sport, training courses, a knowledge of the game and its rules and travel time to and from the game.

"And then I have to deal with unruly fans and coaches. Who wants to do that?" Flynn said. "I was once told 'when you referee a perfect game it is time to retire.' We don't have perfect games, the kids don't have perfect games. I don't give a kid garbage if he misses a layup or a coach if he makes a bad substitution."

Watson said every school district should implement, and enforce, a zero tolerance policy for unruly behavior, and more often than not announcers at any given school district will broadcast the sportsmanship policy prior to the games.

"Then once they get to our level, the state championship competitions, after having played 15 or 20 games, they know better how to behave," Watson said.

One idea is to have people already on campus — teachers, counselors, hall

monitors — officiate games but the way the system is structured now it is not as simple as finding a body and putting him or her in stripes.

It may work for the lower level high school sports, but it's not clear who would give permission, either Section II or NYSPHSAA, to use school personnel to officiate a game and if they would have to be certified and paid the going rate or if they could be used to fill in if there was only one ump or ref available, for example.

There is also the question of bias.

"We have many teachers, staff members within our district who are officials but a lot of time won't work a Colonie game. They either request they don't work a Colonie game or the assigner will not give them a Colonie game."

The stakeholders, Roemer said, need to do a better job of letting people know opportunities are out there for athletes and non-athletes alike to become officials and be a part of the sport.

"It is something you can do when you are in your 20s well into your 70s," he said.

"We need to educate not only our student athletes, but I think there are many officials who never played the sport but still love it. I think we need to get the word out that there are opportunities, even if you

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126 IRVING AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/06/22. 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, c/o Alan Goldman, 1225 Franklin Avenue, Suite 515, Garden City, NY 11530. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-291900

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128A COOPER MSLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/19/22. 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, 47 Quarter Mile Road, Bondville, VT 05340. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-290607

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**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
1417 SARATOGA RD. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/26/22. 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, P.O. Box 12130, Albany, NY 12212. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-291170

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
1450 DEAN STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/07/22. 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, 109 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-291944

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20 GEORGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/16/22. 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 Aharon Akad, 41-18 Geiger Place, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. C-292462

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20RT 15A LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/20/22. 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, 20 River Terrace, Apartment #15A, New York, NY 10282. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. CR-290791

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2149 GREENE HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/14/22. 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, 62-55 Forest Avenue, Apartment 1A, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-292448

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23-63 STEINWAY REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/08/22. 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, 23-63 Steinway Street, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-292001

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241 LENOX AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/11/22. 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, 1299 N. Gilpin Street, #15W, Denver, CO 80218. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-290288

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25-77 44ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/21/22. 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, 317 E 88th St., Apt. B, New York, NY 10128. Registered agent address c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-290964

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
25-92 45TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/09/22. 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, 2592 45th Street, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-292013

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application submitted Gerrit Hopper for an Area Variance located at 26 Julia Rose Ct, Glenmont. The Applicant is proposing a shed that does not meet the requirements of the Town's Zoning Code under Article V, Section 128-27, C (1). David Devaprasad, Chairman Board of Appeals D-292211

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
27 LEONARD 2, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/06/22. 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, 30 West 86th Street, Apartment 4B, New York, NY 10024. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-291901

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
2777 WEBSTER AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/21/22. 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, 277 Webster Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-292527

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application submitted by Amber Brooks for an Area Variance located at 295 South Albany Road, Selkirk. The Applicant is proposing an above ground pool that does not meet the requirements of the Town's Zoning Code under Article VI, Section 128-60, Swimming Pools, E. Pools should not be installed in the front yard. David Devaprasad, Chairman Board of Appeals D-292210

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30-26 23RD ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/24/22. 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 Clara Xuereb, 317 E. 88th Street, Apartment B, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-290983

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31-39 41 STREET REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/13/22. 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, 419 East 73rd Street, Apartment 1B, New York, NY 10021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. CD-292082

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3433 REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/26/22. 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, 33-42 9th Street, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-292266

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360 WR HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/27/22. 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 Carmen Alisa Berriro-Poulter, 402 Wilshire Road, Oceanside, CA 92057. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-291767

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 6, at 6:00 PM located at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application submitted by Justin Reuter on behalf of Glenmont Venture LLC for signage located at Glenmont Centre Square, 365 Feura Bush Road, Glenmont that does not meet the Town Zoning Code requirements under Article VI, Section 128-59, Signs, D (6) David Devaprasad Chair Board of Appeals D-292208

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368 THIRD AVENUE 5C LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/21/22. 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, 368 Third Avenue, #5C, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-292513

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40-47 97TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/19/22. 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, c/o Marc Paley, 924 Sheffield Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-291634

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44-10 31ST STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/09/22. 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, 2592 45th Street, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-292015

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465 PH 1 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/16/22. 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, 465 Washington Street, PH, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-290440

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51 JAY 5M LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/25/22. 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, 51 Jay Street, Unit 5M, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-291635

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607 GRANDVIEW HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/14/22. 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, 62-55 Forest Avenue, Apartment 1A, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-292449

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
62-55 FOREST HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/14/22. 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, 62-55 Forest Avenue, Apartment 1A, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-292451

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62-59 FOREST HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/14/22. 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, 62-55 Forest Avenue, Apartment 1A, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-292452

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67 HUDSON 3AB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/26/22. 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 MMP Management LLP, c/o Paul McCoy Family Office Svcs LLP, ATTN: Jacqueline McCoy, 31 St. James Avenue, Suite 740, Boston, MA 02116. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-291171

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68-53 FRESH POND HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/14/22. 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, 62-55 Forest Av-

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**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
86 CHRISTOPHER STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/01/22. 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, 224 Richards Lane, Hewlett, NY 11557. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-291870

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88 REMSEN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/22/22. 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 Gordon & Petkos LLP, 1790 Broadway, Suite 710, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-292691

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9 WEST 11TH ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/20/22. 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, 2727 Arkansas Drive, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-290379

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91 HB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/21/21. 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 Henry Benitez, 2 Hickory Hill Rd, Huntington Station, NY 11746. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-290417

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93 CONGRESS STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/20/22. 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, 41-18 Geiger Pl., Fair Lawn, NY 07410. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-290792

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**Holcim, Parsable to strengthen environmental compliance program**

**CHICAGO, Illinois** – Holcim US has joined forces with Parsable to deploy the company’s Connected Worker software for environmental compliance at more than 350 U.S. Holcim sites. This digital tool will be key to integrating Holcim’s environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) objectives with its operational and frontline activities.

“Sustainability and environmental responsibility drive the way we operate across the Holcim US footprint and we work hard to meet these expectations,” said Michael LeMonds, VP, Environment, Land and Government Affairs, Holcim US. “Leveraging a digital tool that creates a cohesive, agile platform for our environmental teams and site management to access inspection data not only helps drive accountability, but ultimately regulatory compliance

to support our local permits and ESG objectives.”

Every Holcim site operates within permits granted by Federal and State environmental organizations’ regulations for environmental emissions. The Connected Worker technology enables the company to capture, record and analyze environmental work data in near real-time, ultimately decreasing compliance deviations and improving environmental performance.

“We are thrilled to be part of Holcim’s open innovation ecosystem,” said Navin Vardya, chief customer officer, Parsable. “As a leader in the building materials industry in the US, their investments in technology, data analytics and ESG are truly industry-leading. We are proud to be a partner in helping them achieve both their operational and sustainability goals.”

Holcim worked closely with the Parsable team to deploy the Connected Worker software, a combination of a no-code platform and an easy-to-use mobile app. Users can collaboratively execute tasks using digital work

instructions on mobile devices, analyze new information to identify operational trends, flag incomplete jobs or issues on the plant floor, and create reports to share insights locally and across sites. The technology was rolled out to more than 280 sites within the last six months and will be expanded to the remaining sites by July 31, 2022.

“Our goal is to enhance our environmental compliance program and eliminate potential errors associated with lost or missing inspection data,” said Jim Carroll, director, Environment & Land, Holcim US. “By enabling our operators at our facilities to complete their daily tasks and capture information at every step of the way, we can streamline how data is recorded and reduce the time it takes to complete jobs, document inspections, and more.”

In the United States, Holcim, includes close to 350 sites in 43 states and employs 7,000 people. Our customers rely on us to help them design and build better communities with innovative solutions that deliver structural integrity and eco-efficiency.

**Latham Group, Inc. announces CFO succession Plan**

**LATHAM** — Latham Group, Inc. announced Mark Borseth’s plans to retire from his position as Chief Financial Officer of the Company.

Robert Masson, who has nearly 20 years of experience in aerospace and defense and the industrial sectors, was named Latham’s next CFO and was to assume responsibilities on Monday, July 11.

Masson will report to Scott Rajeski, Latham President and CEO. Borseth will remain with Latham as a strategic advisor to the Company through the end of the year, to ensure a seamless transition.

“We are extremely pleased to welcome Rob Masson as Latham’s next Chief Financial Officer,” said Rajeski, President and CEO. “Rob has a deep understanding of the industrial manufacturing industry and proven track record of managing and developing high-performing teams to deliver results and achieve strategic and financial objectives, making him an excellent fit for Latham during the next phase of our growth.”

Mr. Rajeski continued, “Mark played an integral role in leading our company through our initial public offering last year, supporting our strategic planning and M&A activities and strengthening our organization by assembling a talented team of finance and accounting professionals. We are grateful to have benefited from Mark’s leadership and expertise during a transformative moment in our company’s history.”

“It has been an honor to serve as CFO of Latham and work alongside Scott and the rest of the talented leadership team,” said Mark Borseth. “I am proud of what we have built together, and believe the Company is well-positioned to continue to capitalize on the attractive dynamics of the pool industry and drive continued growth. Rob is an excellent choice for the role of CFO, and I look forward to working closely with him and the team from an advisory capacity to ensure a seamless transition.”

Masson joins Latham from Hypertherm, Inc., a U.S.-based manufacturer of cutting systems and software. He currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. In this role, Masson oversees Hypertherm’s global financial, information technology and legal operations. Prior to Hypertherm, Masson was Vice President, Finance at Flowserve, where he led the company’s operational finance, accounting and corporate financial planning and analysis teams. From 2003 to 2016, Masson served in various finance leadership roles at Raytheon, including CFO roles for several of Raytheon’s business units. He started his career as a Lieutenant and Naval Aviator for the United States. Masson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the United States Naval Academy and a Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School.

**Gas prices dip a bit**

The average price of a gallon of regular gasoline dropped 5.6 cents in the last week to \$4.98, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 546 stations in the Capital District. That is 2.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.80 higher than a year ago. Nationally, the average price of gasoline dropped 8.8 cents per gallon in the last week, to \$4.88, 28.3 cents higher than a month ago and \$1.79 higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country. The price of diesel jumped by 2.6 cents nationally in the past week and stands at \$5.80 per gallon.



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## LIBRARIES

# Catch the Summer Reading Wave



## A new look at Guilderland library

**GUILDERLAND** — The Guilderland Public Library has gone through many changes of late. The most recent of which was the rearrangement of its collection to better facilitate accessibility. Luanne Nicholson, the library's public information officer, said it was in response to public feedback. The library reconfigured shelving units and added seating clusters throughout the main reading room.

Luanne Nicholson

**S**ummer reading is for all ages! Discover a full slate of summer fun as we dive into "Oceans of Possibilities!"

Find out how you can earn prizes by logging your reading in Beanstack at: <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/adultsrp> for adults, and <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/srp> for kids and teens. Keep an eye on our Events calendar online, as registration opens two weeks prior to the program.

For kids, Tuesdays are take-home kit days; Wednesdays are in-person activity days; and Thursdays are Storytime days in our lovely Literary Garden out back (weather-permitting). Register for all programs on the Events tab of [guilderlandlibrary.org](https://guilderlandlibrary.org).

The week of July 5-9 is "Explore the Seven Seas" week, featuring:

Tuesday Activity Kits: register for an ocean kit for pre-K-grade 1, or a seaglass art kit for grades 6-12, then pick up starting Tuesday, July 5

Wednesday Program: Cold Water Quest with the Georgia Aquarium for grades K-3, Wednesday, July 6, at 2 p.m. Meet us at the library for a virtual field trip to learn about Arctic and Antarctic Ocean ecosystems, followed by activities about cold water animals we'll complete together

Thursday storytime: Thursday, July 7, at 10:30 a.m. for infants through age 5 and their caregivers. Gather 'round for a rollicking good time, all about ocean animals!

We'll read books, sing songs, and enjoy a fun time together.



## Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Various teen volunteer options are available at GPL this summer! Gain valuable experience working with our collection, serving as a hands-on craft and program volunteer, or assisting at the Teen Tech Helpdesk. Teens can also create videos, playlists, craft projects and more.

See <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/teenvolunteers/> or contact us at: [teenvolunteers@guilderlandlibrary.org](mailto:teenvolunteers@guilderlandlibrary.org) to learn more.

## Summer Schedule

The Guilderland Farmer's Market will be held in our upper parking lot Sundays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., July 3 - Oct. 2, featuring 30 vendors. In accordance with our summer schedule, GPL is closed on Sundays during July and Aug. GPL will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

## Night Owls Book Club

We're keeping with the "Oceans of Possibilities" summer reading program theme, reading "The Island of the Sea Women" by Lisa See. This intriguing historical novel is about female friendship and devastating family secrets on a small Korean island. Interested? Pick up a copy

of the book at the library's Information desk, then register on the Events tab of our website to join the virtual discussion on Monday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m.

## Claude Monet: Obsessed with the Natural World

Indisputably, Claude Monet is one of the most recognized and celebrated figures in art history. Everyone loves his beautiful landscapes, colorful and dynamic depictions of modern life, and monumental garden scenes. In this virtual program on Wednesday, July 13, at 6 p.m., you'll learn about how this revered figure went from rejected outsider to groundbreaking icon of Modernism. Please register on the Events tab of our website.

## Genealogy Help

Would you like expert assistance exploring your family tree? Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty offers 1:1 family history consultations at the library. Please contact Lisa directly at: [lisagene@nycap.rr.com](mailto:lisagene@nycap.rr.com) to schedule your appointment on Wednesday, July 15 between 6 to 8 p.m.

Her website is: <http://www.upstatenygenealogy.com>.

— Luanne Nicholson

## Take and Make Tuesday!

**O**ur Summer reading theme is Oceans of Possibilities, and our Beachy Rope Wrapped Pot project offers endless options to add some coastal décor to your home.

Upcycle the container of your choice by wrapping it in rope and add a finishing touch with a shell.

Pick up begins at 9 am on Tuesday, July 5.

## Fiber Arts Meetup

Do you love fiber arts? Knitting, crochet, weaving or anything with yarn? Come hang out with fellow fiber art crafters, meet new people and bring your own projects.

## RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Join us Saturday, July 2, at 11 a.m.

Sign up today!

## Magic Show!

Thursday, July 7 at 6:30 pm at Mosher Park

Celebrate Summer Reading with the Library! Magician Brian McGovern joins us on Thursday, July 7 at 6:30 pm at the Mosher Park Pavilion for an evening of mind boggling good fun.

Be prepared to be baffled and amazed! Registration is limited and required, register once per family.

## The Big Play Day

The Big Play Day returns on Friday, July 8 at 10 am! Families with young children are invited to play outside the Library. We'll have stations set up behind the building where kids and parents can explore interactive activities and play stations together. Bad weather location will be the Library's Community Room. Registration is required and is limited.

## Holiday Hours

The library is closed Monday, July 4th.

— Carol Melewski

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LIBRARIES

# Dive into reading this summer

The 2022 Summer Reading theme, Oceans of Possibilities, explores aquatic animals and stories inspired by the sea.

Readers of all ages can be a part of this refreshing trend by registering for our Summer Reading Challenge. Track your reading progress through our online challenge cards for a chance to earn some great prizes.

Summer Reading is about more than just books. In case you were wondering, audiobooks do count toward your total. And our youngest library friends can also participate by having someone log the books that are read to them, in addition to other cool pre-literacy activities.

We'll be hosting ocean-themed programs all summer long at the library, so be sure to check out the calendar at [bethlehem.librarycalendar.com](http://bethlehem.librarycalendar.com) to see



what's coming up!

Need some Summer Reading inspiration? We can help! Our staff can assemble a custom Media or Book Bundle just for you to take to the beach, camping or on that upcoming road trip. Just fill out the form on our website so we can learn a little about your reading preferences. Once you've heard back from us that your bundle is ready, stop by to pick it up, or drive by for curbside service. Visit [bethlehempubliclibrary.org/book-bundle-request](http://bethlehempubliclibrary.org/book-bundle-request) to make your request.

For more information about Summer Reading and to sign up for the challenge, visit [bethlehempubliclibrary.org/summer-reading-2022](http://bethlehempubliclibrary.org/summer-reading-2022).



Gray skies couldn't dampen the mood at the Thursday, June 22, concert with the Bethlehem Senior Chorus on the library Green.

## Fine-free

Fine-free borrowing is just around the corner

As part of our preparations to go fine free in July, we recently removed existing fines from Bethlehem cardholders' accounts. This means everyone will start our fine-free era with a clean slate!

Fi hotspots, will remain.

Fine free means judgement free. If you've been avoiding the library because you're worried about paying fines, we are happy to welcome you back! Click here to register for your new card online ([www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/borrow/online-library-card-application](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/borrow/online-library-card-application)), or give us a call at (518) 439-9314 or e-mail us at [info@bethpl.org](mailto:info@bethpl.org) to check if you already have a card.

## Summer music at the library

A staple of summer, our Evenings on the Green summer concerts series are always free through the generous support of the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. This year, concerts will take place every Tuesday at 7 p.m. from July 5-July 26. In the event of inclement weather, concerts will take place the following day.

The library's casual outdoor concert series has been around for more than four decades. Concert-goers can bring a blanket or lawn chair, pick a spot on the Green, and get ready to listen to some great music. Evenings on the Green concerts are always free and appropriate for all ages.

July 5: Zan and the Winter Folk

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July 12: Narrow North Acoustic trio brings together a diverse mix of Americana, blues, folk and jazz.

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— Kristen Roberts

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## From page 4 ... Still a seller's market

the summer months," said Kendal Baker, Broker-Owner of Markers Octagon Realty. "For a variety of reasons, new construction is still lagging behind on the current demand for homes".

Pending sales decreased 13 percent from May 2021 to 1,299 for the month. Closed sales were down by 15 percent from May 2021 to 902 for the month. Still, buyers, sellers, and Realtors had a busy May with more than 28,000 showings conducted. New construction's median sale price rose by 37 percent over May 2021 to \$502,806.

"The reduction in some of last month's numbers

is the result more of the continued lack of inventory rather than the increase in the historically low-interest rates," said Laura Burns, Greater Capital Association of Realtors CEO. "While the Fed's recent rate increases may edge out some potential first-time home buyers and others on a tight budget, at this time, lack of inventory is still pushing sale prices to exceed list prices."

There is still some uncertainty about how and when the real estate market will adjust but for the summer months, sellers in the Capital District remain in a good position and rates remain affordable.

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## From page 9 ... Unsportsmanlike conduct

are not athletic, to be a part of that sport."

### Attitude adjustment

Kies said one of the best defenses an official can have is a knowledge of the game and of the rules.

"In order to establish credibility with athletes and parents you need to know the sport. There is no substitute for knowledge. When you know the sport and know the rules you have credibility," said Kies, who teaches new coaches for the state Education Department.

So much of how officials are treated comes down to the coaches.

"I tell the coaches to not feed into it. We want to make sure we handle things in a professional and respectful manner and that we are reinforcing the importance of officials and what they do on a game to game basis

and how important they are to sports," Roemer said. "When players and fans see a coach behave badly they feed into it and it escalates."

Kies and Roemer, and presumably other athletic directors across the state, do speak to the coaches and, at times the fans, about how to treat officials, but the officials can feed into the emotions too.

"As tempers have escalated and people's behavior and manners have become worse over the years, we have noticed that officials have become confrontational as well. Not all of them, but a few," Kies said. "Officials need to understand their reaction to a player's or a coach's reaction can inflame the situation."

Everyone understands it is not an easy job and while instant replay at the high school level is discussed in certain sports in certain situations at

certain times of the year, for the foreseeable future, there will be humans on the field doing the best they can calling a game being played by fast, strong athletes.

"When you get a 50-50 call you are going to upset someone but through the course of a game we have to understand it goes both ways and things even out and that there is no one call that is going to make or break a game," Roemer said.

"The whole idea is about letting kids play and no officials means no games," Kies said.

### IN BRIEF

#### Owens Corning joins Pultron Composites to produce fiberglass rebar

TOLEDO, Ohio — Owens Corning and Pultron Composites announced today that they have signed an agreement to create a joint venture to manufacture industry-leading fiberglass rebar.

This agreement solidifies the companies' commitment to providing more sustainable product solutions and higher-performance concrete reinforcement products. It also increases

market access to PINKBAR + Fiberglass Rebar used for flatwork and residential applications, and MATEENBAR Fiberglass Rebar used for heavy-load structural applications. Both products carry ACI, ASTM, ICC-ES and CSA Grade III code compliance and are a suitable replacement to steel rebar.

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Sweeney Todd brings Albany native home this week.

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■ **LIVE MUSIC**

**More moe.**

The July 4th week at Empire State Plaza takes off with Starship, continues with moe.

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
 halliseym@spotlightnews.com

**ALBANY** — It wasn't too long ago when this city embraced a bacchanalian summer to celebrate its tricentennial, with The Sharks leading Capital City personalities through an earworm of "Let's Have a Party, Albany."

For Rob Derhak, the only conscious effort he had of piecing together his 30-plus year music career has been to keep the party going. He fooled around on bass guitar, playing music with friends Al Schnier and Chuck Garvey while attending the University of Buffalo. After producing some music, they trekked east down the Thruway and made Albany their home.

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— Rob Derhak, moe.



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# What's on display?

## UAlbany's University Art Museum announces newest exhibits

**ALBANY** — The University Art Museum presents Sara Magenheimer: Dailies, a commissioned solo exhibition of video, vinyl text, and sculpture by artist, filmmaker, and poet Sara Magenheimer. Concurrently in our Collections Study Gallery, the UAM presents Chryssa's screenprint series Gates to Times Square, which refigures letterforms and characters of neon signs.

### Sara Magenheimer: Dailies

"This time of social upheaval has re-invigorated language as it performs publicly, in posters and protest signs, tweets, captions, chyrons and political speeches," writes artist, poet, and filmmaker Sara Magenheimer. Magenheimer sublimates her own poetic language into the work in her commissioned solo exhibition Dailies. Turbulent distortions of vinyl texts spanning the museum walls, still and animated text in her video works, and intimately scaled wire and found object sculptures embody the major themes of the exhibition: rest, absence, motion, stillness. Ever sensitive to architecture and the body, Magenheimer has created a contemplative environment inviting viewers to move with and through language and subtly reflect on power, politics, and poetics.

The words inhabiting the museum both in vinyl and in video often draw from Magenheimer's *Beige Pursuit* (2019, Wendy's Subway), the artist's book of poetry now in its second edition. Additional

video works include a projection of a 24-hour video clock that keeps time with the slow, often indiscernible movement of 24 flower species that each naturally bloom at a specific hour of the day, as well as a screening room hosting earlier video pieces that chart the arc of Magenheimer's thought over the last decade.

Time and ephemerality recur in wire and found object sculptures imbued with memory for Magenheimer, and inverted black-and-white headshots of actresses alongside their redacted resumes reflecting on the "shelf-life" of actresses.

Throughout the exhibition, Magenheimer explores the conventions of the printed page while offering an expanded mode of reading that can happen in the context of an art space and the world at large.

### Chryssa: Gates to Times Square

Taking language from the world, specifically the letterforms and characters from neon lights in Manhattan in the 1960s and 1970s, Chryssa refigures them in her series of screenprints *Gates to Times Square* (1978) on view in the University Art Museum's Collections Study Gallery. These 16 large-scale prints from the University at Albany Fine Art Collections represent an important moment in Chryssa's life-long investigation of text as image.

Emerging from the Coenties Slip group in lower Manhattan in the 1950-1960s, alongside Agnes Martin and Ellsworth Kelly, Chryssa drew inspiration from her immediate urban environment, as well as ancient Cycladic sculpture from her native Greece, and became a

forerunner in the use of neon in the fine arts.

The *Gates to Times Square* prints show how Chryssa continued to think through the visual and textual ideas of her monumental and immersive neon, Plexiglas, and steel sculpture *The Gates to Times Square* (1964-1966). Chryssa's interest in written text began even earlier, notably in her baked-clay tablets *Cycladic Books* (1957) and found new form in her 1970s-1980s study of Chinatown shop signs produced concurrently with the prints on view.

One finds in *Gates to Times Square* tangled patterns of saturated red and blue, nested lines in unexpectedly meditative formations, and stillness in her monochrome gray hard-edge geometric forms. Recurring patterns and structures appear as Chryssa reuses a core set of silkscreens to explore variable relationships between figure and ground, challenging the ways we read the image.

Sara Magenheimer is an artist whose work spans filmmaking, video installation, writing, and sculpture. She is based in New York. Recent solo exhibitions include the New Museum, NY; Portland Institute for Contemporary Art (PICA), or; The Kitchen, NY.

Chryssa (Chryssa Vardea-Mavromichali, b. Greece, 1933-2013) is known for her sculpture and assemblage and was one of the first to use neon as a fine art medium beginning in 1962.

She had studied in Paris and San Francisco and moved to New York in 1954, and also established a studio in Athens in 1992.

## Free shows return to Barker Park

**TROY** — The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall announced the return of the free Barker Park Kid's series, to take place every Thursday at 11 am from July 7 to Aug. 25 in Barker Park.

### July 7: Andy The Music Man

Popular children's musician renowned for the special way he connects with his audiences. A talented guitarist, mandolin player and songwriter, mingles traditional and original songs and novelty, delighting and involving kids through sing-a-longs, dancing, play-acting and storytelling.

### July 14: Heard

A collective of musicians that bring their skills and passion for world music, jazz and improvising together to create irresistible grooves set in a unique sonic tapestry. Together for a decade, their vibrant sound incorporates influences from West Africa, Brazil, the Caribbean and beyond.

### July 21: Watch Reggie Run

Formed in 2017 by Dave and his son Luke who has autism, Watch Reggie Run, is named after how they spend their time when not making music (watching Luke's sister Reggie run in Track and XC meets). The songs were all inspired by Luke. It's fun music for all ages!

### July 28: Terri Roben

She has performed concerts in schools, festivals, coffeehouses, and led classes in libraries for preschoolers to 5th graders. She worked in schools with the Scotia Children's Traveling Museum for 10 years.

### Aug. 4: Troy Public Library

Presenting Under The Sea Story Hour!

### Aug. 11: Jordan Taylor Hill

Jordan is an artist rooted in traditional music from West Africa and the diaspora combined with today's sounds.

### Aug. 18: Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company

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moe.

"I'd be lying if I said I remember them [days] crystal clear," he said with a chuckle. "We were young and full of energy, and full of... we were partying a lot, a lot back then."

The three continue to record and perform music as the popular jam band, moe. (the name is purposely stylized in all lower case, followed by a period). For over three decades, the

band has corralled myriad musical forms on a truly original journey rich with crafty, clever songwriting and astonishing resourcefulness. Fueled by an impassioned fan base, moe. has spent much of those 30 years on the road, encompassing countless live performances marked by eclectic wit, deep friendship and exploratory invention.

moe. is to open the

Empire State Plaza's Capital Concert Series with a performance on Wednesday, July 6, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

"We cut our teeth in Buffalo and in Albany," Derhak said, who co-founded the band with Al Schnier and Chuck Garvey while attending the University of Buffalo in 1990. A few short years later, they traveled down the Thruway and made Albany their home. "We had a place on Western Ave. ... It was across from the Mobil station, near the university. Not sure if it's



Jim Gilbert

*"I can see us going into our 70s, just going and playing a big festival or something. But I don't think I'll ever stop. I can't imagine ever not playing."*

— Rob Derhak, moe.

there anymore."

He remembers Albany's past music scene as one steeped in the flavor of the time. Alternative music influenced by the Seattle sound made popular by Nirvana, Pearl Jam and more. It was 1995, and the fusion of music moe. presented on stage — funk, free jazz, country, classic and prog rock — had yet to be defined. The seeds had been planted around the college towns throughout the Northeast, germinating in New York City's Wetlands; Burlington's Nectar's and Albany's Valentine's.

The club used to reside at 17 New Scotland Avenue in Albany. It closed its doors after Albany Medical Center announced a \$110 million development project in 2013 that ultimately stretched across two blocks of the neighborhood. In its prime, however, regulars would describe it with terms of endearment more apt for ugly dogs.

"It's dirty and grimy and is the closest approximation of an urban rock club in the area," wrote one Yelp reviewer, who gave it four out of five stars. "There's a definite Valentine's smell though - be warned. I can't quite place my finger on what it is, but it's not good."

The two-story venue

was Albany's go-to for local music. Bands played on both floors, but the younger crowd not yet old enough to patronize the bar would be ushered upstairs where there was a larger stage. Derhak recalled playing on the first floor the first night the band played at Valentine's. That's from where Greg Bell first approached the band, told them they were good, and that he was bringing them upstairs.

From there, moe. started sharing nights with the Ominous Seapods, Yoke and Percy Hill all bands playing various concoctions of what's now called jam music. Derhak described shows where the band would play two sets, each about two hours long. The club's drop ceilings would fall down on them as they played, cramped and hot from the crowd that surrounded them.

"We would just be sweaty and a mess," he said. They commonly stretched the shows out beyond 4 a.m. On Archive.org, someone uploaded a show from December 1995. Someone else left a comment, claiming to have been at the show after attending a Phish concert the same night at the Knickerbocker Arena. They made it in time to see Ominous Seapods and

Mother Sound, too, before the music ended at 4:20 in the morning.

"The one thing we loved the most about doing that is the fact that we could just sputter home at the end of the night and get in our own beds," Derhak said. "Or sometimes the party would follow us to our house and we wouldn't actually get in our beds at all."

Now 53, Derhak said he's not looking to stretch those nights into the early morning anymore. "No. If we doing Jazz Fest or something like that, that's just how it rolls there. I'm ancient, man. ... I'm in bed by 11."

moe. released its 12th studio album with "This Is Not, We Are" in 2020, and they've since continued their touring schedule. In May, they surprised local fans with a surprise one-off performance as Monkeys on Ecstasy, a use of alliteration as a wink and a nod to hardcore fans, at Empire Underground. The show sold out less than 48 hours from the announcement.

In 2017, he was diagnosed with nasopharyngeal cancer after a lymph node was removed from his neck. The band stopped performing, honoring a few shows scheduled with the Grateful Dead's Phil Lesh, while he proceeded with chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Later that same year, his doctors declared him cancer-free. He'd still need to follow through with treatments over the next five years.

Derhak wasn't asked about his cancer scare. It didn't come up in conversation. Instead, we talked about longevity and life after music as a self-proclaimed "ancient" person.

"Wait a minute. Did I say that?" he said, jokingly. After a fit of laughter, he said, "I don't think I'll ever not do this." He points to Lesh, who at 82 continues to perform a handful of shows each year under Phil Lesh and Friends.

"I can see us going into our 70s, just going and playing a big festival or something. But I don't think I'll ever stop."

"I can't imagine ever not playing."

Derhak's side band, Blue Star Radiation, is to play afterward at The Hollow.

■ THIS WEEK

# 'Sweeney Todd' will slay for good laughs

Albany native Carolee Carmello to reprise role at SPAC this week

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — Three-time Tony Award nominee and Drama Desk Award-winner Carolee Carmello is not a fan of horror movies, and is not so into Halloween. Nonetheless, she'd impress upon you that Saratoga Spring's "Sweeney Todd" is less horror and more humor when the curtain opens at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center this week.

"Sweeney Todd" has widely been acknowledged as Stephen Sondheim's masterpiece since it first appeared on Broadway in 1979. It later earned eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

It's a dark tale leavened



Carolee Carmello returns home to reprise role as Mrs. Lovett in this week's Opera Saratoga production of Stephen Sondheim's "Sweeney Todd."

with ghoulish humor set in Victorian London. The plot centers around Todd, who returns home after having been wrongfully imprisoned. The barber orchestrates an elaborate plan for revenge against the judge who incarcerated him. He is helped by Mrs. Lovett, a struggling baker, played by Carmello.

This Wednesday,

Carmello returns to her native Capital District for her debut in the Opera Saratoga and the Saratoga Performing Arts Center when the musical plays on Wednesday and Thursday, June 29 and 30. She reprises the role after last performing in an off-Broadway production of the musical in 2017. This time, she will be alongside

internationally acclaimed bass-baritone Craig Colclough as Sweeney Todd.

"It was such a great experience when I did it off-Broadway," Carmella said. The "tiny" production at New York City's Barrow Street Theatre was small enough that the players did not need microphones or ensemble singers. "It was a really unique experience, like nothing I had ever done before. But I always wanted to experience the show the way it was written, with a full orchestra and full chorus singing."

Opera Saratoga's production is to take place upon SPAC's expansive stage. The company's rare appearance on the Amphitheater Stage was announced in January as part of its traveling road show season while the state renovates The Spa Little Theatre. In "Sweeney Todd,"

Opera Saratoga tackles a horror story plotline full of light-hearted humor. Mrs. Lovett is often the center of those humorous moments in the story.

"She's definitely made some compromised, moral decisions," Carmello said with a chuckle. She describes her as someone who has been through a lot of hard times. When Todd returns home from prison, she said, it brings back feelings she had for him in the past. Now, as she struggles to sell her meat pies, the two devise a plan that is as brutally as it is mutually beneficial.

"The show is so funny," she said. "It is sort of a horror story, in a way, because of all the murdering that happens at the hands of Sweeney. But it is so cleverly done and so funny and so entertaining. ... If you've only seen the movie, I think you might be missing some of the lighter,

fun moments of the show."

Carmella grew up in Albany's Pine Hills neighborhood and recalls summer jaunts to the Madison Theatre to see movies. But the thought of being an actor didn't materialize until later, while she was studying business administration as an undergraduate at the University at Albany. On a whim, she participated in a dormitory play. That would lead her to the Schenectady Light Opera Company and later to Broadway. She has since returned to SLOC, and has performed on Proctors' stage. This week's show, however, brings her to a stage she remembers fondly from a different vantage point, to watch her favorite musicians play.

"It's exciting," she said of SPAC. "I'm really excited to be on that stage because I've only ever seen it from the audience."

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**FASHION**

# Sale hunting for a new wardrobe

Budget-friendly ways to update a wardrobe

An individual's appearance can speak volumes. For many, that underscores the importance of having a wardrobe that presents the image they want to project.

Unless you have unlimited funds, the process of curating a wardrobe can take time. Life brings with it many expenses, but it's possible to update your wardrobe each season without breaking the bank. Check out these seven money-saving suggestions before visiting retailers.

## Investigate your closet and others'

Take stock of what's already in your closet and drawers. You may forget



Trendy patterns come and go, but classic styles will always remain popular. Venture over to the clearance rack and keep your eyes open. You may find something where the color is all that's out of style.

what you have, particularly if you pack away seasonal items. In addition, check with roommates or family members to see if they have any pieces they don't use or would like to swap. This keeps everyone looking fresh.

## Turn pants into shorts or capris

Who hasn't had the dryer shrink an item that once fit? Over time, the hemline on a dress may creep up or pants just don't hit at the right spot on the ankle any longer. Rather

than wasting an item, with some minor tailoring you can transform pants into shorts or capris and transform long dresses into short ones.

## Invest in basics

Keep a cheat sheet in your pocket or purse when shopping so you can pick up items when they are on discount. Staples to stock a wardrobe include a basic black dress, classic black dress pants, white dress shirt, A-line skirt in a neutral color, any occasion tops, and well-fitting darker wash jeans. For men, basics include slacks and blazers or a well-fitting suit, dress shirts in a few neutral colors, casual khaki slacks, well-fitting jeans, and casual polo shirts.

## Set your budget, shopping plan

Some people like to

establish monthly shopping budgets, while others updating their wardrobes prefer to shop seasonally. Figure out how much you can devote to new clothes (after taking inventory of current items) and stick to that amount. If you're a person who has difficulty saying "no" when shopping, shop with cash instead of card. When your funds are depleted, exit the store.

## Shop from the back

Sale and clearance racks tend to be at the back of department stores and other retailers. Start there to grab some pieces before working your way forward to where the newer, more costly items are displayed.

## Stick to a neutral color palette

It's easier to mix and

match newer items with pieces you already have if the colors blend. If you want to add pops of color, do so with accessories such as belts, ties, purses, or jewelry.

## Shop thrift sales or consignment

Just because it's used doesn't make durable clothing any less valuable. Thrift and consignment stores sell products at very low cost. Some places even have days during the week when ticketed items are slashed in price even further. Thrift and consignment stores also are great places to find unique pieces.

Updating a wardrobe doesn't have to break the bank. Some simple strategies can ensure anyone looks their best and has money to spare.

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### Albany Institute of History and Art The Four Elements of Leigh Li-Yun Wen-

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

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

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

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



## HOT DATE

### DJ Night!

*It's music from the wheels of steel as Rare Form features DJ Night on Thursday, July 1, starting at 6 p.m.*

and Art, 125 Washington Ave. Albany, 518.463.4478.

### Albany International Airport

**ECHO-** Ginne Gardiner & Amy Talluto Recent Painting and Collage A pattern of reflections distinguishes the work of these two artists, who make paintings

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

### Arts Center of the Capital Region

The 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. 265 River St., Troy. Free admission. 518-273-0552 or artscenteronline.org

### The Clark Art Institute

**Imaginary City-** The large-format, abstract paintings of Tomm El-Saieh (b. 1984, Port-au-Prince; lives and works in Miami) teem with dense and dynamic marks that evoke ornament, language, and architecture. By variously layering and erasing his linework, and using vibrant color to optically push or pull his pictures, El-Saieh creates rhythmic, all-over compositions from which larger forms appear to emerge—testing both the limits of our perception and our expectations about abstraction. The exhibition title, which comes from one of the works in the show, refers to a cityscape theme common in Haitian art (Vilaj Imaginé). El-Saieh's paintings, which resemble informal urban plans, likewise develop intuitively, without the use of preparatory studies or outlines. For the artist, who has been unable to return to his birthplace in recent years as a result of the instability there, Port-au-Prince now also exists mainly as a figure in his memory and imagination—a site of joy and trauma, potential and uncertainty. Tomm El-Saieh was born in Haiti and grew up in Miami; he is of

Haitian, Palestinian, and Israeli descent. He was the subject of a solo show at the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) Miami in 2018 and was included in the New Museum triennial in New York that year. He is partner at the artist-run gallery CENTRAL FINE in Miami and long directed the El-Saieh Gallery in Port-au-Prince, a venue for contemporary Haitian artists that his grandfather established in the 1950s. This yearlong exhibition appears in public spaces around the Clark and is free and open to the public. It is organized by the Clark Art Institute and curated by Robert Wiesenberger, associate curator of contemporary projects. This exhibit goes from January 29th through December 31st. 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

Exhibit hours: Tue. thru Sat, 12noon - 5 PM. 201 Broadway Troy, NY clementart.com 518 272 6811

### The Jan Rutland Memorial Artists' Space

Gallery hours 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

### miSci

Be the Astronaut - Be the Astronaut is a fun, interactive adventure where you are in control as you launch a rocket, pilot a spaceship, and drive a rover in space! The exhibit guides you as you discover the solar system first hand with the help of virtual astronauts as you land on multiple worlds, including the Moon, Mars, and Jupiter. Designed with the help of NASA experts, the exhibition is fun for the whole family and takes STEM learning into outer space. Throughout each stage of the exhibit, you

have your own crew of virtual content experts. These digital characters help you learn what's needed to fly a spaceship, pilot a lander, and drive a surface rover. Then they are with you as you climb into the simulators to actually perform these feats, in a thrilling narrative adventure spanning the solar system.

In each space capsule, a massive 70" monitor serves as the 'windshield,' giving you a first-person view of your adventures. Touch-screens and an industrial-quality joystick put you in command. During missions, the entire cockpit comes alive with animated lighting effects, game visuals, and sounds that make you believe you ARE an astronaut. 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 Unveiled: Wedding Wear in 19th-century New York

In choosing their wedding clothes, brides and grooms are influenced by fashion, economics, technology, religion, geography, celebrity, personal taste, and their role in society. This was as much the case in 19th-century New York as it is today. Wedding clothing holds memories, and pieces—dresses, shoes, suits, and head wear—are often preserved and passed to subsequent generations. A couple's choices reveal historical information about both the individuals who wore them and those who made them. Some garments find their way to museum collections. This exhibition will unveil stories of select New Yorkers. Exhibit is on going until October 2nd 2022. Museum hours: Tuesday-Sun, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free admission; suggested donation of \$5/ person or \$10/family. 518-474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

### Opalka Gallery

Gallery Hours Tuesday through Saturday 12pm to 5pm open late Thursday 12pm to 8pm. Monday by appointment. Gallery is located at Russell Sage College 140 New Scotland Ave. Albany, NY 12208.

### 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 schenectadyhistorical.org

### Dan Sekellic Visual Arts Gallery

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

### Tang Teaching Museum

**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

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Ancient Greek sophist
5. Genus of insects
11. Culinary herb
12. Neutralizing antibody
16. Plan
17. Pa's partner
18. A city in S Louisiana
19. TNT sportscaster
24. Atomic #25 (abbr.)
25. Well-known bug
26. Body parts
27. Monetary unit of Albania
28. Kids' play things
29. Coastal city in Malaysia
30. Famed French physician
31. Flourishing
33. Excessively overweight
34. Pampered
38. Emerged
39. Order of tailless amphibians
40. Indian term of respect
43. Shift sails (Brit.)
44. Beloved Mexican dish
45. Scottish tax
49. Health insurance
50. Monetary unit of Samoa
51. Move about
53. Execute or perform
54. Taste property
56. Unit of dry measure
58. Blood group
59. Something you can up
63. Breezes through
64. Spoke
65. Become acquainted with

### CLUES DOWN

1. A particular part
2. Spanish neighborhood
3. Business

4. Reddish browns
5. Extinct Hawaiian bird
6. Disney town
7. Part of the Bible (abbr.)
8. Atomic #22 (abbr.)
9. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
10. In a moment
13. Monetary unit of Vietnam
14. Submerge in a liquid
15. Yellowish cotton cloth
20. -\_\_\_, denotes past
21. Hoopster Morant
22. Not
23. Indian title of respect
27. Horsley and Marvin are two
29. One thousandth of a liter (abbr.)
30. Hoover's organization
31. Round globular seed
32. University official
33. Spherical body
34. Iraq's capital
35. To any further extent
36. Swollen lymph node
37. Anger
38. Technological marvel
40. Peruvian district
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. What Santa says
44. Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
45. Late Heisman winner
46. Reveal the presence of
47. Long upholstered seat
48. Most wily
50. Sword
51. Respiratory disease
52. The Ocean State
54. Fleshy watery fruit
55. Lying down
57. Superheavy metal
61. The ancient Egyptian sun god
62. Indicates position

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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

**Union College Galleries Addenda-**

Custodians of archives wield great power and responsibility in considering who might be left out, disempowered

# Josh Groben's Harmony Tour hits SPAC Saturday

Comsummate showman and Grammy Award-nominated singer and songwriter, Josh Groben is to perform at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. His catalog includes eight studio albums, including his 2001 self-titled five-time platinum debut and his 2007 Grammy-nominated "Noel." He performs on Saturday, July 2.

Josh Groben



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or silenced in the creation of a specific narrative by those who use their records. Addenda centers interpretation and augmentation of past and present through the archive in an effort to construct a fuller future. The three contemporary artists featured in this exhibition, Gina Adams, Merritt Johnson and Sonya Kelliher-Combs, draw on history, cultural traditions, and archives, along with a strong belief in seeking alternative narratives to create artworks that exist dually, as both physical constructions and as a record of unconsidered perspectives and often unrecognized pasts. Exhibit is on going until June 12th.

**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. University Art Museum is located at 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany.

**THEATER**

**Mean Girls**

Direct from Broadway, MEAN GIRLS is the hilarious hit musical from an award-winning creative team, including book



**HOT DATE**

**TRMA NIGHT!**

*People in Clifton Park know their trivia, and they congregate at Ravenswood Grill & Tavern to compete. If you've got the game, travel up and see what you're made of on Tuesday, July 5, starting at 6:30 p.m.*

writer TINA FEY ("30 Rock"), composer JEFF RICHMOND ("Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt"), lyricist NELL BENJAMIN (Legally Blonde) and director CASEY NICH-

OLAW (The Book of Mormon).

Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. Soon, this naïve newbie falls prey to a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. But when Cady devises a plan to end Regina's reign, she learns the hard way that you can't cross a Queen Bee without getting stung. You can catch these shows starting June 28th through July 3rd! Check the website for showtimes! Only at Proctors 432 State Street Schenectady.

**COMEDY**

**Matt Richards**

Matt Richards is an actor, comedian, and writer that has performed on several thousands of shows all across the country and currently hosts the popular game show app HQ Trivia. You can see Matt on Flatbush Misdemeanors for Showtime, both seasons of That Damn Michael Che for HBO Max, CBS' 2 Broke Girls, Nickelodeon's School of Rock, as well as KC Undercover and Bizaardvark for Disney. Matt was selected as a NEW FACE Character 2018 for the prestigious Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal and was a standout in the 2017 CBS diversity Showcase. As a writer, Matt is staffed on the WGA award nominated series That Damn Michael Che for HBO Max and he has written and produced for Snoop Dogg on various programming for VH1, TBS, Peacock and Animal Planet. Matt also wrote and performed his original sketches for Complex's new web-series, Group Therapy sponsored by Old Spice and has appeared on The Funny Dance Show for E!, MTV's World Star TV, and

The Steve Harvey show. Catch the show July 1st at 7 p.m. with a second show on Saturday, only at The Funny Bone 1 Crossgates Mall Rd #K-206 Albany, NY 12203.

**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.tvcocg.net.

**MUSIC**

**WORLDSUCKS / Jen Kutler / KMES**

Unrelenting and Unapologetic Thrash/Punk Duo from NY/NJ. Raging Against Injustice, Inequality, Racism, Hypocrisy and the establishment as fast, loud and pissed off as possible. Friends. Bandmates. Lifers. WORLDSUCKS is the culmination of 20-plus years of friendship and musical kinship. Jen Kutler is a multidisciplinary artist and performer. She modifies found objects that are cultural signifiers of power, gender, queerness and intimacy to create atypical instruments and sculptures. Her performances feature many of her instruments incorporated with immersive field recordings to explore common and discrepant experiences of familiar social tones in immersive sound and media environments. King Mike Entertainment System is a scrappy pop punk band currently residing in the Hudson Valley. Debut album coming soon on State Champion Records. Catch the show July 2nd at 8 p.m. only at the Avalon Lounge 29 Church St. Catskill.

**Skidmore Jazz Institute Presents: Tia Fuller's Intersections**

When Grammy-nominated, Mack Avenue recording artist, saxophonist and composer Tia Fuller picks up her saxophone, something amazing happens. Blending technical brilliance, melodic creativity, and the performing precision drawn from both her academic and stage experience, Fuller is a force to be reckoned with in the worlds of jazz, pop, R&B, and more. Currently, Fuller balances the worlds of performance and education, fulfilling a demanding schedule as both a busy touring and recording artist and a full-time professor

at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. For this special concert presented by the Skidmore Jazz Institute Fuller will be joined by Shamie Fuller-Royston (piano) Eric Wheeler (bass), Lexi Hamner (trombone) and Koleby Royston (drums).. Come join us June 30th at 7 p.m. only at Caffè Lena 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

**Lost Leaders**

Lost Leaders have done weird tours and triumphant tours, placed lots of songs in film and TV, and maintained a sense of humor and artistic authenticity throughout. Their anthemic songs push the national zeitgeist through vintage synthesizers, guitar pedals and tea-soaked vocal cords to create songs that are triumphant, unguarded and singable. Their new single Long Way Down is a cautionary tale of a small-town dreamer's cutthroat ambition & is a breathless ride through the hills that bore the band from its birth at Levon Helm's legendary Midnight Ramble to the pages of RELIX, No Depression and The Huffington Post. The forthcoming E.P. "Jealous Sun" is their most personal effort yet exploring addiction, disability, fatherhood and ego. Their eponymously titled first album yielded the successful radio track "I'm Gonna Win" and started their journey through years of weirdness and magic which continues through this striking group of new songs. Come join us July 1st at 7 p.m. only at Caffè Lena 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

**Tracy Bonham**

Tracy Bonham has never ceased growing and has never stopped challenging herself, her own talents, or her audience. As PopMatters aptly describes "Bonham, from the beginning and increasingly over

**HOROSCOPES**

**June 2022  
Week 5**

**ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20**

Aries, you are on fire lately. There's seemingly nothing you touch that won't turn to gold afterward. This trend will continue, but try not to let it go to your head.

**TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21**

Taurus, unless you take swift action, you could be heading for a financial free-fall. Start to pull back spending for a while and see if the situation will right itself.

**GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21**

It's time to make amends with someone who did you wrong, Gemini. Life is too short to hold grudges, and this person has mended his or her ways since.

**CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22**

Cancer, when plans change on a dime, you are ready to roll with the new situation. Higher-ups could get a peek at your quick thinking, which can land you a promotion.

**LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23**

Make the most of every opportunity that comes your way this week, Leo. You may not get many chances to prove your worth in the weeks to come, so it's important to act now.

**VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22**

Virgo, it is important to remember that your online presence never goes away. Watch what you post and say in social media groups, as it could come back to bite you.

**LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23**

Something that started out as a part-time venture could turn into much more, Libra. Figure out if this is the path you see yourself going and then jump on it.

**SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22**

Let loose and have fun for a change, Scorpio. Don't delay when others want to invite you out for a night on the town or even a brunch. Say "yes" to any and all opportunities.

**SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21**

There's a lot going on right now and it may have your head spinning, Sagittarius. Delegate some of your workload if you can. Don't be too hard on yourself.

**CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20**

Family matters come to the forefront this week, Capricorn. You must dig in deep to address them. There are two sides to every story, so try to get all the facts first.

**AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18**

Just when you started to lose hope, that new horizon you were seeking comes into view, Aquarius. It is well-deserved and there will be smiles for the weeks ahead.

**PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20**

Pisces, if you find yourself with too much extra time on your hands, why not volunteer with the community to pass the time?

time, is a riveting, complicated maker of pop music." Her album, *Modern Burdens*, made Rolling Stone's Top 50 albums of 2017, which they describe as "a lovingly penned postcard to Bonham's past self, and a fascinating look at where she's at right now." Come join us July 2nd at 8 p.m. only at Caffè Lena 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

**The Heaters**

During the late '70s, the Los Angeles-based trio the Heaters were tipped to have a breakthrough. Straddling the line between mainstream rock and the new wave, they opened for both Van Halen and Cheap Trick, but struggled in the studio. They released an eponymous debut in 1978 on Ariola and leaped to the majors in 1980 for Energy Transfer, but neither record garnered much attention. Lead vocalist Mercy Bermudez and sisters Maggie and Missy Connell kept working, acquiring a four-track PortaStudio and recording on their own, emphasizing their girl group inspirations. Catch the show June 29th at 6 p.m. only at Carson's Woodside Tavern, 57 Route 9P, Malta.

**Akoustic**

The jazz world was stunned and saddened by the unexpected passing of legendary pianist Chick Corea on February 9, 2021, from a rare form of cancer. In a posthumous statement released on his Facebook page, Corea bid farewell to his compatriots and fans in the same joyous spirit with which he always approached the keyboard: "I want to thank all of those along my journey who have helped keep the music fires burning bright. It is my hope that those who have an inkling to play, write, perform or otherwise, do so. If not for yourself then for the rest of us. It's not only that the world

**Every-thing's fine, Tracy Bonham**

Best known for her 1996 hit "Mother Mother," the talented Tracy Bonham is classically trained as both a violinist and pianist. The two-time Grammy Award-nominee comes up to Saratoga Springs to play the storied stage at Caffè Lena on Saturday, July 2.

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Coheed and Cambria

**Vamonos**  
Lettuce

**No More**  
The Age

**Breakfast**  
Dove Cameron

**Hearing Dove Cameron in anything other than a Disney production seems out of place. Such is the life of a Mouseketeer. She came across my Spotify account thanks to my 9-year-old daughter who is in love with the Descendants franchise. I'm not complaining. There's so much talent there. I place her on the bottom of a list that features local artists. Cassandra Kubinski and her family calls Saratoga home. Coheed and Cambria's Josh Eppard is from the 518, originally. For me, however, it's great to see The Age pop up with something new.**

— Michael Hallisey

needs more artists, it's also just a lot of fun." Catch the show July 1st at 5 p.m. only at Centre Stret Pub, 308 Union Street Schenectady.

**Wideawake**

is a band working hard to establish themselves in this vast business of music. What is interesting about the band is not what brought them together almost five years ago (taking 1st place in a talent show), how many concerts (450+), or CDs they have independently sold to date (18,000+). What sets WIDEAWAKE apart is their unexpected perspective and fundamental concept for being a band. What is distinctive about WIDEAWAKE is their earnest approach to music - why they write and perform music, what they hope to accomplish through music, and where they are headed with their music. Originating from Seattle, Scott Leger, Nate Navarro, Steve Rude, Curtis Ryker, and Eddie Willis are an understated and authentic bunch, more concerned about using their music to unite people, than with the pretentious glitz and glamour of being a rock band. After touring the US and beyond for almost two years behind their incredibly successful debut release Thread, WIDEAWAKE recognized a basic need for something greater than their individuality through the joys and difficulties of the road, and in many of the hopeful faces and fascinating lives they encountered. Catch the show July 2nd at 5 p.m. only at Centre Stret Pub, 308 Union Street, Schenectady.

**The Nude Party**

This music thing is no place for those weak in spirit or constitution. Just ask the Nude Party, whose breakout hit from their 2018 self-titled debut turned a scolding from one of the band members' relatives—"You'll never make enough money / and no one cares about the things you say"—into an earworm chorus hook. But as singer Patton Magee notes now, "there's a lot of shit you have to deal with playing music, and it is kind of genuinely hard. But then again, it's also like, What do you have to complain

about?" That rock 'n' roll dichotomy the agony and the ecstasy, the pleasure and the pain, the rave up and the come down is baked into the very grooves of the Nude Party's latest full-length effort, Midnight Manor. The album blasts off with the hot-wire glam-boogie of "Lonely Heather," in which Magee channels his inner Lou Reed (and that's Lou at his most nervy and agitated) as his band mates bassist Alec Castillo, guitarist Shaun Couture, pianist Don Merrill, percussionist Austin Brose and drummer Connor Mikita—kick up a sweaty, amphetamine-fueled stew behind him, and even throw in a few sha-la-la-la's to boot. Catch the show June 29th at 7 p.m. only at Empire Live, 93 North Pearl St Albany.

**The Wrecks**

Los Angeles' the Wrecks make exuberant, melodic, emo- and punk-influenced indie rock. The group found early success with their 2016 breakout single, "Favorite Liar," and after a pair of EPs signed to the Big Noise label for their 2020 full-length *Infinitely Ordinary*. We Are the Wrecks Hailing from Thousand Oaks, California, singer/guitarist Nick Anderson, guitarist Nick Schmidt, guitarist Westen Weiss, bassist Aaron Kelley, and drummer Billy Nally had barely formed when they chanced on the opportunity for a few covert days in a local studio. In just three hectic days, they recorded their 2016 debut EP, *We Are the Wrecks*, which featured the catchy single "Favorite Liar." The song picked up steam online and helped the Wrecks land some key gigs opening for Paramore and the Struts along with festival slots at Lollapalooza and BottleRock. A second EP, *Panic Verigo*, arrived in 2018, followed in 2020 by the Wrecks' first LP, *Infinitely Ordinary*, on the Big Noise imprint. Catch the show June 30th at 7 p.m. only at Empire Underground, 93 North Pearl St Albany.

**SeeyouSpaceCowboy**

A Los Angeles-based outfit who blend punishingly heavy hardcore and politically minded art-punk into their own self-described "sasscore." SeeYouSpace-

Cowboy rode a series of well-received EPs and 7" releases into a deal with the Pure Noise label, which issued the 2019 full-length *The Correlation Between Entrance and Exit Wounds* and the 2021 EP *A Sure Disaster*. Taking their name from a phrase in the 1998 anime *Cowboy Bebop*, SeeYouSpaceCowboy formed in 2016, its members coming from various hardcore and screamo bands like *Flowers Taped to Pens*, *René Descartes*, and *Letters to Catalonia*. Although shredded vocals constitute a part of their approach, SeeYouSpaceCowboy have resisted the screamo tag from the very start, instead pitting heavy musical elements of hardcore and metalcore against a curious vocal delivery that involves frontwoman Connie Sgarbossa alternating her screams with brassy, semi-melodic shouting that the band refers to as sasscore. An array of anti-racist, anti-capitalist, and pro-LGBTQ themes also infuse their music, which first found its way to fans at the end of 2016 in the form of a demo CD-R release. Although the group's foundation shifted a handful of times in their first few years, it coalesced around a core personnel of Sgarbossa on vocals, her brother Ethan Sgarbossa on drums, and guitarist Jesse Price with a handful of different bassists coming in and out of the band. Catch the show July 3rd at 6 p.m. only at Empire Underground, 93 North Pearl St Albany.

**Monkberry**

Though The Band Established In May 2021, Monkberry Has Been Together Since Middle School. Two Of Them Have Been Together For 22 Years. Over The Years, There Have Been Countless Jam Sessions, Collaborations On Original Songs, And Many Game Nights, But No One Ever Asked The Question: "Why Don't We Just Form A Band?" Until Now. Kicking Off The Post-Covid-19 Tour With Songs You Love. The Goal Of Monkberry Is To Make You Feel Good. We Believe That With Our Unique Song Choices And Variety Of Styles And Genres, We Can Do Just That. In The Near Future, We Plan On Releasing Original Music To The World. We Want To Make Sure It's Just Right,

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**Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band w/s/g Whiskey West**

The new album from Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band was written by candlelight and then recorded using the best technology available . . . in the 1950s. But listeners won't find another album as relevant, electrifying and timely as *Dance Songs for Hard Times*. Scheduled for independent release April 9, 2021 via *Thirty Tigers*, *Dance Songs for Hard Times* conveys the hopes and fears of pandemic living. Rev. Peyton, the Big Damn Band's vocalist and world-class fingerstyle guitarist, details bleak financial challenges on the songs "Ways and Means" and "Dirty Hustlin'." He pines for in-person reunions with loved ones on "No Tellin' When," and he pleads for celestial relief on the album-closing "Come Down Angels." Far from a depressing listen, *Dance Songs* lives up to its name by delivering action-packed riffs and rhythms across 11 songs. The country blues trio that won over crowds on more than one *Warped Tour* knows how to make an audience move. "I like songs that sound happy but are actually very sad," Peyton says. "I don't know why it is, but I just do." Of course, the greatest front-porch blues band in the world found itself sidelined from a relentless touring schedule because of the coronavirus pandemic. Peyton says he was surprised when his mind and soul unleashed a batch of new songs in March and April of 2020. "I think it was the stress of everything," he says. "At the time, we were watching everything we know crash down. I didn't know what was going to happen with our career, with our house, with food, with anything." Peyton wasn't alone in uncertainty. It's a feeling that gripped the world. Added to Peyton's concerns were a lingering illness perhaps undiagnosed COVID-19 affecting "Washboard" Breezy Peyton, his wife and Big Damn Band member, as well as a cancer diagnosis for his father. A metaphori-

cal wallop arrived when unpredictable weather in the rustic wilds of Southern Indiana knocked out power at the Peytons' 150-year-old log cabin. For multiple days. While Breezy rested and recovered, Peyton crafted songs in near darkness. "It's been a struggle the entire time," he says. "Nothing's been easy. Other than the music. The music came easy." "Too Cool to Dance" might be interpreted as the album's centerpiece for its message of not taking things for granted. Catch this show June 29th at 8 p.m. only at Lark Hall 351 Hudson Avenue, Albany.

**Mighty mystic**

Mighty Mystic is considered as one of the leaders in the U.S. Reggae scene and labeled by many as one of the more prolific artists to develop outside of Jamaica. He has gripped the scene with ferocious conviction and an uncanny ambition worthy to be mentioned among the greats. He has gone from being a fan of reggae music to being a contributor to the art. Mighty Mystic came on the scene in 2006 after scoring his first international hit with the song "Riding on the Clouds." However, it wasn't until the release of his first album "Wake up the World" (2010) that he became a household name. "Wake up the World" boasted several standouts, such as "Revolution," "Riding on the Clouds," "Original Love," and "Slipped Away" with appearances from reggae icon Shaggy and roots rocker Lutan Fyah. Mystic continues to wake up the world with his high energy, message driven brand of reggae music which he emphatically calls "HARD ROOTS." It is this unique spin on classic reggae blended with Hip Hop & Rock that has catapulted him to the forefront of today's Reggae Revival. Mighty Mystic is also the younger brother of current Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness. When asked, does being the brother of Prime Minister Holness have any impact on your music? Mystic simply says "Andrew has a job to do and so do I, impact or not we both have our own mission to complete." Catch this show July 2nd at 8 p.m. only at Pauly's Hotel, 337 Central Ave., Albany.

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Most people immediately think of watermelon as a sweet snack or as a palate cleanser after an evening meal, but watermelon is equally at home in savory dishes as it is in sweet offerings. You may enjoy this recipe for “Zesty Watermelon Chicken Salad Tortilla Cups” courtesy of The National Watermelon Promotion Board and recipe author Shannon Kohn. This is a great warm weather meal that looks impressive and is both cool and filling for summer entertaining.

## Zesty Watermelon Chicken Salad Tortilla Cups

**INGREDIENTS: Makes 12 servings**

4 8-inch flour tortillas

- 1/4 cup softened cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon cayenne pepper sauce
- 2 tablespoons chopped green chiles
- 1 cup cooked, chopped chicken
- 1 1/2 cups chopped watermelon
- 1/4 cup roasted, salted pumpkin seeds (pepitas)
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Preheat oven to 375 F.
2. Using a 4-inch cookie cutter or cup, cut rounds out of each tortilla. Press one tortilla round down into each cup of a 12-cup muffin pan.
3. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until tortilla cups are light brown and crispy. Remove from oven; allow to cool.
4. In the bottom of a large bowl, combine cream cheese, mayonnaise and pepper sauce until smooth.
5. Stir in chicken and green chiles. Fold in watermelon.
6. Divide and fill each tortilla cup with an extra amount of the watermelon-chicken mixture.
7. Divide and garnish with an equal amount of pumpkin seeds and green onion, respectively.

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## CONCERT REVIEW

### Lita Ford, Candy Ambulance at Alive at Five

By LEIF ZURMUHLEN  
nippertown.com

ALBANY — A gloomy day brightened up and faces started melting away as “Mother of Metal” Lita Ford and her band thundered onto the stage at Jennings Landing for Alive at Five on Thursday, June 23.

The guitar goddess started out in the late 70s at 16 as the lead guitarist for The Runaways and enjoyed glam metal success in the late 80s with her solo career.

All-female rockers, the Runaways inspired many young girls to pick up guitars and form their own bands. And Ford’s quintessentially 80s videos, always on heavy rotation during the heyday of MTV, helped to accelerate the advent of puberty in many young boys, especially with her big hit “Kiss Me Deadly” which featured fire, ice, smoke, big hair and writhing.



Lita Ford with her double-neck guitar at Albany’s Alive at Five on Thursday, June 23.

Michael Hallisey / The Spot 518

Now 63, Ford is still shredding with bassist Marten Andersson (Steelheart, Lizzy Borden) newly added to her band.

Guitarist Patrick Kennison joined Lita on vocals delivering the Ozzy Osbourne half of their duet “Close My Eyes Forever.” Muscular drummer Bobby Rock offered up a powerful, crowd-pleasing extended drum solo. The band covered Elton John’s “The Bitch Is Back” and Alice Cooper’s “Only Women Bleed,” and rocked the bass-heavy “Can’t Catch Me” co-written and dedicated to the late Lemmy Kilmister. They also dropped The Runaways’ “Cherry Bomb.”

Throughout the night, Lita expressed that she was “Hungry (For Your Sex),” that she intended to get “Back To The Cave,” and that she had been “Playing With Fire.”

The sign of the horns was thrown generously, picks were flicked into the crowd, and a double-neck guitar was deployed – a free summer Metal Fest!

The indie grunge-pop

trio from Troy Candy Ambulance opened the show delivering a confident, compelling set of originals from their four releases, the most current being “Hard Boiled”. The after-work crowd kept growing as Caitlin Barker on guitar and vocals, Jesse Bolduc on bass, and Jon Cantiello on drums owned the stage with their spare, dynamic sound.

“It felt great up there! I am always like puke-nervous and I was, up until yesterday,” Caitlin Barker said, immediately after coming off stage from her band’s opening set. “This is a big crowd for us here. We’re kind of more [of a] club scene here, but we play a festival in Wisconsin and it’s like this every time.”

Barker, whose band took home an Eddies Award for Best Alt Band in 2020, said Lita Ford was an early influence.

“When I was picking up the guitar I wanted a female guitar influence so I was in the school library googling female guitarists,” she said. “Lita Ford was one of the first that came up,

so I did this deep dive on her. I remember watching something from VH1 at a friend’s house and they were telling Lita, ‘Oh, you don’t have to be so sexy – we all respect you!’ She was like, ‘F\*ck that! I am hot and respectable!’ That just always stuck with me as an influence of someone to be like – I don’t care if I’m sexy as well!

Candy Ambulance plans to travel to Wisconsin where the band will play an annual music festival later this summer. In the fall, Barker said the band will take time to write more material, replacing darker songs inspired by the pandemic.

“But now that things are starting to happen again, we’re leaning more towards like our older songs, she said. “We want to start writing just like rock, kick-ass, loud and fast-’cause people don’t wanna be f\*cking sad anymore!”

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## THEATRE REVIEW

### To Kill A Mockingbird: What's Changed?

By **BILL KELLERT**  
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Aaron Sorkin, best known for many of his television series, like *The West Wing* and *The Newsroom*, has also developed quite an award-winning resume on the stage and screen: *Charlie Wilson's War*, *A Few Good Men*, and *The Social Network* on the screen and on Broadway, *A Few Good Men*, *The Farnsworth Invention*, and now *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

Sorkin has put his stamp on each of his productions, and *Mockingbird* is no exception. He has taken Harper Lee's classic drama about racial injustice in 1934 Alabama told through

the eyes of 9-year-old Scout and made it relevant to today's audiences.

He has taken the book and moved the story around, changing somewhat the vantage point of the play by including Scout's older brother Jem and their newfound best friend Dill as the three narrators of this tragedy. They speak directly to the audience from the play's onset, and in some ways act as a Greek chorus, leading the audience through what is obviously a foregone conclusion of where the play will take us, in fact telling us within minutes of the opening that the story is about the trial of Tom Robinson, a Black man being tried for the rape of a white girl, will be dead within twenty-eight days of the play's beginning. This, despite the overwhelming evidence of the impossibility of his having

committed the crime being painfully laid out by his attorney, Scout's father, Atticus Finch.

Lee's *Mockingbird* has been required reading in many schools since it was first published in 1960. What plays out to contemporary audiences is as relevant in today's world as it was when Harper Lee first put pen to paper.

Tom Robinson has become George Floyd, or Trayvon Martin and Breonna Taylor. What does it say for a society that claims to have moved on from living in a segregated world to a color blind one? Injustice remains, bigotry remains and many in today's world simply choose to turn a blind eye. Perhaps those are the people who should be viewing this show.

Sorkin has put together a cast that is nothing less than sublime. Melanie Moore, Justin Mark, and

Steven Lee Johnson all adults, placed in the roles of Scout, Jem and Dill respectively, playing children about the ages of 9 and 12 seamlessly. Your eye adjusts almost from the onset and their portrayals are so believable, that you never doubt who they are or their intent.

Yaegel T. Welch has given more life to Tom Robinson on this stage than in either the book or movie and handles his role with class and finesse.

The night belongs to Atticus, both his stage persona and the actor who inhabits him, Richard Thomas. From the moment Thomas appears on the stage there is something warm, familiar and comforting about him. He is calm, pithy, witty, and kind. He tries to turn every moment into a teaching moment for his children. It is only in the few scenes that Thomas really

explodes on the stage, in the courtroom, and defending his own children that we realize he is no longer John Boy. He pleads for truth and justice, and we watch him break when he realizes what we as an audience have known all along, there really is no justice for many in this world.

Sadly, *To Kill A Mockingbird* is a tale that is as relevant today as when it is set, almost 90 years ago. Perhaps it will resonate with those who see it in a different light and time.

Sadly, I fear those for whom this play might do the most good from an educational standpoint will most likely never see it. For the rest of us, it is a moving, thought-provoking, and stirring evening in the theater that should not be missed.

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