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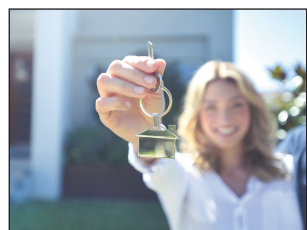
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# The place turns 40

My Place & Co. to celebrate 40 years with outdoor tent party on Saturday

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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**ELSMERE** — My Place & Co. is home, and has been for town natives coming back from college and beyond for the last 40 years.

The bar-restaurant nestled within an uncanny crook defined by an elementary school and a daycare center has been a family establishment since Noreen Giacone opened its doors in 1982.

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◀ My Place & Co. Owner Jim Giacone stands next to a tribute to his mother, Noreen, who opened the restaurant in 1982.

Michael Hallisey / Spotlight News

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## A worthwhile pursuit

Michael Eck to celebrate his 40-year career in live music with show at Caffé Lena.

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# Weekly Volunteer FIREFIGHTER CALLS



Each Week, Spotlight News lists calls from Delmar, Elsmere, North Bethlehem, Slingerlands and Selkirk fire companies. These department are comprised of local volunteers. Please consider serving your neighbors as a volunteer firefighter.

## Friday, Sept. 9

4:22 a.m.	Structure Fire Alarm	WEISHEIT RD	Selkirk Fire Department
06:29 a.m.	Hazardous Condition	ELSMERE AVE	Elsmere Fire Department
6:33 a.m.	Carbon Monoxide No Illness	MIDDLESEX CT	Slingerlands Fire Department
8:17 a.m.	Outdoor Fire	ELM AVE	Delmar Fire Department
10:49 a.m.	Outdoor Fire	MAPLE AVE	Selkirk Fire Department
1:07 p.m.	Structure Fire Alarm	FRONTAGE RD	Elsmere Fire Department

## Saturday, Sept. 10

3:51 a.m.	Structure Fire Alarm	ESPLANDE ST	Selkirk Fire Department
3:15 p.m.	Structure Fire Alarm	ELM AVE	Delmar Fire Department

## Sunday, Sept. 11

12:08 p.m.	Rescue	MCCORMACK RD N / THOREAU DR	Slingerlands Fire Department
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## Monday, Sept. 12

7:40 a.m.	Unknown	RIVER RD / BENNETT CT	Selkirk Fire Department
11:45 a.m.	Unknown	DELAWARE AVE	Delmar Fire Department
1:09 p.m.	Structure Fire Vulnerable LC	DELAWARE AVE	Elsmere Fire Department
2:10 p.m.	Unknown	ROUTE 9W	Selkirk Fire Department
8:01 p.m.	Structure Fire Alarm	KENWOOD AVE	Delmar Fire Department

## Tuesday, Sept. 13

5:06 p.m.	Carbon Monoxide No Illness	REGINA CT, 2	Delmar Fire Department
7:27 p.m.	Structure Fire Vulnerable LC	ROUTE 9W	Selkirk Fire Department

## Wednesday, Sept. 14

3:11 a.m.	Structure Fire Alarm	DELAWARE AVE	Delmar Fire Department
12:36 p.m.	Structure Fire Alarm	ORCHARD ST	Delmar Fire Department

## Thursday, Sept. 15.

8:25 a.m.	Structure Fire Vulnerable LC	AUTUMN DR	North Bethlehem Fire Department
4:07 p.m.	Structure Fire Vulnerable LC	KENWOOD AVE	Delmar Fire Department

## ■ POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY CALLS

# Man arrested in stabbing, not new to justice system

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY** and **JOHN McINTYRE**  
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**SELKIRK** — An East Greenbush man faces attempted murder charges following an alleged assault at a River Road home that sent one of two victims to the hospital with multiple stab wounds Friday night, Sept. 16. This is not the first time he has been charged in an attack.

According to a Bethlehem Police Department statement, police responded to a domestic incident at 1049 River Road at approximately 9:25 p.m. When officers arrived at the scene they located two victims who had been assaulted. One victim was treated at the scene and the second victim was transported to Albany Medical Center with injuries from multiple stab wounds.

The alleged culprit was not at the scene when police arrived, leading to a search involving Bethlehem police, Albany County Sheriff's and New York State Police through the heavily wooded area less than a mile from the Henry Hudson Town Park. The agencies were searching for Adam J. Matteson Jr, a 36-year-old from East Greenbush, who is currently on parole and required to wear an electronic monitoring device. During the investigation, police said they learned he had removed his device prior to the incident.

Matteson allegedly stole a 2013 Hyundai from the 300 block of Route 9W in Glenmont to make his escape.

East Greenbush Police Department assisted with the investigation from the beginning and in the early morning Saturday

morning, located Matteson near his East Greenbush residence before taking him into custody. The stolen vehicle was also recovered Saturday morning.

The victim that received stab wounds is being treated at Albany Medical Center for his injuries. At this time there is no further update on his condition.

Matteson is being charged with multiple felonies, including second-degree attempted murder, first-degree burglary, first-degree assault, second-degree assault, third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, and third-degree grand larceny. He was also charged with endangering the welfare of a child.

Matteson was arraigned in Town of Bethlehem Court and sent to the Albany County Correctional Facility. A

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A motorist drives down Kenwood Avenue, following the mandated speed limit of 30 mph. With new state legislation in effect, the sign could change to 25 mph.

TOWN NEWS

# How slow?

Bethlehem eyes reducing town speed limit to 25 mph

By MICHAEL HALLISEY  
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DELMAR — Bethlehem Town Board members said they will be looking into reducing the speed limit to 25 mph and other measures to reduce speeding on

residential roads.

Town Board member David DeCancio prompted the discussion late in the board's meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14, drawing attention to state legislation recently signed into law by the governor's office.

"Speeding and traffic issues are among the most common concerns raised by residents from every corner of town," DeCancio

Michael Hallisey / Spotlight News said. "From Selkirk to Glenmont to North Bethlehem, as we see more and more of our residents and our families biking, recreation walking, I think it's imperative that we now take a strong look and see you know, what streets we met while lower the speed limits."

Last month, Gov. Kathy Hochul signed two new laws, allowing municipalities to reduce speed limits to 25 miles per hour and to increase fines for leaving car crash scenes without reporting them. According to the governor's office, research shows that faster driving speeds correlate to more serious injuries and fatalities for pedestrians in the event of a crash.

"Every New Yorker deserves to feel safe when traveling on our streets, whether they are driving, cycling, or walking," Hochul said. "These new laws will help prevent senseless tragedies and injuries by cracking down on erratic and irresponsible driving. Today, we are reaffirming our commitment to keeping New Yorkers safe and using every resource available to save lives."

The new legislation is expected to help prevent traffic-related crashes and fatalities by allowing municipalities to reduce speed limits to 25 mph.

Under current law, the default maximum speed limit throughout a city, town, or village may not be set lower than 30 mph. This legislation hopes to improve public safety and prevent pedestrian fatalities by giving municipalities local control to reduce speed limits.

Last November, town residents turned down a proposed road diet for Delaware Avenue, touted to wrangle traffic away from sidewalks by reducing lanes dedicated to motorists while introducing a new lane for bicyclists. It failed with voters, but the discussion to reduce the speed limit from 40 mph has continued. A change, however, would have to come from the state level.

Locally, Brockley Drive residents have complained about

speeders; perhaps more so during the school year, which started two weeks ago. Neighbors have asked for police patrols, lowered speed limits and speed bumps on the road that runs perpendicular to Delaware Avenue in front of the high school.

Town Supervisor David VanLuven agreed to reducing speed limits, continuing to warn that changing speed limits won't stop speeding alone.

"I think 30 mph is too fast. I think everyone agrees with that," he said. "But I always want to — a core thing and that is the goal is not just changing the speed limit. The goal is having cars drive more slowly."

VanLuven said the town will soon employ a public media firm to launch a traffic safety campaign, stressing education against speeding habits. The town supervisor used failed limit reduction efforts on Cherry Avenue Extension and Feura Bush Road. He also suggested looking into possible changed behaviors in the neighboring town of New Scotland, following the recent installation of speed humps on residential roads.

"As we're thinking about this, we need to think about it in the context of education, enforcement and also physical changes that will slow cars down," VanLuven said.

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## TOWN NEWS

# Extension sought for site plan

Developer of approved apartment project on Delaware Avenue cites skyrocketing lumber costs for delay

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ELSMERE — The developer of a three-building multifamily housing project is asking the Town of Bethlehem for additional time — lagging behind the two-year window permitted for approved developments to be erected.

In December 2019, Delmar-based Quality PM received site plan approval from the town planning board to build three new buildings, and renovate another, on a plot between Lincoln and Bedell avenues on the south side of Delaware Avenue. The project was endorsed the following June, starting the clock.

The deadline would have passed on June 5 had

### INSIDE It's getting expensive

Realtors: It's twice as expensive to buy a house today.

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it not for a sweeping Town Board resolution approved in November 2020, allowing for an additional 120-day extension for all projects impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. With the deadline now set to expire on Monday, Oct. 3, the developer is asking for more time.

ABD Engineers informed Planning Board Chair Bryan Gyory in a Sept. 13 letter that the existing apartment building has been renovated. However, exorbitant lumber costs caused a delay in the new construction. They are asking the board for two 90-day extensions, a request permitted under Town Code.

"The applicant has not started construction on the additional three apartment buildings or any related site work," stated John Hitchcock, project manager for ABD Engineers. "The reason for this request] as you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused souring construction costs over the last couple of years, which had made the project unfeasible."

Deputy Town Planner Leslie Lombardo shared his insight with the Planning Board, stating soon after in a letter to its chairperson that such a request prior to the deadline the site plan approval may be extended for up to two additional 90-day periods.

Global supply chain issues impacted the housing market into 2021, causing lumber prices and halting new construction projects. Last May, lumber costs were as high as \$1,515 per thousand board feet. Prior to the pandemic, the cost for the same amount ranged between \$350 and \$500.

### Sewer main work in Delmar

DELMAR — Bethlehem road crews continue to work on sewer main repairs, creating limited traffic on area roads, with an expectation to end on Friday, Oct. 14.

The work areas will include the intersection of Hawthorne Avenue, Adams Place and Adams Street near the Pocket Park) at 179 Adams Street; near 40 Delmar Place; and near 60 Delmar Place.

The sewer mains in these locations have started to fail, which could lead to sewage backups into homes and sinkholes in the roadways.

The Department of Public Works will excavate to replace the damaged sections of sewer mains, then will line the pipes to minimize the likelihood of

future breaks and problems. This will result in partial road and lane closures in the work areas, and we recommend that you use alternate routes to avoid the active construction zones.

Work is anticipated to continue until approximately October 14. For additional information, visit the town website at [townofbethlehem.org](http://townofbethlehem.org) or contact the Department of Public Works at 518-439-4955.

### Town seeks two for Industrial Development Agency

DELMAR — The Bethlehem Town Board will be considering candidates for appointment to the Bethlehem Industrial Development

Agency (IDA) board.

The BIDA is an independent agency authorized under state law, and its board members serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the Town Board.

Candidates must be town residents and should have or develop general knowledge of Bethlehem's development patterns and economic development goals.

Further information on the Bethlehem IDA and the Comprehensive Plan is available on the Town website at [www.townofbethlehem.org](http://www.townofbethlehem.org) or [www.bethlehemida.com](http://www.bethlehemida.com).

Email a cover letter and resume to Robin Nagengast, Town Supervisor's Office at [RNagengast@townofbethlehem.org](mailto:RNagengast@townofbethlehem.org).

■ POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY CALLS

# Saving man's bestfriend

Firefighters snuff fire, save puppies in home blaze

DELMAR - On Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 5:43 p.m. Delmar, Slingerlands, Elsmere and Westmere fire departments responded to a report of a structure fire at 489 Orchard Street.

Firefighters quickly realized they needed a two-prong approach to what was an active fire.

"Upon arrival, we had heavy smoke coming from the B side of the structure and we had a report of seven puppies trapped in the house," Delmar Fire Chief Dan Ryan said. "We made entry at two points into the house to rescue the puppies and extinguish the fire."

According to Ryan, firefighters could not gain entry through the front door and had to remove a first floor window to reach the puppies and at the same time, enter the basement on the other side of the house to extinguish the fire.

Luckily, the response from

the three departments gave Ryan and Delmar Assistant Chief Dave Languish enough staff to achieve both tasks. Ryan handled the rescue and Languish led the attack on the fire.

"This was a coordinated fire attack and rescue. We successfully rescued seven puppies and the mother dog along with extinguishing the fire very quickly," Ryan said. "The rescue would not have been possible without the entire team doing exactly as they did this afternoon."

All the puppies were alive after the rescue, but one did die at the scene. All of the puppies and the mother dog were taken to an emergency animal clinic in Latham. According to Ryan he called the clinic on Thursday morning and all the dogs were doing well.

There were no other injuries reported from the fire. Bethlehem Police are investigating the cause of the fire. Preliminary reports point to an electrical problem in the basement that caused the fire according to Bethlehem Deputy Police Chief James Rexford.

"The fire does not appear suspicious and the cause appears to be caused by an electrical issue," he said.

Bethlehem EMS also responded to the incident and provided aid to the animals.

Spotlight Photos by Tom Heffernan, Sr.



■ IN BRIEF

## Seasonal laborers wanted

DELMAR — The Town of Bethlehem Highway Department seeks seasonal laborers who are at least 18 years of age to perform manual tasks based on the season.

Tasks will include collecting brush, branches, containerized grass and leaves and placing them in a collection truck; sweeping walks, collecting litter, cutting brush, and mowing lawns; raking leaves into a vacuum type collection machine; replacing sod and top soiling lawns damaged by snowplows; and other manual labor tasks.

Work will be performed outside in all types of weather conditions. Once hired, seasonal laborers will be required to have safety toe work boots and gloves, and will report to the Town Highway Garage at 74 Elm Avenue East in Selkirk. Work hours will be Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The rate of pay will be \$14

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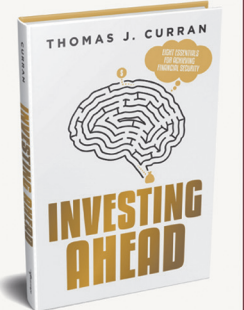
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## SPOTLIGHT ON FINANCE

## Recognize, Avoid and Report Common Fraud Attempts

By FRANCES O'ROURKE  
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As our lives become more digitally driven, we are seeing increased attempts to defraud bank clients through phone calls, email and text messages. Criminals are finding new ways of committing fraud through scam attempts that play on your emotions and seek to gain your trust. Fortunately, with the right information, you can more reliably determine if you're being targeted and successfully report fraud.



Fran O'Rourke

Today's scams are made to look legitimate, and the scammers will often have information that make them seem real. They often know certain details about you and your accounts and sound like actual bank employees, so they can be hard to detect as criminals.

To be prepared and help avoid becoming a victim of these common scams, use this

important information and report any fraud attempts you may encounter:

- **Suspicious Calls/Texts.** KeyBank will never contact you and ask for personal information by text, email, or an unsolicited phone call. This includes unsolicited calls that ask you for your username and password, or to obtain or provide a one-time passcode.

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- **Suspicious Text Messages.** Beware of texts from outside your saved contacts. Fraudulent texts may appear to come from a bank and ask you to open a link. Don't open any links or provide personal or account information.

Call KeyBank directly at the number below if you have questions or concerns about fraud.

- **Using Mobile Apps and Social Media.** Watch for any strange links or requests for money you receive on apps or in social media. What feels like a real chat could be a scam.

- **Suspicious Phone Calls.** If you don't recognize the number, think twice about picking up. Scammers can mimic local area codes to get you to answer. It is important to remember that cybercriminals have several ways to access cell phone numbers, so you should never assume that you've given your number to someone contacting you on your cell phone.

### Identifying Fraudulent Texts

Text messages are one of several legitimate ways KeyBank may contact clients. One example of a legitimate text you might receive from KeyBank would be to provide a KeyBank Fraud Alert of a potentially suspicious card-related transaction. In that case, the text message will include specific information about the transaction in question with response options you can make by text or phone to

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### What to Do and How to Report Fraud Attempts

If you receive a suspicious message or call that appears to come from KeyBank with an urgent tone about an account and a request to provide important security or account access information by clicking a link

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to reportphish@keybank.com.

- If you are unsure whether a message that appears to be from KeyBank is legitimate, you can always contact KeyBank Customer Service at 800-KEY2YOU® (539-2968). For clients using a TDD/TTY device, please call 1-800-539-8336.

- If you're a client or business that has followed a link or called a phone number in a suspicious text message and provided any personal information or KeyBank account information, immediately contact Key's Fraud & Disputes Hotline at 800-433-0124.

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## Simple Steps to Stronger Wireless Security

When you set up your network, or at your earliest convenience, review your wireless router user manual to make sure you know how it works. You can also check out the manufacturer's website for more information on your specific device. Then follow these suggested steps to strengthen your home wireless network defenses:

1. **Create a unique Service Set Identifier (SSID)** – essentially the “address” that identifies your wireless connection. Hackers know the most commonly used SSIDs, so changing it from the default version will help thwart their efforts.

2. **Change the wireless password regularly**, using a strong combination of letters and numbers to deter system hacking.

3. **Disable the Broadcast option**, if available in your SSID features options. SSID Broadcast helps cybercrooks find your wireless connection and gain unauthorized access to the network.

4. **Enable the encryption feature** so that only your intended recipients can access the information you send.

5. **Disable file and print share features** to limit a hacker's ability to steal your data or commandeer your computer's resources should they be able to bypass your router's encryption.

6. **Secure your wireless access point** to reduce the opportunity for others to access your network. If possible, use directional antennas to direct broadcasting inward. Radio signals are visible to others trying to use your network.

7. **Use Media Access Control (MAC) Address filtering** to prevent or permit specific PCs to access your wireless network.

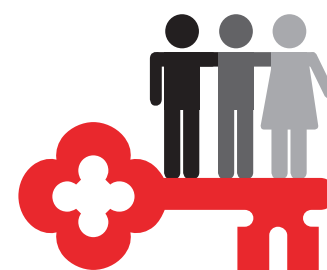
8. **Turn off any Remote Management features.** If your router offers an option to allow remote access to its controls – typically to enable the manufacturer to provide technical support – turn it off. Hackers can also use these features to access your home network.

9. **Keep your router up to date.** The router's software needs occasional security updates. Visit the manufacturer's website to see if a new version is available for download. Register your router with them and sign up to get notifications when new updates are available.

10. **Don't forget to secure your computer, too.** To protect against the latest threats, set your computer's security software to update automatically. This includes your operating system, the web browsers you use, and your apps.

These suggestions should reduce the likelihood of security breaches but do not guarantee total wireless security. Guard your information carefully and know what to do in the event that your wireless network is hacked.

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## HOUSING

# American nightmare

Realtors: It's twice as expensive to buy a home than it was three years ago

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With mortgage rates breaching the 6 percent threshold during the waning days of an atypical slow summer, realtors are concerned they will see a cold housing market this winter.

"At a time of year when homebuying activity is typically very strong, soaring homeownership costs have caused home sales to decline nationwide," the New York State Association of Realtors shared in its most recent monthly report published late last month.

When comparing rising real estate prices to the national median household income, realtors said it's nearly twice as expensive to buy a home compared to three years ago. The national median household income has failed to keep

pace with increasing mortgage payments, with the costs of buying a home about 80 percent more expensive.

"As more and more prospective buyers find their home purchase plans delayed, many are turning to the rental market, where competition has intensified due to increased demand," stated New York realtors.

In New York, new listings were down 14.7 percent to 16,841. Pending sales decreased 9.1 percent to 12,930. Inventory shrank 13.9 percent to 40,426 units. Prices moved higher as the median sales price was up 9.1 percent to \$420,000. Days on market decreased 12.8 percent to 41 days. Months Supply of Inventory was down 5.7 percent to 3.3 months.

"The ongoing sales decline reflects the impact of the mortgage rate peak of 6 percent in early June," said NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun. "We're witnessing a housing recession in terms of declining home sales and home building."

Mortgage rates have soared in response to the Federal Reserve raising the prime rate to combat a 40-year inflation rate. Homebuyers were offered a 3 percent rate on a 30-year mortgage at the beginning of 2022. Locally, that same rate is now above 6 percent.

Though inventory continues to decrease, there continue to be buyers for those homes on the market, leading some experts to believe a "housing correction" is leading more towards a more balanced one. Yun said that despite the downturn in mortgage applications, home prices continue to rise with nearly 40 percent of homes garnering their asking price.

"Although opinions are mixed on where the market is headed, many economists agree that the housing boom of the last two years has peaked," New York realtors said. "With demand moderating, housing supply has been improving in recent months, a sign the market is transitioning toward a more balanced market."



## Elsmere Elementary a Blue Ribbon School

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona this morning named Elsmere Elementary School a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School. It is the second time the K-5 school has earned the prestigious national honor. The first time was in 2013.

Elsmere Elementary School is one of five elementary schools in the Bethlehem Central School District. The district serves more than 4,000 students from the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland in Albany County.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools, where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' levels of achievement. The program recognizes schools in one of two performance categories: "Exemplary High Performing," and "Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing," schools.

Elsmere is being honored in the "Exemplary High Performing" category for having students who have demonstrated outstanding overall academic achievement. There are 264 schools nationwide that are being honored in the same category.

"We were thrilled to hear the news today," said Elsmere principal Kate Kloss. "Though it is our second time receiving this honor, somehow it feels particularly special today, in 2022."

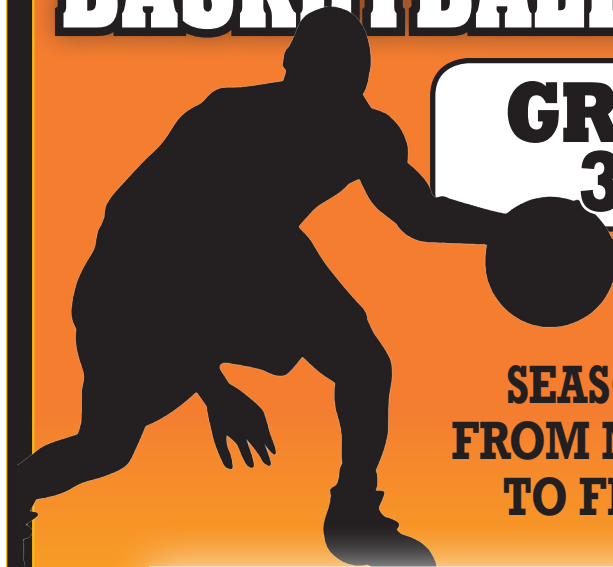
"Throughout the decades Elsmere has been an oasis for children to grow in understanding, work collaboratively, pursue interests and feel safe. Never was this truer than in recent years," said Principal Kloss. "Although the pandemic put the world into chaos, the learning atmosphere at Elsmere has remained joyful and meaningful."

In its 39-year history, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed this coveted award on more than 9,000 schools.

In Bethlehem, three schools have been named Blue Ribbon Schools, including Elsmere. Glenmont School was named a 2019 Blue Ribbon School and also earned the distinction in 1990. Hamagrael Elementary School was a 2009 Blue Ribbon School.

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**BUSINESS**

# Toys 'R' Us comes back

Toy store brand moves into Macy's

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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**GUILDERLAND** — A familiar face from childhood has moved into Macy's in Crossgates Mall.

Geoffrey the Giraffe is now a permanent resident at Macy's, representing the Toys 'R' Us brand that recently paired with the giant store chain. Macy's announced the partnership in July, committing to introduce toys under the former toy chain umbrella as an in-store shop within their flagship locations throughout the country.

Albany joins other locations in Atlanta, Chicago, Honolulu, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York and San Francisco, featuring the Toys 'R' Us brand on floor spaces that range in size from 1,000 to 10,000 square feet.

According to a statement from Macy's headquarters in New York City, the rolling out will continue

to run through October 15, ahead of the holiday shopping season.

"Macy's cannot wait to bring the Toys 'R' Us experience to life in our stores," said Nata Dvir, Macy's chief merchandising officer. "We hope Toys 'R' Us kids of all ages discover the joy of exploration and play within our shops and families create special memories together. The customer response to our partnership with Toys 'R' Us has been incredible and our toy business has seen tremendous growth."

The Toys 'R' Us brand will come to life in-store with playful colored fixtures as well as hands-on demonstration tables for customers to interact with various toy assortments. The Toys 'R' Us shops will also feature a life-size "Geoffrey on a Bench" photo opportunity for families.

To celebrate the openings, all Macy's stores will host nine days of in-store events, beginning October 15 through October 23, which will include family-friendly activities and daily giveaways from brands like Barbie, LEGO and more.

Since last August, Macy's customers have shopped the expansive assortment of Toys 'R' Us products online exclusively at macys.com/toysrus and ToysRUs.com, powered by Macy's digital and fulfillment ecosystem. In Macy's reported earnings for the first quarter of 2022, toy sales were fifteen times higher than the comparable period prior to the Toys 'R' Us partnership.

For more than 70 years, Toys 'R' Us has been a global leader in the toy category celebrating the joys of childhood and play with kids of all ages. Geoffrey the Giraffe, the beloved mascot of Toys 'R' Us, is adored by millions of kids and their families around the world. This brand power remains as Toys 'R' Us generates more than \$2 billion in global retail sales annually through 900 branded stores and e-commerce businesses in more than 25 countries. In March 2021, WHP Global, a leading brand management firm with a portfolio of consumer brands that generate USD\$4.5 billion in retail sales, acquired the Toys 'R' Us brand.



## The Pride of Elsmere

**ELSMERE** — Families within the Elsmere Fire District walked down to West Poplar Drive, where the roadway was closed off for a special 100th anniversary for its volunteer fire department. Children were treated to cotton candy, a bouncy house and more, while the rest of the family enjoyed live music and field demonstrations from local firefighters.

Thomas Heffernan Sr. / Special to Spotlight News



## ■ COUNTY NEWS

# A direct line to doctors

Albany County Sheriff's EMS partners with telehealth service

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**CLARKSVILLE** — Waiting has been the hardest part in terms of EMS and ambulance service in Albany County recently and the Albany County Sheriff's Department Office of Emergency Medical Services began a partnership with UCM Digital Health to provide 911 callers a direct connection to medical services without a ride to the hospital.

The program, which began on Friday, Sept. 9, was precipitated by extended waiting times at local emergency rooms due to staffing shortages and the COVID crisis.

When diagnosing a patient, the paramedics and emergency medical technicians can determine the patient's severity level and if emergency care at a hospital is necessary. After the assessment, if it is determined that the patient does not require treatment in the hospital or emergency room setting, with the patient's consent, paramedics and EMTs can initiate a virtual consultation with a licensed physician who will then treat and triage the presenting medical issues. The patient gets the care they need without the transport and wait.

"Sometimes our people are sitting

outside an emergency room for 45 minutes waiting," Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple said. "We hear about different crises going on right now, but I don't think that people realize yet that this is as bad as it is. Most people don't realize it until it happens to them."

Staffing shortages and an increase in patient volume have forced local hospitals to ambulance traffic to other hospitals. On one recent weekend, St. Peter's Hospital, Albany Memorial Hospital and Samaritan Hospital were all diverting incoming traffic, which left Albany Medical Center Hospital as the sole emergency department available in the area for incoming ambulances. Some of the diversions may be for certain patient classes such as, adults, children, mental health, etc.

"Ambulance service extends considerable time and resources transporting patients who might be better cared for outside of the emergency room," Steve Anderson, Director of EMS & 911 for UCM Digital Health, said. "When an EMS crew is managing low to moderate emergency calls, system readiness for high-level emergencies is diminished. We are proud to partner with the Albany County Sheriff's Department to help address health care capacity issues, improve quality care, and significantly reduce unnecessary emergency room visits."

## ■ BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Majority of New Yorkers worry over gas, food prices

**LOUDONVILLE** — The New York State Index of Consumer Sentiment now stands at 70.8, up 9.1 points from the last measurement in the second quarter of 2022, according to the latest poll by the Siena College Research Institute.

But, a significant majority, 69 percent of all New Yorkers say that current gasoline prices are having a very serious or somewhat serious impact on their financial condition. And 78 percent of state residents indicate that the amount of money they spend on groceries is having either a very serious or somewhat serious impact on their finances.

New York's overall Index of Consumer Sentiment is 12.6 points above the nation's Index of 58.2. The current index increased nearly 12 points to 64.1 and the future index increased nearly 8 points resulting in New York's measure of future expectations moving from 67.6 last quarter to 75.2 today.

"New Yorkers' collective sentiment continues to outpace the national rate driven by far greater optimism in the New York City area especially when looking to the future. Still, our tale of two states persists," said SCRI Director Don Levy. "the Gotham-area index is 19 points above upstate, younger residents outpace

older New Yorkers by over 22 points and Democrats and Republicans live in different economic sentiment realms with D's over R's by over 37 points.

The national indexes all increased between nearly 5 and over 10 points. Overall confidence is higher in New York than across the nation. Future confidence in New York is just above the breakeven point of balanced optimism and pessimism and 17.2 points higher than national future confidence.

New Yorkers are planning to purchase more consumer goods in the third quarter. According to the poll, 14 percent plan to purchase a home (up from 8.5 percent last quarter,) 21.7 percent plan to purchase a vehicle (up from 18.5 percent last quarter,) 47 percent plan to purchase consumer electronics (up from 43.1 percent) and 29.4 percent plan to purchase furniture (from 25.4 percent.)

The SCRI poll was conducted Aug. 28 to Sept. 1. The overall results has a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percentage points. Consumer sentiment is expressed as an index number developed after statistical calculations to a series of questions so margin of error does not apply to those indices.

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## Airport gets \$60M from state

**COLONIE** — The Albany International Airport will receive \$60 million in state money to help complete \$100 million project that will modernize security checkpoints and expand the terminal.

The grant is part of a \$230 million outlay for nine airports across the state, according to Gov. Kathy Hochul.

"Our upstate airports are our gateways to local economies and make lasting impressions, connecting New Yorkers and tourists to the beautiful destinations that the Empire State has to offer," Hochul said in a statement. "By making critical investments to further modernize facilities across upstate New York, we are lifting upstate airports to new heights and providing a 21st century transportation experience that travelers expect and deserve."

*"Our upstate airports are our gateways to local economies and make lasting impressions..."*

— Gov. Kathy Hochul

Albany's allocation is the largest of the nine and will be used to create a business center for conferences and community gatherings before the security checkpoints.

At the checkpoints, the project will expand the security queue.

After the checkpoints, the project will expand the area where passengers are waiting for their flights including additional retail

space, a children's play zone, a multi-sensory calming room and an outdoor green space.

It will also improve the facilities heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system.

Other grants include \$32 million for the Edwin A. Link Field Airport in Binghamton, \$28 million for the Watertown International Airport, \$27 million for the Saratoga County Airport and \$20 million for the Syracuse Hancock International Airport.

The funding is from the Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition, a competitive solicitation which aims to promote, revitalize and accelerate investments in upstate commercial passenger service airports.

— Jim Franco



## From page 1 ... My Place & Co. turns 40

Her son, Jim, joined soon after. Working the kitchen during his summers off from studying at the University at Binghamton. His proximity to Buffalo helped inspire the idea to introduce chicken wings to the menu. He'd later persuade his mother to offer delivery, bringing food to their customers' own place and company.

Aside from expanding the eating room and the bar several years ago, My Place & Co. has served the neighborhood from the same spot for 40 years.

Michael Hallisey / Spotlight News

"And some people thought I was crazy," Jim said, noting that fast food loses its taste if left standing over an extended period of time, like a car trip to a customer. "You know, they have big diminishing decrease in taste over a short amount of time. But I noticed with the wings, they travel very well."

Shortly after earning his degree, he joined his mother as a business partner.

Aesthetically, there is nothing suggesting it as being a Michelin Star restaurant. It is unassuming. It is what it is. Its atmosphere is captured in the eatery's name. From within its vestibule, patrons walk by a tribute to Noreen

who passed away in 2016.

On a Sunday afternoon, a half dozen football games play out on flat-screen televisions surrounding a horseshoe bar. Hardly a stool is vacant in this brightly-lit living room.

Locals mingle with visitors passing through. Brett Vincent shares pictures he snapped of President Joe Biden during a recent trip to Washington D.C. He travels across the Northeast corner of the country on Amtrak's coin as one of its drivers. Across the bar another man from Watertown explains he coming to town Canton and Plattsburgh before turning right down the Northway.

"We like that," Jim said. "My Place is the place to go; play with the name."

Jim credits the eatery's longevity to both his father's guidance from

the beginning to his implementation of a team structure with the staff. He's had employees stay for more than 20 years knowing they have a hand in the place's success as much as anyone else.

Today, Jim is preparing the eatery for the family's third generation to take over the business. He describes it as a long process. One that's not going to happen overnight. Which only means you'll still find him in a chair when football is on, cheering on his Jets.

My Place & Co. will celebrate its 40 years in business with an outdoor tent party on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 6 to 10 p.m. The evening will feature food, drink, a bounce house for the kids, an arm wrestling competition and live music from Working Class.

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■ SCHOLASTIC SPORTS

# Blackbirds fall to the Witches

**VOORHEESVILLE** — The Blackbirds lost a Class D heartbreaker at home to Greenwich, 20-17.

Voorheesville had a 10-7 lead going into the half with Jaden Bright hitting Eric Richardson with a 13-yard touchdown and soccer standout Lily Farrell hitting a field goal.

Matt Conlin, who was playing with a broken hand, had an 81-yard touchdown run for the Witches.

Quarterback Ryan Ingber scored in the third to give Greenwich a 14-10

lead after three. Bright scored on a one-yard touchdown up the middle in the fourth to give Voorheesville a 17-10 lead but Ingber scored on a 30-yard scamper for the final score of the game.

The Blackbirds did threaten late in the fourth but penalties moved them out of field goal range.

Voorheesville (2-1, 1-1) will play at Chatham on Friday, Sept. 23.

Check out our website for more photos of the game.

— Jim Franco



# Bethlehem boys get by Colonie

**COLONIE** — The Bethlehem boys Beat Colonie golfers 298 to 267 on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

The Eagles were led by Diego Clark with a 39 at the Town of Colonie Golf Course and Jack Hennessy followed with a 40 and Jack Leonard shot a 42. Will Clark had a 47, Jack Vagianelis had a 48 and Veer Williams shot a 56 to round out the top six scores for the 2-5 Bethlehem squad.

Ryan Mele was low man for The Raiders with a 43. Evan Ragone shot a 47, Blake Defillippi had a 48, Jackson Larabee had a 52 while Rubin Matthew and Kierman Aery each had a 56.

Bethlehem will take on CBA on Tuesday, Sept. 20, and host Averill Park on Wednesday, Sept. 21, and host Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake on Sept 27.

Colonie will square off against CBA on Monday Sept. 19, host Columbia on Sept. 20 and host Shen on Sept. 22.

Check out our website for more photos of the match.

— Jim Franco



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:00pm, to solicit comment on the application to rezone 895 Delaware Ave. (Tax Parcel ID: 95.00-4-6) from Residential A District to Rural Hamlet District. All parties interested and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
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94 DELMAR PL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/12/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 95-27 86th Street, Jamaica, NY 11416. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-297236

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AC POWER 31, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 08/26/22. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 11/19/2021. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 West 22nd Street, Suite 1501, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296776

**Notice of Formation**  
of Arielafit, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/1/22. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon who process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Jonathan S. McCardle, 111 Washing-

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ton Avenue, Suite 501, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296972

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AZUREPLUS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 15 Hudson Yards, Unit 25A, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-295531

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BAN BAN SHOP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/05/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Daniels Norelli Cecere & Tavel, P.C., 272 Duffy Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-295229

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BLOCK 1478 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/16/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 182A

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Dixon Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10303. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296632

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CATERPILLAR DENTAL PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/06/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 475 Locke Street, Apartment 6, Brooklyn, NY 11236. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry. D-296965

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

CHAPMAN TAMPA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/29/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Patrick Milner, c/o Chapman Consulting, LLC 770 Lexington Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10065. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296576

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DEETOXING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/04/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Kimerling & Wisdom LLC, 150 Broadway, Suite 1105, New York, NY 10038. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296238

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EGJ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/26/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1736 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296635

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ELIE WEISS DDS PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/06/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 8053 Harbor View Terrace, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-295836

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ENOK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/28/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14-29 136th Street, College Point, NY 11356. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-295173

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EVEN ACROSS THE OCEANS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/15/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Shimon Leiter, 1481 President Street, Brooklyn, NY 11213. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-295609

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EVENT FLORALS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/16/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 355 8th Avenue, Apartment 15B, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-295720

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FIRST BRIDGE HILL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/23/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1736 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296633

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FIRST SHADY PATH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/23/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1736 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296635

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## Spirit Halloween open at Crossgates

**GUILDERLAND** — Spirit Halloween, the nation's largest specialty Halloween retailer, has opened its doors at Crossgates Mall, on the lower level across from Dave & Buster's.

With over 1,450 locations in strip centers and malls across North America, and celebrating nearly four decades of business, Spirit has cemented its position as the premier destination for all things Halloween. Known to many as a fun and interactive

event for shoppers, Spirit stores offer complete selections of costumes and accessories for infants/toddlers, children, 'tweens, teens, and adults, along with exclusive jaw-dropping animatronics and décor you won't find anywhere else. In fact, Spirit knows how to have so much fun, it's scary!

Spirit Halloween has been offering a one-of-a-kind experience that is unmatched in the industry since 1983. Stores begin to open as early as July, marking the highly anticipated start of the Halloween season. Die-hard fans who prefer to

celebrate around the clock can visit Spirit's online store available year-round.

Spirit Halloween created their philanthropic arm, Spirit of Children in 2006 starting with eleven partner hospitals across the country. Their belief that the celebration and community around Halloween could bring joy and benefit a child's health worked magic! Since the inception of the non-profit, Spirit of Children has raised over \$93 million in cash and merchandise for over 150 partner hospitals, with 100 percent of the donations going directly

to those partners Child Life Departments.

"It's so great to have Spirit Halloween back at Crossgates to help us usher in the fall and help families prepare for this spooktacular & fun time of year!" said Jen Smith, Marketing Director at Crossgates.

For more information on Crossgates shops, restaurants & entertainment venues, please visit ShopCrossgates.com or follow us on Facebook.

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served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 6824 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296577

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**HARRIS EQUIPMENT LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/23/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 60 Cutter Mill Road, Suite 505, Great Neck, NY 11021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296775

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**HEART INDEPENDENT LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/01/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 733 Third Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296789

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**HOPE THIS WORKS, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/19/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Hope Creative Realty, LLC, 178 Hope Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-295981

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**J&A 64 WINDING WAY LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/10/22. Office: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 64 Winding Way, Water Mill, NY 11976. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-295419

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

**JEMKIT CONSTRUCTION SERVICE LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/11/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 383 East 162nd Street, 10A, Bronx, NY 10451. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-295486

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

**JKNYC HOLDINGS LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/31/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 58 Magnolia Avenue, Montvale, NJ 07645. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296714

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**JL41 HOLDINGS, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/05/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Graubard & Blumenfeld, P.C., 370 Lexington Avenue, 27th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-295232

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**KAFI HOLDINGS LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/05/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-

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cess to the LLC, 1274 49th Street, Suite 433, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-295236

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

**KM TAXI LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/17/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 34-21 62nd Street, 2nd Floor, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-295979

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

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#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

**KOU CONSULTING LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/09/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 165 Vanderbilt Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-297226

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

**LCT 3620 168 ST REALTY LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/23/22, with an existence date of 09/01/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 136-61 41st Avenue, #118, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296379

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**MAYHEM HOUSE LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/19/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 124 West 23rd Street, Unit 9B, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-295984

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**METROPOLIS TRAVEL AND SERVICES LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/08/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3218 53rd Place, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-295285

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**MISCHIEF GAMES LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/30/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Bethany Lester, 182 East 95th Street, Apartment 10F, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296636

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**MISHAJOE LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/14/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 29 West 36th Street, Suite 407, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-297443

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#### NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

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#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

**NFM PARK SLOPE LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/25/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 200 East 61st Street, Apartment 18BC, New York, NY 10065. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296381

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**NION ELECTRICAL LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/30/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 40-11 Ditmars Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296637

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

**OKTO EPSILON HOLDINGS LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/02/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Gordon & Petkos LLP, 5 Columbus Circle, Suite 710, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296867

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cess to the LLC, 1274 49th Street, Suite 433, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296660

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**TAX CREDIT GENIUS LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/06/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2078 Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-296976

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# Illegal guns are the problem

In most years, residents of Albany County view August as a time of rest and relaxation. Unfortunately, this year, August was a month of mourning for the residents of Albany County. Violence throughout the city and county of Albany this month left more than a dozen injured and several dead. In these unrelated shooting incidents, only one common thread exists: the use of illegal guns.

Those of us who live in Albany County have long known that illegal guns are the tool of choice for criminals who perpetrate depraved acts of violence. Statewide and nationwide, this is supported by statistics: a 2016 report

by the Office of the New York Attorney General indicates 74 percent of the weapons recovered by law enforcement used in criminal activity were possessed illegally. A report issued by the U.S. Department of Justice in 2016 indicated more than half of state and federal prisoners who had used a firearm during their offense possessed it illegally.

Illegal guns are destroying our communities, tearing families apart, and wreaking havoc throughout society. In my view, lawmakers have unfortunately tried to shift the blame of gun violence on to responsible, legal gun owners, of which there

are tens of thousands in Albany County. I am not opposed, in principle, to legislation which intends to keep the public safe. My issue is with legislation which substitutes groups of perpetrators for law abiding citizens, not only on moral grounds but due to the fact that such legislation will inevitably be ineffective.

Stopping illegal guns begins with acknowledging that they are the primary implement used in gun violence in our county and state. I have recently introduced legislation, the SIGN ("Stop Illegal Guns Now") Law, which requires notice of the danger of illegal guns to be distributed by certain

Albany County agencies. These notices include information stating that one cannot be prosecuted if they surrender an illegal gun willingly. It is my hope this legislation will encourage residents to come forward and hand over these illegal guns.

Legislation like mine is a small first step in the right direction. Lawmakers at every level should commit to supplying local police departments with additional resources, including personnel, to trace the source of illegal guns and stop perpetrators of these crimes before they create new groups of victims. Like my legislation, schools should be warning students

of the true danger that illegal guns create in our society. We need a holistic, society-wide approach to stopping these problems. Like many other issues, I do not believe government has all the answers on this issue — but our leaders should, at the very least, acknowledge that it is illegal guns, not law-abiding gun owners, that are destroying our communities.

Sincerely,  
Frank Mauriello  
Minority Leader  
Albany County  
Legislature

## All was not how it appeared at Port

I just finished reading "A tale of two towns around the port" by Michael Hallisey. I thought the article was well written and seemed to be fairly balanced if you believe the premise of the meeting. I spoke to Relentless, the PR firm the port hired, and they admitted that they

"invited" the Union, the student trainees, and the other speakers. The Union, the student trainees, and the other speakers told

me and many others that they were told to come and know nothing about why they were there except that the residents of Glenmont were going to take away their jobs. Additionally, the student trainees and union members knew nothing about the Coal Ash and were very concerned that they hadn't been told. So it was a tale of two towns but which two towns I wonder?

Sylvia Rowlands  
Glenmont

## DID YOU KNOW

### How old is 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game'?

Baseball fans likely know its familiar refrain by heart, and even non-fans can probably identify it the moment it begins playing. "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" has long been part of the fabric of American culture, but even the most ardent fans of America's pastime may be surprised to learn just how long the song has been around.

According to the Library of Congress, the United States Copyright Office first received two copies of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" on May 2, 1908. The song has proven so influential and popular over the years that legendary broadcaster and journalist Walter Winchell once asserted that it embodied the very popularity of the sport by painting the ballpark as an "island of innocent excitement in a world of wild despair."

The song is still routinely played at ballparks across the country, and perhaps no park has become more synonymous with the song than Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs. During the seventh inning stretch of each game at Wrigley, fans are led by a celebrity in singing the song. That nightly sing-along is widely considered one of the most festive traditions in North American professional sports.

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## LIBRARIES

# Banned Books Week at your library

Let's band together to read banned books. The Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union is teaming up with the Upper Hudson Library System to celebrate our constitutional right to read what we want during National Banned Books Week.

On Thursday, Sept. 22, from 6-8 p.m. a "Read Out" will feature regional notables — actors, writers, politicians, poets, and activists of all types — sharing parts of their favorite books that have, at one time or another, been banned or challenged in the United States. Limited in-person seats will be available at Albany Public Library's Washington Avenue branch, and the program will be broadcast live on Zoom. In-person seats are available on a walk-in basis as space permits.

Register at [tinyurl.com/ReadOut22](https://tinyurl.com/ReadOut22) for more information and to receive a Zoom link to this hybrid event.



### Explore the 'Hidden Realm' with author

What happens when the best painting you have ever created turns into a portal that takes you to a hidden world? Find out when 13-year-old author Shreya Sharath reads excerpts from her children's fantasy novel "The Hidden Realm" Thursday, Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the library's Community Room.

In "The Hidden Realm," artist and protagonist Rachel must navigate a world of fairies, unicorns and magic as she attempts to bring together the power of all four elements to save the Realm.

Families with children ages 6-12 are invited to listen to Shreya's stories and join in a discussion about the writing process. Younger children can also enjoy coloring activities.

Shreya, who lives in the Capital District, is drawn to art in many forms. She uses acrylics, pastels, charcoal and graphite pencils to create striking images, including the cover of "The Hidden Realm." She enjoys learning various forms of dance and music and loves writing short stories and poems, often reflecting upon her own experiences. "The Hidden Realm" is her first novel. Join us for a special evening to celebrate this achievement.

### Along the Erie Canal

Find out how the Erie Canal changed the course of our region's history at our next Coffee and Conversation program on Friday, Sept. 23, at 1 p.m.

Storyteller and author Sandy Schuman will present "The Erie Canal: A Story of Building the Impossible" detailing the saga and lasting legacy of the Erie Canal.

— Kristen Roberts

Banned Books Week, an annual national campaign created by the American Library Association (ALA) 40 years ago celebrating the freedom to read whatever interests us, concludes on Saturday, Sept. 24.

This year's theme — "Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us." — spotlights past and current attempts to censor books in libraries and schools, while uniting the entire literary community in shared support of a broad spectrum of ideas. We encourage you to stop in to GPL to view our Banned Books Week display and listen to our latest "How Did You Find It?" podcast to learn more about this topic.

### Two Saturdays with Acclaimed Poet Susan Comminos

We're fortunate to host nationally-known



award-winning poet (and Guiderland native) Susan Comminos for two programs in October!

First, she will conduct an in-person poetry reading and book sale/signing of her just-published book, *Out of Nowhere: Poems on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 2 to 3:15 p.m.*

This debut collection of poetry has already received high praise, employing beautiful imagery and complex literary forms as it lends a relevant voice to classic themes such as love, loss, and redemption. Comminos will conclude the afternoon with an engaging discussion of poetic techniques.

The following week, Comminos will present a dynamic workshop, "The Creative Fever of Folklore," on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 2 to 3:15

p.m., digging deeper into effective poetic devices.

Among the topics covered, we'll discuss how individual poets come to be, and inherit a legacy.

Make sure to register on the Events tab of our website for either or both of these special events, as space is limited.

### Memoirs in the Morning

For our next virtual meetup Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 10:30 a.m., we're reading New York Times Bestseller *Beautiful Country: A Memoir*, by Qian Julie Wang.

This moving story follows an undocumented child living in poverty as her parents transition from professors in China to sweatshop laborers in Chinatown.

— Luanne Nicholson

## The Great Give Back

This year, the library will be supporting "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" for our community wide donation drive.

SHP is a volunteer organization that builds beds for kids (ages 3-17) who are sleeping on the floor.

From September 15 through October 15, the library will be collecting new (in original packaging) twin sheet sets, comforters, and pillows.

Children's or teen-themes are appropriate, as are solid colors. In addition, we'll also be collecting funds to build beds. For more ways to be involved, visit [www.shpbeds.org](https://www.shpbeds.org).

Thank you in advance, for your generosity.

### Repair Cafe

Join us to watch and



learn how to repair your basic household items with skilled repair coaches from Swift Road Wallace Park on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 1 p.m.

There is a limit of two items per household to be repaired, and not all items may be repairable.

Items include electronics, small appliances, textiles, bikes, wooden furniture, toys, jewelry. This is a free event, but new bicycle parts will incur their retail fee.

### Family Walk

Families with children in grades 2-7 are encouraged to register for this family hike, 10:30 on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Nature Center, Thacher

Park..

We'll be joining Nature Center educators to learn more about the native mammals living around us, as well as setting up trail cameras to monitor their movements and habits.

### Preschool Storytime

It is such a beautiful time of the year, here in upstate New York. The air turns cool and the leaves change colors.

Children ages 2-5, w/ caregiver are invited to join us at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27, for an interactive Fabulous Fall storytime.

Our storytimes always emphasize early literacy, and include an art activity that can be done at the library or completed at home. No registration needed.

— Lynn Kohler

## Stacked Bird Collage

Collage your own stack of colorful paper birds with us on Monday, Sept. 26, at 6:30 pm

Use colorful papers to create birds of your wildest imagination. Then mount it to cardstock and create a hanger. This is a craft for ages 10 to adult. Register today to reserve your spot.

### Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

Give the family cook the night off on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 4 p.m. until sold out!

The Library Trustees will be dishing up tempting Frese's BBQ Chicken Dinners to benefit the Library. Dinner includes half a chicken, baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, coleslaw,

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roll, butter, and cookies.

Pick-ups begin at 4 p.m. and continue until we're sold out. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Library or from a Library Trustee. Get your tickets early - we always sell out!

### Library 101 For Homeschoolers

Home school families are invited for a crash course in how to use the public library on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 2 p.m.

Whether you are a newbie or an experienced user, join us for a tour of the library and our online offerings. We will also have family activities to

help sharpen your library skills as you go along.

Sign up today.

### New Non Fiction

"Prisoners of the Castle," by Ben MacIntyre

"What If? 2," by Randall Munroe

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"The Middle Out," by Michael Tomasky

— Carol Melewski

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## ■ POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY CALLS

### Delivery driver charged in assault

**SELKIRK** - Bethlehem police responded to a report of a physical altercation on Saturday, Sept. 10 and spoke with a resident who was allegedly assaulted by a man delivering a refrigerator.

According to reports, Onay Lemus-Liano, 31, of Albany was in the process of delivering the appliance when a verbal altercation took place. Lemus-Liano allegedly swung a cordless power drill at the man, causing a cut on his arm. The alleged victim was treated on the scene by Bethlehem EMS.

Later that day, Bethlehem police arrested Lemus-Liano on charges of felony assault with a weapon to cause physical injury and misdemeanor criminal possession of a weapon.

He was arraigned at Guilderland Town Court and is scheduled in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

### DWI, resisting arrest on Delaware

**DELMAR** - A traffic stop on Delaware Avenue

at the High School parking lot on Friday, Sept 9, led to the arrest of a 32-year-old Middletown woman.

Bethlehem police observed a 2019 BMW X1 traveling in the opposite lane and failing to stop at a traffic light. Officers conducted a traffic stop and observed the woman had impaired speech and motor coordination. After asking her several times, she stated that she was driving from her brother's house and going to her mother's house.

The woman said she was in front of Colonie High School. Officers observed an odor on an alcoholic beverage emanating from her breath, but the woman refused to exit the vehicle.

Eventually she did get out but refused to follow instructions and tried to walk away from the officers several times. The woman refused field sobriety tests, a pre-screening test for breath alcohol and also chemical tests at the police station.

She also refused to be taken into custody at that scene. When asked to put her hands behind her back, the woman put her arms together on her chest and leaned forward on to her car.

She was charged with DWI, refusing a breath test, obstructing

governmental administration and resisting arrest, all misdemeanors.

She was issued traffic tickets, given a bill of particulars and released. The woman is scheduled back in court on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

### Crash on Thruway leads to DWI

**GLENMONT** - On Sunday, Sept. 11 at about 1:27 a.m. State Police responded to a one-car crash in the area of the I-90 and I-787 interchange.

During the investigation, Troopers interviewed the operator, 23-year-old Bethlehem man and detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage.

Roadside sobriety testing was conducted, which he failed. He was arrested and transported to SP Latham for processing where he provided a breath sample that returned a 0.15 percent BAC. He was issued tickets returnable to the Albany City Court on Friday, Sept. 23 and released to a sober party.

### DWI, no insurance DELMAR -

bathroom stating her boyfriend was going to hit and stab her.

When police approached Matteson in the Rensselaer Train Station, he struck the officer causing injuries that required stitches and fled. The police caught Matteson, armed with a knife, hiding under a deck in the city.

In the March case, Matteson was charged with assault, criminal possession of a weapon, menacing, criminal mischief, obstruction and harassment. At the time of that arrest, he was also wanted on other outstanding warrants, according to media reports.

Matteson was arraigned in Town of Bethlehem Court and remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility. A return date was set for Tuesday, Oct. 18.

the Clinton County Jail as a state inmate, Matteson was arrested and charged with second-degree attempted assault with intent to cause injury to a police/peace officer, a felony; criminal possession of a weapon with a previous conviction, a felony; menacing a police or peace officer, a felony; promoting prison contraband, a felony; and criminal mischief, a misdemeanor, according to a Sheriff's Office press release.

He was released from prison in September 2021, but did not stay out of trouble for long.

Matteson was arrested again on March 14 for assaulting a police officer in Rensselaer after police received a call from a woman locked in a Stewarts

Bethlehem Police performed a traffic stop on 594 Delaware Avenue after observing a Dodge Avenger speeding at 1:28 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11.

The driver, a 39-year-old man from Rexford, said he was driving to get gas and drop off his sister in Glenmont.

The man was given

and failed field sobriety tests and tested positive for breath alcohol on a pre-screening device. The officers observed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath.

The man was taken into custody and at the police station provided a breath sample that returned a

0.14 percent BAC. He was charged with DWI and ticketed for operating a vehicle without insurance and speeding.

He was issued tickets, given a bill of particulars and released. The man is scheduled to return to Bethlehem Town Court on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

## ■ POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY CALLS

# Altamont man arrested for SWATTING, again

By **JOHN MCINTYRE**

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**DELMAR** - A 25 year old Altamont man was charged with calling Bethlehem police and falsely reporting a local family was being held at gunpoint in their home.

The call came to Bethlehem dispatch on Sunday, January 30 at 2:12 p.m. and officers responded to the Delmar residence and they quickly discovered that the claim was unfounded.

According to police, other police agencies were called to assist due to the nature of the report.

On Tuesday, Sept. 6, police arrested Ryan Albright at the Bethlehem Police station and charged him with falsely reporting an impending incident and criminal impersonation, both misdemeanors.

In March, Albright and Dylan Lafave, of Greenville were both charged in a similar incident of reporting a call to a Delmar residence.

On Sunday, March 20, the Bethlehem Police Department Telecommunications Center received a call to its non-emergency number by a male caller reporting a fully involved and active fire at his residence. The caller then abruptly hung up.

The center dispatched fire departments and police to the residence. Upon arrival, Officer Michael Whiteley and Slingerlands Fire Department Assistant Chief Jason Tice found no signs of a fire or anyone at the residence. The two contacted a neighbor and secured the cell phone number of the homeowner and contacted him. He said he was out to dinner with his family and only the family dog was in the home.

With permission from the homeowner, Tice entered and searched the home for signs of fire, then canceled the other responding departments.

Bethlehem detectives identified the general location of the original call in the City of Albany by using technology

that identifies an IP address of the source call. They used an emergency disclosure request to determine the address of where the call originated.

"It is a long investigative process that requires many warrants to determine exactly where the call came from," Bethlehem police Deputy Chief James Rexford said in March.

Detectives contacted the resident at the Albany location and identified two persons of interest.

Officers interviewed one of those suspects, Dylan Lafave, of Greenville, at his residence on March 23. According to reports, Lafave denied making the phone call, but stated he was with Ryan Albright, 24, of Altamont, and another person at the Albany address when the call was made.

After investigating further, Police filed an arrest warrant for Lafave and Albright.

Lafave was charged with falsely reporting a fire, explosion or hazard, a felony, and criminal impersonation by the internet, a misdemeanor.

Albright was charged with conspiracy, a misdemeanor. It is unknown the adjudication on those charges at this time.

There have been other similar incidents of what is known as "SWATTing" in Bethlehem. The term is used to describe when someone calls to report a fraudulent incident that prompts an emergency response to a location to cause distress to those at that location.

A third incident that involved a call to a Selkirk residence is still under investigation.

Albright was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court for the most recent charges and is scheduled to return on Monday, Oct. 10.

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### River Road assault

return date was set for Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Lengthy record of violence

Matteson was on parole after being released from state prison for being convicted and sentenced to a maximum of seven years with five years post-release supervision for a September 2014 incident where he attacked his former girlfriend in Plattsburgh. He was convicted of strangulation, aggravated family offense and assault.

He was sentenced as a second felony offender at the time and served concurrent sentences. In 2011 in Hudson, Matteson was arrested for punching a man in the face twice and was arrested for attempted assault.

While serving time in





**Head over heels**

Albany was excited to see Pearlpalooza on the streets Saturday.

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**A worthwhile pursuit**

Michael Eck to celebrate his 40-year career in live music with show at Caffé Lena

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — Michael Eck was ushered into a music career by thunderous applause following his first live performance in a high school gymnasium 40 years ago.

It was Friday, Oct. 1, 1982. Eck played electric guitar with a hardcore punk band named Deaf Zone in a battle of the bands at Bethlehem Central High School. They opened the set with The Clash's "Should I Stay or Should I Go."

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*"So in a way, I've led a really boring life because it's always been about music and live performance, whether I was witnessing it or doing it. But I can't imagine a life that's more exciting than being invested in that."*




— Michael Eck, writer



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# Bring on the colors

AccuWeather's 2022 foliage forecast

**A** last-minute assist from Mother Nature is not likely enough to produce colorful fall foliage displays in one area of the country known for its prolific seasonal scenery, but leaf-peepers in places nearby can expect a treat this year.

After the third-hottest summer in the United States on record, many Americans are ready for the arrival of cooler air this fall and everything else the season brings with it. Some people consider autumn to be the best time to get out of the house and enjoy all the beauty nature has to offer. The gorgeous, vibrant colors put on a display like no other before the trees shed their leaves for the long winter ahead.

As the first day of astronomical fall draws closer, families may start thinking about taking trips to admire the colorful landscapes transformed by the fall foliage. However, the lack of rainfall across certain popular viewing areas might put a damper on some plans. The fall foliage forecast, released this week by the long-range meteorologists at AccuWeather, offers insights to leaf-peepers on the ideal locations to admire the beautiful colors.

Some of the most popular places to enjoy fall foliage across the Northeast and Appalachians are expected to be duller than in years past thanks to a lack of rainfall this summer.

According to AccuWeather's Lead Long-Range Forecaster Paul Pastelok, many trees became stressed this summer across eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, southeastern New



York, and southern and central New England due to the lack of precipitation. These areas have had below-normal rainfall, which has resulted in a moderate to severe drought, especially in southern New England, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The region did get some rain later in the summer, but it was a little too late to help the stressed trees, according to Pastelok.

Fall foliage is expected to underperform from Boston to New York City following early leaf drops likely due to the lack of summer rainfall. As of early September, leaves have already started to turn brown and crispy across parts of Connecticut and Rhode Island.

However, the foliage will not be a bust across the entire Northeast.

The best ingredients for fall foliage are cool air and ample summer moisture and cooler, drier falls, according to Pastelok. A surplus of late-summer rainfall across northern New England has set the region up for a colorful and vibrant foliage season.

For places like Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and

northern New York, the peak of the foliage occurs in late September and the first week of October. However, Pastelok believes the pinnacle of color could be reached closer to the second or third week of October, which is similar to last year.

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*Allison Finch,  
AccuWeather staff writer*

■ WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

## Killswitch Engage

Empire Live - Saturday, Sept. 24

**ALBANY** — Killswitch Engage, the hard rocking, Grammy nominated outfit out of New England, are to play Empire Live on Thursday, Sept. 22.

From their gold-certified, Top 40 The End of Heartache in 2004 to 2016's chart-topping Incarnate, Killswitch Engage established themselves as one of heavy metal's most commercially successful acts.

Empire Live is located at 93 North Pearl Street in Albany.

## Art on Lark

Lark Street in Albany - Saturday, Sept. 24

**ALBANY** - The city's historic Lark Street will be shut down to traffic and transformed by artists' displays including painters, photographers, jewelers and live music for Art in Lark on Saturday, Sep 24, from 11a.m. to 5 p.m.

The annual artisan showcase returns with a September edition in lieu of Lark Fest this year.

Shoppers can enjoy all the regular businesses Lark Street has to offer including cafés, restaurants, gift shops, and bars, as well as over 50 local artists popping up for the day with their individual booths. Attendees can also enjoy food, drinks, live music, and the best of Lark Street.

## Lark Hall Fest

Lark Hall - Saturday, Sept. 24

**ALBANY** — Join Lark Hall as it features local musicians and vendors in Lark Hall Fest, an all-day music event, starting at 2 p.m.

Lark Hall Fest tickets will allow access to the venue throughout the day with music, vendors and drinks at its beautiful bar. Or go outside and enjoy Art on Lark and dinner at one of Lark Streets delicious restaurants.

Music starts in the afternoon with Nickopotamus, followed by an evening nightcap featuring Victory Soul Orchestra at 8 p.m. The party doesn't end until JB! aka Dirty Moses says so. He'll be on the stage with a DJ set at 11 p.m.

JB!! aka Dirty Moses is a recording artist, DJ, producer and rapper-singer-songwriter, based in Albany, NY. The 2019 and 2022 Capital Region Eddies winner of best Hip Hop artist and 2022 Listen Up awards winner is a natural showman. JB!! is well known for his energy and charisma on stage, as well as his diverse arsenal of verbal weaponry.

Victory Soul Orchestra is a hometown horn funk favorite. The Capital Regions 2022 Listen Up award winners use the dirty sounds of New Orleans brass to drive their sound.

An eclectic juggernaut, Nickopotamus combines elements of rock, jam, funk, punk, groove, and zydeco to provide the listener with a visceral experience that will leave them singing along.

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### Michael Eck

"This is jogging the memory banks," Eck said from the other end of the phone. "If we won, which at first we thought we were gonna because the applause was so freaking loud — we found out later there was like three people applauding for us, but it seemed loud to us because we never heard applause before — the only option we had, if we won, was we're gonna play 'Louie Louie' for like 45 minutes."

He'd follow through on the "Louie Louie" feat later in life while performing at a charity event in Troy's Positively 4th Street.

Eck hardly resembles Mick Jones today, when he's apt to play American roots music with the Ramblin Jug Stompers at a local library in his ever-present pork pie hat. But the music historian is quick to point out a Dave Van Ronk album from 1963; you'll recognize the name, "New Ragtime Jug Stompers."

"That record — excuse my French — but it's punk as f\*ck," he said.

Eck's fingerprints are all over the Capital District's fretboard. From the dozen or so bands to which his name is tied, to the *Times Union* who carried his byline as he covered the arts for several years. On his forearm is a large tattoo of an Olivetti manual typewriter, which is how he continues to write.

"If I had to define

myself by one word, it's writer," Eck said. "I think that encompasses all the different things I do."

He fondly recalls memories of rushing to the record store before concerts at Saratoga Performing Arts Center with his friend, the late Greg Haymes. The two would copy down song titles from the bands' latest albums to help with their concert reviews. The work started before the musicians took the stage, and to make deadline, the articles were often filed before the music ended.

A Signature Artist with Weber Fine Acoustic Instruments, Eck is the only member who, as a longtime nationally published cultural critic, is also a voter for the national Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, in Cleveland. His contribution to the local scene was rewarded this June when he was inducted into the Capital Region Thomas Edison Music Hall of Fame.

Last February, the 58-year-old had a stroke. Stuck in a hospital for a month, he said he was grateful the staff allowed him to play guitar. Doctors told him the connection between his brain and his handwork on the instrument helped with his recovery. He said the stroke has "made me old before my time." It's robbed some of his dexterity, making it difficult to place his fingers higher on the neck. But he's

still able to play, and his bandmates have continued to encourage him.

"You know, I love to perform and since my friends and the bands are willing to drive me to gigs and stuff, that's cool," he said. "I don't go to anywhere near as many concerts as I used to, but I still try to go."

"Live performances move me like nothing else."

This Sunday, Sept. 25, Eck is to celebrate 40 years in live music on the Caffe Lena stage, a place he said he considers his spiritual home. He'll be joined, on a select number of show-closing songs by his adult children; Lakota Ruby-Eck on guitar and Lillierose Ruby-Eck on violin.

He'll perform select songs from his four albums, plus new material audiences have yet to hear. The show will also be a release party for Eck's fifth solo album, "Your Turn To Shine—New Songs, Live At WEXT." Physical copies will be available on disc at the event, with digital distribution to follow. The title bears witness to the fact most of the dozen selections were played live for the first time, in any context, at public radio station WEXT.

"So in a way, I've led a really boring life because it's always been about music and live performance, whether I was witnessing it or doing it," Eck said, musing on days busking on the streets of Austin and New Orleans. "But I can't imagine a life that's more exciting than being invested in that."

## WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

### Country Night

Putnam Street - Thursday, Sept. 22

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Come down for an all new Country Night every Thursday at Putnam Place.

Country Night will feature line dancing lessons with Kevin Richards from 6:30 to 9 p.m. followed by a music set from DJ Kenny Casanova spinning all of your favorite country hits from until midnight.

Kevin Richards is a country radio broadcaster and country music promoter most noted for winning a national Country Music Association Award as Medium Market radio personality of the year in 2006. In all, the Northeast

radio veteran has earned seven national CMA Award nominations since 2000, and one nod from the Academy of Country Music in 2014.

Richards' passion and credibility in country music led to an invitation from the CMA to host and produce the CMA Heritage Artist Panels at the CMA Music Festival in 2013. Richards worked with the CMA to book, host, and produce a groundbreaking reunion of CMA winners from the 70s, 80s and 90s on the CMA Close Up stage at Nashville's Music City Center— an event Richards cites as one of his greatest contributions to country music.

Putnam Place is located at 63a Putnam Street in Saratoga Springs.

■ FEATURE

# Still the same

Forever Seger brings the Bob Seger experience to life

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

**COHOES** — Kevin Reid has a look about him that draws strangers in and a singing voice that demands they accompany him.

As Reid tells the story, he was walking down Main Street, or something like that, when a homeless man called out to ask if anyone ever told him how he looked like Bob Seger — a young Seger, as captured on the 1976 album cover for *Night Moves*. The Forever Seger frontman stopped to acknowledge, sharing how he's involved in a tribute band. The vagabond proceeded to sing a few bars from *Mainstreet* before Reid joined in.

"The voice is very much my own, and the hair is very much my own," he said, joking that the only difficult task with capturing Seger's look is growing a beard. "You know, I have fun. I really love the audiences. I love getting



Kevin Reid plays every bit the part of Bob Seger for Forever Seger.

Forever Seger

involved with the audiences and getting them involved."

Reid speaks of larger audiences, with people filling seats in venues like Cohoes Music Hall, in which Forever Seger: The Silver Bullet Experience will be playing on Saturday, Sept. 24. He's lent his voice, which sounds remarkably like the Detroit rocker, for nearly five years. That's as long as he's been teamed up with the band music director,

John Jamieson.

Forever Seger creates a dynamic journey through the timeless music of Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band. With authentic vocals, commanding performances and that unmistakable Seger sound, the 10-piece band has developed a reputation as the Bob Seger

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■ WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

## Smash Mouth

**Frog Alley Brewing - Saturday, Sept. 24**

**SCHENECTADY** — Catch Smash Mouth at Frog Alley Brewing on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m.

A novelty rock band in the same vein as Presidents of the United States of America, but with surf and garage influences instead of the Presidents' punk/thrash background, Smash Mouth found a hit in 1997 with the '50s-influenced "Walkin' on the Sun."

The group was formed in 1994 in San Jose, CA, by vocalist Steve Harwell, a former rapper with the group F.O.S. After that group disintegrated, he began jamming with an old friend, drummer Kevin Coleman. Harwell's former manager introduced him to guitarist Greg Camp (fresh from the local band Lackadaddy) and bassist Paul DeLisle.

The quartet recorded two demos, and got the songs into rotation on a local radio station. After playing a summer festival with No Doubt and Beck, Smash Mouth decided to record an album. After finishing *Fush Yu Mang*, the group were signed by Interscope, which released "Walkin' on the Sun" as the first single. It became a number one modern rock hit and pushed the album into the Top 40.

The follow-up album, *Astro Lounge*, was released in 1999, generating the hit "All Star"; a collection of early material, *East Bay Sessions*, also appeared that same year. A severe back ailment eventually led to Coleman's exit from the band; he was replaced by ex-Tripping Daisy drummer Mitch Marine for the album's subsequent tour and further swapped out for Michael Urbano at its completion.

The group also contributed numerous tracks to a plethora of motion pictures, most notably their cover of the Monkees' "I'm a Believer" (from their eponymous release) to the soundtrack of 2001's hit movie *Shrek*, and many of these then appeared on the August 2005 Smash Mouth hits collection *All Star Smash Hits*.

Frog Alley Brewing is located at 108 State Street in Schenectady.



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518-583-CLUB  
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Sat: **Gadget** | 8 p.m.

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

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

**The Avalon Lounge**  
29 Church St, Catskill  
518-719-1640  
Thurs: **Rose Stoller / Lady Jane / Oropendola** | 8 p.m.  
Fri: **Loosey Goosey with the Haus of Peculiar** | 8 p.m.  
Sun: **receive / pleurodesis / angel names / deep deep dirt** | 8 p.m.

**Bard & Baker**

**Board Game Cafe Troy**  
501 Broadway, Suite 105, Troy  
518-948-6693  
Sun: **Sunday Night Trivia** | 6 p.m.

**Brown's Troy Taproom & Brewery**  
417 River Street, Troy  
518-273-2337

**Black Bear Inn**  
310 19th St., Watervliet  
518-272-9486

**Caffè Lena**  
47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs  
518-583-0022  
Thurs: **We Remember: Songs Of Survivors** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **The Black Feathers** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Sloan Wainwright & Cosy Sheridan** | 8 p.m.  
Sun: **Michael Eck** | 7 p.m.

**Carson's Woodside Tavern**  
57 NY-9P, Malta  
518-584-9791  
Wed: **Eric Kufs** | 6 p.m.  
Thurs: **Brown Liquor Social Club** | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **West Side Drive** | 6 p.m.  
Sat: **Skippy & The Pistons** | 6 p.m.  
Sun: **Cryin' Out Loud** | 4 p.m.

**Centre Street Pub**  
308 Union St., Schenectady  
518-393-2337  
Thurs: **Caity Gallagher** | 2 p.m.  
Fri: **Ill Funk Ensemble** | 4 p.m.  
Sat: **Wide Awake** | 4 p.m.

**Cohoes Music Hall**  
58 Remsen St., Cohoes  
518-434-0776  
Fri: **The Garcia Project** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Forever Seger: The Silver Bullet Experience** | 8 p.m.

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

**Curtain Call Theatre**  
1 Jeanne Jugan Lane  
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Sat: **Tiny Houses** | 3 p.m.

# HOT SPOTS EVENTS CALENDAR



## Tony Trischka at The Linda

Tony Trischka serves jaw-dropping musicianship with comic and literary irreverence, earnest songwriting and a record shop's worth of touchstones beyond bluegrass. He plays The Linda on Sunday, Sept. 25.

The Linda

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1053 Broadway, Albany  
(518) 650-7996

**Eden Cafe**  
269 Osborne Road #3, Albany  
518-977-3771  
Thurs: **Cabaroke** | 7 p.m.

**The Egg**  
Empire State Plaza., Albany  
518-473-1845  
Wed: **Urban Bush Women** | 7:30 p.m.  
Fri: **Randy Rainbow** | 7:30 p.m.  
Sat: **Robert Fripp and David Singleton** | 8 p.m.

**Emack & Bolio's**  
366 Delaware Ave., Albany  
518-512-5100

**Empire Live/Underground**  
93 North Pearl St., Albany  
866-468-3399  
Thurs: **Killswitch Engage** | 7:30 p.m.  
Fri: **The Emo Night Tour** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Ricky Montgomery** | 7:30 p.m.

**Empire State Plaza**  
Empire State Plaza., Albany  
518-474-2418

**Fort Orange Brewing**  
450 North Pearl St, Albany  
518-992-3103

**Frog Alley Brewing Co.**  
108 State Street Schenectady  
518-631-4800  
Sat: **Smash Mouth** | 7 p.m.

**Fuze Box**  
12 Central Avenue Albany  
518-992-6434

**Funny Bone**  
1 Crossgates Mall Rd #K-206, Albany  
518-313-7484.  
Thurs: **Marvel Cinematic Universe Trivia** | 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**The Hangar on the Hudson**  
675 River St., Troy  
518-272-9740  
Fri: **Mckinley James** | 10 p.m.

**The Hollow Bar + Kitchen**  
79 North Pearl St., Albany

518-426-8550

**Lark Hall**  
351 Hudson Ave, Albany  
518-599-5804  
Wed: **Wine Down Wednesday** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Lark Hall Fest** | 2 p.m.

**The Linda**  
339 Central Ave, Albany  
518-465-5233  
Thurs: **Rochmon Record Club Listening Party** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **New York State International Film Festival 2022** | 6 p.m.  
Sun: **Tony Trischka** | 7 p.m.

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

**Nashville Of Saratoga**  
39 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs  
518-909-6274  
Wed: **Karaoke** | 8 p.m.  
Thurs: **Triple Threat Thursday** | 8 p.m.  
Fri: **AK Cody** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Whiskey Creek** | 9 p.m.

**Nanola**  
2639 Rt 9, Malta  
518-587-1300

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

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

**The Palace Theatre**  
19 Clinton Ave., Albany  
518-465-4663

**Panza's**  
129 So. Broadway, Saratoga Springs  
518-584-6882  
Thurs: **The Nick Horace Duo** | 6 p.m.  
Sat: **Artie Mozeik** | 6:30 p.m.  
Sun: **Sinatra & Friends** | 5:30 p.m.

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

**The Parting Glass**  
40-42 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs  
518-583-1916

**Paulys Hotel**  
337 Central Ave., Albany  
518-426-0828  
Fri: **Blue Light Bandits** | 8 p.m.

Sat: **Flycatcher** | 7 p.m.

**Proctors**  
432 State Street., Schenectady  
518-346-6204

**Putnam Place**  
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs  
518-584-8066  
Thurs: **Country Night** | 6:30 p.m.

**Rare Form Brewing Company**  
90 Congress Street Troy  
(518) 326-4303  
Sat: **Postage & Galene** | 6 p.m.

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

**The Ruck**  
104 3rd St., Troy  
(518) 273-1872

**Rustic Barn Pub**  
150 Speoigletown Rd, Troy  
518-235-5858  
Thurs: **Open Mic** | 6 p.m.

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

**Saratoga National**  
458 Union Avenue Saratoga Springs  
518.583.4653

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

**Sand Lake Center for the Arts**  
2880 NY 43 Averill Park  
518-674-2007

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

**Troy Savings Bank Music Hall**  
30 Second St., Troy  
518-273-0038  
Sat: **Sara Evans** | 7:30 p.m.

**Vapor**  
342 Jefferson St, Saratoga Springs  
(518) 584-2110

**Van Slyck's**  
Rivers Casino & Resort  
1 Rush St., Schenectady  
518-579-8800  
Wed: **The Oldies Show** | 2 p.m.  
Thurs: **Orquesta Sensacional** | 8 p.m.  
Fri: **Ten Most Wanted** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Dj Ketchup** | 8 p.m.

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

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

**Wishing Well Restaurant**  
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### 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/art

### Arts Center of the Capital Region

The Troy. Gallery hours: Daily, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 265 River St., Troy. Free admission. 518-273-0552 or artscenteronline.org

### The Clark Art Institute

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



## HOT DATE

### MARVEL CINEMATIC UNIVERSE TRIVIA!

Know Zeus from your Ant Man? Best brush up before heading to Funny Bone for a bit of movie magic trivia on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m.

in his memory and imagination—a site of joy and trauma, potential and uncertainty. Tomm El-Saieh was born in Haiti and grew up in Miami; he is of Haitian, Palestinian, and Israeli descent. He was the subject of a solo show at the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) Miami in 2018 and was included in the New Museum triennial in New York that year. He is partner at the artist-run gallery CENTRAL FINE in Miami and long directed the El-Saieh Gallery in Port-au-Prince, a venue for contemporary Haitian artists that his grandfather established in the 1950s. This yearlong exhibition

appears in public spaces around the Clark and is free and open to the public. It is organized by the Clark Art Institute and curated by Robert Wiesenberger, associate curator of contemporary projects. This exhibit goes from January 29th through December 31st. Museum hours: Daily, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission: Adults, \$20; children 18 and younger, free. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. 413-458-2303 or www.clarkart.edu

### Clement Art Gallery

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

### The Jan Rutland Memorial Artists' Space

Gallery hours Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Second Floor, National Bottle Museum, 76 Milton Ave., Ballston Spa. 518-885-7589 or nationalbottlemuseum.org

### miSci

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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 admission; suggested donation of \$5/person or \$10/family. 518-474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

### Opalka Gallery

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

### Saratoga Arts

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

### Schenectady County Historical Society

**Ongoing: "Mapping Schenectady,"** 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

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Fall down
- Gas usage measurement
- Golf score
- A superior grade of black tea
- Wrath
- Eating house
- Delay leaving a place
- People now inhabiting Myanmar
- Canadian flyers
- Walks back and forth
- Frequently
- Humans have two
- Surrounds with armed forces
- Made proper
- Medical buildings
- Patty Hearst's captors
- Hits with a drop shot
- Italy's PM 1919-20
- Promotions
- En \_\_: incidentally
- Queens baseball team
- Commoner
- Expenses in insurance world (abbr.)
- Payroll firm
- Broadway actress Daisy
- Skipper butterflies
- Hint
- Daniel \_\_, French composer
- English children's author Blyton
- Midway between east and southeast
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Patriotic women's group
- The woman
- Tall, slender-leaved plant

### CLUES DOWN

- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- Jump

- Eaten as a vegetable
- Residual paresis after anesthesia
- Brunchtime staple
- Makes money off of
- Refined
- Nocturnal S. American rodents
- From a distance
- Officials
- It helps you see
- Central Canadian indigenous person
- Invests in little enterprises
- They help in tough situations
- Industrial port in Poland
- Type of screen
- Peyton's little brother
- Alcoholic beverage
- Newspapers need it
- Herbal tea
- Distinctive practice
- Exercise system \_\_-bo
- Explosive
- Belonging to a thing
- Presidential candidates engage in them
- Of the Swedes
- Meadow-grass
- "Rule, Britannia" composer
- Hooray!
- Greek city
- One way to do it by example
- Imitated
- "Game of Thrones" actress Headey
- Swiss river
- Drought-resistant plant
- A French abbot
- One point east of northeast
- Get free of

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## The Black Feathers at Caffé Lena

The husband-wife duo, made of Ray Hughes and Sian Chandler, have mastered the art of weaving in traditional influences so thoroughly that they become the warp and weft of fresh creations. Americana, Folk, and Acoustic Indie Rock sensibilities coexist comfortably in their musical world, with Hughes' guitar work buoying the kind of harmonies often only heard in family bands.

Caffé Lena

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 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 emigration from Ecuador to New York serves as a catalyst for work reflecting on socio-political issues of migration, Indigenous experiences, and sacred spaces. University Art Museum is located at 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany.

performers who dance, sing and act with a sometimes searing sense of truthfulness," is celebrating their 35+ anniversary with a Legacy + Lineage + Liberation program. Celebrating the power of Women(+), these iconic works give multiple dimensions of life that resonate in this time of reflection around equity and justice, and lift up Black lives in inspiring ways. Catch this amazing show September 21st at 7:30 p.m. only at Center for the Performing Arts, Empire State Plaza, Albany.

### Randy Rainbow – The Pink Glasses Tour

Randy Rainbow is a New York Times best-selling author and four-time EMMY® nominated American comedian, producer, actor, singer, writer, and satirist known for his popular YouTube series, The Randy Rainbow Show. His memoir, Playing with Myself, has received rave reviews and landed him on the New York Times Best Sellers list. The LA TIMES accurately points out that in his book Rainbow "vividly recollects the alienation so many LGBTQ+ youth experience." Musical theater was an escape for Rainbow that helped catapult his career. His musical parodies and political spoofs have garnered him worldwide acclaim and three EMMY® nominations for Outstanding Short Form Variety Series. Rainbow (yes, that's his real name) enjoys a star-studded fan base that regularly retweets and shares his work. Some notable admirers include Ryan Reynolds, Carol Burnett, Debra Messing, John Legend, Mark Hamill, Hillary Clinton, Stephen

Sondheim, Patti LuPone, Jane Lynch, Ana Navarro, Barry Manilow, Ben Stiller, Sarah Silverman, Julie Andrews, Rosie O'Donnell, Martin Short, Lin-Manuel Miranda and, Steve Martin. In 2019, Randy collaborated with TONY, GRAMMY, and EMMY®-winning composer and lyricist Marc Shaiman, on his first studio album, Hey Gurl, It's Christmas!, which debuted at #1 on Billboard's Comedy chart and #1 on iTunes Holiday chart. Touring the U.S. to sold-out crowds, the influencer and Internet sensation's viral comedy videos have received hundreds of millions of views across all social media and digital platforms. His fresh take on politics and current events has led to interviews and profiles by such venerable media outlets as The Washington Post (magazine cover story), The Hollywood Reporter, CNN, NPR, ABC News, OUT, People, and Entertainment Weekly. American author and

media pundit Dan Savage called him "the best thing to come from the GOP race." In a recent article, Forbes Magazine pondered, "Why Randy Rainbow, The Muppets, and The Avengers Should Host the Oscars." As the Washington Post noted, Randy Rainbow has found his spotlight through the Internet, emerging as a viral sensation who dispenses musical-comedy salve for a divided nation. Catch this amazing show September 23rd at 7:30 p.m. only at Center for the Performing Arts, Empire State Plaza, Albany.

### That Awful Man and His Manager – Robert Fripp and David Singleton

Robert Fripp is a founding member of King Crimson, contributor and collaborator with Brian Eno, David Bowie, Daryl Hall, David Sylvian, Peter Gabriel, Posh Poppers Toyah Willcox and Simon Dar-

low, and a lot of other totally excellent people. Originating director of the Guitar Craft and Guitar Circle program. Since Covid and lockdown he has been kicking received opinion via social media with Toyah & Robert's Sunday Lunch. David Singleton established DGM with Robert Fripp in 1993 and has reluctantly managed King Crimson since 2018. David is King Crimson's producer and author of The Vicar Chronicles. An endless stream of people ask Fripp burning questions, many of which are actually not even quite smoldering. In most cases they would be better answered by David

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**COMEDY**

**Sean Donnelly & Guests**

When he's not on the street looking like a lost tug boat captain, Sean can be found headlining clubs and festivals all over the country. He has appeared on The Late Show with David Letterman, The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, Conan and NBC's Last Comic Standing. Sean hosts the Sirius XM show, Celebrate, and he released his debut comedy album "Manual Labor Face" in 2015 on Comedy Central Records. Sean has been featured on the truTV series World's Dumbest, Comedy KO, and Almost Genius as well as Adam Devine's House Party, @Midnight, The Half Hour, Broad City, and Inside Amy Schumer on Comedy Central, Amazon's Alpha House, GSN's Lie Detectors, and Limitless and FBI on CBS. Catch this show September 23rd at 8 p.m. with a second show on Saturday. Only at the Comedy Works

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Jerusalem Reformed Church**

Soup, Sandwich, and Desert Take-out. Saturday, October 9th from 4:00 - 6:30

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**MUSIC**

**Rob Lindquist Quartet**

Robert Lindquist was born and raised in Albany, New York. He has played piano since he was seven and started composing and improvising shortly thereafter. He attended SCCC and SUNY Potsdam for Music Education/Performance and obtained a Masters in Jazz Studies at The College of St. Rose. He is trained in both



**HOT DATE**

**OPEN Mic**

*Hop in the car and head to Rustic Barn Pub for its weekly open mic night on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. It's something worth talking about when you roll back into work the following morning.*

classical and jazz piano. His teachers have included Dan Dobek (Classical/Jazz), Mark Evans (Classical, SCCC), Eugenia Tsarov (Classical, Crane School of Music), Lee Shaw (Jazz Piano, College of St. Rose) and Brett Zvacek (Jazz Studies, Crane School of Music). Rob has appeared in performance with Kenwood Dennard(drums), Othello Molineaux(steel drums), Walter White (tpt), Chuck D'Aloia(guitar), Jeff Seigel(drums), Dave Calarco(drums),

John Menegon(bass), !Scott Wendholt(trumpet), Harry Allen(t. sax), Dick Oatts(a.sax) and Brett Zvacek(trombone). Rob has won several awards while playing at the "Notre Dame Collegiate Jazz Festival" in 1999 from Benny Green and Chuck Israels. He has performed professionally since he was fifteen in upstate NY and also in Boston, NYC, and N.J playing many styles including jazz, rock, theater, funk, soul, R&B and classical/chamber music. He has played gigs with: the Dave Calarco "Jazz Conclave", "The Rich Lamanna Group", "EW Quintet", "Lee Russo Group", "Mike Dimin Ensemble", "the George Muscatello Trio", " Keith Pray Group", "Brian Patneaude Quintet", "Cleen Street R&B Band", "Doc Orloff's Blues Elixir", "T.S. Ensemble", "The Rob Cohen Band", "Soul System", "Melting Picassos" and "The Karen Lawrence Band"; but also free-lances continually with many other groups in the area. Notably, in 2006, his jazz/funk/fusion project group, New Regime put out its debut CD "From Scratch" on Narrow Path Records. In 2007, he performed with his group New Regime( funk/fusion/jazz) at the Albany Riverfront Jazz Festival( Albany, NY), where they opened for the internationally renowned headliner, Joshua Redman. Additionally, Rob teaches piano lessons privately and is currently a Band Director in the Albany City School District. Catch the show September 23rd at 8 p.m. only at 9 Maple Ave.

**Rose Stoller / Lady Jane / Oropendola**

Rose Stoller is a NYC based multidisciplinary artist. She performs as a jazz vocalist, experimental musician, singer-songwriter, theater artist, and more. In her original music, she is a delicate songwriter who merges an influence of

contemporary jazz, r&b, Laurel Canyon folk rock, Brazilian Popular Music, and ambient soundscapes into a corner of her own. Lead singer of former jazz fusion group, RoseGold, she was featured in 2017 and 2018's Jazz In The Valley festival in Poughkeepsie, New York. Lady Jane, during high school jane started making recordings on her tape deck in her room. after college and many open mics later, she started releasing her work in small eps and singles. all self recorded. all self produced. "soft waltz" is her first studio album. recorded at sleepcave records in williamsburg ma. Oropendola is the efferescent lyrical chamber-pop project of Brooklyn-based singer-songwriter & musician Joanna Schubert. The oropendola is a gregarious bird native to South and Central America ~ a feathery friend who enjoys a good silly swing on a branch. A golden pendulum. A call that conjures water droplets cascading and trickling through the air, only to suddenly crash upon a rocky shore... of figurative sorts. Such distinct yet complementary sonic extremes: melliflence with a cutting edge. A gurgle spiraling 'round a caw. The cradle to the grave and back again & all the layers, life, and multifaceted electric energy in-between. Catch the show September 21st at 8 p.m. only at The Avalon Lounge 29 Church St. Catskill.

**We Remember: Songs of Survivors**

"When Holocaust Memories Result in Deep Friendships and Beautiful Music" "We Remember: Songs of Survivors," is a recent PBS Documentary that shares the stories of Holocaust survivors through songs written in collaboration with singer-songwriters. These songs, filled with joy and healing, celebrate the extraordinary lives of this resilient generation. On

September 22nd, we welcome the four musicians who participated in this project to the Caffe Lena stage to perform their original music along with the music from the film. Featuring Elizabeth Clark, Jude Roberts, Kelleigh McKenzie, and Michael Veitch, performances will include clips and stories from their life-changing collaborations with the Holocaust Survivors. Composer, harpist/pianist, vocalist, and performance artist Elizabeth Clark's major works include her interdisciplinary project "Seeds Under Nuclear Winter: An Earth Opera" which premiered in 2021, and the 2015 live-recorded album "Live at the Old Dutch Church." She has performed with her world music ensemble 'Mamalama' at retreat centers and sanctuaries including the Omega Institute, Kripalu, and Chapel of Sacred Mirrors. Jude Roberts has combined contemporary music with roots of English, Irish and Appalachian folk music and touches of baroque and Romantic-era classical pieces and European folk/pop. He's performed at Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, and has toured throughout Europe. Kelleigh McKenzie is a winner of NPR's Mountain Stage NewSong Contest, her song "Gin" won the Independent Music Award for Best Americana Song in 2009 and was featured on her critically acclaimed album "Chances." Michael Veitch's song "Veteran's Day" has been covered by Judy Collins. His latest album, "Wachtraum" ("wake dream" in German) broke the top 20 on the Folk Radio Charts with "Valentine's Day" hitting number one. Previously his song, "Pledging Allegiance" reached #10 on the 2017 Folk/Americana charts. He's played the Newport Folk Music Festival and Kerrville. Catch the show September 22nd at 7 p.m. only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

**HOROSCOPES**

**September 2022  
Week 3**

**ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20**

Teaching what you know to others is a continuous theme for you this week, Aries. You want to impart wisdom any way that you can and you'll have the opportunity to do so.

**TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21**

Taurus, you'll finally gain greater control over your thoughts this week when someone close to you helps you see the bigger picture. Now you can focus on important things.

**GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21**

Your love life may seem confusing this week, Gemini. It may wax and wane from fevered passion to apathy. Rough patches are not unusual and you need to see this through.

**CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22**

Cancer, a change in routine is necessary. Lately you may have been feeling overwhelmed by responsibilities, so take time to figure out what you need to do.

**LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23**

A turning point in your love life may come this week, Leo. It may hit you in a most unexpected way. Even a relatively simple gesture may sway your feelings.

**VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22**

Virgo, your social circle could open up this week and expand your prospects even further. Use the new connections to get out of the house more than ever before.

**LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23**

An unexpected financial windfall could come your way this week, Libra. While it could be tempting to spend all this extra money right away, save some for a rainy day.

**SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22**

Your desire for excitement could lead you on a wild goose chase, Scorpio. You may find that it's not excitement you need, just a change of scenery. Book a trip.

**SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21**

Sagittarius, this week you may find that one day you are calm and collected, and the next you are all riled up. Find a balance between them both to get through the days.

**CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20**

Capricorn, though making sudden changes in your life seems like a good idea, it's best to take some time mulling things over before you dive into any new situations.

**AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18**

Even the best plans can use a little tweaking from time to time. Go with the flow, Aquarius. Enjoy this more laid back approach and consider taking it more often.

**PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20**

Pisces, a professional change will happen soon. All that hard work you have been putting in is sure to pay off in the weeks ahead.

**The Black Feathers**

The Black Feathers have the rare ability to write songs that are both modern and ancient. The husband-wife duo, made of Ray Hughes and Sian Chandler, have mastered the art of weaving in traditional influences so thoroughly that they become the warp and weft of fresh creations. Americana, Folk, and Acoustic Indie Rock sensibilities coexist comfortably in their musical world, with Hughes' guitar work buoying the kind of harmonies often only heard in family bands. Their music quickly draw the interest of listeners, but it is the stage chemistry that will keep them riveted. Catch this show September 23rd at 7 p.m. only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

**Sloan Wainwright and Cosy Sheridan**

Known for her warm and welcoming contralto voice which could "fell a redwood", Sloan Wainwright is a member of that Wainwright Family Tree which includes Loudon Wainwright (her brother) and Rufus (her nephew). Defying standard categorization, Sloan has a command of a variety of American musical styles: pop, folk, jazz and blues. Her incredible gift is not only her unique songwriting ability but also her dramatically voiced rendition of original songs. She performs with power house guitarist and singer Glen Roethel. Cosy Sheridan has been called one of the era's finest and most thoughtful songwriters. She first appeared on the national folk scene when she won the songwriting contests at The Kerrville Folk Festival and The Telluride Bluegrass Festival in 1992 and released her critically acclaimed CD Quietly Led. The Albuquerque Journal called her "a buddhist monk trapped in the body of a

singer-songwriter." Backed by the strong rhythms and harmonies of her bass player Charlie Koch, she plays a percussive bluesy guitar style - often in open tunings and occasionally with 2 or more capos on the guitar. "You can't make it into double digits, and continue touring for twenty or so years, unless you know what you're doing, and do it well," wrote The Chicago Examiner. Catch this show September 24th at 8 p.m. only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

**Michael Eck 40th Anniversary**

Recent Capital Region Thomas Edison Music Hall of Fame inductee Michael Eck—along with select special guests—celebrates his 40th Anniversary in live music with a solo show that both looks back across his career as a songwriter and introduces new music with an eye toward the future. Self-billed as a "roots scholar," Eck, who plays in Caffe Lena favorites Lost Radio Rounders, imbues his tunes, covered by the likes of Mark Tolstrup, Frank Jaklitsch, Kevin Maul and Steve Candlen, with a deep knowledge of and respect for American roots. Catch this show September 25th at 7 p.m. only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

**Eric Kufs**

A Los Angeles singer/songwriter currently living in upstate New York, Eric Kufs is one part crooner, one part protest singer and every part artist. Eric's time performing in Southern California began years ago in local clubs and venues. With the lyrical bite of an Elvis Costello, the dynamic voice of a Van Morrison, and the passion of a Bruce Springsteen, his prowess eventually led to performances around the world. As the main songwriter for indie folk band Common Rotation, Kufs has released six full-length albums and recorded with the likes of They Might

be Giants and Indigo Girls as well as his own songwriting hero and mentor, renowned singer/songwriter Dan Bern. In his most recent solo EPs and albums, he has traded in the ironic folk element of past work for a more sincere, soulful 70s pop sound. His current creative work continues to be placed in TV and film. Armed with his guitar and voice, Kufs continues to reach new audiences both with his recordings and his regular performances on his Friday night livestream show, "Until the End of Time" and out in music venues across the country. You can catch this show September 21st at 6 p.m. only at Carson's Woodside Tavern, 57 Route 9P, Malta.

**Brown Liquor Social Club**

a trio of seasoned musical veterans - and friends - from upstate New York who finally joined forces after 30 years of playing "around" each other in various projects (including regional heavyweights The Audiostars, The Burners U.K., City Rhythm, and The Refrigerators). BLS was inadvertently formed during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic when the friends decided to play socially-distanced "front yard concerts" of music they all knew and loved for fans and music lovers yearning to somehow experience live music while most venues were shut down. The band then introduced a weekly webcast on their Facebook and YouTube pages called "Tuesday Social Hour" in which they played live shows and welcomed a host of well-known guest artists Tuesday nights, gaining a substantial new fanbase, and offering the band a new performance platform. You can catch this show September 21st at 6 p.m. only at Carson's Woodside Tavern, 57 Route 9P, Malta.

**Caity Gallagher**

A folk singer songwriter based in Albany, NY, Caity Gallagher's rootsy compositions and lilting vocal lines serve to showcase intimate lyrics that tell universally relatable stories. Originating in the Capital Region scene as a founding member of the pop-rock/folk band, Honey Slider, Caity spent the better part of this past year honing her individual sound, and recording her debut solo EP, "Happens All the Time." Caity is joined by an all-star group of musicians for this performance, utilizing their experience and talents to amplify her solo arrangements into the rich, full sounds of her recent EP recordings. Likened to a modern combination of The Cranberries and Jackson Browne, Caity elevates melodic, lyrical, and emotional expression in her music, with each song aiming to map the endless meandering paths of the human experience. You can catch this show September 22nd at 2 p.m. only at Centre Street Pub, 308 Union Street, Schenectady.

**Ill Funk Ensemble**

A slick mash-up of hip-hop, neo-soul, R&B and rock that's been compared to The Roots, The Ill Funk Ensemble has been making steady waves in the independent music scene for the last few years, culminating in a win for Best R&B/Soul artist at the Artists in Music Awards in Los Angeles, California this past February. Described as "soul for the masses" (Technorati.com), "airtight on all levels" (JamSphere Magazine), "brilliant" (The Signal Magazine) and "about to change the face of hip-hop music" (Indie Band Guru), Ill Funk has shared the stage with Grammy-winner Mr. Cheeks of the Lost Boyz and hip-hop legends Naughty by Nature. Perhaps their proudest moment was being given the green light by

Quincy Jones himself to use a sample of song, The Streetbeater (the theme from Sanford and Son) on their own track, Bringin' the Heat. The band has also been featured on dozens of music and entertainment publications, including Okayplayer and Officially the Hottest, appeared on the Under the Radar digital sampler, the Launch Music Festival and Conference sampler 2013, the MTV show, "Road Trip Nation", along with airplay on radio stations across the country and the world. You can catch this show September 23rd at 6:30 p.m. only at Centre Street Pub, 308 Union Street, Schenectady.

**The Garcia Project**

The Garcia Project's performances are based on actual set lists performed by The Jerry Garcia Band. All of their shows are classic recreations of a Jerry Garcia Band set list from 1976 to 1995. For anyone that never had a chance to experience the Jerry Garcia Band or for fans that want to relive a classic show, The Garcia Project delivers. With precise arrangements and the proper instrumentation and feel for the various eras, The Garcia Project faithfully channels and projects the feelings, emotions and music that propelled the Jerry Garcia Band and the fans through many years of musical bliss. Praised by Dennis McNally, the press, and fans, The Garcia Project has been recreating classic Jerry Garcia Band set lists with stunning accuracy and detail. They recently finished their new album called "Spirit: a tribute to Jerry Garcia and the spiritual songs he performed", produced by Maria Muldaur and featuring Jerry Garcia's bandmates Peter Rowan, Jacklyn LaBranch, Buzz Buchanan and Maria Muldaur. You can catch this show September 23rd at 6:30

p.m. only at Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen Street, Cohoes.

**Ricky Montgomery**

A contemporary singer/songwriter who earned an audience after becoming a social media viral sensation, Ricky Montgomery splices mellifluous melodies with emo melodrama, tying it all together with an earnest, quivering voice that's somewhere between Owl City and Morrissey. Montgomery showcased this blend on "Line Without a Hook" and "Mr. Loverman," songs that went viral in 2020, nearly five years after their initial recording. Warner offered Montgomery a contract in the wake of the sudden success of these old tunes, so the singer polished and streamlined his attack on the 2022 EP It's 2016 Somewhere. A native of Los Angeles, Ricky Montgomery was born on April 3, 1993. He relocated to St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 14. He dealt with the move by diving into music, his listening obsessions spawning his own body of work. Montgomery started to post songs on a popular video app, punctuating his songs with comedy, a combination that earned him a following. You can catch this show September 24th at 7:30 p.m. only at Empire Live, 93 North Pearl Street Albany.

**Tai Verdes**

Tai Verdes Singer Tai Verdes is known for his buoyant, laid-back pop. He emerged to viral success in 2020 with his song "Stuck in the Middle," which paved the way for his debut album, 2021's breezy and stylistically diverse TV. Born Tyler Colon, Verdes grew up in Southern California where he played piano, guitar, and ukulele. After high school, he attended Babson College, playing on the basketball team. However, singing

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remained his passion and he eventually dropped out to pursue music full-time. He took a day job working at a phone store and spent time on his music during his off hours. During 2020's COVID-19 lockdown, he became even more focused, practicing singing in his car and posting tracks online. In August 2020, he posted the song "Stuck in the Middle" on social media and promised to release it if the video got 1,000 likes. The song went viral, and Verdes ultimately signed with Arista. In May 2021, he released his inventive debut full-length, *TV*, which combined elements of pop, hip-hop, and R&B. A standalone single, "3 Outfits," arrived in March 2022. You can catch this show September 24th at 8 p.m. only at Empire Live, 93 North Pearl Street, Albany.

**Smash Mouth**

Catch the show September 24th at 7 p.m. only at Frog Alley Brewing, 108 State Street Schenectady.

**McKinley James**

The first thing you notice about McKinley James' extraordinary new EP *Still Standing By* is the serious mix of Motown soul and blues-based guitar playing. It doesn't sound like the type of "blues" you get from traditional purveyors of the genre, but instead from a guitarist who understands chord theory so well you could swear you're hearing a horn section sometimes. That's because he leads a trio, and while guitar stores reverberate with licks from ham-fisted modern bluesmen when they don't know shuffle from shi-nola, McKinley would walk into that guitar store, plug in, and summon the spirits of his own idols, nearly forgotten pio-

neers like Otis Rush and Johnny "Guitar" Watson. This is all happening September 23rd at 8 p.m. only at The Hangar on the Hudson, 675 River Street, Troy.

**Tony Trischka**

Tony was born in Syracuse, N.Y., in 1949, and raised in a home filled with music. There were Broadway scores and a sweeping range of classical music, from Stravinsky to Beethoven. (The first thing Trischka learned to play on the banjo, in fact, was the Ninth Symphony.) The wide-open American vistas of Aaron Copland had an especially potent spiritual and visceral impact on him, as did the folk music his left-leaning father held dear. The Almanac Singers, the solo work of its founding members Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger, and Lead Belly's children's LP were in constant rotation. Trischka fell in love with the banjo by way of the Kings-

ton Trio's 1959 recording of "M.T.A.," and was able to experience the New York-centered folk revival by trekking to the Newport Folk Festival in the early to mid-'60s. He moved to the city in the early '70s and hit the ground running, settling in among a peer group of extraordinary musicians who saw American roots music as a thriving, living language that could be expanded and combined with other influences and sensibilities. Alongside other young masters like mandolinist Andy Statman and fiddler Kenny Kosek, in such units as Country Cooking and Breakfast Special, Trischka found his purpose. Jaw-dropping musicianship was certainly encouraged, as was comic and literary irreverence, earnest songwriting and a record shop's worth of touchstones beyond bluegrass, from the avant-garde to fusion and R&B. This is all happening September 25th at 7 p.m. only at The Linda WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Avenue, Albany.

**Blue Light Bandits**

Dan DeCristofaro (keys, guitar, and vocals) and Ethan Bates (bass and vocals) are the founding members, singers, and songwriters behind BLB. Dan DeCristofaro is a soulful writer, producer, and arranger who also releases music as a solo artist and collaborator with a variety of artists. Ethan is also an accomplished cellist and performs and writes solo compositions as "Ethan Bates Orchestra" where he builds live loops and layers organically for each performance. The current iteration of the BLB lineup features veteran touring and session drummer, Simon Ad-amsson, and multi-faceted guitarist, Jay Faires, who also rounds out the signature 3-part BLB vocal harmonies. Jay & Simon give an exciting new color to the evolving sound of BLB and bring explosive energy to the stage. The band released their sophomore album on June 25th, 2021, and begins their album tour in the fall of 2021. BLB's next single will be released in November 2020, so follow along and stay tuned! Catch the show September 23rd at 8 p.m. only at Pauly's Hotel, 337 Central Ave., Albany.

**Flycatcher**

Forming in New Brunswick in the Fall of 2016, Flycatcher began crafting dynamic songs centered around crushing swells of jagged guitar-hooks, propulsive drumming, and deftly emotive lyrics. Following a period of extensive gigging and

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Forever Seger**

tribute experience since the two formed the new group in 2020.

"I think the big thing is to be able to make sure that when people come to the show, they're coming to a real, legitimate rock and roll show. A real rock and roll concert that kind of embodies everything that Bob Seger did in the 70s and in the 80s," Jamieson said. "You're gonna walk out knowing that, 'Wow, that was a concert.'"

Forever Seger is a Canadian band. "We like to put our stamp on everything," Jamieson joked. A benign statement when considering the iconic American rocker is, too, Canadian — from his mother's side. Nonetheless, Seger slid into the Heartland's living room with anthemic tracks like "Old Time Rock & Roll" and with introspective yarns like "Night Moves" in the late 70s. And for nearly 15 years after that, his "Like a Rock" supplanted Chevrolet's "baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and Chevrolet" as the automaker's most successful advertisement.

"Sure sounds like America to me," as Ed Labunski said in those Chevy commercials.

Seger has sold more than 75 million records worldwide in a career spanning six decades, making him one of the world's best-selling artists of all time. But he didn't become a household name until the success off his 1976 live album, "Live Bullet," at which point he already had eight studio albums under his belt. Released in April of that year, it's popularity fueled sales for "Night Moves" released that October. From there, while Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band sang woeful ballads for the Everyday Joe with their distinct Jersey Sound, Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet band championed the same with their own Motor City charm.

"We were driving through Michigan, and seeing it reminds me a little bit of Hamilton in Ontario. They're all the steel workers there and here we had all, you know, all the car manufacturers and I said to my wife, 'You know, now I know why Bob actually let Chevy, General Motors use 'Like A Rock,' Jamieson said. "It was about the people and that's what I think Bob Seger is today, and we try to keep that spirit."

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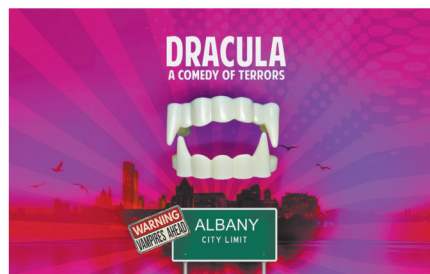
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writing through 2018, the band teamed up with Kyle Pulley of Thin Lips to produce the high-energy, kaleidoscopic textures of their debut album, *Other Things*. Shortly after the release, the band joined Joe Webster at Ponderosa Studios to begin work on their follow-up record. Released in Summer 2019, the driving, angular melancholy of *Songs for Strangers* saw Flycatcher develop their song-craft through cohesive arrangements and vulnerable, immersive lyrics. With a sold-out show at the Asbury Park Brewery and a cross-country tour to promote the release, the band continued performing right up until March 2020. At this point, with live shows indefinitely off limits, the band took the time to continue writing with no endgame, exploring new sonic ideas and approaches without the pressure to perform or record. Catch the show September 24th at 7 p.m. only at Pauly's Hotel, 337 Central Ave., Albany.

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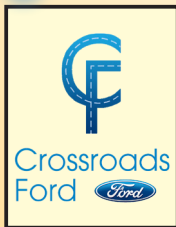


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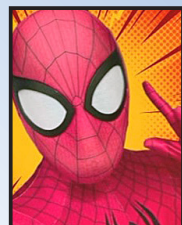
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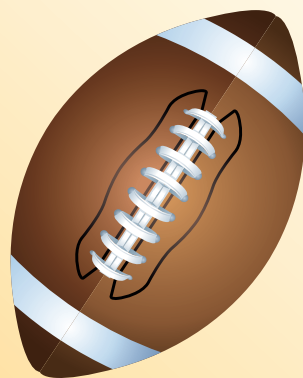
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**FOOD and VINO**

**C**hicken is a versatile protein that can take center stage on any table. There are scores of ways to prepare chicken, and this recipe for “Pollo Harissa” is seasoned with a fiery, spicy mix that is truly aromatic. Enjoy it, courtesy of “España: Exploring the Flavors of Spain” (Gibbs Smith) by James Campbell Caruso.

**Pollo Harissa**  
(Roasted Harissa Chicken with Couscous)

**INGREDIENTS: Serves 4**

- 1 whole roasting chicken, rinsed
- 1 lemon, cut into 4 pieces
- 6 cloves garlic
- Harissa (see below)
- Salt
- 2 cups couscous
- 3 cups chicken stock

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Heat the oven to 375 F. Fill chicken cavity with lemon pieces and garlic. Rub the chicken generously with harissa. Sprinkle with salt.

Put the couscous and chicken stock in an oven-safe baking dish. Place the dressed chicken on top. Bake covered for 45 minutes. Remove the cover and bake for

another 15 minutes, until chicken is cooked through. Serve with a tossed mix of cucumber, cilantro, lemon juice, and oil.

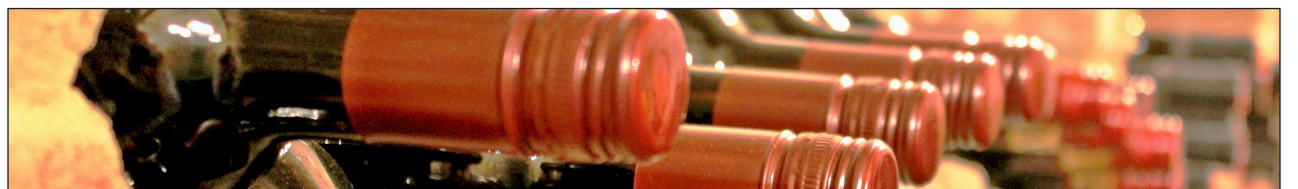
**Harissa**

**INGREDIENTS: Serves 4**

- 1 tablespoon coriander seed
- 1 tablespoon caraway seed
- 1 teaspoon cumin seed
- 4 large cloves garlic, unpeeled
- 4 large red bell peppers
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons crushed New Mexico red chiles
- Salt and pepper to taste

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Stir coriander, caraway and cumin in a small skillet over medium-high heat until aromatic, about 30 seconds. Transfer to a food processor. Cook garlic in the same skillet, covered, over medium-low heat until tender, about 10 minutes, turning occasionally. Let garlic cool, then peel it and add to processor. Char bell peppers over a gas flame or in a broiler until blackened on all sides. Enclose in a paper bag; let stand 10 minutes. Peel, seed, and coarsely chop peppers. Add peppers, oil, sugar, and crushed red pepper to processor. Puree. Season with salt and pepper.



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## CONCERT REVIEW

### St. Vincent / Ali Macofsky at Empire Live

By **MIKE STAMPALIA**  
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**ALBANY** — Anne Erin Clark, known professionally as St. Vincent, took a break from her arena and stadium tour where she has been opening for the likes of Roxy Music and the Red Hot Chili Peppers to instead play a headlining gig at Empire Live Wednesday night. She and her band delivered an exhilarating set to a crowded, enthralled Albany audience.

She drew heavily from her

most recent album, 2021's *Daddy's Home*, playing half a dozen tracks from it. This was a very good thing. That album, which won the Grammy for Best Alternative Album, is a knockout — deeply influenced by early 70s New York sensibilities, and layered enough that it continues to improve with repeated listens. What remained to be seen was how those songs would come across when performed live. I am happy to say they shined.

Taking the stage a little after 9, everything — Clark herself, her band, the clothes, the set — screamed the early 70s. Boldly choosing to lead off with what is arguably her biggest song, "Digital Witness," it was clear this show was not going to

feature any kind of slow buildup. They deemphasized the electronic edges of that song, choosing instead to go for a decidedly more funky vibe. It worked very well.

"Down" was next, the first song of the night from *Daddy's Home*, and the 70s were brought to the front again, this time in the form of the three backup singers (Stevvi Alexander, Nayanna Holley, and Danielle Withers). The last few concerts I've been to have all featured very strong backup singers, and I've really come to appreciate what they add. These three women brought sexiness, not just in their physical appearance, but to the music itself. It should be noted that they were also used in

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a very artsy fashion throughout the show, choreographed to take certain positions and poses to emphasize the music, much more than simple backup singer gyrations. Very cool stuff.

"Birth in Reverse" had great bottom delivered by bassist Justin Meldal-Johnsen, only to set up the first real guitar showcase by Clark and fellow guitarist Jason Falkner. It's easy to overlook Clark's guitar skills since she's such a visually compelling frontwoman, and puts so much artistry into her shows. But make no mistake, she can play, full stop. She has her own style, as well, leaning more toward the noisy, effects-driven, Adrian Belew side

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**St. Vincent**

of the spectrum.

The title cut of the album and the tour provided the opportunity for Clark to crowd surf not once, but twice. The crowd (understandably) went nuts for this. As a singer and frontwoman, she has an otherworldly capability to connect. She doesn't stare vaguely out to sections of the audience, she makes prolonged eye contact with specific people. She notices what's going on in the crowd and reacts. And the

setup to her crowd surfing was pure, perfect orchestration. She owned that crowd.

Following a slinkier "Down and Out Downtown," came one of the true highlights of the night, "New York." Dramatically delivered in all the right ways, all eight people on stage gelled perfectly at just the right moments. Got me in the feels.

Not looking to come down, it was right into "...At the Holiday Party," and a particularly strong rendition it was. From a purely vocal standpoint, this number really allowed Clark (along with the aforementioned backup singers) to shine.

At this point, it was time to rock – in big, booming, beautiful style. The 1-2-3 punch of "Los Ageless," "Sugarboy," and "Marrow" hit you right in the gut. Dramatic lighting, smoke, light poles, guitar wizardry from Clark and Falkner – you didn't have to

think through this part of the show. And who would want to?

"Fast Slow Disco" served primarily as a transition song, getting us to "Pay Your Way in Pain," a decidedly 80s number (in contrast to the vibe for most of the night), but one that best allowed keyboardist Rachel Eckroth to have her moment in the sun. Clark had a couple of vocal breaks in here that reached deep, deep down in simply scintillating fashion.

Set closer "Cheerleader" deserves an award for "Now this is how you close out a set." Slow at first, then the big buildup, followed by the band walking off the stage one by one, leaving only drummer Mark Guiliana, who proceeds to end the concert with a descending drum solo. Just perfect.

The adoring crowd demanded, and got, a three-song encore. "Year of the Tiger" ably set the

table for the meal of the final two songs. The sharp, jarring, harsh sounds of "Your Lips Are Red" engaged in a way that would seem almost impossible on paper. But it worked in spades – Robert Fripp would be proud. Finally, "The Melting of the Sun" returned us to the 70s in all its over-the-top, delightful, decadence. St. Vincent took us on a ride last night, and ultimately brought us full circle. Groovy.

I'm not sure I've ever seen a concert so thoughtful, from top to bottom. It was very clear that Clark put much effort into the song selection and sequence, the choreography of the backup singers and others, the lighting, etc. St. Vincent is more than talented enough to nail a concert in a basement with a single spotlight if she needed to, but she delivered much, much more than that last night. The only real quibble was a somewhat muddy

sound mix.

It should be noted that Clark and the rest of the band seemed visibly appreciative of the night, well beyond the usual end-of-the-concert smiles. I wonder if headlining, playing to a crowd that was there strictly for them, was something they were craving. In any case, both the band and the audience seemed to leave on an equal high.

It's often said that opening up for a band is a particularly difficult task for a comedian. Ali Macofsky did nothing to disprove that stereotype warming up the crowd last night.

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## CONCERT REVIEW

### Shinedown at Saratoga Performing Arts Center

By **WILL FOLEY**  
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**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — Wednesday night, Shinedown brought its Planet Zero 2022 tour blasting into the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. The Jacksonville natives have spent much of 2022 on the road in support of the album, and show no signs of exhaustion or the maladies of being in a touring rock band. They brought a slick rock production complete with enough pyro to take us to space, a flying, light-up piano, huge projection screens, and songs that

truly make them one of their generation's best.

The screens opened, and Shinedown took the stage in a meditative show of gratitude and unity. Lead singer Brent Smith pointed up to the sky, touched his heart, and launched a missile that orbited for nearly two hours. Smith, along with guitarist Zach Myers, bassist Eric Bass, and drummer Barry Kerch were tight, in sync, and on message. That message: how you live and love is the legacy you leave.

Smith was in near perfect voice, strong and fluid like his stature. Smith spends a lot of time in the gym as part of his wellness plan, and the work shows. No signs of real fatigue at all, vocal or otherwise. Smith commanded everyone to pay attention, and pay attention they did. Especially when he asked for

participation.

From the pounding rage of the opener, "The Saints of Violence and Innuendo" and throughout, the message was anti-groupthink and pro-seeing the world with a broader view. Smith's life as a recovered addict paints his lyrics with the optimism of someone who has come back from the clutches of the dragon to fulfill his hero's journey.

The rockers like "Bully," "Enemies," and "Diamond Eyes (Boom-Lay Boom-Lay Boom)" would bring thunderous explosions and heat. The crowd was into it, and you could tell many had this show on their wait-list for a long time. Though the house smelled like a new dispensary, I saw families sharing the bond of live music. Justine and Brian, a couple in front of

me with whom I spoke, had brought their 9-year-old son, Cameron, for his first concert experience. One he will never forget.

The most powerful parts of the evening were when Smith and company slowed down and became introspective. "Get Up," "Crow and the Butterfly," and "Daylight" were accompanied by a house full of cellphone lights that reminded us that the universe is inside, literally and metaphorically. Smith spoke eloquently about the pain and trauma we have all endured these last couple of years.

September being Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month, Smith expressed that we are never alone, and that someone will listen if we ask for help. Smith relayed how important as humans we are, and

that being here is a gift. They also put money in the pot. Shinedown Shares, the band's way of giving back, supports organizations directly. Two close to my heart are the National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP).

Complete with a recording of the late Casey Kasem's from his weekly "America Top 40" radio show as he announced Shinedown's "Second Chance" reaching No. 1 on the Top 40 countdown in 2009. A surreal experience, I'm sure.

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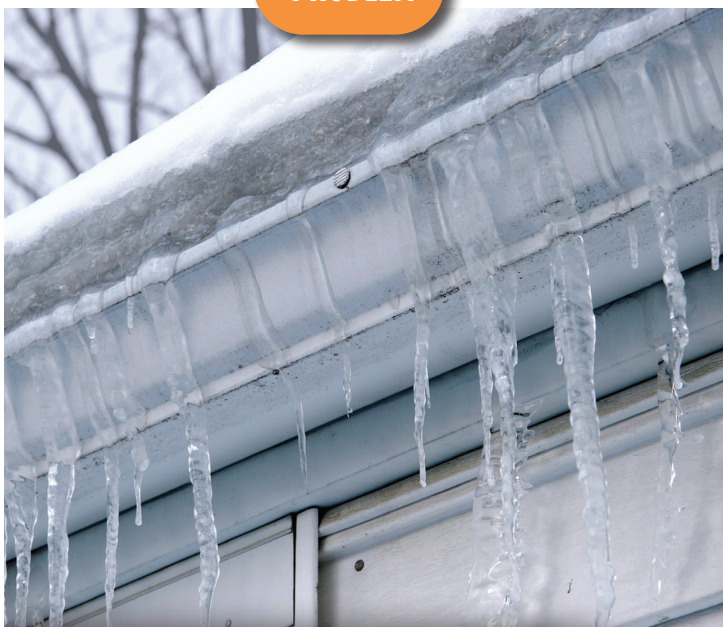
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