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Bethlehem's water resources leave Town Hall confident that restrictions won't be necessary

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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DELMAR — Bethlehem is not expected to implement water restrictions despite Gov. Kathy Hochul's call for New Yorkers to conserve water usage amid pressing drought conditions across most of the state.

It's a fortunate case of adequate resources.

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◀ Bethlehem residents haven't seen water restrictions in well over a decade, and right now, the Town says there's still plenty of water.

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Troy Chromatic Concerts announced lineup for its upcoming season, an historic 125th year to be celebrated at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

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■ COMMUNITY



A Salute to Bethlehemvets.org

BETHLEHEM — Recently, Joseph Bruno, Commander of the VFW Bethlehem Memorial Post 3185 met with the team that helped promote the Bethlehem Military Banner program as well as the development the website: www.bethlehemvets.org. Approximately 100 banners honoring local military heroes are currently on display on the roadways in Delmar. Media sponsors, Spotlight News and Our Towne Bethlehem contributed ad and editorial space to support the effort. Vibrant Brands designed and developed the programs website.

■ POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY CALLS

Delanson woman identified as victim in South Bethlehem DWAI

SO. BETHLEHEM — An accident on Sunday, Aug 14 at the intersection of Route 396 and Star Road claimed the life of Margaret Halvorsen, 80, of Delanson.

Halvorsen was returning home from visiting family Sunday night when the accident took place at the intersection. It is unclear if she stopped at the stop sign or inched forward to see traffic and was struck, according to police. The investigation is ongoing.

It is clear that Halvorsen's car was struck by a truck traveling on Route 396 driven by Samuel Keir, 52, of Hannacroix.

Keir was found to be unlicensed and impaired by drugs and alcohol.

"Samuel Keir was found to be operating his vehicle with his operating privileges in New York as Revoked due to previous DWI related incidents and was also found to be impaired at the time of operation," Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple said in a

release.

Keir was arrested and charged with aggravated unlicensed operation, a felony, DWAI-combination of drugs and alcohol, a misdemeanor and other traffic violations.

He was given an appearance ticket and released. Keir is scheduled to face a judge for arraignment in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 5 p.m.

Margaret's husband of 59 years, Richard, 84, died later in the week after a battle with cancer. The family has a celebration of life service planned for both of them on Saturday, Aug. 27. Please see the obits for Margaret and Richard on page 10.

Man arrested for kicking truck

GLENMONT — Bethlehem police responded to a hotel on 9W on Thursday, Aug 8 for a

report of a man with red Cross by kicking the caller's work truck and fleeing the scene in a blue sedan with Florida plates. The caller's co-worker took a picture of the suspect and officers observed the truck door had a large dent with the words Cross visible.

Albany police located the vehicle a short while later at Popeye's at 351 Southern Boulevard and detained the operator. Upon investigation, Andre Mitchell, 24, of Lake City, Fla, was taken into custody and charged with criminal mischief, a felony.

Mitchell was processed and released with an appearance ticket.

Chase on Thruway in Coeymans

COEYMANS — On Sunday, Aug 14 at approximately 10:42

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Hidden Meadow course for sale

Executive golf course, house on the market for \$750,000

GLENMONT — In the market for a golf course?

Hidden Meadow Golf Course, an 18-hole Par 3 course just west of River Road, is for sale.

“Operated by the same owners for many years, this is an exciting investment opportunity for golf enthusiasts, investors, and developers,” states the sales sheet. The property, recently listed by Gabler Realty, has been owned by Hidden Meadow Golf Course Inc. since 2003.

Characteristic of a Par 3, the course lacks doglegs and features nothing but straightaways, including the course’s signature 149-yard 14 hole. Five of the holes challenge golfers with water hazards, three requiring players to drive shots over to reach the green.

Online reviews praised the conditions of the course and greens.

“If I lived here, I’d be here every week,” wrote one visitor from Tennessee. “This course is bucolic, redolent with sleepy slopes that could either help or hurt your game.”

The \$750,000 asking price offers the executive golf course, a 4,700-square-foot pro shop, and a 1,040-square-foot, three-bedroom ranch with a new roof and in-ground pool. The pro shop features a new restaurant and bar, a full kitchen, offices and storage. It also includes forced air propane heat and central air. According to the sales sheet, the seller is providing all equipment needed to continue operating the business as is.

The residence at 138 Smultz Road has a Glenmont zip code and is within the Bethlehem Central School District.

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TOWN NEWS

Port hits snag

Dredging permit held up on environmental concerns

GLENMONT — Two federal agencies have recently sucked the wind from the Port of Albany’s sails as it waits for approval to move ahead on constructing a 500-foot wharf at Beacon Island.

As of last week, the port was waiting on obtaining a dredging permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, allowing it to move forward on the construction of a 500-foot wharf needed for the highly lauded \$350 million wind turbine tower manufacturing complex.

However, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Environmental Protection Agency have pushed to withhold the permit over concerns for the environment, including potential harm to the habitats of sturgeon according to a report published by the *Times Union* on Thursday, Aug. 18.

Though the port’s expansion plans include reconstructing a sturgeon habitat across the river from the port, the two agencies contend that less harmful alternatives have not been adequately considered.

The Port of Albany has been awarded the coveted bid to house the state’s first wind tower manufacturing site last January when New York State Energy Research and Development

Authority selected a joint bid from energy company Equinor, and wind industry manufacturers Marmen and Welcon.

It was considered to be the first step towards the state’s larger plan to establish a home base for a global wind energy manufacturing powerhouse, including two offshore wind farms that will yield a combined 2,490 megawatts of carbon-free energy, and bring another \$8.9 billion in investments. It also includes an offshore wind turbine staging facility and operations hub at the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal, increased commitment to the Port of Coeymans, and maintenance out of Port Jefferson and Port of Montauk Harbor in Long Island.

The project is expected to expand the Port of Albany as it is prepared to produce 150 offshore wind towers, and create up to 350 long-term jobs.

However, since the port’s expansion plans cleared site plan approval from the Town of Bethlehem, it has labored through several protests, including a lawsuit filed by neighboring residents who contend they were not properly notified.

Port officials said they were working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide it with more information as it considers its decision on the permit.

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SPOTLIGHT ON FINANCE

What Affects Mortgage Interest Rates? A Guide for Homebuyers

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The housing market has topped headlines for the better part of two years. The COVID pandemic and interest rates sent the market into overdrive. If you're one of the millions of people looking to buy a home and you're curious about what affects mortgage interest rates, you're not alone. A mortgage interest rate is an important factor in the overall cost of a home. When you're in the market to buy, it's important to understand all the different factors that affect mortgage interest rates, what falling rates mean for your homebuying power, and how lower mortgage interest rates can help you get more home for your money.

What Affects Mortgage Interest Rates

Here are the factors, both macro and micro, that determine your mortgage interest rate:

- **Federal Funds Rate:** The Federal Reserve raises and lowers interest rates in response to economic conditions, such as trade, inflation, and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) figures. When the economy is thriving, the Fed typically raises interest rates to encourage people to save. When the economy is shrinking, it usually lowers interest rates to encourage people to spend money and to



Harjit Earnest

stimulate the economy. The federal funds rate has a direct impact on all types of fixed-income investment products, like bonds, Treasury notes, and fixed mortgages.

- **Credit Score:** Your credit score has such a significant impact on your mortgage interest rate; the better your score, the lower the interest rate you'll typically pay.
- **Location:** Mortgage interest rates vary depending on the state and city your house is in. They're often based on housing supply and the location's desirability. Lower supply may drive up interest rates and higher supply might drive them down.

- **Down Payment:** A higher down payment can lower your mortgage interest rate. If you put down more money on your home purchase, lenders will see you as having more skin in the game and thus being a lower lending risk.

- **Interest Rate Type:** You can either take out a fixed-rate or an adjustable-rate mortgage. While your interest rate on an adjustable-rate mortgage could initially be lower, it

might increase over time if the Fed raises interest rates. On the other hand, if you take out a fixed-rate mortgage, you'll maintain the same interest rate for the entire term of the loan — unless you refinance.

- **Loan Term:** The shorter your loan term, the lower your interest rate will typically be. For example, a 15-year fixed-rate mortgage will typically have a lower interest rate than the more common

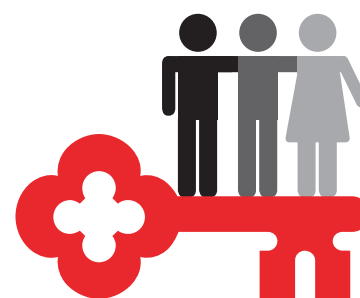
30-year fixed-rate mortgage.

- **Mortgage Type:** There are a wide variety of mortgage loans available, from conventional and FHA to VA and USDA. The type of loan you choose will affect your mortgage interest rate.

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Consolidate Debt to Help Meet Your Financial Goals

Consolidating debt – paying off several debts and replacing them with a single balance – can help you manage your budget, stabilize your finances and still put money toward savings.

Why Consolidate Debt?

- Combining multiple debts into one balance gives you fewer bills to pay each month.
- By finding a lower rate – whether through a loan or a credit card balance transfer – you'll save money by putting less toward interest rates and paying down the principal balance sooner.
- Fewer bills and a planned budget can help improve your credit score when you make your payments on time and avoid taking on more debt.

Healthy Habits to Build

Seeing your income and spending organized in a budgeting document often makes it easier to recognize opportunities for reducing bills, removing discretionary items and finding additional streams of income. The more information you have available, the better decisions you can make regarding paying off debt and building savings.

Homeowner Tools

Owning a home also gives you access to other debt consolidation tools, all of which can make your budgeting easier and lower your interest rates, helping you pay off debt and save for the future.

- **Mortgage refinancing** – By leveraging the equity in your home for a cash-out refinance, you can get money to help pay off existing high-interest debt. You could also explore a rate/term refinance with the goal of lowering your monthly mortgage payments and using the savings to pay off other debts.

- **Home equity line of credit** – This solution creates a continuous line of accessible credit based on the available equity in your home. It functions similar to a credit card, but with your house used as collateral. It provides ongoing flexibility, although, it should be noted that your balance and payments month to month may vary.

- **Home equity loan** – While this option also taps into your home equity, it takes the form of a one-time loan distribution. Because it offers a fixed rate and a variety of repayment term options, budgeting is easy through uniform, planned payments, with no worries about rising interest rates.

Bring Your Financial Goals in Reach

If you consolidate some debt but have multiple monthly debt payments remaining, then you can still effectively and methodically pay down debt. Many different strategies and products are available – and we can help you on your journey toward paying off your debt and reaching your savings goals.

■ EDUCATION

BOCES ready for September

Ribbon cut for two new buildings on Watervliet Shaker Road

By **JIM FRANCO**
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COLONIE — Capital Region BOCES is ready to open its new, \$63 million Career & Technical Education Center and Maywood Academy on Watervliet Shaker Road when classes start next month.

There are some 1,100 high school students from 24 school districts around the Capital District registered for classes at the new 170,000-square-foot Tech Center and more than 200 adults are expected to take classes at the new facility as well.

Across the parking lot from the new tech center,

is the new 43,000-square-foot home of the Maywood Academy. The former Maywood School on Central Avenue is closed, but the mission to focus on educating those with special needs will continue at the new building and will allow more than the current cap of 110 students to benefit.

Two dozen programs will be taught at the Tech Center including auto body collision repair, building trades, cosmetology, criminal justice, culinary arts and hospitality technology, early childhood education, digital media design, and manufacturing and machining technology.

“As an employer of a successful CTE alumni, we strongly support and applaud Capital Region BOCES on the opening of the Albany Career & Technical Education Center,” said Jim Becker,



The new BOCES Career and Technical Education Center will serve 1,000 students from 24 school districts.

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president of MIDTEL Family of Companies. “Workforce development has been an issue and finding employees with the aptitude and desire for working in the telecommunications and networking field has been our industry’s biggest challenge recently. This

center is a major step in helping resolve that issue both here in the Capital Region and statewide.”

One example of the way students will be prepared with the latest and greatest technology is the addition of a Lincoln Electric VRTEX welding simulator for students in the Welding

& Metal Fabrication program that was funded in part through a \$25,000 grant from the American Welding Society.

Similarly, students in the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration program will benefit from new refrigeration and heat pump trainers that will “simulate problems the students will face as HVAC/R technicians and allow them to observe and better understand the conditions inside a refrigeration system,” said teacher Tim Duane.

“BOCES has taken it to another level with the opening of the new Career & Technical Education Center at the Albany Campus,” said Brian Hemlock, president of TCI NY, a recycling company in Coeymans. “Through our partnership with Capital Region BOCES, students come to us ready

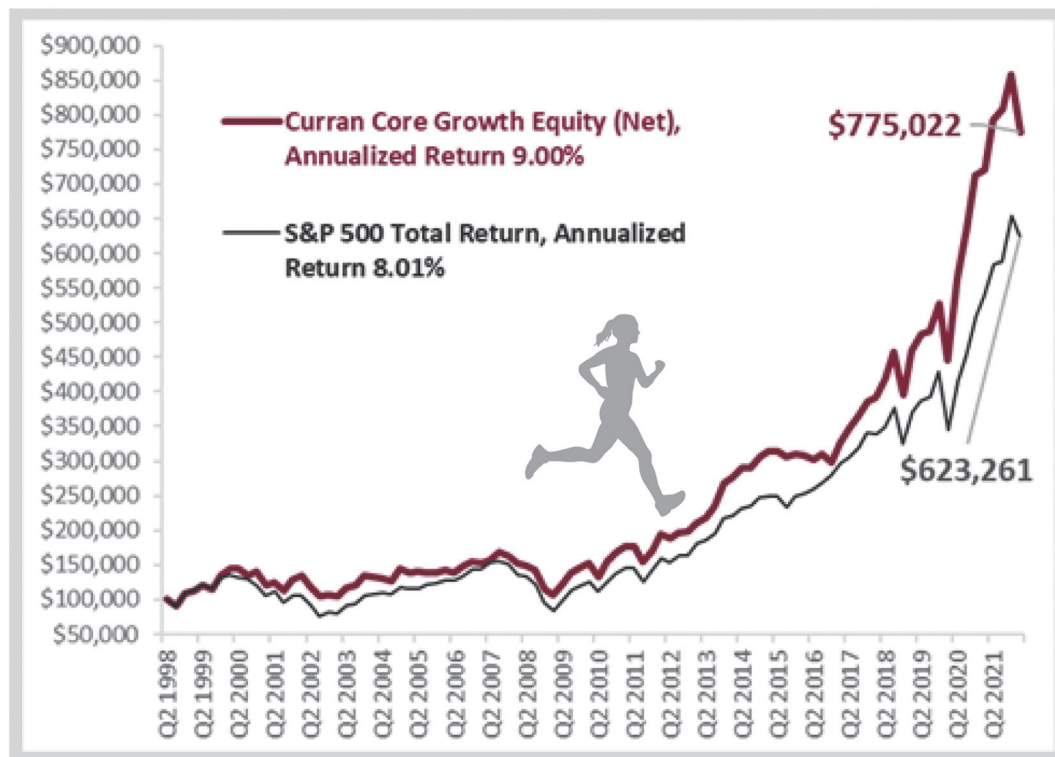
to work and with this new facility they will be even more equipped with the skills they need to be successful.”

BOCES has a history of working with businesses who are struggling to find qualified employees.

“Because of our close relationship with business leaders around this region, we are able to prepare our students for the most in-demand jobs now, as well as the jobs that will be in high demand in the years to come,” said Capital Region BOCES Senior Executive Officer Joseph P. Dragone. “This is one of the largest, if not the largest, workforce training hubs in New York state.”

Students attending BOCES prepare for their careers through a combination of hands-on and work-based learning. It also provides industry connections and experience crucial to future success.

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EDUCATION

Many hands, light work

Many green thumbs keep BCMS garden growing through hot summer

DELMAR — Many hands make for light work. Thankfully, those many hands have green thumbs.

The garden at Bethlehem Central Middle School does not stop growing in the summer. That is why you'll find students and community members stopping by multiple times a week to

take care of the crops.

"I think it looks pretty beautiful right now," said Eli Ketzner, a rising eighth-grade student at BCMS. "I hope that one sunflower gets back up again. The lettuce I hope turns out good in the fall and I hope the corn does well."

"The students have been coming out regularly and keeping us on track," Mark Warford, BCMS assistant principal said.

Many fruits and vegetables of their labor can be seen by walking through the rows. Tomatoes,

eggplants, peppers—all poking their heads out from the plants.

Weathering the heat

The weather this year has brought some challenges. Warford, who leads the effort behind the garden, has had to rely on some of the garden's advanced tools more like the groundwater lines to keep the crops nourished.

"We've experienced a number of obstacles that farmers face," Warford said. "It has been a very challenging summer because of the heat and humidity."

Warford is also a leader of the districtwide BC Green Team.

Summer hobby for students

While the garden is full of crops and lessons to learn, students said they like the friendships that grow from the summer hobby.

"I like communicating with friends and being in the sun at the same time," said Aksajha Banavali, a rising seventh-grade student.

"I feel like it's something productive to do and I'm pretty good at it," Ketzner said.

The middle school has a garden club that meets regularly during the school year.

The success of the garden will come from more mornings and evenings of good conversation and hard work. Every Tuesday evening, community members tend to the garden as well.

"The community gardeners have really stepped up this year. I'm very appreciative," Warford said. "I am very hopeful we're going to have a full fall harvest like we usually do, and we're going to be able to do our Salads for Kids Day this year."

Welcome BCMS Freshmen

BCMS Freshmen Orientation is Thursday, Sept. 1

DELMAR — Bethlehem Central High School will hold its annual orientation program for ninth-grade students Thursday, Sept. 1, from 12 to 2 p.m. at the high school. Transportation is provided if needed.

Upon arrival at the high school, students will be directed to the auditorium.

Students will meet the principal, assistant principals and grade 9 school counselors. They will also tour the building with upperclassmen and be introduced to a variety of clubs and activities available at the high school.

The ninth graders will also be receiving their Chromebooks.

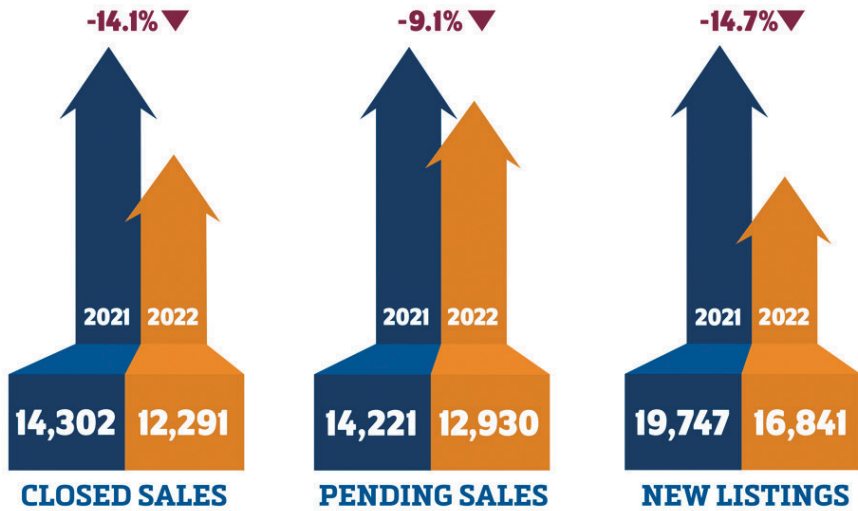
Please refer to the transportation information which will be posted on ASPEN on Monday, Aug. 29 for your designated bus stop. For the orientation program, students who are taking the bus will need to be at their bus stop four hours later than the regularly scheduled time for pick up. Students should show up at least 10 minutes early at the stop to make sure they arrive before the bus.

Students being transported to the high school for the orientation program by means other than district transportation should be dropped off at the Main Entrance on the Delaware Avenue side of the building.

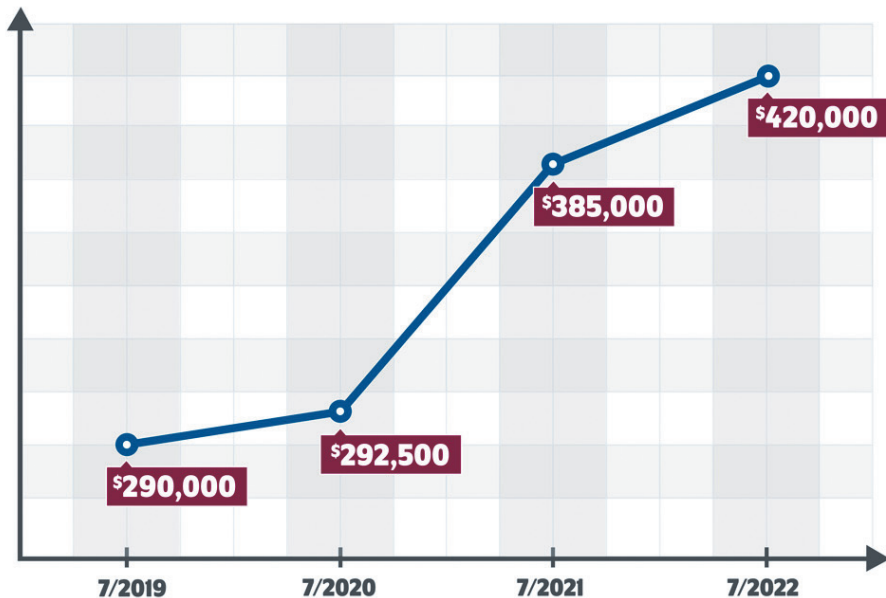
All students will be dismissed at 2 p.m. Those who rode a bus to the orientation program will return home on district transportation; students who walked or arrived via other means of transportation to the program will be dismissed at the same time.

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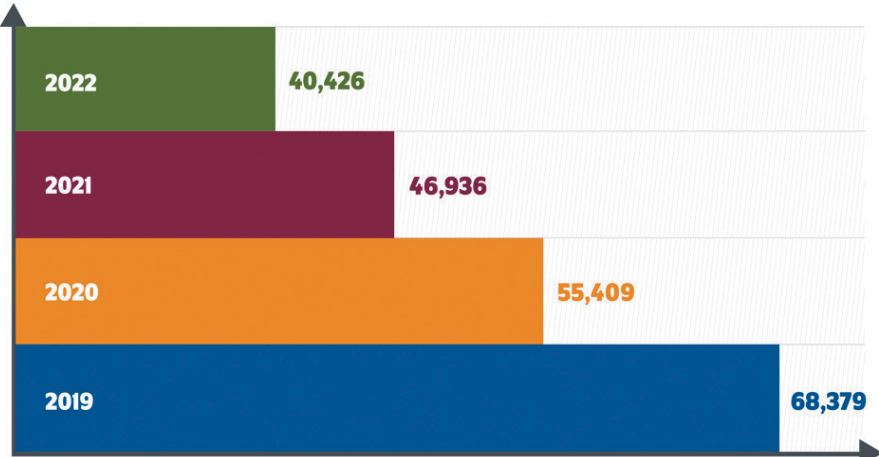
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REAL ESTATE

House market cool



Homebuyer activity continues to decline across New York State

ALBANY — The New York housing market continued to cool in July, as rising sales prices, low inventory, and high mortgage rates slowed buyer activity, according to the housing report released today by the New York State Association of Realtors.

Median sales prices once again rose, escalating 9.1 percent from \$385,000 in July 2021 to \$420,000 in July 2022. This marks 27

consecutive months in year-over-year comparisons that median sales prices have increased.

Inventory of homes for sale fell 13.9 percent in July 2022 – from 46,936 homes in July 2021 to just 40,426 this year. Months' supply of inventory fell 5.7 percent from 3.5 months of inventory in July 2021 to just 3.3 months' supply last month. A 6-month to 6.5-month supply is considered to be a balanced market.

Mortgage interest rates, which had risen for seven consecutive months, dropped slightly last month. According to Freddie Mac,

the monthly average on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell from 5.52 percent in June 2022, to 5.41 in July 2022. This is still over two percentage points higher than the rate of 2.87 percent in July 2021.

New home listings dropped to 16,841 units in July 2022 from 19,747 homes available in July 2021. This represents a 14.7 percent decrease. Closed sales declined as well, falling 14.1 percent from 14,302 homes in July 2021 to just 12,291 homes last month. Pending sales also were down, falling to 12,930 units in July 2022 from 14,221 units in July 2021, marking a 9.1 percent decrease.

All data is compiled from multiple listing services in the state of New York and the data include townhomes, condominiums and existing single-family homes.

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The Spinney plans solar array

Approved 5-megawatt solar array could translate to energy savings

DELMAR — The Spinney Group, owner and operator of more than 650 market-rate apartments in the region, including Adams State and The Spinney VanDyke in Bethlehem is continuing to push the green envelope.

Recently the property company was approved by the Ballston Spa Planning Board for a 5-megawatt solar array. While the company doesn't have any apartments in the area, the solar array can assist homeowners and businesses who don't have the means or space to install panels on their own property.

What is known as a "community solar farm" will be situated on 65 acres. Utility customers who sign up with community solar partners can save money by getting a credit on their electric bills.

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has a partnership with Energy Now Consultants, which is an example of one of the partners which can currently assist Chamber member businesses and residents with this type of credit. There are a number of companies that are available and can be researched on the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority website.

According to NYSERDA, New York has the largest community solar market offering in the country, at more than 1 gigawatt of installed community solar. That's enough to serve more than 200,000 homes.

The Ballston solar farm is expected to receive up

to \$1.6 million in incentives when completed next year, according to NYSERDA. The overall project will cost nearly \$13 million.

Because of the nature of the electric grid and solar farms, there is no way to direct the electricity generated at the Spinney solar farm specifically to its apartment owners, however, by adding more solar to the grid, more people can take advantage of green, renewable energy.

Still, tenants will have the option to sign up for community solar offered by The Spinney Group. It's too early to say how much they could save on their electric bills, but The Spinney Group CEO Morgan Ruthman estimated it will be 5-10 percent.

"We want to provide our tenants with a complete offering," he said.

Tenants in many of the units owned by The Spinney Group have access to electric car chargers at the complexes, as well as new all-electric heating units.

Ruthman worked on the plans with Renovus Solar of Ithaca, which has installed thousands of solar systems in New York over the past 19 years, according to the report in the Albany Business Review.

The projected output from the 5-megawatt solar system is about the same amount of energy consumed annually at all of The Spinney Group's rental units, commercial properties and common areas, based on a load analysis that was done with assistance from National Grid.

"It's a strong step toward decarbonization," Ruthman said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Liver expert joins Albany Med as Chief of Gastroenterology, Hepatology

ALBANY — Raza Malik, MD, PhD, a renowned expert on liver disease, has joined Albany Medical Center, a member of the Albany Med Health System, as chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and vice chair of research for the Department of Medicine.

Dr. Malik cares for patients with all types of liver disease, including nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, cirrhosis of the liver, liver failure, and liver cancer. An active clinical researcher in hepatology and hepatobiliary medicine, including liver failure, nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), and noninvasive markers of liver fibrosis, he is also a frequent invited speaker on liver disease at national and international meetings and conferences.

Most recently, Dr. Malik served as director of hepatology and associate chief of the Division of Gastroenterology at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. He has also held faculty positions at Harvard Medical School's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and University College London Hospital.

Dr. Malik's extensive advanced training includes fellowships at the Roger Williams Liver Unit at King's College Hospital and the Sheila Sherlock Liver Centre at the Royal Free Hospital, both in London, and at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School. He completed his residency training at King's College Hospital and at Cambridge University Hospital in the U.K. He earned his medical degree from King's College London and a PhD in hepatology and liver cell biology from University College London.

Dr. Malik is seeing adult patients at Albany Medical Center, 43 New Scotland Ave. in Albany. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please call 518-262-5276.

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Bethlehem Central Food Service Department today announced a free and reduced price meal policy for **Bethlehem Central School District** area school children. Local school officials have adopted the following family eligibility criteria to assist them in determining eligibility:

2022-2023 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

Free Eligibility Scale						Reduced Price Eligibility Scale					
Free Lunch, Breakfast						Reduced Price Lunch, Breakfast					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 17,667	\$ 1,473	\$ 737	\$ 680	\$ 340	1	\$ 25,142	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,048	\$ 967	\$ 484
2	\$ 23,803	\$ 1,984	\$ 992	\$ 916	\$ 458	2	\$ 33,874	\$ 2,823	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,303	\$ 652
3	\$ 29,939	\$ 2,495	\$ 1,248	\$ 1,152	\$ 576	3	\$ 42,606	\$ 3,551	\$ 1,776	\$ 1,639	\$ 820
4	\$ 36,075	\$ 3,007	\$ 1,504	\$ 1,388	\$ 694	4	\$ 51,338	\$ 4,279	\$ 2,140	\$ 1,975	\$ 988
5	\$ 42,211	\$ 3,518	\$ 1,759	\$ 1,624	\$ 812	5	\$ 60,070	\$ 5,006	\$ 2,503	\$ 2,311	\$ 1,156
6	\$ 48,347	\$ 4,029	\$ 2,015	\$ 1,860	\$ 930	6	\$ 68,802	\$ 5,734	\$ 2,867	\$ 2,647	\$ 1,324
7	\$ 54,483	\$ 4,541	\$ 2,271	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,048	7	\$ 77,534	\$ 6,462	\$ 3,231	\$ 2,983	\$ 1,492
8	\$ 60,619	\$ 5,052	\$ 2,526	\$ 2,332	\$ 1,166	8	\$ 86,266	\$ 7,189	\$ 3,595	\$ 3,318	\$ 1,659
Each Add'l person add	\$ 6,136	\$ 512	\$ 256	\$ 236	\$ 118	Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,732	\$ 728	\$ 364	\$ 336	\$ 168

SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Households: Households that currently include children who receive the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) but who are not found during the Direct Certification Matching Process (DCMP), or households that currently receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) must complete an application listing the child's name, a valid SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. Eligibility for free meal benefits based on participation in SNAP, TANF or FDPIR is extended to all children in the household. When known to the School Food Authority, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals based on their participation in the SNAP, TANF or the FDPIR programs.

No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Other Source Categorical Eligibility: When known to the School Food Authority, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals based on the individual child's designation as Other Source Categorically Eligible, as defined by law. Children are determined Other Source Categorically Eligible if they are Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, A foster child, or Enrolled in Head Start or an eligible pre-kindergarten program.

If children or households receive benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorical Eligible Programs and are not listed on the notice of eligibility and are not notified by the School Food Authority of their free meal ben-

efits, the parent or guardian should contact the school or should submit an income application.

Other Households: Households with income the same or below the amounts listed above for family size may be eligible for and are urged to apply for free and/or reduced price meals. They may do so by completing the application sent home with the letter to parents. One application for all children in the household should be submitted. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year to **Manon Desjardins, Reviewing Official, Food Service Department, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054**. Please contact **Manon Desjardins** at **518-439-8885** with any questions regarding the application process.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the School Food Authority if they choose to decline the free meal benefits.

Households may apply for benefits at any time throughout the school year. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed or experience a financial hardship mid-year may become eligible for free and reduced price meals or at any point during the school year.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first) an individual child's free or reduced price eligibility status from the previous year will continue within the same SFA. When the carryover period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children's meals must be claimed at the paid rate. Though encouraged to do so, the SFA is not required to send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility.

The information provided on the application will be confidential and will be used for determining eligibility. The names and eligibility status of participants may also be used for the allocation of funds to federal education programs such as Title I and National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), State health or State education programs, provided the State agency or local education agency administers the programs, and for federal, State or local means-tested nutrition programs with eligibility standards comparable to the NSLP. Eligibility information may also be released to programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or the Child Nutrition Act (CNA). The release of information to any program or entity not specifically authorized by the NSLA will require a written consent statement from the parent or guardian.

The School Food Authority does, however, have the right to verify at any time during the school year the information on the application. If a parent does not give the school this information, the child/children will no longer be able to receive free or reduced price meals.

Foster children are eligible for free meal benefits. A separate application for a foster child is no longer necessary. Foster children may be listed on the application as a member of the family where they reside. Applications must include the foster child's name and personal use income.

Under the provisions of the policy, the designated official will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the designated official, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision. **Jody Monroe, Superintendent**, whose address is **700 Dela-**

ware Avenue, Delmar NY 12054 has been designated as the Hearing Official. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. However, prior to initiating the hearing procedure, the parent or School Food Authority may request a conference to provide an opportunity for the parent and official to discuss the situation, present information, and obtain an explanation of the data submitted in the application or the decisions rendered. The request for a conference shall not in any way prejudice or diminish the right to a fair hearing.

Only complete applications can be approved. This includes complete and accurate information regarding: the SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number; the names of all household members; on an income application, the last four digits of the social security number of the person who signs the form or an indication that the adult does not have one, and the amount and source of income received by each household member.

In addition, the parent or guardian must sign the application form, certifying the information is true and correct.

Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret Halvorsen

DELANSON — Margaret J. Halvorsen, 80, of Delanson, passed away suddenly on August 14, 2022 after being involved in a car accident.

She was born in Schenectady to the late William and Evelyn Green.

Margaret and her husband Richard were happily married for 59 years and resided in Schenectady County, where they raised their family. Margaret enjoyed gardening and farming and time with family.

Margaret and Richard are survived by their daughters Carol Thomas (Mike), Cathy Rickard (Tim), their grandchildren Jon Thomas, Tim Thomas (Amy), Eli Strong, and Isaac Strong as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews. Margaret is also survived by her sisters Beatrice Boyer, Dora Murphy, and Harnet Sharpe.

A Celebration of their lives will be held at their residence on Saturday, August 27th, 2022 at 2pm. Family and friends are welcome.

Richard Halvorsen

DELANSON — Richard Halvorsen, 84, of Delanson, passed away after a battle with esophageal cancer. He was born in Schenectady NY, he was the son of



Margaret Halvorsen



Richard Halvorsen

the late Mildren Halvorsen and Ulysses Massoth.

He and his wife of 59 years, Margaret raised their family in Schenectady county. He worked as an officer for the Capital Police and she was a homemaker. They enjoyed farming and spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by Margaret on August 14th, 2022.

Richard is survived by their daughters Carol Thomas (Mike), Cathy Rickard (Tim), their grandchildren Jon Thomas, Tim Thomas (Amy), Eli Strong, and Isaac Strong as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews. Margaret is also survived by her sisters Beatrice Boyer, Dora Murphy, and Harriet Sharpe.

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To leave a special message for the family online, please visit NewcomerAlbany.com

Bernard Hungerford

DELMAR — Bernard Hungerford, 92, passed away on August 17, 2022.

Born August 29, 1929, in Oneonta, N.Y. Bernard was active in track in high school. He graduated from Cortland Cum Laude and taught physical education in the Bethlehem Central School District .

Bernard also worked 20 years for the New York State Department of Education. After he retired, he enjoyed

gardening and growing vegetables and selling them from his home.

Bernard also served in the Marine Corps after high school.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Muriel; and his daughter, Susan Cook (Dave). He is also survived by a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Joanne and Paul Bleakley of Gevena, N.Y. Contributions in memory of Bernard may be made to the YMCA, 900 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054.

Bethlehem Historical plans 1940s business exhibit

CEDAR HILL — The Bethlehem Historical Association is planning an exhibit at the Cedar Hill Museum that will capture Bethlehem as it was in the 1940s. As historians research that decade, they find businesses that still exist in town today. Some businesses have changed ownership or location, but they nonetheless played an important role in Bethlehem's history.

To maintain a business over 70 years is really something special, and the historical association would like to highlight them with a special exhibit.

Items for the exhibit may be loaned or donated and photocopies can be made if owners prefer not to let go of originals. Permanent donations must meet museum guidelines for acceptance.

The exhibit is scheduled to be completed by early December 2022 in time for our Holiday Open House. It is expected to be in place for approximately two years. It is important that historians collect the information and material now so they can design the exhibit in the coming months.

“Our goal is to obtain material for both this upcoming exhibit and to fill gaps in our permanent collections,” said Historical Association President Karen Beck. “We want to record the history of the businesses and to be able to illustrate them with related photos, advertising material and pertinent memorabilia.”

For more information, contact Karen Beck at 518-439-9260 or John Smolinsky at 518-439-7559.

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Running down a dream

Reflecting on a childhood memory and one person's pursuit to return to professional baseball

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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By appearances, Dan followed the advice that one shouldn't dress for the job they have, but for the job they want. When he rolled up into the school parking lot, the gravel crunching underneath the tires of his sedan, he emerged from his car appearing every part of a financial executive; a

sharp-looking dress shirt, a colorful tie, paired with a dark jacket and suit pants. It reminded me of the professionals in downtown Albany from which my father worked.

My father worked for a stock brokerage firm just across the street from Jack's Oyster House on State Street. That's where executives often wore their dark suits with bold-colored ties. That choice of attire shared a message to anyone paying attention, do this or fail.

Do you want to earn money off Wall Street? Invest in this or allow the next person to prosper. Do you want that promotion? Reach your quotas by the end of the

month, or someone else gets that corner office. Before the 4 p.m. bell rings, one has to understand that there is always a trade between comfort and potential gains. Gamblers say it best, "Scared money don't make money."

But as Dan stripped down to a pair of gym shorts and a baseball tee it grew more apparent that the job he wanted was not the one he left to arrive here at the schoolyard. And he has a purpose.

Baseball has a way of magnifying the disparity between the years. The divide is perhaps none more apparent than that observed by the adolescent sitting idle on his bicycle, with

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his baseball mitt dangling from the handlebar. Life in baseball is a short one. We crawl to it in t-ball, and walk through basic drills in Little League. We learn to fly as teenagers, and just as we start to appreciate the minutia of the game, we trip and fall.

Most of us step away from the ballfield long before we graduate high school. A widely circulated estimate states that 1 in 8,000 high school seniors will make a Major League Baseball team. You're

more likely to be accepted to Harvard University, assuming you have the grades. But baseball players are not normal. In the '80s, Will Clark and Wade Boggs boasted of having 20/10 vision — better than perfect. When Boggs' batting average slipped from .332 to .259 the following year, an eye exam revealed his eyesight degraded to a mortal 20/20 standard.

Dan often visited the Slingerlands Elementary schoolyard, walking onto

the soccer field with a fungo bat in one hand and a basket of baseballs in the other. Initially, he looked out of place. He looked old to a 12-year-old when in reality he was years before reaching 30. None of us could keep up with him as he sprinted the length of the field to start his workout. Even with his knee brace.

After curious kids asked about the brace, Dan shared he had injured it while playing in the minor leagues. He was once a prospect for the Baltimore Orioles before an unfortunate encounter while running the bases. Just as I can't remember

his last name, I can't recall the details of his injury. It nonetheless shaped his present day, one defined by him running baseball drills with eager kids smashing fly balls to him.

From Dan, we learned to run after the ball in such a way as to keep our heads still, allowing us to track the ball better while it was in flight. We'd watch him pursue the ball. Like a cheetah running after its prey, his head remained level while his legs absorbed the shock of his footfalls. He'd snatch the ball out of the air, slap the gloved ball against his leg and let out a sound like he was clearing his throat. This collection of noise resonated across the yard. As kids, we followed along. We figured it was another way of dressing the part of a professional baseball player.

On the other side of the schoolyard's treeline lived a man who understood the look of a baseball player. While we actively dreamed of afternoons playing on the green grass of Yankee Stadium or Fenway Park, neighbor John Stokoe served as a head scout for the Baltimore Orioles. He

started out as a local kid making headlines in the Times Union as a left-handed pitcher in high school. The Braves signed him, and with them he played in the minors for a few years before settling down to family life with his wife Barbara, taking a job with an insurance company.

Stokoe continued to play the game as an amateur in the Albany Twilight League. For six years, he was a player/manager winning championships for Mike's Subs and Finkle Jewelers. As the sun retreated behind the Albany skyline surrounding Bleecker Stadium, he met Barney Lutz. Lutz was a scout for the Orioles, and soon lent Stokoe the opportunity to do the same. A few short years after he was hired on, Stokoe signed Mike Flanagan, a young pitcher from New Hampshire despite having developed early arm trouble. Another six years later, the same pitcher would earn the Cy Young Award on the way to leading the Orioles to the American League pennant.

Flanagan's success earned Stokoe a promotion. Before he retired, the scout was

responsible for assessing talent up and down the East Coast. To celebrate his career, he was honored by throwing the first pitch before a game at Camden Yards. Flanagan caught the pitch.


Stokoe died in 2019. His obituary read, "John's commitment to finding the best prospects for the Orioles was not limited to assessing a player's current physical ability but also to scoping out a future player's potential. John had the skill to develop a relationship with the prospective ball player and his family, thus, getting a picture of the player's character, as well."

Through the distant lens of hindsight, Dan was showcasing his talents, his abilities, and his knee to more than just curious kids. The undeniable crack of a fungo bat was an indiscreet knock on Stokoe's door, a bold invite to have him watch.

For a handful of nights, we all stood a few hundred feet away from playing professional ball. The dream was just farther away from being realized for some of us.

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From page 1 ... Water diet?

New York as a whole has experienced a relatively dry summer. Residents outside of the Adirondack, Eastern Great Lakes and New York Metropolitan regions have been encouraged to conserve water whenever possible during the coming weeks. The National Weather Service in Albany reported that neighboring counties in Dutchess, Litchfield, Berkshire, and Windham slipped further into severe drought as of August 8.

Last week, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration released its latest seasonal drought outlook for August 18 to November 30. The agency reported Delmar in Moderate Drought conditions and expects those conditions to persist over the next three months.

The monitor identifies a moderate drought by observing an increased use of irrigation, lower yields of hay and grain, declines in honey production, and an increase in wildfires and ground fires.

Fortunately, Bethlehem Town Supervisor David VanLuven said the Town's water supplies have not breached thresholds that would trigger the need for water restrictions.

"We have not had to implement water restrictions in more than a decade, and right now it looks like we will be able to get through this summer without any restrictions,"

he said.

Bethlehem draws water for approximately 12,000 customers from the Vly Creek Reservoir, New Scotland Wellfield, the Selkirk Wellfield and the Albany Aqueduct. Annually, more than 1.6 billion gallons of clean drinking are distributed across more than 220 miles of water pipes for public consumption.

"Right now, the reservoir is well over five feet above the trigger level," VanLuven said. "That's 150 to 200 million gallons available with no rainfall before we would have to consider restrictions; on an average day, our customers use about 4 million gallons."

Hochul directed the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation last Tuesday to issue an updated drought watch after consulting with the State Drought Management Task Force and federal partner agencies. The watch now includes most New York counties, including Albany County.

A watch is the first of four levels of State drought advisories, which are watch, warning, emergency, and disaster. No mandatory restrictions are in place under a state drought watch.

"This year's below-normal precipitation and above-normal temperatures continue to combine to

exacerbate low stream flows, reduced groundwater levels, and ongoing wildfire risk," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "DEC will continue to monitor water levels and the environmental impacts of the dry conditions and encourage residents throughout the state to monitor usage and avoid wasting water."

An increasing number of water supply challenges are being reported due to dry conditions. Below-normal precipitation during the last three months, low stream flows and low groundwater levels prompt the need for the expansion of the watch status to ensure adequate public water supplies. Local public water suppliers are urged to assess the current situation, promote voluntary conservation, and take appropriate actions to manage risk.

New York State drought region IIA, which includes New York City and Westchester, remains in normal status due to the satisfactory storage levels and refill probability of the New York City reservoirs. According to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the City's reservoirs are approximately nine percent below normal for this time of year, with 422 billion gallons currently in storage, compared to 469 billion gallons normally. DEC continues to work closely with DEP to monitor reservoir conditions and encourage responsible water use, especially outdoors, regardless of the hydrological conditions or

season.

The drought watch is triggered by the State Drought Index, which reflects precipitation levels, reservoir/lake levels, and stream flow and groundwater levels in the nine drought regions of the state. Each of these indicators is assigned a weighted value based on its significance to various uses in a region. The State Drought Index is attuned to the specific attributes of New York and may differ moderately from some national technical drought assessments.

DEC and U.S. Geological Survey are partners in evaluating hydrologic conditions across New York State. In addition, DEC supports efforts by local governments and stakeholders to undertake water conservation measures based on specific local circumstances. Observed precipitation has been less than normal with shortfalls of two to six inches common over the last 90 days. The dry weather began in the spring and is beginning to significantly affect other metrics. Stream flows and groundwater levels are well below normal throughout much of the affected regions. Groundwater levels have been declining over the past few months and they are not expected to improve in the immediate future due to the existing precipitation deficit.

The National Weather Service outlook for the remainder of the summer predicts above-normal

temperatures and below-normal precipitation. By voluntarily reducing water usage, and being extra careful with fire and outdoor flames, New Yorkers can help conserve our natural resources during these dry summer days.

Homeowners are encouraged to water lawns only when necessary, choose watering methods that avoid waste, and water in the early morning to reduce evaporation and maximize soil hydration. When possible, they are asked to reuse water collected in rain barrels, dehumidifiers, or air conditioners to water plants.

When landscaping,

residents are encouraged to raise lawn mower cutting heights. Longer grass is healthier with stronger roots and needs less water. Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks, and fix leaking pipes, hoses and faucets.

"While recent rains have helped, severe dry conditions continue to persist across the state," Hochul said. "New Yorkers should take steps to conserve water whenever possible in the areas now under a designated drought watch. Simple steps to reduce water consumption will be crucial to our efforts to help prevent any increased drought levels."

National Grid reminds customers to call 811 before digging

Nationally, every nine minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone did not contact 811 before digging.

Knowing where underground utility lines are buried before you dig will help protect you and your family. Striking a single underground utility line can cause injury, repair costs, fines, and inconvenient outages. National Grid remains committed to keeping the public safe by emphasizing the importance of calling 811 to avoid damages or service outages in your local community.

"Whether you're planting a tree or shrub, or installing a deck or pool, every job requires a call to 811 to know what's below before digging," said Mark Prewitt, Vice President of Pipeline Safety & Gas Compliance at National Grid. "The depth of utility lines can vary for several reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects, and uneven surfaces. Utility lines need to be properly marked in each location, even one that's previously been marked, to avoid risk. A call to 811 is the best safeguard to preventing strikes on underground utility lines."

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The Power of Plus

Bead Creative

For all those patrons asking when the beading program would be back, it is here! Please register to join us at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14, for this fun program. We have a large supply of beads and tools, as well as many examples of projects you can try. This program is appropriate for ages 15 and up.

Thursday Afternoon Movies

The Thursday Afternoon Movies will start up again at 1 p.m.,

Voorheesville Public Library

Thursday, Sept. 8. Join us for a classic movie and some classic movie trivia. Check our calendar for upcoming titles.

Inside the Green Lobby

There is no registration needed for this author talk and book signing, 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15. Join veteran environmentalist and author, Bernard C. Melewski, as we discuss his book "Inside the Green Lobby: The Fight

to Save the Adirondack Park". Copies of the book will be available to purchase at the event. Light refreshments will be served.

Live concert

Join us 6:30 pm, Thursday, Sept. 15 for "The Evidence", a duo of musicians with an eclectic mix of jazz, blues, pop, and rock tunes. Rob Aronstein and Mike Derrico have been working together since the mid 1980's, and cover tunes from James Taylor, The Grateful Dead, British invasion groups, as well as many others.

— Lynn Kohler

Take and Make Tuesday!

Check out this week's In Case You Missed It Edition, a potpourri of past kits! Stop into the Library this week for a past project you might have missed or some kits never before offered. Pick up begins at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Wednesday Movie

On Wednesday, Aug. 31, at 2 p.m., catch "Downton Abbey: A New Era," the much-anticipated cinematic return of the global phenomenon reunites the beloved cast as they go on a grand journey to

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the South of France to uncover the mystery of the Dowager Countess' newly inherited villa. See the return of everyone's favorite historical series on the Library's big screen – sign up today to reserve your spot.

Storytimes Take A Break

Books are available at the Library and new members are always welcome.

Storytimes will take a break after during the

week of August 29 to plan for the fall.

The Children's Area can still be your "go to" spot for rainy day playtime. Check out some fun, new titles for reading at home, too!

Holiday Hours

The library will be closed in observance of Labor Day from Saturday, Sept. 3 through Monday, Sept. 5. Regular hours resume Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 9 am. Beginning on Saturday, Sept. 10, we will resume our regular Saturday hours, being open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

— Carol Melewski

Journalist Gianluca Russo, author of the critically-acclaimed book *The Power of Plus: Inside Fashion's Size-Inclusivity Revolution* (and also a Guilderland High School alum), will be here Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m. to talk about his book with moderator and Times Union journalist Steve Barnes. Over the past three decades, plus-size fashionistas have created a market worth more than 21 billion dollars. *The Power of Plus* follows the evolution of the plus-size fashion boom, examining how female body image has shifted, and how plus-size fashion is integral to the future success of the industry. No registration is required – all are welcome!

The Gilded Age Rises Again in Troy, NY

Recent filming of HBO's "The Gilded Age" in Troy has sparked renewed interest in this time period locally. On Thursday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m., Kathryn Sheehan, Rensselaer County & Troy City Historian, will present an illustrated lecture on how Troy's 19th century architecture became an integral backdrop for this acclaimed Julian Fellows series. Kathryn worked with location scouts and production designers to help ensure a historically-accurate reproduction of this era, incorporating major players representing both "old" and "new" money. Kathryn will also share intriguing behind-the-scenes stories that occurred during the filming of season one. Please register



on the Events tab of guilderlandlibrary.org.

Building a Journaling Practice

Whether in a notebook, blog or sketchpad, journaling can help you lead a more fulfilling life as you record life events; formulate and track goals; jot down dreams; overcome obstacles; process emotions; and much more. Award-winning Author Janine De Tillo Cammarata covers different aspects of journaling throughout four sessions, beginning Friday, Sept. 9, at 10:30 a.m. No prior experience is needed; participants are urged to attend all four sessions at the library. Registration is limited – please sign up on the Events tab of guilderlandlibrary.org, and bring a pen and journal to each class.

Night Owls Book Club

Our September meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. will be a hybrid format: in-person, with option to join via Zoom. This month, we're reading *The Vanishing Half*, by Brit Bennett. This story centers on twin sisters growing up in a southern black community, who ultimately choose two very different worlds: one black, one white. Spanning 1950s Deep South to 1990s California, *The Vanishing Half* explores

why people sometimes choose to live counter to their origins. Copies are available at the library's Information Desk. Please register on the Events tab of guilderlandlibrary.org.

Blood Drive 9/13

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive at GPL is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13, 1 to 6 p.m. Appointments may be reserved at redcrossblood.org – type in "guilderlandlibrary" and click "make your appointment." Walk-ins are always welcome.

Genealogy Help

Would you like some expert assistance exploring your family tree? Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty offers 1:1 family history consultations on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6 to 8 p.m. at the library. Please contact Lisa to schedule your appointment slot: lisagene@nycap.rr.com. For more information: <http://www.upstatenygenealogy.com>.

Plant Exchange

Thinning out your perennials and house plants? Trade them for something new! Bring potted plants to our end-of-summer Plant Exchange Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6 to 7 p.m. Please register online; we're capping this event at 30 participants.

— Luanne Nicholson

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Jazz on the Green

Head into the Labor Day Weekend with your toes tapping from the rich, melodic compositions of the Linda Brown Jazz Project Friday, Sept. 2, at 2 p.m. on the Green.

The performance, which is suitable for all ages, is upbeat and entertaining. It has been arranged by the Albany Musicians' Association, Local 14 and sponsored by the Music Performance Trust Fund.

Buy books; support the Friends

It's almost time again for the Friends' fall fundraiser book sale at the library! Stock up on some new-to-you books and DVDs at the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library's Pop-Up Book Sale on the library plaza Saturday, Sept. 17,



from 10-4:30 p.m. For sale will be books and other materials that have been removed from the library collection and are in excellent condition. Pricing will be cash-only by suggested donation.

Performing on the day of the sale will be guitarist Jeff Brisbin at 11 a.m. and Carolyn Shapiro on banjo at 1 p.m.

Summer hours reminder

Through the month of August, the library is closed for in-person use on Friday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Curbside pickup is available, however, from 6-8:30 p.m. Regular Friday hours will resume in September.



Please note, the library is closed Sundays through August and will be closed for the Labor Day holiday Saturday-Monday, Sept. 3-5. Regular Sunday hours resume Sept. 11.

Back to school support

As your kids get ready to

head back to school, we're here to help. Bethlehem cardholders have access to HelpNow by Brainfuse, a learning resource for all ages with personalized homework help in core subjects, as well as SAT preparation. Live one-on-one online tutoring is available for elementary, middle school, high school and college students. Find

HelpNow on the library's Research page: www.bethlehempublib.org/webapps/research.asp

Your library at your fingertips

Have you tried the Upper Hudson mobile app? Use it to find the books, movies and music you're looking for with a simple, mobile-friendly search from your own phone or handheld device. The app makes it easy to manage your account on the go – place holds, pay fines and more.

You can also browse upcoming events and sign up for what interests you. The app lets you see the new items at all Upper Hudson libraries or locate a library near you. You even have access to digital library resources like Ancestry.com. You can even store more than one account on the app.

But here's the BEST part: You can use the self-checkout function to scan and borrow items at Bethlehem Public Library right from your phone, which is perfect for those grab-and-go moments or when the kids are ready to leave RIGHT NOW.

To get started, search for "UHLS Mobile App" in your device's app store. Once you download the app, you'll select "Bethlehem Public Library" from the options. On the app's homepage, click "My Account" and then "Manage Accounts," where you'll be prompted to enter your card number and PIN. After that, you're ready to explore all of the app's features.

— Kristen Roberts

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Crime

a.m., State Police attempted to stop a vehicle on Thruway in the town of Coeymans for multiple vehicle and traffic violations, and recent damage observed to the vehicle. The operator failed to stop and struck a construction traffic drum, causing the vehicle to become disabled.

The driver, Roy Smith, 41, of New Rockaway, was found to be intoxicated and had a suspended license and taken into custody. At the Barracks he provided a breath sample that returned a 0.18 percent BAC.

Smith was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation, a felony, aggravated DWI, reckless driving, both misdemeanors, and several violations.

He was arraigned at Coeymans Town Court and released with a return

date of Thursday, Aug 18. Smith was then transported to Troop K where he had an active warrant out of SP Livingston.

Thruway stop leads to DWAI, criminal possession of drugs

GUILDERLAND — On Friday, Aug 12, at 1:30 a.m., State Police stopped a vehicle on the Thruway in the town of Guilderland for several vehicle and traffic violations.

The driver, Cody Radley, 26, of Pattersonville, was found to be impaired by drugs and in possession of cocaine.

Radley was taken into custody and transported to the police station where he provided a breath sample that returned a 0.02 percent BAC and also consented to a blood draw.

Radley was charged with DWAI and

criminal possession of a controlled substance, both Misdemeanors.

He was issued appearance tickets returnable to Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, Sept 8 and turned over to Schenectady Police department due to having an active arrest warrant.

Woman arrested for DWAI, outstanding warrants and drugs

ALBANY — Albany County Sheriff's Deputies stopped Cassandra Levesque, 31, of Albany for safety glass violations on her white BMW on Monday, Aug 8.

When deputies were interviewing her, Levesque stated she did not have any ID or hold a driver's license in any state and also said she had an outstanding warrant for drug possession in the City of Albany. Upon further investigation, she had an active State Police failure to appear warrant for a DWAI and suspensions.

The officer also noticed

during the interview a hypodermic needle cap and empty baggie in view. A consented search of the vehicle located hypodermic needles and a bag with a small quantity of unknown substance. Levesque said she had approximately 8 grams of cocaine in her purse.

According to reports, had 12.4 grams of cocaine/fentanyl and 9 clonazepam pills

She was taken into custody where she failed field sobriety tests, was evaluated by a drug recognition officer and consented to a blood draw.

Levesque was charged with criminal possession of drugs and criminal possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, both felonies and aggravated unlicensed operation, criminal possession of a controlled substance and DWAI - drugs, all misdemeanors and traffic violations.

She was sent to the Albany County Jail until she could be arraigned in Albany City Court on Tuesday, Aug 9. State Police were also notified about the outstanding warrants.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

State Department of Labor receives national awards

ALBANY — The New York state Department of Labor announced it received national accolades for its efforts to help New Yorkers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Google bestowed NYSDOL with its Social Impact Award for the agency's herculean effort to provide critical financial assistance through the Excluded Workers Fund, a program for workers who lost income during the pandemic and were ineligible for other forms of federal relief, including unemployment and pandemic benefits.

NYSDOL was also honored by online learning giant Coursera with its Government Innovation Award for connecting tens of thousands of New Yorkers to virtual career development training, enabling them to learn new skills to advance their careers.

"Technology was truly an unsung hero for the department during the pandemic," said New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon. "We learned a lot of lessons, and we will continue to explore new, innovative solutions to better serve the needs of our customers. I am so proud to share these awards with the hardworking men and women at NYSDOL who worked around the clock to assist New Yorkers during one of the most challenging chapters in modern history. It is because of their fortitude, knowledge, and commitment to quality service that we were able to successfully overcome the hurdles and persevere."

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Fair Days!

A few scenes captured at The Altamont Fair last week.

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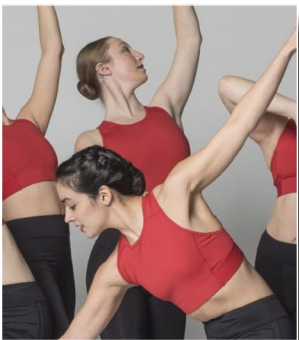


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Dance in the yard

Ellen Sinopoli Dance this Friday at Summer Square.

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Season begins

NYS Writers Institute launches fall season this Friday.

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The Troy Chromatic Concerts' 125th season will open by featuring a performance from The Knights with Aaron Diehl on September 17.

Provided photo

125 years for Troy Chromatic

Troy Chromatic Concerts announced lineup for its upcoming season, an historic 125th year to be celebrated at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

By **AMARIS FORD**
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TROY — In a few weeks history will be made again at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, as the Troy Chromatic Concerts opens its 125th season on Saturday, Sept. 17.

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"While our 125th season may not be as we might have otherwise 'planned', it demonstrates our commitment to artists and ability to attract top national and international performers with engaging programs to present our audience with engaging classical music performances,"




— Karl Moschner,
 President of Troy Chromatic Concerts



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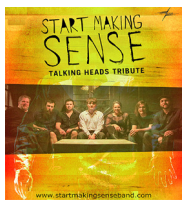
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Free family fun at Music Hall Courtyard



Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company

Ellen Sinopoli Dance, Ryan Leddick serving dance, music this weekend

TROY — This Friday, the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall continues its Summer Square, a free outdoor concert series every Friday and Saturday, with a Friday night performance by the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company at the Music Hall Courtyard on Aug. 26, at 6 p.m.

The 31-year-old not-for-profit arts organization is committed to creating, collaborating, educating and partnering, remaining in the forefront as it shares its work

with diverse audiences through concerts, showcases, residencies, workshops, and educational and community outreach projects.

Artistic Director Ellen Sinopoli has created over 100 dances since forming the company and ESDC's collaborations and artistic projects serve as a conduit to bring together talented artists (both regional and national) from varied genres that include visual artists, sculptors, architects, composers and musicians, poets and storytellers, videographers, photographers and physicists. Past commissions include new work for The Egg, Olana Partnership, Saratoga County

Arts Council, Schenectady Symphony Orchestra, Schenectady Museum and St. Cecelia Orchestra.

Ryan Leddick will feature his original music in the courtyard on Saturday. The independent artist will showcase a collage of musical talents that stop people in their tracks. Blending years of experience, Ryan Leddick weaves his soulful and haunting voice alongside rhythmic guitar lines to create an enticing folk-rock fusion.

Bring your lawn chair and join the audience in the Music Hall Courtyard on 2nd Street at 6 p.m.

— Michael Hallisey

Nicole Henry returning to The Mansion

ROCK CITY FALLS — The award-winning jazz vocalist Nicole Henry returns to The Mansion of Saratoga stage on Friday, Aug. 26, at 8 p.m., to celebrate the release of her 8th CD, "Time to Love Again," an eclectic mix of jazz standards and reimagined pop tunes that showcases Henry's soulful and beguiling interpretations.

Reaching No. 4 on the U.S. jazz radio chart and No. 6 on the U.K. Soul Chart, this is Henry's fourth CD to reach a Top 10 national chart. Whether burning through a swing tune or gently caressing a ballad, Henry truly makes each song uniquely her own.

Henry is often favorably compared to Whitney Houston and Natalie Cole for her dynamic range and impeccable phrasing.



Exhibition races at Lime Rock

LAKEVILLE, CONN. — Lime Rock Park is set to usher in the return of vintage cars this Labor Day weekend as the Park stages the Historic Festival 40 presented by Corvette from Thursday to Monday, Sept. 1 to 5.

In the early days of modern sports car racing, it was not uncommon for events to include a class or two for cars that were no longer eligible for competition. These exhibition races were occasionally part of events at Lime Rock Park, with the first program for historic cars being hosted at the circuit by the Vintage Sports Car Club of America in 1964.

Tickets for the Historic Festival 40 presented by Corvette start at \$65 with Sunday in the Park passes starting at \$25. Children under 12 are free. Veterans and active military are free with a valid Military I.D. Camping and custom experience packages are also available. For more information, visit <https://limerock.com/events/historic-festival-40/>.



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From page 1 ... 125 years for Troy Chromatic

“Troy Chromatic Concerts 125th season is a celebration of our continuing mission to present our audience with premiere classical music performances, and a testament to the community support that has sustained us,” said Karl Moschner, President of Troy Chromatic Concerts, “The Music Hall’s reputation was, and remains, a draw for our artists and our audience who recognize and admire the Music Hall’s unique acoustics.”

Troy Chromatic Concerts, who present chamber-music concerts and recitals at the Troy Music Hall, have assembled a group of performers for this significant season who will each provide concertgoers a distinctive and varied experience.

The season opening performance will be by The Knights with Aaron Diehl on September 17th. From The Knights, listeners can expect to experience

an orchestra that crafts vibrant programs. Their roots in classical traditional music keep them firmly grounded while their collaborative programs, full of artistic discovery, make them flourish. Diehl, the pianist and composer accompanying The Knights, recently appeared with the New York Philharmonic and the Cleveland Orchestra as a featured soloist.

On Thursday, Oct. 13, The Scottish Chamber Orchestra will be providing a rich experience by re-imagining the classical masters and romantic greats, as well as sharing other contemporary works. As an orchestra, the SCO is dedicated to providing as many opportunities as possible for people to listen to music by extensive touring and by its Creative Learning program. The orchestra brings music and education to schools, universities, colleges, hospitals, care homes, places of work and community centers.



The Scottish Chamber Orchestra will perform at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on Thursday, Oct. 13.

Provided photo

Next year, Troy Music Hall attendees will be able to experience the highly-praised West-Eastern Divan Ensemble. On Thursday, Feb. 23, they will be performing, led by concertmaster and solo violinist Michael Barenboim. To close out this season will be one of the leading chamber ensembles for the last 76 years, the Zurich Chamber Orchestra.

The history of the Troy Music Hall sets up a unique backdrop for the season, with the venue’s origins reaching back into the early 20th century. Originally the Chromatics

Club, the organization first used the Music Hall was in 1902 for a concert featuring Metropolitan Opera soprano Lillian Nordica. In 1918, the Troy Music Hall became the Chromatics sole concert venue, inextricably linking their futures.

“Ever since Chromatics has endeavored to present leading classical music performers of the day to our audience,” Moschner added.

Thanks to that tandem relationship with the Troy Music Hall, Chromatics have been able to bring a plethora of world-

famous talent to the stage, such as pianist Vladimir Horowitz, contralto Marian Anderson, pianist Artur Schnabel, soprano Leontyne Price, cellist Yo-Yo Ma and multiple appearances of conductor George Szell with the Cleveland Orchestra.

When it was threatened with closure, it was the Chromatics and its dedicated audience members that provided the necessary public support to protect it. Due to the tireless efforts to save the historic building, it became recognized as a National Historic Landmark in 1989.

“The two years under COVID restrictions had a big influence on our 125th season concert series,” Moschner explained. Despite the ‘logistical challenge’ that comes with any new season, it is all about the music.

“While our 125th season may not be as we might have otherwise ‘planned’, it demonstrates our commitment to artists and ability to attract top national and international performers with engaging programs to present our audience with engaging classical music performances,” he said.

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Writers Institute's fall season begins

NYS Writers Institute announces 5th Annual Albany Book Festival, Fall 2022 schedule

ALBANY – An eclectic series of events will bring award-winning authors, poets, journalists, newsmakers, and a Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist to the University at Albany from late August through December as the NYS Writers Institute announces its fall season schedule.

The NYS Writers Institute's Fall 2022 season begins on Friday, Aug. 26, with a screening and Q&A of the documentary "A Tear in the Sky." Starring William Shatner of "Star Trek" and celebrity physicist Michio Kaku, the film follows a team of military personnel and scientists — including two UAlbany physics professors, Kevin Knuth and Matthew Szydagis — as they attempt to re-capture, in real-time, evidence of UFOs and other space anomalies using state-of-the-art, military-grade

equipment, and technology.

The season highlight will be the 5th Annual Albany Book Festival, 10:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the UAlbany Campus Center, 1400 Washington Ave. The event will showcase more than 100 authors and poets, including Garry Trudeau, creator of "Doonesbury," Susan Choi, award-winning author of Trust Exercise (2019), and Robert Pinsky, former U.S. Poet Laureate, and a tribute to gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson.

"Congratulations to the New York State Writers Institute on an amazing lineup for the Albany Book Festival and its entire fall schedule of events," said University at Albany President Havidán Rodríguez. "UAlbany is honored to be home to the Writers Institute—and proud to bring these amazing cultural opportunities to our campus and the broader community."

The book festival will also feature panel discussions on Apocalyptic Fiction, Immigration, Parenting, New York History, and Food, online

workshops, scores of local authors selling and signing their books, exhibits, children's activities, and more. Visit www.albanybookfestival.com for more information.

"We established the Albany Book Festival as a way to underscore and to celebrate anew the capital city's grand literary tradition. We created an annual fall community event that appeals to all ages of people who like to read books. It promotes literacy while bringing together a diverse group of extraordinary writers and large crowds of book lovers," said Paul Grondahl, Director of the New York State Writers Institute.

"We are encouraged by how many communities have embraced this annual event, which has taken root and grows each year," Grondahl said. "While hosting dozens of literary events this fall, we collaborate across the University at Albany and throughout the Capital Region with organizations committed to celebrating the written word in its myriad forms. Please join us for the

book festival and our other fall programs, which remain free and open to all through the generous financial support of our sponsors."

Special events of the season include Telling the Truth 2022, on Friday, Oct. 28, a one-day conference of conversations that will address attacks on truth, free speech, a free press, and the First Amendment, as well as propaganda, misinformation, hacks, deep fakes, conspiracy theories, and threats to our democracy.

National Book Award winner Andrea Barrett will join the Writers Institute for two events on Tuesday, Sept. 20. Kwame Alexander, a New York Times bestselling author of 35 books, will visit with Albany schoolchildren and the Writers Institute will distribute hundreds of copies of his new book The Door of No Return (September 2022) in advance of his evening event on Thursday, Oct. 6. In an event co-sponsored with The College of Saint Rose, Michelle Alexander, whose book The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration

in the Age of Colorblindness (2010), spent nearly 250 weeks on the New York Times Bestseller List, is slated to visit Albany Tuesday, Oct. 11.

American Book Award-winning poet Carolyn Forché, a Pulitzer Prize finalist for her new collection, In The Lateness of the World, will visit on Thursday, Nov. 17. Melissa Gilbert, who portrayed Laura Ingalls in the classic TV show, "Little House on the Prairie" will discuss her new book, Back to the Prairie: A Home Remade, A Life Rediscovered (2022) on Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Previously announced, WAMC's Joe Donahue will host two Creative Life discussions during the fall: essayist Lucy Sante on Tuesday, Oct. 18, and illustrator, author, and designer Maira Kalman on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

All events take place on UAlbany's uptown and downtown campuses and are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

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EXHIBITS

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

The four elements of western cosmology, earth, air, fire, water—are the subjects of artist Leigh Li-Yun Wen's work. Whether paintings, prints, or ceramics, Wen's art expresses her personal and cultural histories. Having grown up on the island of Taiwan, she possesses a deep affinity for the elemental power of water and the forces of nature. Exhibit is going until June 29th.

The Hudson River School: Landscape Paintings from the Albany Institute-

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

Nineteenth Century American Sculpture: Erastus Dow Palmer and His Protégés Launt Thompson, Charles Calverley, and Richard Park-

Designed to showcase the museum's nationally known collection of mid- to late-nineteenth-century sculpture, This exhibit is currently ongoing.

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

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

Albany International Airport ECHO-Ginne Gardiner & Amy Talluto

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

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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

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the whole family and takes STEM learning into outer space.

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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

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Taxi
4. Cattle disease (abbr.)
7. Before the present
8. They burn in a grill
10. Enough (archaic)
12. "A Doll's House" playwright
13. Long loop of cloth worn around the waist
14. Napoleonic Wars battle
16. Chinese surname
17. Fragrant essential oil
19. Follows sigma
20. Model
21. A place with many dining options
25. BBQ dish
26. Corn comes on it
27. A sheep in its second year
29. Triad
30. They ___
31. Actor DiCaprio
32. TV's "Edith Bunker"
39. Sustenance
41. Man who behaves dishonorably
42. Cause a loud, harsh sound
43. A way to take in liquids
44. Gene type
45. The Miami mascot is one
46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
48. Casino machine
49. Contains cerium
50. Something with a letter-like shape
51. Handwoven Scandinavian rug
52. Legendary actress Ruby

CLUES DOWN

1. Conqueror
2. Kin relation
3. Increases the value of
4. Pack
5. Popular nut
6. Dogs' enemies
8. Former OSS
9. Unpleasant person
11. Come again?
14. Beverage container
15. Rock formation
18. Dorm official
19. The bill in a restaurant
20. Type of jug
22. Importance requiring swift action
23. Outfit
24. Small Eurasian deer
27. Weight used in China
28. A major division of geological time
29. Popular beverage
31. Confined condition (abbr.)
32. Practical joking
33. Pouchlike structure
34. Pound
35. Lilly and Manning are two
36. Stopped discussing
37. Baltimore ballplayer
38. Candymaker
39. One thousandth of a second (abbr.)
40. Northern sea duck
44. Partner to cheese
47. Cannot be found

Answers on Pg. B14

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

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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

Elevator Music 43: Yvette Janine

Jackson- Yvette Janine Jackson is a composer and installation artist who brings attention to historical events and social issues through her radio operas. Her work has been presented at Auditorium, Fylkingen, Sweden; Borealis Festival, Norway; Banff Centre, Alberta, Canada; and in residence at Stockholm EMS. Her album Freedom, produced by the Fridman Gallery, debuted as Contemporary Album of the Month in the January 2021 issue of The Guardian and Destination Freedom won the Giga-Hertz Production Award 2021. She presents the world premiere of Left Behind for her Radio Opera Workshop ensemble at the Venice Music Biennale in fall 2022, and a new work, Underground (Codes), which serves as a companion piece to Destination Freedom, opens May 26, 2022 at Wave Farm in Acra, New York. Jackson is an assistant professor in Creative Practice and Critical Inquiry in the Department of Music at Harvard University and also teaches for Harvard's Theater, Dance & Media program. Exhibit starts May 21st through October 2nd.

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



HOT DATE

START MAKING SENSE!

If David Byrne is one of the geniuses of modern times, then Start Making Sense is a tribute to genius. See them perform at Putnam Place on Friday, Aug 26th, at 9 p.m.

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 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 migration 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

Pete(Her) Pan

This enchanting new musical presents the classic legend of Peter Pan and Wendy through the eyes of Wendy's precocious and daring daughter Jane. Inspired by her mother's enchanting stories of Neverland, Jane longs to find an adventure of her own. Imagination runs as wild as the Lost Boys in this retelling of a timeless tale with an eclectic and exciting Caribbean-inspired score from the creators of Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical. Pete(Her)Pan reminds the kid in all of us that anyone can be a hero. Catch this show August 24th at 8 p.m. only at Cohoes High School 1 Tiger Circle, Cohoes.

COMEDY

Matt Bergman

Matt Bergman realized his love for comedy in the last year of college where he was pursuing a degree in criminal justice. After graduating he realized he was afraid of criminals and decided stand-up comedy was the way to go. It was a wise move. Bergman is easily relatable and versatile, a skillset that has opened the door to TV appearances on Gotham Comedy Live, Comedy Central Live, and a Dry Bar Comedy Special. His recent album "Approbation Constante" was called "really tough to purchase" by his mother who still doesn't understand how iTunes works. It was recently released on Helium Records and can be heard on Sirius/XM. You can catch this show August 26th 8 p.m. only at The Comedy Works, 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.

Jeremiah Watkins

Jeremiah Watkins is heralded as the comedian for making Judd Apatow fall in love with comedy again, and that's a direct quote from Judd himself! You may know him as 1/3 of The Wave from Comedy Central's, ROAST BATTLE, as Moshpit (a roadie/hypeman) in THE COMEDY JAM, or as 1/2 of the musical comedy super-duo Regan and Watkins during KILL TONY, the #1 Live Podcast in the world. He performs stand-up at all of the major clubs in Los Angeles throughout the week and became a Paid Regular in 2016 at The World Famous Comedy Store, getting his name painted on their prestigious wall in 2017. The Comedy Store is also the home for his wildly popular live show Stand-Up On The Spot, which just came off a hit run of shows at Montreal's Just For Laughs Comedy Festival and was named by GQ Magazine as one of the "5 Funniest Nights in America." Since moving to LA from Kansas, he has established himself as one of the most physical stand-up comedians in Los Angeles with his high energy and off-the-cuff style. He placed 2nd in the 2015 Big Sky Comedy Festival, and has performed at Just for Laughs, Bonnaroo, Outside Lands, TBS's New York Comedy Festival, South by Southwest, Riot LA, Moontower, and many other festivals throughout the country. Other film and tv appearances include: JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE, Netflix's HISTORIAL ROASTS, star of the film i-LIVED (available on HULU), supporting in the film THE BET (available on Prime), and he can also be seen in the season 2 finale of HBO's CRASHING with Pete Holmes. He is a graduate of the Second City, has trained at The Groundlings, and has performed improv all over Los Angeles. No matter what size the audience, Jeremiah Watkins guarantees a memorable show experience like you've never seen before. Catch this show August 26th at 7:30 p.m. only at the Funny Bone, 1 Crossgates Mall Rd #K-206, Albany.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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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.

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

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

MUSIC

Out of the Box
Out of the Box looks forward to their return to 9 Maple, bringing their ver-

sion of straight up jazz, seasoned with a bit of funk and plenty of groove to put a smile on your face. Selected winner of the Albany Downtown Jazz Competition in 2011, they have been a staple of the greater Capital Region music scene for the past decade. The core trio of Larry Gravett on keyboards and vocals, Michael Hurt on bass and Gary Nowik on drums, have worked together for many years. Saxophonist extraordinaire, John Savage, will join the trio for a night of jazz in all its forms. Don't be afraid to leave your seat and move your feet! Catch the show August 26th at 9 p.m. only at 9 Maple Ave.

Dave Fisk Quartet
Dave Fisk is a saxophonist in Albany, NY. Dave's interest in music started at a young age. His father, David Fisk Sr, was the source of his inspiration. His Father, (an amateur musician) introduced him to many styles of music; from Mozart to Hendrix to Paul Simon to Stan Getz. But it was when Dave's father played Miles Davis's album "Jazz Traxx" that Dave became "hooked" on jazz. The group on the album contained such notables as Juliann "Cannonball" Adderley, Alto Sax and John Coltrane Tenor Sax. Mr. Fisk entered the Crane School of Music as a Saxophone major pursuing a degree in music education with a minor in Jazz Studies. At Crane he studied with Robert Faub and Brett Zvacek. He also had the privilege to study with other musicians such as Dave Dempsey, Jim Corigliano, Joe Magnarelli, Mark Vinci and Ralph Lalama. After Crane, Dave started his professional teaching career at the Taconic Hills Central Schools. Now, for the past 12 years he has been at Niskayuna Central Schools where he is the director of the high school jazz ensembles and also the director of the high school concert band.

Teaching music, especially jazz, has become a passion for Mr. Fisk and continues to inspire him to this day. In addition to teaching, Dave has been a regular performer in the Capital District. As a leader of a quartet he has performed regularly at local venues. He is also a member of Keith Pray's Big Soul Ensemble and has had the honor of being a guest with many other area Jazz musicians. He has also performed with the Capital Region Wind Ensemble, Empire Jazz Orchestra (as a sub) Leo Russo Octet, and the Leo Russo Big Band. Catch the show August 27th at 9 p.m. only at 9 Maple Ave.

Stephane Wrembel Quartet
A master gypsy jazz player, Stephane Wrembel learned his craft among the Gypsies at campsites in the French countryside. He has had a remarkable career, releasing 16 albums under his name and the nom de plume, The Django Experiment, and touring around the world. His original compositions have been featured in three of Woody Allen's movies including Vicki Cristina Barcelona, Midnight in Paris ("Bistro Fada") and the full score for the newly released, Rifkin's Festival. Tonight Wrembel will be joined by his band featuring Josh Kaye on guitar, Ari Folman-Cohen on bass and Nick Anderson on drums. Catch this show August 25th at 8 p.m. only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

Chris Brubeck's Triple Play
Triple Play is the name given to three outstanding and versatile musicians, Peter Madcat Ruth (on harmonica, guitar, jaw harp, percussion & vocals), Joel Brown, (folk and classical acoustic guitar and vocals) and Chris Brubeck (electric bass, bass trombone, piano & vocals). Collectively they bring a rare level of joy, virtuosity, and American spirit to the

folk, blues, jazz and classical music they perform. Catch this show August 26th at 7 p.m. only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

Martin Sexton
Martin Sexton got his start singing in the streets and subways of Boston in the early 90's. Still fiercely independent and headlining venues from The Fillmore to Carnegie Hall, he has influenced a generation of contemporary artists. His songs have appeared in television series such as Scrubs, Parenthood, Masters of Sex and in numerous films, though it's his incendiary live show, honest lyrics, and vocal prowess that keep fans coming back for more. Catch this show August 27th at 8 p.m. only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

An Evening with Stacey Kent
Stacey Kent is a jazz singer in the mold of the greats who has been delighting jazz lovers with her inimitable graceful style for more than 20 years. She has received a host of honors and awards including a Grammy nomination and album sales in excess of 2 million with Gold, Double-Gold and Platinum-selling albums that have reached a series of No. 1 chart positions. Known for interpreting standards in French and Portuguese as well as in English, Kent has performed in over 55 countries over the course of her career and amassed a loyal fanbase from all over the world. Catch this show August 28th at 8 p.m. only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

Victor Wooten
He has been called the most influential bassist of the last two decades and was listed as one of the Top Ten Bassists of All Time by Rolling Stone magazine. He is the winner of Bass Player magazine's readers'

HOROSCOPES

August 2022 Week 4

ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20
Aries, take a step back and allow people some room to figure things out. Your offers to help are appreciated and will be accepted in due time.

TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21
Taurus, others appreciate your authenticity. Stay true to yourself and you will have no regrets. Encourage others to do the same when they seek your input.

GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21
Gemini, this week is a good opportunity for some serious introspection. Put yourself in other people's shoes before you render an opinion.

CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22
An important decision is looming, Cancer. Take some time to look inward as you try to decide the best path to take. Don't hesitate to seek input from people you trust.

LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23
It is alright to have some doubts when you are trying something new, Leo. Just don't let those doubts get the better of you and derail your plans.

VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22
Virgo, a public gathering in the near future may attract several people, including some you are interested in meeting. Take the first step and introduce yourself.

LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23
Libra, this week you are likely to feel refreshed and energized. This may pave the way to some new ideas, including a change of scenery or even a new job.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22
Scorpio, at this point in your life, it is important to go with the flow and learn from others with an easygoing approach. Take time to exhale and unwind.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21
Sagittarius, you have long been practical and sensible with your finances. But this week you may be lured by a flashy purchase. If it is in the budget, then let loose.

CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20
Clear your mind of cobwebs and any other errant thoughts, Capricorn. Right now you need to relax and unwind for a bit, and you'll feel better after a few days of recharging.

AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18
Aquarius, after many months of asking yourself where you want your life to go, this week you finally have a plan of action to put in motion. Enjoy the ride.

PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20
Be extra patient and affectionate towards all of your loved ones this week, Pisces. Someone close to you will need your help.

poll three times and remains the only person to have won it more than once. He has released multiple solo recordings, and has won five Grammy awards. He has anchored the otherworldly music of Bela Fleck & The Flecktones since 1988. He plays everything from jazz to funk to R&B to bluegrass to a fusion of them all. He is Victor Wooten and he invites you to accompany him – and 6-string fretless bass virtuoso Steve Bailey and drummer Derico Watson – on a joy ride to discover previously unimagined lands for the bass guitar. Welcome to Bass Extremes. Catch this show August 28th at 7:30 p.m. only at The Egg, PO Box 2065, Albany.

Johnny Booth

Johnny Booth is a 5 piece hardcore band from Long Island and Oneonta, NY. Johnny Booth is composed of Andrew Herman, Adam Halpern, Steve DiModugno, Ryan Strong, and Adam Ingoglia. The band recorded their first EP in the summer of 2008, entitled, "Sagua" and have since been touring as often as possible. Johnny Booth can be marked by their crushing melodies, stop-go rhythms, and multi-genre influence. In January of 2012, they released "Connections" on Hotfoot Records, which notably features guest vocalist Tommy Rogers of Between

the Buried and Me on the track "Ink and Sky". You can catch this show August 24th at 6:30 p.m. only at Empire Underground 93 North Pearl Street, Albany.

Crowbar

New Orleans heavy metal institution Crowbar combines the doomy heft of Black Sabbath, the intense riffage of Pantera, and the intricate progressions of Metallica. Alongside Eyehategod, Soilent Green, Acid Bath, and Down, the group helped establish the NOLA sludge metal movement in the 1990s. Plunging into the mainstream in 1993 with their acclaimed eponymous sophomore effort, Crowbar has spent three decades at the fore of the scene, issuing uncompromising slabs of sonic devastation like Odd Fellows Rest (1998), Equilibrium (2000), Sever the Wicked Hand (2011), and Zero and Below (2022) that stand at the nexus of sludge, stoner, and doom metal. Crowbar emerged in the late '80s with a lineup featuring vocalist/guitarist Kirk Windstein, guitarist Matt Thomas, bassist Todd Strange, and drummer Craig Nunemacher. Once known as the Slugs, the group's slow, grinding, heavy sound drew comparisons both vocally and musically to Pantera, the Melvins, and Tad. Debuting in 1991 with Obedience Thru

Suffering, Crowbar subsequently signed to Pavement Music and released their eponymous sophomore LP. Produced by Pantera's Phil Anselmo, the album included the singles "All I Had (I Gave)" and "Existence Is Punishment," both of which appeared on MTV's Headbanger's Ball and the adult animated comedy Beavis & Butthead. After releasing 1995's Time Heals Nothing, Nunemacher left the group and was replaced by Jimmy Bower, the rhythm guitarist for kindred spirits Eyehategod. You can catch this show August 26th at 6:30 p.m. only at Empire Underground, 93 North Pearl Street, Albany.

La Luz

Formed around the guitar playing and songs of Shana Cleveland, La Luz formed with the intention of blending surf music with garage rock while giving it a mystical dash of psychedelia. Early releases were punchy and raw, capturing the band as they sounded on-stage and showcasing Cleveland's fast fingers and way with a whammy bar. As they evolved, the surf receded in favor of more muscular playing and production as on 2018's Floating Features. By the time of 2021's self-titled album recorded with producer Adrian Younge, the band had become full-fledged psych rockers who had learned

the value of space and dynamics. La Luz were formed in the summer of 2012 by Cleveland, who had previously recorded with the Curious Mystery and Shana Cleveland & the Sandcastles. Looking for a group to fulfill her vision of a band who were equally at home playing upbeat surf and moody garage, Cleveland joined forces with Alice Sandahl on keys, Abbey Blackwell on bass, and Marian Li-Pino (another former member of the Curious Mystery) on drums, with all four sharing vocals. Adopting the name La Luz (Spanish for "the light"), the new group wasted no time getting into the studio (in this case, a makeshift recording setup in a trailer), releasing a four-song EP, Damp Face, before the year was out. In 2013, La Luz issued 7" singles on Suicide Squeeze and Mississippi Records, and soon the Sub Pop-distributed Hardly Art label came calling, reissuing the Damp Face EP and in October 2013 releasing their first full-length album, It's Alive. You can catch this show August 27th at 8 p.m. only at Empire Underground, 93 North Pearl Street, Albany.

Overcast

Metalcore pioneers Overcast formed in 1991 in Boston, MA, around the talents of bass player Mike D'Antonio, guitarists

Pete Cortese and Scott McCooe, vocalist Brian Fair, and drummer Jay Fitzgerald. The band released its debut 7", Bleed into One, in 1992 on Exchange Records, followed by the full-length Expectational Dilution in 1994. Three more 7" releases arrived in 1995 and 1996, culminating in the Fight Ambition to Kill full-length the following year. In 1998, after a less than successful tour, the group quietly disbanded, splintering off to become cogs in numerous different bands, including Shadows Fall (Fair), Killswitch Engage (D'Antonio), Seamless (Cortese), Transient (McCooe), and Tunnel Drill (Fitzgerald). The band reunited in 2008 for the Metal Blade release Reborn to Kill Again, a collection of re-recordings of band and fan favorites, as well as two brand new tracks. You can catch this show August 28th at 6 p.m. only at Empire Underground, 93 North Pearl Street, Albany.

The Wreckless Duo

The Wreckless Duo Is The Capital Region's Premier Female Party Duo performing everything from oldies to top 40 hits. Perfect for any event including weddings, corporate, private parties, and bars/restaurants! You can catch this show August 21st at 2 p.m. only at Frog Alley Brewing, 108 State Street Schenectady

WC Edgar

It's hard to know where to start by giving you a snapshot of who this amazing artist truly is. WC literally embodies what it means to be hardcore pure country and outlaw, simultaneously. A 'world-class' songwriter this man could play in front of a hardcore biker crowd, and drive down the street to climb on stage at an old-school Texas dancehall, and you can bet all your money that he will leave behind two crowds who will be extremely grateful for the experience. From the days of riding around in smoke-filled overcrowded rickety vans to million-dollar tour buses, you could say he's done it all. Moving to Nashville Tennessee with dreams of becoming an artist WC Edgar went to work playing pedal steel guitar for the likes of Alan Jackson, Tim McGraw, Opryland USA on the Country Music USA Show at Nashville's once famed music park, Ty England, BB Watson, Marty Haggard, Dale Watson, Leroy Van Dyke, Lucky Tubb, Johnny Lee, Jeff Carson, Whitey Morgan and many many more. You can catch this show August 28th at 2 p.m. only at Frog Alley Brewing, 108 State Street Schenectady.

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Tinsley Ellis
World renowned Southern blues-rock

guitarist, vocalist and songwriter Tinsley Ellis like every other musician was caught off guard when the pandemic shutdown hit in March 2020. Ellis was forced to cancel the tour promoting his just-released album, *Ice Cream In Hell*, only six weeks into the 60-date run. This would be the first time in 40 years he'd be off the road, and as he drove the 2400 miles home from Reno to Atlanta, he was already formulating his future plans. Ellis resolved to dedicate his pandemic-forced downtime to creating new songs and growing as a

songwriter. To get back to his musical roots, he began composing on amps and guitars that he hadn't used for decades. He explored obscure studio and live recordings from some of his greatest musical heroes, such as the Allman Brothers, Freddie King, Michael Bloomfield, B.B. King and beyond, and was inspired by his favorite artists all over again. Eighteen months later, Ellis had written an astonishing 200 new songs. Explains Ellis, "There was a lot of time to experiment. In my downstairs studio I set up every guitar and amp that I owned,

plus a Leslie cabinet, an old wooden Wurlitzer electric piano, an old Maestro Echoplex tape delay and 30 or 40 glass, steel and brass slides. Experimenting with different gear set ups inspired the songwriting. Plus, I was able to listen to more music than I had since the 1970s. My imagination was fired up!" As early as April 2020, he began regularly releasing his new material online, keeping his thousands of fans engaged and soaking up their comments and responses. He knew, thanks to the reactions of his fans to his new songs, that he needed to

make a record and get back on the road as soon as possible. Ellis whittled his massive song list down to ten, enlisted his friend and co-producer, keyboard master Kevin McKendree, and headed for Franklin, Tennessee's famous Rock House recording studio. The result is Ellis' new *Alligator* album, *Devil May Care*, a record Ellis says, "is for the fans as much as for me." This is all happening live August 25th at 8 p.m. only at The Linda WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Avenue, Albany.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Reese Fulmer and The Carriage House Band at The Cock 'N Bull

By LAURA DaPOLITO
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GALWAY — The smell of campfire and grilled meat wafted across the patio as I watched the leaves of the birch tree sway in the sky above, and before Reese Fulmer and the Carriage House Band even took the stage, I felt a sense of peace that belongs perfectly in memory as an end of summer night.

The Cock 'n Bull hosts many concerts on its patio from spring to fall and



often earns the Nippertown "Top Tip of the Day" for its amazing selection of great musicians. The delicious menu, farmhouse vibe (it is in a giant barn / on the barn's patio), and selection of great drinks supports the setting in a way that can only be improved with talent. And on Thursday, Reese Fulmer and the Carriage House Band brought entirely local talent to the patio for two sets of original music that was mind-blowing.

Reese Fulmer and the Carriage House Band as they performed at The Cock 'n' Bull.

Jim Gilbert / Nippertown

Reese is a favorite songwriter of mine, as he is able to be a truth teller about love, life and death while still lifting my heart up with hope. Thursday night was no exception. He played my favorites, including "Ohio" and "Feels Like Heaven."

Joined on guitar by Andy Arnold, whose solos stopped me from breathing a few times with intensity, and on drums by Chris Carey (who is also the pianist for Super 400). The Carriage House Band's membership fulfilled the promise of Reese's songwriting with integrity.

They also covered Josh Ritter's "Get Ready to Get Down" to please Reese's family, including his sister who was in the audience

with their parents. The band's overall vibe was joy: joy at being together, joy for the audience, and joy for the sounds they created.

The Cock 'n Bull did its part with scrumptious meals, drinks, and a dessert menu that featured blueberry pizza (yeah, they went there). The dog in the main barn, Tugg, offered kisses when this writer said hello, wrapping up a perfect end of summer.

But summer isn't over yet. The Concert Series at Cock 'n Bull continues with Keith Pray Trio to play on Friday, Sept. 16. Totally worth the drive for the food alone, Rick's pick of musicians is guaranteed to delight and satisfy your quest for the perfect night out.

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