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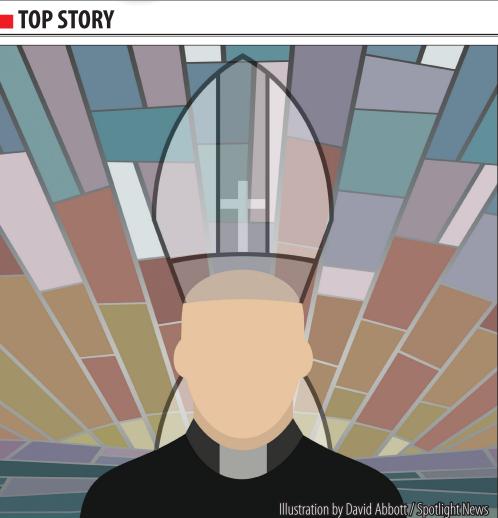
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- Retired Bishop of Albany asks Rome to be relieved of obligation
- Hubbard misstates diocese policy, asks to be removed as a cleric to marry

### **By JOHN McINTYRE**

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ALBANY - In an unusual move, retired Albany Roman Catholic Diocese Bishop Howard Hubbard requested to be "returned to the lay state" by Pope Francis. Hubbard announced the move in a written statement released on Friday, Nov. 18.

Also within the statement Hubbard wrote that he has not served the Catholic community since 2019 because of an Albany Diocese policy that forbids priests accused of sexual abuse from public ministry.

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# POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY CALLS

# Motorist who struck deer to see court

# Delmar man faces DWI charge after hitting wayward deer

**SELKIRK** — A 36-year-old Delmar man faces DWI charges after striking a deer with his car.

On November 24, at about 2 a.m., State Police observed a vehicle strike a deer while patrolling on Elm Avenue in Delmar.

The vehicle continued, and troopers observed violations of the vehicle and traffic laws.

A traffic stop was conducted on Elkin Court, and during an interview, troopers identified the driver as a 36-year-old Delmar man. The trooper detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage, and roadside sobriety testing was conducted, which indicated impairment. He was arrested for DWI and transported to New Scotland for processing, where he provided a breath sample that returned a 0.14 percent BAC.

He was issued tickets returnable to the Bethlehem Town Court on December 20 and released to a sober party.

# Troopers arrest Albany man for cashing forged checks totaling over \$12,000

LATHAM - On November 20, State Police arrested Norman Mccall,

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56, of Albany, on a warrant for grand larceny in the third degree, possession of a forged instrument in the first degree, two counts of grand larceny in the fourth degree and two counts of possession of a forged instrument in the second degree. All the charges are felonies.

On July 18, State Police received a complaint that on July 15, money had been stolen from the complainant's business account by utilizing multiple fraudulent checks. The investigation determined Mccall cashed multiple forged checks at different bank branches resulting in the theft of over \$12,000. The checks were reported by Keybank locations in Guilderland and Colonie on that

date. Another fraudulent check was reported by the Keybank in Cohoes on August 31.

Mccall was located with the assistance of the Albany police department on November 20 and transported to the barracks in Latham for processing. He was arraigned at the Colonie Town Court and sent to the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail.

# Man arrested on warrant for 2020 larceny

**GLENMONT** — A man arrested in April 2020 on larceny charges was arrested on an outstanding warrant Thursday, Nov 17.

Bethlehem detectives traveled to the Orange County Jail to pick up Butchie Middleton, 36, of Newburgh, to face petit larceny charges related to an incident at Walmart and the outstanding in issued by Bethlehem Town Court on February 11 because did not show up for court dates. Middleton was being held in jail for charges in Orange County.

He was arraigned and returned to Orange County Jail and is scheduled to return to Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Dec 20.

# Woman arrested on warrant for 2021 Walmart larceny

GLENMONT — A woman arrested in an October 2021 larceny at Walmart was arrested by the State Police for an outstanding warrant during a traffic stop and turned over to Bethlehem police on Monday, Nov 21.

Elonda Leigh, 47, of Loudonville, was scheduled to appear on Oct. 19, 2021, but did not appear and Bethlehem Judge Andrew Kirby signed a warrant on May 24.

Leigh faces petit larceny charges in the original incident and the warrant. She was arraigned by Kirby and released on her own recognizance. Leigh is scheduled to be back in court on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

### DWAI Drugs on Delaware Avenue DELMAR —

Bethlehem police stopped a Black 2021 Toyota Supra for speeding on Delaware Avenue on Saturday, Nov. 19 at approximately 12:33 a.m.

Upon interviewing the driver, a 53-year-old Mineola man, the officer observed the driver's eyes to be glassy and bloodshot and his speech was impaired. According to reports the man said he did consume alcohol approximately two hours prior to the traffic stop.

He was given field sobriety tests which indicated impairment and tested positive for breath alcohol on a pre-screening device. The man also said he takes several medications and provided the bottle to the officer. The labels on some of the medications had warnings that the drugs could impair the consumer's ability to operate a motor vehicle. The man was taken into custody for DWAI and transported to the police station.

At the station, he was evaluated by a Drug Recognition Expert and provided a blood sample.

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

He is scheduled to return to Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

# Pantsless delivery man arrested for DWAI, drugs

**DELMAR** - Bethlehem police performed a traffic stop on a white 2020 Jeep Compass on Delaware Avenue for failing to keep right, having his turn signal on although not turning and not having a valid registration on Sunday, Nov. 20 at approximately 1:28 a.m.

Upon interviewing the driver, a 26-year-old Albany man, the officer observed the man's speech to be jittery and fast. He gave a name and date of birth, but spelled the name incorrectly.

According to reports, after DMV returned no results, the man gave the correct spelling. It was at that point the officer observed the man had no pants on. When questioned where he was going, the man replied he was delivering pasta to a friend's house.

The man was given field sobriety tests which indicated impairment and he tested negative on a pre-screening device for breath alcohol. He was taken into custody for DWAI and transported to the police station for evaluation by a Drug Recognition Expert.

The man submitted to a blood test and one was taken by paramedics. He was given a bill of particulars and issued traffic tickets and released.

He is scheduled to return to Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Dec. 6.



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# **From page 1...** Letter to Rome

"I had hoped that in my retirement I might be able to continue to serve our community as a priest. I am not able to do so, however, because of a church policy that prohibits any priest accused of sexual abuse from functioning publicly as a priest, even if the allegations are false, as they are in my case," Hubbard wrote.

Bishop Edward Sharfenberger of the Albany Diocese had initially issued a statement supporting Hubbard's request to be laicized. But when the Times Union quoted the retired bishop's reasoning, the diocese released a second statement for clarification.

"We would like to correct a point in some reports that said there is a diocesan policy that forbids an accused bishop from sacramental ministry," the statement read. "A diocesan bishop may regulate, that is, limit, circumscribe, or ban exercise within his diocese of any or all sacramental ministries. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger has done so in some cases, but in the case of Bishop Hubbard, it is he alone who voluntarily removed himself from any public celebration of sacraments."

Hubbard, 84, is under scrutiny for his handling of sexual abuse cases during his tenure at the diocese. He is also accused of abusing multiple children over many decades, and is being investigated under the Vatican policy Vos Estis Lux Mundi translated as "You Are the Light of the World." Vos Estis is a set of laws written and implemented by Pope Francis in 2019 to investigate bishops who were involved in, or covered up, sexual abuse by the Church. Cardinal Timothy Dolan and the Archdiocese of New York are currently conducting the investigation into Hubbard's actions.

Attorneys for one of the abuse cases involving Hubbard have subpoenaed 1,400 pages of the Vos Estis investigation from the Archdiocese of New York in Albany Supreme Court, as the Times Union has reported. A decision by State Supreme Court Justice L. Michael Mackey issued earlier today, ruled in favor of the plaintiffs and ordered the Archdiocese to turn over the records. Mackey will review the documents to determine if the materials include any probative or admissible evidence that should be turned over to the attorneys.

That decision may have prompted Hubbard to request laicization from Pope Francis because it would avoid a potential trial and conviction under Canon Law (the law that governs the Catholic Church) that could lead to the same result, according to Anne Barrett Doyle, Co-Director of BishopAccountability.org, a organization that tracks the abuse crisis in the Roman Catholic Church.

"Often, laicizations that are supposedly 'voluntary' are in fact compelled by the cleric's superiors. I suspect this was true in Hubbard's case," Doyle said. "His laicization -- which I bet will be granted speedily -- will resolve a big PR problem for Cardinal Dolan and Pope Francis. Hubbard with his mountain of allegations has become a liability and embarrassment."

According to bishopaccountability.org, Hubbard would only be the second Bishop in the U.S. to be laicized out of 138 Bishops it identifies as involved with sexual abuse or misconduct. Only seven have been granted leave or removed worldwide.

The only other American, Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, was found guilty in a

church trial in 2019 and

laicized. He would be

charged criminally by a

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James T. O'Reilly, a

of Cincinnati and author

of the book, "The Clergy

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reason a person is laicized he responded "never."

"The institution does its best to avoid exposure of the weaknesses which the institution has tolerated over the years," he said.

According to O'Reilly, once Hubbard's request is granted the investigation under Vos Estis will, most likely, be dropped quietly. The lawyers for victims

see this as a turning point. "We did not know it

was coming, but it was not a surprise that he requested this," attorney Cynthia LeFave said. "(Hubbard) should not be ministering in any way or to anyone. This is such a vindication to



the hundreds of victims of this diocese."

LaFave and attorney Taylor Stippel are handling many of the cases in Albany Diocese in partnership with Jeff Anderson, a Minnesota-based law firm .

"Today is the culmination of 440 survivors speaking the truth," Stippel said in a written statement on Friday. "Had the survivors not courageously come forward, Hubbard's heinous abuse and decades of deceit would not have been exposed. Hubbard may continue to deny the allegations against him, but his resignation speaks louder than his

words."

# Relief requested to marry

In another twist to the request by Hubbard is the reason used in the request. According to canon law, a cleric must give a reason why they wish to be relieved of their obligation.

The Vatican in its handbook on how to handle abuse cases gives those accused a way to step away.

157. From the time of the notitia de delicto, the accused has the right to present a petition to be dispensed from all the

"In whatever time I have left on this Earth, I hope to be able to serve God and the people of our community as a lay person. I also will continue to vigorously defend myself against the allegations against me,"

— Howard Hubbard retired Albany Roman Catholic Diocese Bishop

> obligations connected with the clerical state, including celibacy, and, concurrently, from any religious vows. The Ordinary or Hierarch must clearly inform him of this right. Should the cleric decide to make use of this possibility, he must write a suitable petition, addressed to the Holy Father, introducing himself and briefly indicating the reasons for which he is seeking the dispensation.

> From his statement on Friday Hubbard didn't cite an exact reason, but did say what returning to the lay state could do for him.

"Recently, I asked the Vatican for relief from my obligations as a priest and permission to return to the lay state. In whatever time I have left on this Earth, I hope to be able to serve God and the people of our community as a lay person. I also will continue to vigorously defend myself against the allegations against me," the statement read.

The actual reason Hubbard used in his request to be laicized was not about the sexual abuse claims, but rather he wishes to marry and is in a relationship with a woman many years younger than he. This was first reported in The Pillar and confirmed by Spotlight News from sources close to the situation.

Albany Diocese spokesperson Kathy Barrans said that a petition goes directly to the Holy See, specifically, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome.

Hubbard's spokesman, Mark Behan, confirmed that "Bishop Hubbard sent his request directly to the Vatican."

Barrans said that although the petition was sent directly to Rome and the Albany Diocese did not receive a confidential copy, Bishop Scharfenberger did receive a copy from the canonical advocate, Dr. J. Michael Ritty, JCD.

"The content of the petition is confidential, but it does make a request for dispensation from the rights and obligations of the priestly state, which would include the promise of celibacy, as is typical in such requests," she said.

When asked for the reason listed in the petition, Behan said, "Out of respect for the Vatican's process, Bishop Hubbard prefers not to comment further."



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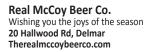
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# TOWN GOVERNMENT

# Beacon Isle woes reach state court

State Supreme Court is now considering weight of Article 78

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

**GLENMONT** — A state Supreme Court judge is now weighing arguments surrounding whether Bethlehem residents received ample notification before the town approved plans for a \$350 million wind turbine manufacturing plant.

Acting State Supreme Court Justice James Ferreira listened to oral arguments from Glenmont residents, including attorney Chris Dempf, who is leading a group of neighbors in an Article 78 hearing held in Albany last Monday.

It could take months before a decision is handed down while the court continues to hear arguments.

The Article 78 filed against the Town of Bethlehem and the Albany Port District Commission in June contends that neighboring residents were not properly notified of the port's expansion plans, which include construction on Beacon Island.

The 81-acre island was stripped of trees and brush this spring, a move approved by the state Department of Environmental Conservation, but alarmed residents concerned with the coal ash that has remained settled for decades. For the nearly three dozen residents who have since filed suit, it was their first notice of a project that has earned support from as far as Washington, D.C.

The port's expansion plan has been used as an example by Washington D.C. on how the country can move towards a greener economy. Millions of dollars in grants have been promised towards the project, heralded as the nation's first offshore wind facility.

The 31 petitioners seek to reverse the Planning

"Not to provide such written notice to residential property owners within the impact area (1-2 miles) for the present 80-acre project, with near and distant views and impacts, is not within the spirit of the law...."

# — Article 78submitted by 31Glenmont residents

Board's approval of the plan's site requirements under state Environmental Quality Review. Known commonly as SEQR, site review requires public comment — which was provided — but neighboring residents said they never received proper notice.

Petitioners acknowledge the town's planning and zoning boards may have provided notice to entities within the mandated 200foot radius of the project, but those are commercial properties, they state. But they say the scale of the project, including industrial noise, site view and potential increased traffic, should have called for broader attention.

"Not to provide such written notice to residential property owners within the impact area (1-2 miles) for the present 80-acre project, with near and distant views and impacts, is not within the spirit of the law and the duties that a lead agency supervising the Environmental Impact Statement Process is mandated to follow."

Using language from the EIS process, residents cite the project fails to consider the character of the neighborhood, stating that nearby residences date back to the 1800s, and ignores other facets of the community within a two-mile radius that includes family homes and schools. The port's plan to build four buildings, as high as 110 feet tall and 20 27-foot tall smoke stakes is "incompatible with the surrounding neighborhoods."

The port had asked for the lawsuit to be dismissed in a response filed with the state Supreme Court in September. It argues that residents had ample time be involved with the review process, which started in September 2018.

"From the start, the Port of Albany and the Town of Bethlehem have been focused on making sure that the health and safety of the entire community is not adversely affected by this project," the Port shared in a statement released in June. "It is the Port's mission to continue to demonstrate that their highest priority is the care and wellbeing of this community and to require best management practices in its pursuit of this historic project."

# **Board approves IDA appointments**

**DELMAR** — Bethlehem Town Board members' first order of business was to appoint two to fill vacancies left on its industrial development advisory board on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

The Town Board approved Brenda Reilly's and Georgette Steffens's appointments to begin its regular business in a meeting bumped from its usual Wednesday evening slot due to the upcoming Thanksgiving Day holiday.

The appointments were approved without discussion.

According to her LinkedIn profile, Reilly is associate counsel at New York State Homes and Community Renewal, where she has been for more than 15 years. The housing agency develops and protects affordable housing by working within both private and public sectors.

The agency's website states that it is tasked with carrying out a \$25 billion, five-year, comprehensive housing plan that will create 100,000 affordable homes across New York, and facilitate the electrification of an additional 50,000 homes.

Steffens, a longtime resident and Bethlehem Central graduate, already serves multiple roles; first, as the executive director of Downtown Albany Business Improvement District, and as chairperson of the Albany Port District Commission board.

Steffens was first appointed executive director in September 2009, according to her profile on the Albany BID profile website. Prior to that, she worked for the City of Albany, serving as Director of the Albany HomeStore, and as the economic developer for the city's Department of Planning and Development, where her main focus was downtown development and the City's riverfront, and Program Coordinator for the Center for Economic Growth.

According to her LinkedIn profile, Steffens has been with the Albany Port District Commission since 2015 and currently serves as its chairperson.

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# Van Gogh's story

Bethlehem Central to paint a picture of Starry Nights and Sunflowers

**By AMARIS FORD** news@spotlightnews.com

BETHLEHEM -One of the most famous painters of all time will have his story told in a vivid tribute by teacher and director Amy Roos. As the playwright of Sunflowers, she hopes to tell the story of Vincent Van Gogh's iconic art and complex life.

Roos is the director and advisor for the two extracurricular theater clubs at Bethlehem Central High School, Stage700 and Theatre Without a Net. Theatre Without a Net (TWON) is producing Sunflowers, which will debut December 8th-11th. Ticket information can be found at bcstage700. org.

The actors at BCHS have risen to the challenge of portraying Van Gogh's life with sensitivity and nuance. Bethlehem senior Gu Wong Wu is portraying Van Gogh. Avidly involved in the BCHS theatre clubs, he was drawn to the role by Roos' layered interpretation of Van Gogh's life.

"To bring such a tragic and misunderstood figure justice in a way, really sparked my interest," he said.

Fellow BCHS senior Pamela 'Pam' White has many responsibilities for



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Sunflowers, including the title of Assistant Director. Her theatrical ambitions and activism combined during the production.

"I really hope that our audience for this show walks away with a deeper appreciation for the art and life of Vincent Van Gogh, as well as a deeper understanding of mental health," she reflected.

Her thorough research educated her about Van Gogh's friends and family. Theo Van Gogh will be played by BCHS student Jake McKinley. The role of Theo Van Gogh's wife, Jo Bonger, is an artistic and touching force within Sunflowers. White's biggest realization with Sunflowers was just how much Van Gogh's life was impacted by the people around him.

Gu Wong Wu didn't let the complexities of the role deter him. Instead, he embraced the range. "Throughout the show, Vincent goes through many hardships as well as scattered high notes of his well-being," he commented.

The cast and crew derived inspiration from Van Gogh's over 900 paintings and drawings, turning them into 25 central pieces for the play. "One of the highlights of tech crew this year was the painting party," he remembered, "where we all painted replicas of Van Gogh's paintings!"

"I was incredibly impressed by the artistic talent of this company to recreate so many iconic works," said Amy Roos.

The set is intended to resemble a deconstructed Van Gogh painting, with strong imagery to highlight the prolific and initially unappreciated artist. Vincent Van Gogh as a person has often been deconstructed and reduced to myth and lore. With her play, Roos was determined to fight against the stereotypes that surround the artist.

"I have always felt that to truly appreciate art, you need to appreciate the artist," said Roos. "I really set out to create a play that showed as closely as I could represent through my research who he really was.'

Her research into Van Gogh's story began intermittently in 2018, but it was a journey to France in 2022 that provided an artistic epiphany. She completed Sunflowers in less than a month after returning home. While she had always been drawn to him and his work, the trip had allowed her to 'walk in his footsteps' and see his world through his eyes.

It was in France that Roos and her husband visited all the places where Van Gogh lived for the remaining two years of his life. Their journey took them from Paris to Arles, St. Remy, and finally to Van Gogh's resting place, where a sunflower is placed on his grave.

The entire experience resonated deeply with Roos. "I felt the inspiration I needed to share this story in an authentic way," she said.

"I hope that this play inspires us to believe in those around us who are struggling and find ways to help and support new artists at a time when they need our support the most," Roos added.

Vincent expressed a desire to connect with his viewers. He showed this in his unique paintings, filled with bright colors and a bold style called impasto, every inch of the canvas quivering with emotion. Roos was inspired by a quote he once said: "I want to touch people with my art. I want them to say 'he feels deeply, he feels tenderly."

Honoring these words is what Sunflowers aims to accomplish. "I also hope that people start to see Van Gogh in a new light, to see him as someone who turned his own pain and struggle into something beautiful," said Roos.

"We must take in every person for all of their flaws," said Pam White, "but also for their talents and capacity for love, to truly understand who they are.'

#### LEGALS NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION BERGEN ASSO-1173 CIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/01/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY des-ignated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 68-01 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300085

#### NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION 150E78 PH OWNER II LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/19/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of the LLC whom upon process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Wexler & Kaufman PLLC, One Penn Plaza, Suite 3406, New York, 10119. Purpose Any lawful purpose. D-299732

#### NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION 150E78 PH OWNER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/19/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Wexler & Kaufman PLLC, One Penn Plaza Suite 3406, New York, 10119. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-299733

### PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE, TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NY. Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing as part of its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tues-day, 12/06/2022 at 6:00 at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY, regarding a Special Use Permit and Plan Application, Site submitted by George Douglas Cutsogeorge, as shown on drawings entitled: "George Douglas Cutsogeorge, 2 Dar-roch Road, Delmar, NY 12054 Roof Plan , Sheet 2, prepared by Apex Solar LLC, 64 Main Street, Queensbury, NY, 12804"

Documentation related to the application can be viewed in the Dept. of Economic Development & Planning, Room 203, Town Hall, M-F, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. Notice of Public Hearing will be mailed to property owners within 200' of the subject parcel. Said notice will also be pub-lished in the 11/30/2022 issue of the Spotlight Newspaper. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Written comments can he submitted via US Mail to the Planning Office at 445, Delaware Ave, Delmar, NY 12054 or via Email to the planningboard@townofbethle-

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#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

20 FONDA ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/03/22.

LEGALS Albany County. Office: SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 18 Northview Drive, Lath-am, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300281

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION 2027 LEXINGTON AS-

SOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/01/22. Office: Al-bany County. SSNY designated as agent of the IIC upon whom process against it may be SSNY shall mail served. copy of process to the LLC, 68-01 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

#### D-300088 TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Albany County -New York ZONING BOARD OF

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application submitted by Michael Mabee for an Area Variance located at 22 Princess Taylor Lane, Albany. The Applicant is proposing construction of a shed that does not meet the requirements of the Town's Zoning Code under Article , Section 128-27 C, (1). David Devaprasad Chairman Board of Ap-

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION 2264 BROADWAY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 2264 Broadway, New York, NY 10024 lawful purpose.

# D-299876

25 TIBBITS AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/27/22. Office: Albany Any lawful purpose. D-299958

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION of Ora, filed Arts Poplar Street, Douglas-ton, NY 11363. Pur-pose: Any lawful purpose. D-300939

LEGALS NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION 252 SEVENTH AVENUE 10X LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/03/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 416 Miller's Branch Drive, St. Mary's, GA 31558. Purpose: Any lawful pur-

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION 273 SWINTON AVENUE REALTY, 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, 913 Cherry Lane, Franklin Square, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300369

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE, TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,

ALBANY COUNTY, NY. Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing as part of its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, 12/06/2022 at 6:00 at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY, regarding a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Application, submitted by Dena Perry, as shown on draw-ings entitled: "Residential Solar Panel Installation, Located at - 300 Bender Lane, Glenmont, New York, 12077", prepared by Empire Solar Solutions, 2-8 Johnes St., Newburgh, NY 12550"

Documentation related

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3765 WILLET AVE LLC

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cess to the LLC, 875 East 219th Street, Bronx, NY 10467. Pur-

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TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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to the application can be viewed in the Dept. of Economic Development & Planning, Room 203, Town Hall, M-F, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. Notice of Public Hearing will be mailed to property owners within 200' of the subject parcel. Said no-tice will also be pub-lished in the 11/30/2022 issue of the Spotlight Newspaper. All interest-ed persons are invited to Purpose: Any attend and be heard. Written comments can be submitted via US Mail

# NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 857 First Street, Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose:

2514 21 STREET LLC. wit the SSNY on 09/13/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 240-61 that the Board of Appeals of the Town of . Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM lo-December cated atTown Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Del-mar, New York, to take action on an application submitted by Action Sign Company for area variance(s) located at 388 Feura Bush Road, Suite 300 (Five Below) Glenmont. The Applicant is proposing signage that does not meet the Town Zoning Code requirements under Article Section 128-59, VI.

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#### David Devaprasad Chair Board of Appeals□

Signs, J (2).

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#### NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION REALTY GROUP Arts. of Org. filed the SSNY on LLC. with 10/21/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, P.O. Box 190386, Brooklyn, Purpose: 11219. Any lawful purpose. D-299789 NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

# 405 91 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY

on 05/23/13. 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, 9728 Third Avenue, Suite 360, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300278

#### NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION 4077 LAUNDROMAT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/22. 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. 85-11 218th Street, Queens, 11427. Purpose: NY Any lawful purpose. D-300276

#### NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION 4077 WHITE PLAINS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on to the Planning Office at 445, Delaware Ave, Del-10/25/22. Office: Albany mar, NY 12054 or via County. SSNY designat-Email to the planninged as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 85-11 218th Street, Queens, NY 11427. Purpose: Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/26/22. Any lawful purpose. D-300277 Albany County.

#### NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION MERSEREAU LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/12/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 216 Melba Street, Staten Is-land, NY 10314. Pur-pose: Any lawful purpose. D-299473

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#### LEGALS NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION ALBORROC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/22. 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, 25 West 20th Road, Broad Channel, NY 11693. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300374

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ALIJOC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/22. Albany County. the LLC upon whom process against it may mail copy of process to the LLC, ATTN: Alicia Marino, 2630 Cropsey lyn, NÝ 11214 pose: Any lawful purpose. D-301198

#### NOTICE OF PLLC

FORMATION ALISON FRANKLIN, LCSW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY 11/10/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY des-ignated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 150 West 79th Street, 2B. New York, NY 10024. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Licensed Clinical Social Work. D-300769

# NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

the SSNY on 11/02/22. Office: Albany County. designated as SSNY agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 511 E. 118th Street, New York, NY 10035. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300194

#### NOTICE OF LLC

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#### D-299036

FORMATION ATLANTIC GROUP SO-LUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/17/22. Office: Al-bany 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, 811 Wisconsin Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706. Purpose: Any

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FORMATION ALNA MECHANICAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/01/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of FORMATION A. FONTANA & SONS BUILDING LLC. Arts. of process to the LLC, 137-18 Rockaway Beach Blvd., Far Rockaway, NY 11694. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300074

#### NOTICE OF LLC

AP CASTELL CONSULT-ING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/15/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of the LLC SSNY shall mail copy of

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### pose D-300910 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE, TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NY. Notice is hereby given scheduled

445 Delaware Ave, Delmitted by Cardona De-velopment Group, LLC, as shown on drawing set entitled "Kenwood

# that the Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing as part of its regularly Board Meeting on Tues-day, 12/06/2022 at 6:00 at the Town Offices, mar regarding a Subdivi-sion Application, sub-

set entitled "Kenwood Avenue Subdivision, 65 Kenwood Avenue, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York State Albany of dated October 8, 2018, revised 10/31/22, prepared by Ingalls & Associates, LLP, 2603 Guilderland Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306"

Documentation related to the application can be viewed in the Planning Office at Town Hall, M-F,

#### To place your Legal Notice: Call 439-4949

Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/22. ty owners within 200 of the subject parcel. Said Office: Albany County. notice will also be pub SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon lished in the 11/30/2022 issue of the Spotlight whom process against it Newspaper. All interestmay be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 1445 ed persons are invited to attend and be heard. Written comments can Street, Brooklyn, be submitted via US Mail 11219. Purpose: to the Planning Office at Any lawful purpose. 445, Delaware Ave, Del-D-299877 mar, NY 12054 or via Email to the planning-

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Cambridge Court, Man-alapan, NJ 07726. Pur-

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the LLC, 35 West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any

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**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM** Albany County -New York ZONING BOARD OF

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of 956 Western Avenue LLC, a limited liability Notice is hereby given that the Board of Apcompany (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization peals of the Town of filed with the Secretary Albany Bethlehem. of State of NY (the County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on 'SSNY") on 10/20/22. Office location: Albany Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM at County. been designated as Town Hall, 445 Delaware agent of the LLC, upon Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy an application submitted by T-Mobil for an Area of any process to the Variance located at 457 960 Western Av-LLC, NY Route 85, Slingerenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purposes: any lands. The Applicant is proposing to extend the height of the existing lawful activity. D-299311 monopole by 13.5 feet. The tower itself will ex-NOTICE OF LLC tend 10 feet but the FORMATION 9613 FLATLANDS AV-ENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. of the monopine will add an-

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#### LEGALS 30 Powells Cove Blvd. Whitestone, 11357 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300941

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#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CHANNEL 5 ADVISORS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/21/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 175 Spencer Street, #1B, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-299787

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CHS RECOVERY PART-NERS HICKSVILLE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/18/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 100 Granny Road, Suite 1, Farmingdale, NY 11738. Purpose: Any lawful

# purpose. D-299457

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CRESCENT AQ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/20/22. Office: Albany County. designated as SSNY agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 23-71 Crescent Street, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-299753

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION CENTRAL 200 PARK SOUTH, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/18/22. Office: SSNY Albany County. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 80 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1101, New York, NY 10011 Purpose: Any lawfu lawful purpose D-299684

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CSS NOMAD, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the fice: Albany County. SSNY designated SSNY on 10/18/22. Ofdesignated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 80 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1101, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-299680

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION CSS STUYTOWN, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/18/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 80 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1101, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-299681

#### LEGALS NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION CTZ LENDER LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/28/22. Ofthe fice: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against upon it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 9728 Third Avenue, Suite 360, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-299458

# NOTICE OF PLLC

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FORMATION DAYANA JIMENEZ, Psy.D. PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/17/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom pro-cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, c/o Dr. Dayana Jimenez, 6 East 39th Street, Suite 800, Office T, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Psychology. D-299671

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DJ DISTRIBUTORS NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/27/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 26 Commerce Road, Unit J, 07004. Fairfield, NJ Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-299955

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

EAST 80TH STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/03/22. Office: Al-bany 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, 10 F 33rd Street 11th Floor, New York, 10016. Purpose: NY Any lawful purpose. D-300280

#### NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

PSYCHIATRIC FC NURSE PRACTITIONER PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/01/22. Office: Albany with 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, 115 Franklin Turnpike, PO Box 168, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Nurse Practitioner in Psychia-D-300109

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/03/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 132 Amity Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-299657

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION GEORGIAN FOOD LINE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/01/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of the LLC whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 6401 24th Avenue, 6401 24th Avenue, Apartment G5, Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION GRAB YOUR GROUP AND GO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/07/19. Office: Al-bany County. SSNY designated as agent of the ĽLC upon whom pro∙ cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 305 E. 85th St. N, Apt. 17A, New York, NY 10028. Registered agent c/o United address States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful pur-

#### D-299962 Res # 2022-053 **TOWN BOARD** TOWN OF BETHLEHEM RESOLUTION TO

pose.

**GRANT EASEMENT** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 22 day of November 2022, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum. a resolution as follows: WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has deter-mined that it is necessary to grant an easement to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation on the Town owned parcel located at 357 Old Quarry Road; and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby authorizes the execution of the neces-

sary easement at 357 Old Quarry Road. BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED. That the execution of said easement is subject

to permissive referendum. BF IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED,

That the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the easements on behalf of the Town of Bethlehem.

The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilmember Coffey, was seconded by Councilmember Cunningham and duly adopted by the following vote: AYES: Šupervisor Van-Luven. Councilmember Coffev. Councilmember Cunningham, Co cilmember DeCancio Coun-

NOES: none ABSENT: ber Becker Councilmem-DATED: November 22. D-301425

#### NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION JAY AND QUIMBY PRO-DUCTIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/22/22. Office: Al-bany County. SSNY des-ignated as agent of the LLC upon whom pro-

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Avenue, Suite 1304, New York, NY 10123. Purpose: Any lawful Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom purpose. D-299760 process against it may NOTICE OF LLC be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 271 Madison Avenue, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10016. FORNATION M & Y SHINE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/14/22. Of-Purpose: Any lawful purfice: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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JESEDU DELI LLC. Arts of Ora, filed with the SSNY on 10/28/22. Of-Albany County. fice: SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 4010 Street, Woodside, 11377. Purpose: 73<sup>rd</sup> NY Any lawful purpose. D-300373

#### NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION JOY ARSHI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/27/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 271 East 32nd Street, 11226. Brooklyn, Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-299957

# NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

S M, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/13/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 8801 Shore Dead Road, #6DE, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-299472

# NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LAND OF THE BIG MAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/27/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC whom process upon against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the Scotland e 515, New 1972 Road, Suite 515 Slingerlands, NY 12159 Road. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-299471

#### NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION LPLUSK LLC. Arts. Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/07/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC 2 Hanguer the LLC, 3 Hanover Square, #5H, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300746

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PAPER ROCK PRODUC TIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/17/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 100 State Street, Suite 241, Hackensack, NJ 07601. Purpose: Any lawful pur-<u>D-301178</u>

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PARSONS 82 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/24/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, PO Box 320195, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-299790

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2022-52 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE

NOTICE IS HERBY GIV-EN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 22th day of November, 2022, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows: THE TRANSFER 0F FUNDS INTO CAPITAL RESERVES the Town WHEREAS. Board has determined that repaving the Police Sub-station at 1121 Route 9W in Selkirk to be a prudent action; WHEREAS, the 2022 operating funds contain an sufficient funding to transfer adequate funding; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Comptroller to transfer \$150,000 into the General Fund Capital

Reserve from the Town's 2022 Operating Budget; IT FURTHER RE-BF SOLVED, that all funds withdrawn from this Fund will be subject to Town procurement policies, but not be subject to permissive referendum if used directly for the purpose of purchas-ing asphalt for use at 1121 Route 9W Selkirk. The funds, used for any other purpose, will be subject to permissive referendum. A motion to adopt the resolution was offered

by Councilmember Cunningham, seconded by Councilmember Coffev and approved with the following vote:

Ayes - Supervisor Van-Luven. Councilmember Coffey, Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember DeCancio

Navs - none Absent - Councilmember Becker

#### Date: November 22, 202 D-301424

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION PETER POTTER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/15/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

#### www.spotlightnews.com

#### LEGALS shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 188-07 Flushing, NY 11055 Purpose: Any lawful pur-11797. lawful purpose.

D-301133 NOTICE OF PUBLIC Hearing Town of Bethlehem

pose.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on December 14, 2022 at 6:00pm to solicit comment on a proposed Local Law Amending the Town Code, Chapter 128, Sec-tion 67.2 Solar photovoltaic systems All parties interested and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM NANCI MOQUIN

TOWN CLERK November 22, Dated: 2022 D-301423

### NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION QRF SECURITY CON-SULTANTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/19/22. Office: Al-bany 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, 11 West Meadow, East Setauket, NY Purpose: Any 11733. lawful purposė. D-299926

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION QUAY TOWER 20B LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/16/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, c/o Wexler & Kaufman PLLC, One Penn Plaza, Suite 3406, New York, 10119. Purpose: NY Any lawful purpose. D-301093

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pose: Any lawful purpose. D-300914

#### NOTICE OF LLC

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LEGALS it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7600 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 200, Woodbury, NY Purpose: Any

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SPANISH POINT HOLD-INGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/03/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 132 Amity Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: NY Any lawful purpose. D-299658 **NOTICE OF LLC** FORMATION

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> Any lawful purpose. EB-299954 NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION TERRA 480 BROOME, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/08/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2 Elderfields Road, Man-hasset, NY 11030. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NY 11215. Purpose:

#### D-300519 NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

THE ASSISTANTS USA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/19/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of the LLC. ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall mail copy of process to the ATTN: Dominic Piccirillo, 36 Shadom Lane, East Hampton, NY 11937. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-299724

#### NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

THE LAW OFFICES OF MEHDI ESSMIDI P.L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/01/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat ed as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC. One Grand Central Place, Suite 4600, New York, NY 10165. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law.

#### NOTICE OF LLC

D-300168

FORMATION THOMSON GARAGE LLC. AVENUE Arts. c Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/26/22. Office: Al-bany County. SSNY designated as agent of the Ignated as agent of the LLC upon whom pro-cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 E 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Apy Jawful purpose Any lawful purpose. D-299948

# shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, c/o Yasong Albert, 4024 Berry-wood Dr., Seaford, NY 11783. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300981 NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION MASHALLAH ASSETS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/15/22. 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, 2919 Gerber Place, Bronx, NY 10465. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301012

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FORMATION MHT **TECHNOLOGIES** LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/22. 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. 1961 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY Purpose: Any

#### 10302. lawful purpose. D-299875 NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION NK PROPERTIES OF AL-BANY, LLC. Arts. of Org.

filed with the SSNY on 10/14/22. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2122. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 524 Sir Charles Way, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-299791

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION NTH JAVITS CENTER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/14/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o New Tradition Holdings LLC, 588 Broadway, Suite 905, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300972

# AMATEUR SPORTS

# **RCS** loses in semi-final

MIDDLETOWN -Ravena Coeyman Selkirk's run to Syracuse fell short as the football team lost to undefeated Pleasantville 14-6 in the Class B state semifinal on Saturday, Nov. 26.

It was a defensive battle between the two, as neither team scored following halftime.

Aidan Lochner carried the ball 26 times for 159 yards, including a 37-yard touchdown to give Ravena a 6-0 lead late in the first

quarter. The senior running back attributed to all but 26 of his team's yards.

The final score closely resembled last year's outcome when Ravena lost to Pleasantville 15-7 in last year's Class B semi-final. RCS earned the

rematch against Pleasantville by beating Lansingburgh 44-6 the week before at Shenendehowa.

Lochner led the Indians with 27 carries and 148 yards on the

ground and tossed a 49yard touchdown to Jack McFerran.

Luke Misetich added an air attack as well, finding Dominik Paljusaj for a 51yard score and Jack Reif for a 13-yard touchdown a few minutes later.

The defense was dominating, not allowing a score until the final quarter. Wyatt Algozzine and Anthony Sanchez each had picks for the Indians.

— Michael Hallisey

# Ice thaws at YMCA

DELMAR — The Capital District YMCA announced it abrupt closure of its ice rink at the Bethlehem branch on Saturday, Nov. 26 as the facilities work to repair it.

"Unfortunately, we lost the ice rink this morning due to a mechanical failure yesterday afternoon," the agency shared in an online statement.

The agency is attributing the issue to faulty equipment and

has since returned the machinery back to the manufacturer for a rebuild.

The NHL-sized hockey rink first opened in 2006, after the YMCA purchased the \$12 million, 90,000-square-foot facility from the town and later converted what was two ice surfaces. At the time, it was one of only two YMCAs in New York with an NHLsized ice surface.

Several recreational leagues depend on the ice

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rink, including Bethlehem Central's high school hockey team, which is less than a mile away.

The rink could be shut down for as long as two weeks, according to an estimate provided by the agency. Once repairs are completed, the agency said it will take another two days to flood, freeze and paint the ice surface.

- Michael Hallisey

**Turkey Trot rambles on** 

Around 800 people ran in Thursday's Our Towne **Bethlehem Turkey Trot** 

**DELMAR** – An estimated 800 runners, walkers, strollers and doggos participated in the 2022 Our Towne Bethlehem Turkey Trot on Thursday morning, Nov. 24.

Dan Bullinger won the 5K race, crossing the finish line with a time of 17:42. Gillian Roeder finished seventh overall, outpacing all women at 19:21.

Top Ten results provided by White Knight Timing and Race Management included the following:

Dan Bullinger, 17:42; Griffin Roeder, 17:57; Matt Roche, 18:09; Leo Melchior, 18:30; Matt Battaglia, 18:34; Christopher Bradt, 18:57; Gillian Roeder, 19:21; Brian Hotopp, 19:26; Annabelle, DiStegano, 19:42; Adam Kohn, 19:50.



**Dan Bullinger** 



- Michael Hallisey

**Gillian Roeder** 



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# NOTICE OF LLC Formation

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FORMATION UNIFIED BUILDING SO-LUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/31/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the

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North 11th Street, Suite LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail 1A, 11249. copy of process to the LLC, 914 3rd Avenue, #138, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-299669

#### D-300003 NOTICE OF LLC

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION FORMATION VAN VAN LEEUWEN DIT-MARS BLVD ASTORIA LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on SON STR LAGE LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY 10/17/22. Originally Originally filed with Sec-10/17/22. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware 10/11/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail conv. of retary of State of Delaware 10/11/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 119 shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 119

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North 11th Street, Suite 1Å, 11249. Brooklyn, NY Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-299670

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

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# NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION WARWICK 151 HOLD-INGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/03/22. Office: Albany

County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 132 Amity Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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FORMATION WEST VILLAGE PROP-ERTY ASSOCIATES LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 10/19/22. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware 09/10/2021.

Albany County. Office: SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, c/o Held & Hines LLP, 2004 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-299703

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#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

WOODBINE 220 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/17/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-

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320195, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301180

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NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION YOUR ONLINE CPA PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/15/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 301 East 92nd Street, Suite 5A, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Public Accountancy. D-301014

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# **Winter Boutique**

t's here! The Friends of the Library Winter Boutique is this weekend, in the library community room. FOL members can stop by to shop on Friday, Dec. 2, from noon to 6

Voorheesville **Public Library** 

p.m. The public is invited for Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 4, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

# **Animal Signs and Tracking**

Recognize animal activity and learn how animals adapt to survive winter in the northeast. Join us Thursday, Dec. 8, at 10 a.m. for a one hour program and walk at the Albany Pine Bush. Please register online. We'll meet at the Discovery Center, 195 New Karner Road, Albany.

# **Coding with Robots**

You can command robots, but only if you know their language. Children in grades 4-5 are invited to register to learn coding with the library's Ozobots. Join us at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14 to build robots using LEGO SPIKE bricks and app.

## Ugly Sweater Party

Come on out and celebrate in your ugliest holiday sweater at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14. Snowmen, sparkles, sequins, – Ĺynn Kohler whatever!

take home recipes and spices to try! Registration appreciated.

Countdown to the holidays and carve out some "me" time

with our Wednesday Holiday Movie Series in December. Here's

renewed, and refueled with the holiday spirit! Feel free to bring a

friend, a comfortable chair, and a snack! Register today to reserve

Join Santa at the Library for some holiday stories and seasonal

Enjoy a holiday craft, and a winter science experiment, write

a letter to Santa, then pick out a book to take home along with

your sweet treat goodie bag. For ages 2 to 10 with a caregiver.

your chance to do something that will make you feel relaxed,

Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m: Four Christmases

Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m: The Family Stone

**Sweets With Santa Returns!** 

cheer on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 10:30 am.

Registration is appreciated!

# **Spicy Adventures**

Holiday Movies At The Library

he folklore, legends, and history of four everyday spices will be presented in a fun, entertaining talk on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 6:30

p.m. Sample cinnamon tea, and

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**RCS COMMUNITY** 

- Carol Melewski

# LIBRARIES

# **Medicare with Confidence** edicare enrollment

ends on December Whether you're

currently on Medicare, newly eligible, or gathering information to help plan for the future, you'll want to attend this important virtual seminar on Thursday, Dec. 1, from noon to 1:45 p.m.

Speaker Vicki Beyer, of Beyer Health Plus, LLC is an unbiased resource dedicated to helping seniors with their health insurance and financial questions. A major concern when retiring or turning 65 is how to cover or cap medical costs, which can be disastrous.

With hundreds of choices, it can be a very complex process to decipher. This presentation will cover Medicare basics, important terminology, enrollment



periods, plan types (Medicare advantage and Medicare supplement with prescription), plan recommendations and cost assistance.

Please register on the Events tab of guilderlandlibrary.org to receive the link.

## Storytime Options

Fall storytimes are offered three times during the week. Tuesdays are for toddlers (ages 18-36 months); Wednesdays are for families (ages birth-5); and Thursdays are for preschoolers (3-5 years).

All storytimes begin at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required. Caregivers must remain with child(ren).

Please choose only one storytime per week.

# Teen Tech Help Desk

National Honor Society students from Guilderland High School offer tech help every Thursday, 4 to 6 p.m. Drop in for customized assistance with smartphone applications, downloading books to devices, email set-up, and more.

— Luanne Nicholson

# **Music to your ears**

concert series, A Little Sunday Music, will end its season Dec. 11 with harpist Elizabeth Huntley, who will present a winter-themed classical concert in our Community Room. Ms. Huntley is principal harpist with the Glens Falls Symphony, and has accompanied a wide range of musicians, including the Irish Tenors, Josh Groban, Barry Manilow and Roger Daltrey. She has appeared locally at Caffè Lena, Proctors Theatre, Capital Rep and the Cohoes Music Hall.

The concert will begin a 2 p.m. A Little Sunday Music is sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

### Teen Book Boxes

Managing Editor | Michael Hallisey

Cozy up with one of our Teen Book Boxes this winter. These special care packages for teens are filled with books and fun novelties to keep and enjoy.



Teen Book Boxes are only available to BCSD residents in grades 6-12; one box per household. Sign up for the winter box is open December 5-19. A link will appear in our online calendar at bethlehem. librarycalendar.com when registration is open.

Space in this program is limited. An email will be sent to you once your spot has been confirmed, so please use an email address that you check regularly. Books are being chosen from a limited stock and specific requests cannot be accommodated. Each box will include 2-3 books. In January, participants will be contacted when their box is ready for pickup or delivery.

Teen Book Boxes are generously sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

# **Closings and other** reminders

The library will be closed all day Friday, Dec. 2, for staff training.

In the event of inclement weather, the library's telephone system will provide information on a closing or delayed opening. Weather conditions can occasionally cause icing near the entrances and curbside pickup area that could lead to closure even when the town roadways are clear. Call ahead at (518) 439-9314 if you are unsure. Information may also be available on our website at www. bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

-Kristen Roberts

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# OBITUARIES

# Jane A. Bonavita

GUILDERLAND – Jane A. Bonavita, 78, passed away after a brief illness on November 16, 2022, at St. Peter's Hospital surrounded by her loving family and friends. Jane was a lifelong Albany resident born on July 10, 1944, to the late John J. and Jane (McKeon) Cavanaugh.

She graduated from Cardinal McCloskey High School in 1962, and then went on to receive her bachelor's degree from the College of St. Rose in 1966, where she made many lifelong friends along the way including the "Rosebuds".

Jane's career began in primary education in the Albany Public Schools, following in her mother's footsteps who herself was a beloved kindergarten teacher. She taught kindergarten for 16 years at Giffen Memorial Elementary, School 27, School 10 and Schuyler Elementary. In 1982 Jane decided to leave teaching and began a whole new profession as an Agent and Manager at State Farm where she has worked for the last 40 years. Jane's insurance career began in Loudonville, NY, at her first agency, and within a few years she was promoted to market manager, becoming their first female manager in the



Jane A. Bonavita

Northeast. After several years in management, she decided her real passion was working with people and she returned to being an agent. She opened shop in Delmar, NY, which she owned and operated right up until her passing, and where she was known for her seemingly ubiquitous billboard on Delaware Ave., welcoming people to the town, and many times to her office.

Jane had a giving spirit, she went above and beyond to help those in need, and her reach did not stop with those closest to her as Jane was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who asked. She was a longstanding member of the Guilderland Library Foundation Board, president of the Bentwood Court West Neighborhood Association, a member of the reunion committee for Cardinal McCloskey, as well as a member of the Zonta Club of Albany, NY, which is a part of the worldwide service organization of professionals working to advance the status of girls and women, where she was recently recognized for 25 years of service.

In her spare time Jane could be found in her numerous gardens, on the beaches of Rhode Island, or cheering from the sidelines for her sons initially, and eventually for her grandchildren, whom she also doted on and helped in the development of their reading, writing, and learning skills as the teacher she once and always was. Jane was also the consummate hostess to her family and friends, often spending time with and celebrating every aspect of their lives. Her greatest joy was found in hosting these many gatherings.

She is survived by her dear sons Joseph III (Meaghan) of New Orleans, LA, and Mark (Jaime) Bonavita of Guilderland, NY. "Grandma" had six grandchildren whom she adored- Joseph "Bear" IV, Coco & Rose of New Orleans, and Chloe, Hayley & Aidan of Guilderland. She also leaves behind her two sisters, Mary O'Hair and

Judith Zuchero, her

## **June Ricci**

sister-in-law Karen (Burt)

brother-in-law Jeff (Dawn)

Bonavita of Yorktown, VA,

and many nieces, nephews

and cousins, as well as her

lifelong friends Nina Motta

of Albany, NY and Tierney

Murphy of Mechanicville.

great friends from the many

Jane was predeceased by

her beloved husband of 50

years, Joseph Bonavita Jr.,

as well as by her brothers

Jack and Miles Cavanaugh,

Cavanaugh, and brothers-

in-law Tom Zuchero and

Calling hours will be

held on Sunday, November

27, 2022 from 1pm to 5pm

at New Comer Funeral

Home, 343 New Karner

Rd., Colonie, NY 12205.

will be held on Monday,

November 28, 2022 at

Albany, NY 12203.

A Mass celebrating her life

10:30am at Christ the King

Church, 20 Sumter Ave.,

In lieu of flowers.

donations can be made in

Jane's name to the Zonta

Club of Albany, PO Box

5122, Albany, NY 12205.

NY, and numerous other

walks of her life.

sister-in-law Judi

Peter Bonavita.

Bodie of Kingston, NY,

**COLONIE** — June Ricci, 87, Colonie, C/o Shaker Place Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, passed on 11/19/22. June heroically fought and won her battles with breast and colon cancers. She valiantly fought dementia the last few years of her life. She passed surrounder



June Ricci

life. She passed surrounded by her family who loved her and who knows she is now at peace.

She is predeceased by her parents, Wesley and Patricia (Warner) Ballweber and her sister, Nancy Halliday. She is survived by her nieces and nephews: Sandra Dugan, David Hummer (Barb), Michael Hummer (fiancée, Donna), Holly Halliday–Crowe (David), and Cindy Halliday and several great nieces and nephews.

June grew up in Rotterdam and lived the better part of her life in Altamont. She is predeceased by her husband,Ralph, to whom she was married 60 years. She was the mother figure to Shawn Thibodeau (Stephen) whom she helped raise as her own son. She enjoyed music and dancing, shopping, and making people laugh. She had a passion for photography. She was a home maker, caregiver, and also worked various jobs to support the household. June worked for W. T. Grants Dept Store, Walmart & in her husband's shoe repair store in Albany. Calling hours will be on 12/2 between hours of 4pm-7pm at the Reilly & Son Funeral Home, Inc. 9 Voorheesville Ave Voorheesville, NY 12186. Phone: (518) 765-3633.

Flowers are appreciated.

An inurnment ceremony is planned in the Spring at Memory Gardens in Colonie.

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# **Resident: A Thank You and a Warning**

To the Editor, A Thank You and a Warning.

Last evening our entire house was enveloped in the smell of gasoline, suffice to say we called the Delmar Fire Department.

Within minutes the Chief and the Assistant Chief were at our home assessing the situation. Followed within minutes by the entire Department and apparatus. A group of dedicated volunteers, who unselfishly left their family and their homes to aid us in our time of need.

I can not say enough of the professionalism and caring quality exhibited by the members of the Delmar Fire Dpartment. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated group of individuals who give of themselves to help and protect our community.

The Warning: This entire situation was caused by an individual who decided they would pour gasoline in a storm sewer instead of disposing the gasoline in the correct manner. For their act of selfishness many lives were disrupted.

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Again, our deepest thanks to the Delmar Fire Department for their contued service and dedication to our safety.

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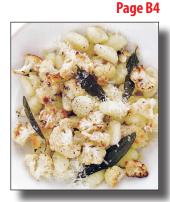
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# Back to its roots

Baseball's demise is greatly exaggerated, and this group has the means to prove it

By AMARIS FORD news@spotlightnews.com

Ver since I was old enough to hold a bat, or hold a baseball card, or see a game on TV, I've been interested," said Timothy Wiles, Director of the Guilderland Public Library. Since his childhood until the present, baseball has been his life's passion.

An influence on him was his great-grandfather Benjamin Caffyn, who played fifteen years in the minor league and one in the majors, playing for the Cleveland Guardians, known then as the Cleveland Naps. "Everyone in the family was influenced by that, we're all baseball fans," he said.

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# From page B1 ... Grassroots Basebal

Currently he is lending his baseball expertise to Grassroots Baseball, an organization founded by sports photographer Jean Fruth and Jeff Idelson, the former president of the Baseball Hall of Fame. The organization is dedicated to promoting and celebrating baseball at the grassroots level.

"Our program's mission is to celebrate the game of amateur baseball around the globe, with part of its pursuit including giving back to underprivileged communities by introducing baseball at the youngest level," said Jean Fruth.

Grassroots Baseball's origins emerged from Fruth's love of photographing the sport. With Grassroots Baseball, they have created two coffee table books filled with evocative and rich imagery of the game.

"One is called Grassroots Baseball: Where Legends Begin, and the second one is Grassroots Baseball: Route 66," said Wiles.

"In the first one, they traveled around the country and around North America and Central America, taking pictures and writing

stories about baseball at the local level," he described.

"In the Route 66 book, they traveled across historic Route 66, which goes from Chicago to Southern California, and photographed baseball all through those areas," he continued.

"We spent three years along the route, staging clinics and promoting every level of the amateur game, from kids playing t-ball to old guys playing vintage baseball, from high school state championships to the minor leagues, the game played on Native American Reservations, and all-girls baseball," said Fruth. "This journey is how our second book, Grassroots Baseball: Route 66, came about."

"I wanted to grow the book into something more," said Fruth. "Three years ago, I reached out to Jeff Idelson, with whom I had worked and who had just announced his retirement from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, to ask if he would be interested in forming a nonprofit."

From there, Grassroots Baseball flourished. "He loved the idea, and we co-founded Grassroots



"It's an exciting time, Grassroots Baseball is spearheaded by a group that knows a bit about baseball. Backed by the spectacular photography from Jean Fruth, Jeff Idelson and Timothy Wiles lend their and we hope to tell those kinds of stories as well. Not just girls playing the game, but also experiencing the game, contributing to the game, and writing about it. There are no limits to the ways that women can be involved in baseball, and we want to capture those stories."

#### - Timothy Wiles

Baseball," she said. "We are both in a place in our lives where we want to give back to the sport we love, and for me, to give back to the craft I love as well."

"It's important to give a voice to the amateur game," said Fruth. "You

expertise on the sport. Before he was named as director of the Guilderland Public Library, Wiles served as director of research at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Idelson previously served the Hall of Fame as its president. hear so much in the news women in the game today, about how kids aren't but also shining a light on playing baseball anymore. the history of women and Well, they are, in small

towns and big cities— and if we can lend a hand in promoting and celebrating those stories, it leads to more attention and more involvement in building the game. For women, this is especially important."

The third book will highlight women and girls in baseball. "Now that we have wrapped up Route 66, our women's project has our full attention and will be our mission for the next three years," said Fruth.

"Jeff brought me on as a researcher and a writer," said Wiles. "What I hope to be doing is not only interviewing the key

girls in the game, which is often overlooked and little known."

Wiles' interest in the subject of women in baseball began with his work at the Baseball Hall of Fame. He interned in 1990 and was intrigued after reading an interview with a librarian there.

"I had always enjoyed libraries, but it had never occurred to me to work in one," he said. "I was thinking, 'Wow, they have this library at the Baseball Hall of Fame with three million items in it, and they're all about baseball. That sounds like heaven!"

He pursued a degree in

library science. In 1995, he returned to the Hall of Fame. "I started as a reference librarian." After a few years, he became Director of Research. "What I would do is coordinate a staff of people who did historical research on baseball."

lean Fruth

"In 1992, the movie  ${\rm A}$ League of Their Own came out," he said. "When I came back to the Hall of Fame in 1995, I found that there was a lot of interest now in the history of women playing baseball, which is not just limited to the era of that film but has been going on in one way or another since the 1860s."

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# An extended run for Van Gogh show

The Immersive Experience extended until January

SCHENECTADY – Discover Schenectady announced that the popular Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience exhibit held at Armory Studios NY in downtown Schenectady is being extended again until Monday, Jan. 2.

The exhibit previously had its initial run extended until today, Wednesday, Nov. 30. Since opening in

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May, Van Gogh: The

Immersive Experience has been wowing visitors and receiving rave reviews from exhibit-goers throughout the Capital District and beyond. So far nearly 100,000 guests of all ages, from children to centenarians, have experienced this immersive presentation of Van Gogh's



life and works at Armory Studios NY located at 125 Washington Avenue.

"We're absolutely thrilled that Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience is being extended again until January," said Cathy Gatta, Schenectady County Legislator and President of the Discover Schenectady Board of Directors. "This popular exhibit continues to draw thousands of visitors from all over the Capital Region and Northeast, and now even more guests will be able to see this amazing presentation of Van Gogh's life and works throughout the holiday season."

"From Schenectady to the greater Capital Region, to New York City and beyond, the joy generated by Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience at Armory Studios NY has been both universal and immeasurable," said Ray Legere, owner of Armory Studios NY. "We are so proud that the run will be extended through the upcoming holidays."

Schenectady County, Discover Schenectady, the Schenectady County Metroplex Development Authority, the City of Schenectady, and Armory Studios NY all worked together to bring the Van Gogh exhibit to downtown.

Guests who visit Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience from November 18 through November 28 will also enjoy a special Black Friday holiday promotion where all merchandise at the gift shop will be 50 percent off.

Guests are encouraged to reserve their tickets to Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience today. Standard admission starts at \$32 for adults and \$19 for children. Discounted tickets are also available for seniors, students, military veterans, families, and larger groups (over nine people). To purchase tickets click here.

To ensure easy access to the exhibit, Schenectady County has reserved over 200 FREE parking spaces located at the rear entrance to the Armory, providing direct access to the Van Gogh exhibit. Designated ADA parking is also available.

Detailed parking information is available at Discover Schenectady's dedicated web page located here: https://www. discoverschenectady.com/ events/van-gogh-theimmersive-experience/. The page also includes ticketing information along with details on where visitors can eat, drink, play and stay in Schenectady County while attending the exhibit.

Presented by Exhibition Hub, together with Fever, Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience, allows visitors to take a journey into Van Gogh's life through cuttingedge 360-degree digital projections, a one-of-akind Virtual Reality (VR) experience, and a light and sound show. Visitors will be able to step into more than 300 of Van Gogh's sketches, Photo provided by Discover Schenectady

drawings, and paintings by using floor-to-ceiling digital projections, made possible by state-of-the-art video mapping technology.

As well as the twostory tall central projection area, Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience, also includes a one-ofa-kind VR experience in a separate gallery. This multi-sensory experience guides the viewer through a journey on "a day in the life of the artist," providing a chance to discover the inspiration behind some of Van Gogh's most beloved works including Vincent's Bedroom at Arles, and Starry Night Over The Rhone River.

A drawing studio and additional galleries that explore the life, works and techniques of Van Gogh, create a truly immersive experience that provides its audience with a new, intimate understanding of the post-impressionist genius and his work.

To view a video trailer of Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience please click here. High resolution images and further video content are available here.

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## MUSIC

#### 9 Maple Avenue 9 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs. 518-583-CLUB Fri: **Tim Olsen Quartet** | 8 p.m.

Sat: Out of the Box | 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: On the Fly Story Slam | 7 p.m. Fri: Wrekmeister Harmonies / Julia Kent |8 p.m. Sat: Taraka / Jungle Green | 8 p.m.

Bard & Baker Board Game Cafe Troy 501 Broadway, Suite 105, Troy 518-948-6693 Wed: Looking for Group Night | 6 p.m.

Thurs: Pathfinder Society Organized Play | 6 p.m. Sun: Trivia | 6 p.m. Brown's Troy

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

Sun: **Victorian Stroll** | 12 p.m. **Black Bear Inn** 310 19th St., Watervliet

518-272-9486 **Caffè Lena** 

47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs 518-583-0022 Wed: **Reina Del Cid** | 7 p.m. Thurs: **Lucas Garrett** | 7 p.m. Fri: **Larry Carlton Quartet** | 5 p.m. Sat: **Goodnight Moonshine** | 8 p.m. Sun: **Slocan Ramblers** | 7 p.m.

**Carson's Woodside Tavern** 57 NY-9P, Malta 518-584-9791

**Centre Street Pub** 308 Union St., Schenectady 518-393-2337 Fri: **Jim Mccardle** | 2 p.m. Sat: **The Ultimates** | 5 p.m.

Cohoes Music Hall 58 Remsen St., Cohoes 518-434-0776 Thurs: A Rocky Horror Christmas Show | 8 p.m.

# HOT SPOTS EVENTS CALENDAR



# Shades of Django

Gearing up for the 20th anniversary of Django A Gogo Festival next May, Stephane Wrembel returns to The Linda for a performance on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Fri: **The Ultimate Journey Experience** | 8 p.m.

Sat: **Kisstory and British Steel** | 8 p.m. **The Comedy Works** 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs 877-565-3849 Fri: **Ian Fidance** | 8 p.m.

**Curtain Call Theatre** 1 Jeanne Jugan Lane Latham, NY

Tel: 518 - 877 PLAY (7529) Druthers Brewing Company

1053 Broadway, Albany (518) 650-7996 **Eden Cafe** 269 Osborne Road #3, Albany 518-977-3771 Thurs: **Who's Line is it** | 7 p.m. Sun: **Tony Leonardi's Big Band** | 2

p.m. **The Egg** Empire State Plaza., Albany 518-473-1845

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

Empire Live/Underground 93 North Pearl St., Albany 866-468-3399 Fri: Noche De Verano Sin Til 9 p.m. Sat: Beatopia | 8 p.m. Sun: Thievery Corporation | 8 p.m. Empire State Plaza Emprire State Plaza, Albany 518-474-2418 Sun: Tree Lighting | 12 p.m. Fort Orange Brewing 450 North Pearl St, Albany

518-992-3103 Frog Alley Brewing Co. 108 State Street Schenectady 518-631-4800 Sat: 2nd Annual Toys for Tots Fundraiser | 12 p.m. Fuze Box 12 Central Avenue Albany 518-992-6434 Funny Bone 1 Crossgates Mall Rd #K-206, Albany

518-313-7484. Wed: **Ashley Austin Morris** | 7 p.m. Fri: **Desi Banks** | 7:30 p.m

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. Sat: **Bill Kirchen Honky Tonk Holiday Show** | 8 p.m. **The Hollow Bar + Kitchen** 79 North Pearl St., Albany 518-426-8550 **Lark Hall** 

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351 Hudson Ave, Albany 518-599-5804 Thurs: Karina Rykman | 8 p.m. Fri: Patterson Hood | 8 p.m. The Linda 339 Central Ave, Albany 518-465-5233 Sat: Shades of Django featuring Stephane Wrembel | 8 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: Grit-N-Whiskey | 8 p.m. Thurs: Karaoke | 8 p.m. Fri: Gianna Robustiano | 8 p.m.

Nanola 2639 Rt 9, Malta 518-587-1300

No Fun 275 River Street Troy Ny Wed: Club Spa Spa | 8 p.m. Thurs: Prom Sex / Headless Relatives / Ghost Prom | 8 p.m. Fri: The North And South Dakotas / The Rodeo Barons / Reese Fulmer And The Carriage House Band | 8 p.m. Sat: Rump State / Decimus | 8 p.m. Sun: Delicate Steve / Front Biz | 7 p.m. Olde English Pub

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**December 14** 

683 Broadway, Albany. 518-434-6533 The Palace Theatre 19 Clinton Ave., Albany 518-465-4663 Sun: Albany Symphony | 3 p.m.

Panza's 129 So. Broadway, Saratoga Springs 518-584-6882 Fri: Michael Panza | 7 p.m. Sat: Larry Finke | 6:30 p.m. Sun: Sinatra & Friends | 5 p.m.

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

**The Parting Glass** 40-42 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs 518-583-1916 Fri: Kevin Mckrell 8 p.m. Sat: Big Fez Christmas show | 7 p.m. **Paulys Hotel** 337 Central Ave., Albany 518-426-0828 Fri: **Blue Envy** | 8 p.m. Sun: Jamie & The Guarded Heart, Frankey's Basement, Ryan Leddick 8 p.m. **Proctors** 432 State Street., Schenectady 518-346-6204 Thurs: Love Actually | 7 p.m. Fri: It's a Wonderful Life Radio Play 7:30 p.m. Sat: Northeast Ballet's Annual the Nutcracker | 7 p.m.

**Putnam Place** 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs 518-584-8066

Rare Form Brewing Company 90 Congress Street Troy (518) 326-4303 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 Wed: **Open Mic** | 6 p.m. Fri: **The E-Block** | 7 p.m. Sat: **Raisinhead** | 8 p.m.

The Saratoga Winery 462 NY-29, Saratoga Springs Fri: Third Rail | 6 p.m. Saratoga National 458 Union Avenue Saratoga Springs

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19-21 Caroline st., saratoga springs 518-581-3230 Thurs: **Karaoke** | 9 p.m. Mon: **Bingo** | 8 p.m. Tues: **Trivia** | 8 p.m.

Sand Lake Center for the Arts 2880 NY 43 Averill Park 518-674-2007 Fri: Sand Lake History Exhibit | 12

p.m. **SPAC** Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs 518-584-9330 **Troy Savings Bank Music Hall** 

30 Second St., Troy 518-273-0038 Sat: **Cherish the Ladies** | 7:30 p.m. Sun: **David Bromberg Big Band** | 7 p.m.

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25 Washington Street, Saratoga Springs (518) 346-6204 Fri: Poinsettia Pops | 7 p.m. Sat: Megan Hilty | 7:30 p.m. Vapor

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

Van Slyck's Rivers Casino & Resort 1 Rush St., Schenectady 518-579-8800 Fri: **Skeeter Creek** | 8 p.m.

Sat: Whiskey Highway | 8 p.m. Waterworks Pub

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#### **EXHIBITS**

#### **Albany Institute** of History and Art Paul Scott: New American Scenery

In this exhibition, artist Paul Scott assesses the American landscape from a contemporary approach, one that deals with issues of globalization, energy generation and consumption, capitalism, and immigration, as well as the human impact on the environment. The images that Scott creates for his ceramic plates, platters, and pitchers depict unsettling views of nuclear power plants, landfills, abandoned industrial sites, aging urban centers, and isolating walls. As representations of the American landscape, they suggest a subversion of the picturesque aesthetic-the

unpicturesque picturesque—and a new, disturbing norm, a new way of envisioning ourselves, our physical environment, and our society. Exhibit is going until December 31st.

Jan Brett: Stories Near and Far Jan Brett: Stories Near and Far is a comprehensive overview of artist/ illustrator Jan Brett's work, showcasing her rich illustrated narratives and beloved characters and highlighting her impressive publishing career which spans more than four decades. The exhibition has been organized by the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts and will be on view at the Albany Institute of History & Art July 23

rd through December 31st. 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 onaoina.

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 Ginnie Gardiner both describe the earliest phases of their creative process as cloaked in associations with landscape, weather and seasons. Begining November 20th 2021 to April 25th, 2022 Location: 3rd Floor, Main Terminal, 737 Albany Shaker Rd, Albany, NY. 518-242-2241 or www.albanyairport.com/arts

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#### The Clark Art Institute

**Imaginary City**- The large-format, abstract paintings of Tomm El-Saieh (b. 1984, Port-au-Prince; lives and works in Miami) teem with dense and dynamic marks that evoke ornament, language, and architecture. By variously lavering and erasing his linework, and using vibrant color to optically push or pull his pictures, El-Saieh creates rhythmic,

forms appear to emerge-testing both the limits of our perception and our expectations about abstraction. The exhibition title, which comes from one of the works in the show, refers to a cityscape theme common in Haitian art (Vilaj Imaginé). El-Saieh's paintings, which resemble informal urban plans, likewise develop intuitively, without the use of preparatory studies or outlines. For the artist who has been unable to return to his birthplace in recent years as a result of the instability there, Port-au-Prince now also exists mainly as a figure in his memory and imagination-a site of joy and trauma, potential and uncertainty.Tomm El-Saieh was born in Haiti and grew up in Miami; he is of Haitian, Palestinian, and Israeli descent. He was the subject of a solo show at the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) Miami in 2018 and was included in the New Museum triennial in New York that year. He is partner at the artist-run gallery CENTRAL FINE in Miami and long directed the El-Saieh Gallery in Port-au-Prince, a venue for contemporary Haitian artists that his grandfather established in the 1950s. This yearlong exhibition appears in public spaces around the Clark and is free and open to the public. It is organized by the Clark Art Institute and curated by Robert Wiesenberger, associate curator of contemporary projects. This exhibit goes from January 29th through December 31st. Museum hours: Daily, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission: Adults, \$20; children 18 and younger, free. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. 413-458-2303 or www.clarkart.edu

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#### **Clement Art Gallery**

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

#### **The Jan Rutland**

Memorial Artists' Space Gallery hours Thursday, Friday, and

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

#### miSci

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

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

In each space capsule, a massive 70" monitor serves as the 'windshield,' giving you a first-person view of your adventures. Touch-screens and an industrial-quality joystick put you in command. During missions, the entire cockpit comes alive with animated lighting effects, game visuals, and sounds that make you believe you ARE an astronaut. Museum hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (observatory open until 8 p.m. on Thursday); Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 15 Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Admission: Adults (13+), \$12; seniors (65+), \$10; children (3-12) \$8. Additional \$6/person for planetarium show. 518-382-7890 or www. miSci.ora

#### New York State Museum Unveiled: Wedding Wear in 19thcentury New York

In choosing their wedding clothes, brides and grooms are influenced by fashion, economics, technology, religion,

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

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

#### Saratoga Arts

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

#### Schenectady County **Historical Society**

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

#### **Dan Sekellic Visual**

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

#### **Tang Teaching Museum**

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

Lauren Kellev 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 reimagine 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.

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Accentuating the off-kilter, Location Scouting speaks to the shifts and rifts inherent in navigating today's postpandemic 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—multimedia 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.

## THEATRE

#### Northeast Ballet's Annual the Nutcracker

Lauren Lovette, international ballet star, will be returning to us for the 6th year in row as our Sugar Plum. We will be returning our Mother Ginger variation to include our younger age group this season and highlighting new Act Two choreography. Northeast Ballet's annual production of Nutcracker brings you international guest artists and the best of the best that regional talent can offer. Our cast reaches over 100 to entertain and welcome the holiday season. Become a traveler in Clara's magical dream through the glistening snowfall to the Magic Kingdom of Sweets. Experience all the thrilling variations from the various countries she visits. You can see this show December 3rd at 7 p.m. with a second show on Sunday at 2 p.m. Join us only at Proctors, 432 State Street, Schenectady.

#### A Rocky Horror Christmas Show! presented by The Kids of Albany

On the 6th day GOD said let there be Rocky Horror and on the 7th day, GOD said let there be The Kids of Albany. Formed in 2009, the KOA have been showing Upstate New York the true meaning of Rocky Horror, performing at both the historic Palace and Madison Theatre, to some of the loudest and rowdiest Rocky disciples in New York. The KOA strive to make each

show crazier than the last and promise to keep this 40 year-old tradition alive. The KOA currently perform annually each October at The Palace Theatre in downtown Albany and you can catch us in December, March, and June at The Madison. Give yourself over to absolute pleasure and be sure to join The KOA for a one night stand you will never forget! Catch this show December 1st at 8 p.m. only at Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen StreetCohoes.

#### COMEDY

lan Fidance

lan Fidance is an offbeat yet upbeat New York City comic from Wilmington, Delaware who's been described as a "power act" by Dave Attell. Nikki Glaser has said he's "on a short list of people who have made me pee laughing," and radio legend Ron Bennington has called him one of the most unique comics working today. His comedy has been described as "bizarre yet funny" by comedy news site The Interrobang. Fidance can be heard every week on SiriusXM Comedy Central Radio's "You Up? With Nikki Glaser" and is a popular guest on the Jim and Sam Show as well as the Bennington Show, both on SiriusXM radio. He performs nightly at the iconic Comedy Cellar in the heart of New York City's Greenwich Village, and can be seen on this upcoming season of "The Last O.G." on TBS & Netflix. You can catch this show December at 8 p.m. only at The Comedy Works, 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.

#### **Ashley Austin Morris**

Ashley currently plays Roxanne Hertz in FX's Fleishman Is In Trouble and can be seen as Nicole in The hit Shonda Rhimes series for INVENTING ANNA. Other Credits include: The Other Two (HBO) THE BITE , Iliza Shlesinger Sketch Show (Netflix),

a recurring role on A&E's digital series, Think Tank, Ashley has been featured as a guest star on Murphy Brown (CBS 2018) The Big Bang Theory (CBS), The Good Wife (CBS), Desperate Housewives (ABC), Ugly Betty (ABC), and many more. She has also appeared on Divorce (HBO), and The Deuce (HBO). Ashley is the only actress ever to not be featured on Law and Order! EVER! Ashley's film roles include a feature in Clint Eastwood's Sully, Columbia Pictures' Premium Rush, and Voltage Pictures' Generation Um. Stand UP: Ashley's Comedy Album Slightly Off debuted at number one on the iTunes Charts and continues to perform well. Ashley can be seen regularly at New York Comedy Club, Gotham Comedy Club, Stand Up NY, and many more clubs and Theaters across the Country. She has also appeared on AXS TV's Gotham Comedy Live. Off Broadway: New World Stages in Die Mommie Die, West Side Theatre and tour of Love Loss and What I Wore Regional: Williamstown Theatre Festival's production of Romance Novels for Dummies The Alley's production of The Other Place, Theresa Rebeck The Way Of The World at Folgers Shakespeare Theatre. You may also have heard her vocal contributions as a principal in the video game Red Dead Redemption, and Prankster Planet which was a spinoff of the revival of The Electric Company in which Ashley played Francine Carothers. Writing Credits include: Libido Limbo (finalist young playwright's festival) contributing writer for Stuffed which ran off Broadway at the west side theatre and the women's project. Catch this show November 30th at 7:30 p.m. only at The Funny Bone, 1 Crossgates Mall Rd #K-206, Albany.

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#### Desi Banks Desi Terrell Banks, Jr. is an actor, stand-up

comedian, former collegiate athlete, and social media personality squarely in the cultural zeitgeist of comedy, music, and sports. His online reach exceeds 15 million followers across multiple platforms. As a Stand Up, Desi has quickly risen through the ranks and become a force on the road in just a few years. After embarking on the 30 city "You're my Boyfriend Tour" with B. Simone in 2018, Desi quickly started selling out his own headlining dates across the country in clubs and theaters. In addition to being a favorite at colleges, comedy clubs, and transitioning into theaters, in 2021 Desi began playing arenas on the 'In Real Life Comedy Tour' alongside Mike Epps, Kountry Wayne, Lavell Crawford and more. With his ever-growing fanbase, Desi continues to establish himself as one of stand up's stars of today and the future. As an actor, Desi appeared in the Will Packer film, Little starring Issa Rae and Regina Hall. Additionally, Desi was in the film Merry Wish-Mas produced and directed by Terry J. Vaughn, as well as playing a role in the movie Love By Chance. He next appears in Viacom's Haunted Trail to be released on BET+ and Amazon Prime. As well as special guest appearances on two episodes of AMC's Sherman Showcase. Along with acting and touring, Desi has worked with major corporations having done brand partnerships and social campaigns with companies such as the NFL, Nascar, NBA, Best Buy, Google, Madden, Burger King, and more. A sports fanatic, he has also created and starred in campaigns with his hometown teams, The Atlanta Hawks, The Atlanta Braves, and The Atlanta Falcons. He also co-hosted the NFL's 2021 season opener kick off celebration with performances by Ed

Sheeran as well as the 2022 Superbowl experience. As a prolific content creator, Desi's production company has produced over 2,000 original videos to date, including his self-produced web series "How it Goes Down in the Hood," a spinoff of the Ice Cube film FRIDAY, which has received six million views and counting. His selfproduced short film "The Banks Family Christmas" went trending #2 on YouTube the week it premiered. Desi Banks Productions creates writing and production opportunities for aspiring actors and provides a platform to disseminate creative compelling content to the masses. In addition to helping elevate the stars of tomorrow, he's also made content with the rising/classic stars of today including Ludacris, 21 Savage and others. Catch this show December 2nd at 7:30 p.m. only at The Funny Bone, 1 Crossgates Mall Rd #K-206, Albany.

#### MISCELLANEOUS Jerusalem Reformed Church

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

#### **Troy Farmers Market**

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

#### Schenectady GreenMarket

Vendors, shoppers, musicians and friends gather at this festive marketplace featuring more than 60 vendors who produce everything they







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# sell. Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. a bit of funk and plenty of groove to put artists and groups, Canadian-born, New Free admission. 518-986-0318 or schenectadygreenmarket.org/ a smile on your face. Selected winner of the Albany Downtown Jazz Competition voice with her solo debut, Delay, an ex-

#### Veterans Meet-Up

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

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

### MUSIC

Tim Olsen Quartet Tim Olsen is active as composer, performer, and educator. Born in 1961 in St. Paul, Minnesota, his early training involved playing trumpet in marching, concert, and jazz bands. Olsen began writing and arranging for these groups and picked up piano by ear. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Music (summa cum laude) in music theory and composition from Washington University in St. Louis (1983), a Master of Arts in music theory and composition from the University of Minnesota (1985), and Master of Music (1988), Master of Musical Arts (1989), and Doctor of Musical Arts (1995) in composition from Yale University. As a Fulbright Scholar in 1990-91, Olsen studied with composer Ib Nørholm at the Royal Danish Conservatory of Music in Copenhagen. Catch the show December 2nd at 8 p.m. only at 9 Maple Ave # 1, Saratoga Springs.

#### Out of the Box

Out of the Box looks forward to their return to 9 Maple, bringing their version of straight up jazz, seasoned with

a bit of funk and plenty of groove to put a smile on your face. Selected winner of the Albany Downtown Jazz Competition in 2011, they have been a staple of the greater Capital Region music scene for the past decade. The core trio of Larry Gravett on key-

boards and vocals, Michael Hurt on bass and Gary Nowik on drums, have worked together for many years. Saxophonist extraordinaire, John Savage, will join the trio for a night of jazz in all it forms. Don't be afraid to leave your seat and move your feet! Catch the show December 3rd at 8 p.m. only at 9 Maple Ave # 1, Saratoga Springs.

#### Wrekmeister Harmonies / Julia Kent

Wrekmeister Harmonies' music is as expansive as it is deeply personal. Comprised of a revolving cast of musicians around enigmatic constants JR Robinson and Esther Shaw, collaboration has always been a cornerstone of the group's creative process. While early albums were written for large ensembles and to be performed in grandiose public spaces, more recent recordings peeled back the layers of orchestral bombast to focus in on the raw emotion at their heart of their compositions. We Love to Look at the Carnage, the group's latest outing represents some of their most subtle and powerful work to date. The album sees the core duo of guitarist/vocalist Robinson and multi-instrumentalist Shaw augmented with longtime friend and collaborator Thor Harris (Swans) on percussion and for the first time Jamie Stewart (Xiu Xiu) on electronics, introducing surprising new sonics into Wrekmeister Harmonies' minimalist arrangements without sacrificing their intense intimacy. After years spent performing and recording with other

York City-based Julia Kent found her own voice with her solo debut, Delay, an exploration of the private emotional worlds that exist within the disjunctions and disorientations of travel, hailed for its "lovely, melancholy" compositions, full of "aching romanticism...rich melodicism, and detailed arrangements." She toured to support it throughout Europe and North America, and subsequently released an EP, Last Day in July. In Green and Grey, her following solo record, she continued to use looped and layered cello, electronics, and field recordings to explore the intersections between the human world and the natural world, the melding of the technological and the organic, the patterns and repetitions that exist in nature and are mirrored in human creations, and the complexity and fragility of our relationships with one another and with the world that surrounds us. She moved to the Leaf Label to release Character in 2013 and Asperities in 2015. Her most recent record, Temporal, came out in January 2019. Made up mostly of music originally created to accompany dance and theatre, it is a meditation on the passing of time and the fragility of existence. In addition to her solo albums, Julia Kent has composed a number of original film scores, as well as music for theatre and dance performances. She has toured throughout Europe and North America, including appearances at Primayera Sound in Barcelona, the Donau festival in Austria, Meltdown in London, the Unsound festival in New York City, Reeperbahn in Hamburg, CTM in Berlin, and Mutek in Montreal. Catch this show December 2nd at 8 p.m. only at The Avalon Lounge, 29 Church St. Catskill. Taraka / Jungle Green

Since the breakup of the legendary un-

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derground cult duo Prince Rama, former frontwoman Taraka started recording songs that sound like the vivid visions of the disturbed daughter of Kate Bush and Johnny Rotten who drank ayahuasca at the gates of Warped Tour '02, merging bastard elements of outsider-psych, post-edenic grunge, kaleidoscopic punk and post-adolescent angst. Jungle Green plays weirdo pop rock. Catch this show December 3rd at 8 p.m. only at The Ava-Ion Lounge, 29 Church St. Catskill.

#### Reina Del Cid

Reina del Cid and Toni Lindgren are an indie folk duo based in Los Angeles, CA. With over 100 million views on YouTube, they are known for their "Sunday Mornings" video series in which they play a different song every week, often in unique locations all over the world. Del Cid's original music has been released across five studio albums, the most recent of which is Candy Apple Red, a collection of songs recorded during the pandemic. You can catch this show November 30th at 7 p.m. only at only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

#### Lucas Garrett

Lucas Garrett has played professionally for over nine years. In this time, he has incorporated his idiosyncratic vocal stylings with an unusual blend of progressive rock, folk, new wave, and indie to create a unique sound that audiences enjoy time and time again. In a short amount of time, Lucas has surely gained attention, releasing his debut, Evening's Come, But it's Not Dark (2017), Love is Better (2019), and Familiar Floors(2020). Now, with his upcoming album, Reaching Through Dreams, slated for release in the fall of 2022, Garrett explores the vulnerable: the acceptance of love in his life, the anxiety that comes from it, and



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#### ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

This week no one can help you but yourself, Aries. You have to figure out a way to get to the bottom of a problem on your own. But then the reward will be twice as sweet.

#### TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

There are a few obstacles in your path this week, Taurus. But nothing you can't get around. If you have a few people help you out, your work will be even easier to manage.

#### GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

Gemini, when a current plan of attack isn't working out quite right, you may have to approach it from a different direction. A new angle can bring with it a new perspective.

## CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

You may need to push yourself a little further this week to make up for lost time, Cancer. Hunker down and get things done. There's rest to have on the other side of the effort.

#### LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

Turning a blind eye to a certain situation will not make it go away, Leo. It will only postpone the inevitable, which is getting it handled. Don't procrastinate any longer.

#### VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

Others may not want to hear the truth, but you're still going to offer it up, Virgo. Forge ahead even if you may lose some friends in the process.

#### LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

Think twice before you act this week, Libra. It's easy to take the path ahead right now, but there may be some other way to go that could prove more rewarding in the long run.

#### SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

Scorpio, you are looking for a change but you don't know what that should be just yet. You may have to try on a few different shoes before you find the right fit.

**SAGITTARIUS – NOV 23/DEC 21** Sagittarius birthday season is in full swing right now, so you are in a festive mood. That will continue right into the holidays, when you may be the life of the party.

#### CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

Capricorn, you can change if you want to. It just requires a little effort right now to figure out the path you want to take. Brainstorm a few ideas and you can find a goal.

#### AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

Keeping secrets will only work for so long. Aquarius. Sooner or later the truth will be revealed and you will need to come clean. Take the high road from the start.

#### PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

After a few bumps, you find your groove, Pisces. Supervisors will recognize your efforts and perhaps give you the notice you deserve.

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the path forward. With "...one of the most of catharsis for The Slocan Ramblers. You lo-fi sound reflected her love of indie distinct voices in the 518 music scene... he puts his musicianship and songwriting skills to work, displaying the talents and personality that have made him one of the more thoughtful artists in our area" (James Shahen Jr., journalist for Times Union). The topics, while nothing new to this art form, are certainly new to him. His life, changing in ways he never imagined, has had its fair share of ups and downs, but he stands firm in the fact that "these recent peaks, shall we say, has made every valley and ditch l've ever experienced worth it." Garrett, armed with a "rumbling baritone," and songs that are "sneaky with unexpected turns and inventive instrumentation," (Amy Biancolli, Times Union, 2019), has found people of all ages enjoying his music; on and off the stage. You can catch this show December 1st at 7 p.m. only at only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

#### Larry Carlton Quartet

Nineteen-time Grammy nominee, Four-time Grammy winner and all-time guitar great, Larry Carlton established himself from his first recording, A Little Help From My Friends. His studio credits include musicians and groups like Steely Dan, Joni Mitchell, Michael Jackson, Sammy Davis Jr., Herb Alpert, Quincy Jones, Bobby Bland, Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt and dozens of others. He went on to perform with the Crusaders and then with the multi platinum jazz super group Fourplay. With 38 albums to his credit and having performed on over 100 albums that have gone Gold or Platinum, Larry Carlton has set a standard for artistry that spans three decades. Additionally Larry received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Guitar Player magazine at the historical Ryman Auditorium; was presented the "Titan of Tone" award from Premier Guitar Magazine at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and received a star on the Rock Walk of Fame on June 3, 1999. Larry's recent Grammy Nominations include Best Pop Instrumental Album for his "Greatest Hits Rerecorded - Volume One" released by 335 Records in 2009; and Best Pop Instrumental Performance for "Fortune Teller" from Fourplay's Energy also in 2009. You can catch this show December 2nd at 5 p.m. only at only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

#### **Goodnight Moonshine**

Goodnight Moonshine pairs the intimacy and immediacy of the 90's with the sonic explosion of the 60's. Molly Venter (Red Molly) is a viscerally potent singer, à la Fiona Apple and Tracy Chapman, whose songwriting is redemptive and playful. Consummate musician and producer Eben Pariser (Roosevelt Dime), is a devotee of Ray Charles, Wes Montgomery, The Beatles and The Band; as well as a powerful singer-songwriter in his own right. You can catch this show December 3rd at 8 p.m. only at only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

#### **Slocan Ramblers**

The Slocan Ramblers (2020 IBMA Momentum Band of the Year Award Winner & 2019 Juno Award Nominee) are Canada's bluegrass band to watch. With a reputation for energetic live shows, impeccable musicianship and an uncanny ability to convert anyone within earshot into a lifelong fan, The Slocans have been winning over audiences from Merlefest to RockyGrass and everywhere in between. On their new album Up the Hill and Through the Fog, the all-star Canadian roots ensemble channels the past two years of loss into a surprisingly joyous collection of twelve songs intended to uplift and help make sense of the world. Bluegrass music is nothing short can catch this show December 4th at 7 p.m. only at only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

#### **Jim Mccardle**

Poetic songwriting. Passionate performances. Soulful storytelling. For over 20 years, this gifted singer/songwriter/ acoustic guitarist has been writing, playing and performing to audiences large and small. He creates a powerful, yet intimate connection with the audience with lyrics that capture the journey of friendship, love, loss, and the beauty found in the smallest moments in life with an unflinching honesty. His performances are truly unforgettable, as he paints a unique picture with his voice and his music. A talent not to be missed. Growing up in a small town in upstate New York, Jim's musical career began at a very early age. The voungest of 11 children, Jim was introduced to the guitar by his older brother, Tom. He would sit for hours on end watching Tom play songs by the Rolling Stones Lou Reed, Bob Dylan as well as blues classics from Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker. As he got older, Jim's musical influences would range from anywhere between the Grateful Dead to Van Halen. Music was in his blood. Playing guitar became his passion. Catch this show on December 2nd at 2 p.m. only at the The Centre Street Pub, 308 Union Street, Schenectady.

#### **The Ultimate Journey Experience By LEGEND**

Journey by Legend delivers an uncompromising energetic show based around 5 talented artists. Guaranteed crowd pleaser ...professional attitude... Dynamic performance ... Entertainment at it's best....The ultimate LEGEND We have Edward (Eddie) Bornt, Lead Guitar & background voice, Six string wizardry. Prior history: Stargazam, Renegade, The Lazers and Off Kilter. Lead singer Michael Ledesma. Magic fingers himself Reggie Kafouris , Keyboards, Rhythm & Acoustic Guitar & background voice. Prior history: Lady Strange: CJ Benenati, Bass & background voice. Low end shaker. Prior history: Roxx, The Lazers, Neon Records artists Triffid, Nasty Habits, Black Jack Romeo, The Art of War Band. Last but not least the beat keeper Dave (Davy K., Kirk) Kirkpatrick, Drums, percussion & background voice. Keeping the beat sweet! Prior history: Renegade, The Lazers, Black Jack Romeo, Off Kilter. Check out this bunch of musically talented artists for a journey back through time... to the 80's where all we did was rock. Catch This Show On December 2nd At 8 p.m. Only At The Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen Street, Cohoes.

#### **Kisstory and British Steel**

Best KISS Tribute Ever, An exact replica! Rocking the USA since 1996! Everyone needs to check out this legendary tribute band! Full Gear, Fire, Blood all the stuff that makes you love the legendary Kiss band. No need for words, check out the promo and all the pics! Since 1999, British Steel has been performing the music of Judas Priest in the concert style of Classic Priest. With Tim Dennebaum on Lead vocals, Vince Rao also on lead vocals, Andy Peseka the lead guitarist. Chris Jacobson on the bass and Mike Smith rocking it on the drums. A Must see act if you're a judas Priest fan! Catch This Show On December 3rd At 8 p.m. Only At The Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen Street, Cohoes.

#### Beabadoobee

Singer/songwriter Beabadoobee pairs a reputation as an unmissable live act. delicately sung confessions with guitars that pack a wallop. When she first emerged in 2017 with "Coffee" -- the first song she ever wrote -- her intimate,

songwriters like Elliott Smith and Kimya Dawson and fit in perfectly with bedroom pop contemporaries such as Clairo. By 2019, however, she'd stepped out of the bedroom's confines with releases such as the Space Cadet EP, an homage to the sounds of '90s Sonic Youth and Pavement that featured the track "I Wanna Be Stephen Malkmus." Even as she cranked up the volume, Beabadoobee held on to her music's frank yet vulnerable viewpoint on her 2020 debut album, Fake It Flowers, and 2022's Beatopia, which expanded her horizons to include folk, Latin, and psych-rock influences. You can catch this show December 3rd at 8 p.m. only at Empire Live 93 North Pearl Street, Albany.

#### **Thievery Corporation**

Debuting in the mid-'90s, Washington, D.C.'s Thievery Corporation became one of the most popular acts associated with chilled-out, lounge-friendly electronic music. Initially known for making abstract, instrumental, midtempo dance music whose classification fell somewhere between trip-hop and acid jazz, their sound expanded to include vocalists and live instrumentation on 2000's The Mirror Conspiracy (their most popular album in the United States), which was heavily influenced by bossa nova and soul. From 2002's The Richest Man in Babylon onward, their albums became increasingly more political, reflecting their antiwar, pro-humanity stance in addition to their appreciation of all of the world's cultures. Likewise, their music has explored several additional influences and genres, including Indian classical, hip-hop, and reggae. Following the dark psychedelia of 2005's The Cosmic Game, 2008's Radio Retaliation was a protest album incorporating styles such as Afrobeat and go-go, and the Jamaicarecorded The Temple of I & I (2017) was devoted to dub and reggae. 2020's Symphonik saw them rework live favorites with Prague's FILMharmonic Orchestra. You can catch this show December 4that 8 p.m. only at Empire Live 93 North Pearl Street, Albany

#### **Bill Kirchen Honky Tonk Holiday Show**

Forget the "Nutcracker" and "Handel's Messiah." For a real taste of seasonal cheer, nothing says joy to the world like Bill Kirchen singing "Daddy's Drinkin' Up Our Christmas." Bill Kirchen and his Silent Knights make a stop on their annual Honky Tonk Holiday Tour at the Hangar on the Hudson in Troy at 8 pm on Saturday December 3rd. Featured is a sleighfull of rarely heard holiday numbers from the blues, rock 'n' roll and honky tonk bags: "Silent Surfin' Night," "Truckin' Trees for Christmas," "Santa Looked A Lot Like Daddy" and many more. But be ye not afraid, there'll be so much more than holiday songs of questionable taste; you can count on a truckload of dieselbilly classics to take the edge off the holiday fuss Catch the show December 3rd at 8 p.m. only at The Hangar on the Hudson, 675 River Street, Troy.

#### Karina Rvkman

Karina Rykman plays bass, sings, jumps around, and laughs a lot. In doing so, she has garnered rare attention and avid listenership. Straddling the worlds of jam rock and indie pop drenched in psychedelia, Karina's effervescent presence comes to life in musical form. With only six singles released, Karina has built Her debut single "Plants" reached over a million streams, with the other singles not far behind. She can hardly contain herself about her yet-to-be-released



studio record, as the best is truly yet to come. Karina's power trio sounds larger than the sum of their parts. With Adam November(Guitar/Loopers/Effects) and Chris Corsico (Drums), Karina has headlined clubs across America, bringing her rapturous unbridled energy to her reciprocally passionate fans. Prestigious opening slots include supporting Khruangbin at the Capitol Theatre, and the Infamous Stringdusters at Red Rocks. With the panache to win over any crowd, Karina's show has taken over major festivals such as Bonnaroo, Peach Music Festival, Sweetwater 420 Fest, and more. In 2016, Karina joined Marco Benevento's band on bass. With Benevento, she's opened for Vulfpeck, Dispatch, The Claypool Lennon Delirium, Guster, and many more. We'd be remiss to exclude her television appearances on The Today Show, America's Got Talent, a feature on ABC7, and most recently, in the 8G Band on Late Night with Seth Meyers. In 2020, Quiltro released their self-titled debut record. Often described as the soundtrack for a dystopian sci-fi film that has yet to be released, Quiltro's music is an emotional journey that transcends space and time, lifting the listener into a cloud of interstellar groove. Their self-titled record is

music that fits perfectly into the times in which it was made, reflecting the peaks and valleys of life in the modern world. "Quiltro brings together a range of sounds, influences, and emotions, creating a psychedelic wall of sound that brings to mind Neal Casal's Circles Around the Sun. Quiltro is quite simply excellent modern psych rock." Catch this show December 1st at 8 p.m. only at Lark Hall 351 Hudson Avenue, Albany.

#### Patterson Hood

Patterson Hood is a prolific writer and performer whose character-driven stories are packed with political subtext. He is best known as front-man, singer, songwriter and guitar player for the critically acclaimed rock and roll band Drive-By Truckers, but is also a writer of essays, columns and short stories as well as a solo performer and producer.In the past few years he has written an op-ed on the on-going controversies surrounding the confederate flag for The New York Times Magazine, a piece on Vic Chesnutt for The Oxford American's annual music issue, and retrospectives on David Bowie for American Songwriter and Merle Haggard for NPR. Most recently in October of 2016, Patterson published his first short story featured in "The Highway Kind," a car-themed crime fiction anthology. Drive-By Truckers have released 13 studio albums and played over 2,500 shows in the past twenty five years. They also released a 35-song, career-spanning box set in 2015 that was recorded live at The Fillmore in San Francisco. Their last three studio albums, American Band (ATO Records, 2016) and the recently released The Unraveling (ATO Records, 2020) and The New OK (ATO Records, 2020) have seen the band move into a more direct political and topical sphere of writing garnering praise from critics and fans around the globe. The New Ok was an unplanned album that came out of the social unrest around the Covid 19 Pandemic and was released in the fall of last year. Catch this show December 2nd at 8 p.m. only at Lark Hall 351 Hudson Avenue, Albany.

#### Shades of Django featuring Stephane Wrembel

Stephane Wrembel is one of the most highly regarded guitarists in the world specializing in the style of legendary composer/guitarist Django Reinhardt; he learned his craft among the Gypsies at campsites in the French countryside. He has had a remarkable career, touring the world, while releasing 16

de plume, The Django Experiment. His original compositions have been featured in Woody Allen's Vicki Cristina Barcelona ("Big Brother") and Midnight in Paris ("Bistro Fada"). He contributed the original score for Rifkin's Festival (starring Wallace Shawn, Gina Gershon and Christophe Waltz) released on January 28, 2022. In October of 2019. Wrembel released the highly regarded Django L'Impressionniste, featuring 17 of Reinhardt's preludes for solo guitar, followed by a book of his transcriptions in April of 2021. Since 2003, Wrembel has produced the Django a Gogo Festival, bringing together some of the finest musicians in the world to celebrate the Sinti guitar style to perform in prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall and The Town Hall. His program, Django New Orleans, sold out 8 shows at Dizzv's Club at Jazz at Lincoln Center in November of 2021. His new program, Shades of Django, will be presented in PACs around the country in the fall of 2022, including 2 nights in the Rose Theater at Jazz at Lincoln Center. You can catch this show December 3rd at 8 p.m. only at The Linda WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Avenue, Albany.

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#### Jake Xerxes Fussell

Singer, guitarist, and folk music interpreter Jake Xerxes Fussell has distinguished himself as one of his generation's preeminent interpreters of traditional (and not so traditional) "folk" songs, a practice which he approaches with a refreshingly unfussy lack of nostalgia. By recontextualizing ancient vernacular songs and sources of the American South, he allows them to breathe and speak for themselves and for himself: he alternately inhabits them and allows them to inhabit him. In all his work. Fussell humanizes his material with his own profound curatorial and interpretive gifts, unmooring stories and melodies from their specific eras and origins and setting them adrift in our own waterways. The robust burr of his voice, which periodically melts and catches at a particularly tender turn of phrase, and the swung rhythmic undertow of exquisite, seemingly effortless guitar-playing pull new valences of meaning from ostensibly antique songs and subjects. You can catch this show December 4th at 8 p.m. only at The Linda WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Avenue, Albany.

#### **Blue Envy**

Blue Envy is an alternative rock band based in Rochester, NY. Known for their unique style inspired by the rock, blues and progressive rock artists of the past, the group has worked to create an original sound that consistently pushes their musical limits. The band has played successful shows throughout New York state, continually making new music that echoes the sound of the past with their own unique twist. Catch this show December 2nd at 8 p.m. only at Pauly's Hotel, 337 Central Ave., Albany.

#### Jamie & The Guarded Heart, Frankey's Basement, Ryan Leddick

Made up of singer / guitarist Jamie Salvatore, bassist Morgan Russo, drummer Graham Travaglini, and guitarist Carly Bondra, the band debuted in 2018 with a self-titled record, and has become known for its honest, earnest songs that straddle that line where punk and roots meet: think Gaslight Anthem, Dave Hause, and Bruce Springsteen. Catch this show December 4th at 8 p.m. only at Pauly's Hotel, 337 Central Ave., Albany.





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# FOOD and VINO

his recipe for "Gnocchi with Roasted Cauliflower" from "Real Simple Dinner Tonight: Done!" (Time Home Entertainment) from the editors of Real Simple is rooted in popular ingredients synonymous with Thanksgiving. Gnocchi is a chewy and filling pasta made from potato — a holiday standard, while cauliflower is a mild, versatile vegetable that absorbs the spices and flavors of other ingredients. Putting these two ingredients together allows holiday hosts to provide a new side with some familiar flavors at this year's Thanksgiving dinner.

#### Gnocchi with Roasted Cauliflower

#### **INGREDIENTS:** Serves 4 (as a main course)

- 1 small head cauliflower, cut into small florets
- 1/4 cup fresh sage leaves
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt and black pepper

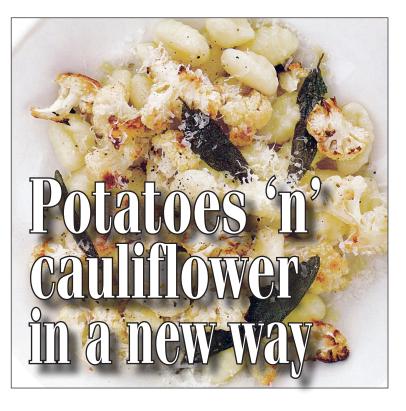
pound gnocchi (fresh or frozen)
 cup grated Parmesan

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Heat oven to 400 F. On a rimmed baking sheet, toss the cauliflower and sage with the oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Roast, tossing once, until the cauliflower is golden brown and tender, 25 to 30 minutes.

Fifteen minutes before the cauliflower is finished, cook the gnocchi according to the package directions. Divide the gnocchi among bowls and top with the cauliflower and Parmesan.

Tip: Cauliflower florets are easier to separate if you remove the core first. Place the head stem-side up. Using a paring knife, cut around the core at an angle, creating a cone-shaped piece, then lift it out. If the head is very large, halve it first through the core.



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# **From page B3 ...** Grassroots Baseball

"There weren't people who were interested in the subject, particularly in the staff," he remembered. "I kind of gravitated toward that because we were getting a lot of letters from school kids and a lot of phone calls from people. People would say, 'My aunt just died; she played in this baseball league, and I'd like to learn more about it'." He added, "My specialty became women's and girls' baseball. Then I started to meet people who played or were playing."

Most recently for Grassroots Baseball, he wrote about Kelsie Whitmore, the pitcher and outfielder for the Staten Island FerryHawkes. She is the first woman to sign with a professional team Organizers of Grassroots Baseball hope that their efforts will inspire others to get involved with community groups, supporting or playing the game of baseball.

Jean Fruth

associated with Major League Baseball.

"I got to be part of a growing awareness and appreciation of women in baseball history, but also in present day baseball, when I was working there," he said. His research into the history of women in baseball led to the careful curation of the Diamond Dreams exhibit in 2003, which was dedicated to the history of women in baseball

"Baseball is not new to women: the door has opened and closed throughout history, starting with the Resolutes, the first all-women college baseball team from Vassar College in 1866," said Fruth.

"Fast-forward to 1943 and the start of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League— while Major League players went off to war, scouts traveled the country finding the best women softball players and converting them to play in a new all-women baseball league.

"It's important to remember and share that history as we tell stories of women today who are trailblazing in every facet of baseball, including executives, including team presidents and baseball operations staff building rosters, head groundskeepers, trainers, managers, coaches, and players."

"It's an exciting time, and we hope to tell those kinds of stories as well. Not just girls playing the game, but also experiencing the game, and writing about it," said Wiles. "There are no limits to the ways that women can be involved in baseball, and we want to capture those stories."

"The more success stories we can share about girls and women in the game, on and off the field, the more support there will be financially and culturally, providing a better and more open road to success for girls and women in baseball," said Fruth.

"We couldn't be more hopeful and excited for the future of Grassroots Baseball and the amateur game," she added.

"When we talk about grassroots, the name of the organization is Grassroots Baseball, but there's also the generic sense of the word grassroots, which is baseball at the local level, in small towns," explained Wiles.

"Grassroots is where it all starts. It's before money and contracts. It's about the pure love of the game," said Fruth. "It's where I got my start as a photographer, and it is our favorite part of the game."

Wiles commented, "One of the greatest things anyone ever wrote about baseball was 'Whoever wants to know the heart and mind of America had better learn baseball..'."

Wiles continued, "The man who said it was a Frenchman named Jacques Barzun. It's a beautiful line, but it goes further. '... the rules and realities of the game, and do it by watching first some high school or small-town teams."

"I think that's the spirit behind Jeff and Jean's project."

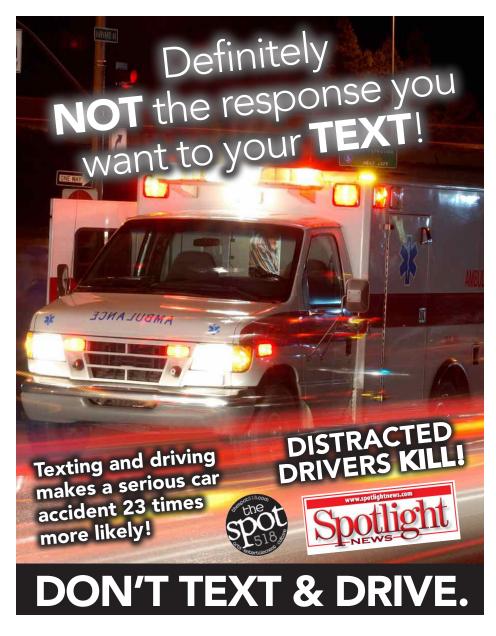
"We hope that the stories we share will educate or inspire others to get involved in supporting or playing the game in communities around the globe," said Fruth. "We want to continue to provide opportunities and inspire to grow the game. That's how it happens. It's a revolution!"

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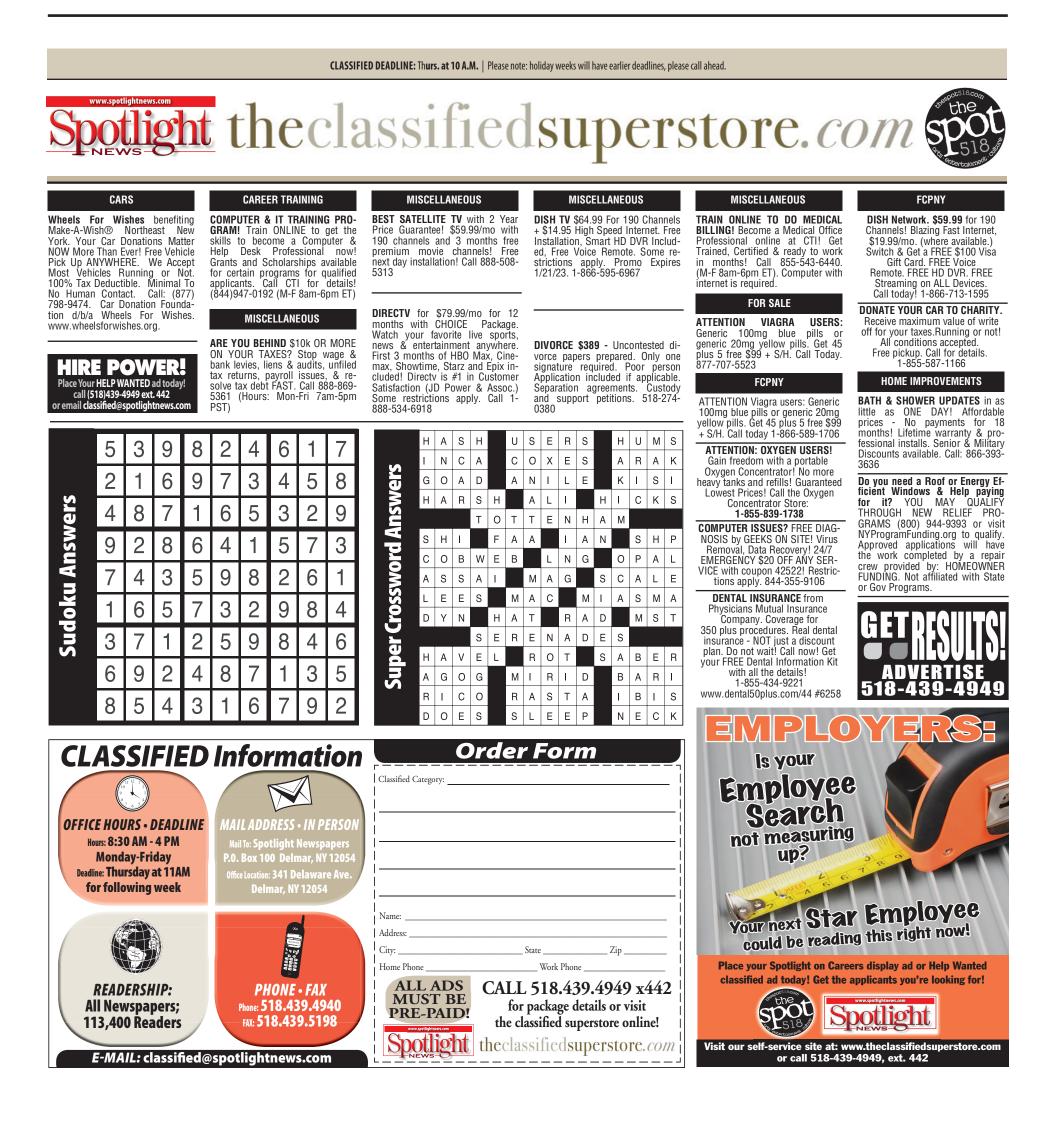
## Fantastic Cat at The Falcon By MARIE MILLER nippertown.com

MARLBORO, Mass. - The

Fantastic Cats circled back to The Falcon on Friday night, dressed in the velvet sparked by their CBS Saturday Morning appearance back in August. After a year's absence from The Falcon, they delivered a 90-minute energetic and entertaining show to a packed house with tunes culled predominantly from their album, The Very Best of Fantastic Cat.

Lest anyone say they can stay home and listen to a CD or stream the album, let me say you are missing out on The Falcon's ambiance, setting, food and wait staff, and an always welcome band intro by the boss, Lee Falco. Most of all, you will miss out on the live songs and surprises like that added by the Fantastic Cats quad of carefully curated "best songs,' that were written and rendered by each individual: "Virginia" (from Mike Montali's day job, Hollis Brown), "If It Don't Work Out" (Anthony D'Amato), "Stay Awhile" (Brian Dunne), and "Drive Like Pirates" (Don Dilego). They outdid themselves by giving a folk twist to a cover of The Bee Gee's almost-forgotten "To Love Somebody." They treated us to an encore of Wings' "Band on the Run." In the setlist was a song I did not recognize as a cover of

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another artist's, and could not attribute to one of the Fantastic Cats' solo works. It turns out, they gave the audience/fans/ Fantastic Kittens (my nickname for the more rabid fans who sang and danced) an early end-of-year present in the form of a new song, "Good Night My Darling." Can't get that in your easy chair. Adding sparks to the evening were song transitions mediated by instrument and lead vocal exchanges, sometimes within songs; addition of percussion and 12-string acoustic guitar, harmonica, and mandolin; snappy jokes and jibes among the members; dancing, jumping, and posing that may or may not have been serious. Assisting them on keys was Mike Hesslein, who added judicious energy and emotion both from his music and his expressions.

## Helen Sung Quartet at The Falcon By RUDY LU

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MARLBORO, Mass. – The primary theme behind Helen Sung's Quartet+ is a tribute to the women composers that have preceded her and have not received as much acknowledgment as their male peers. These pieces are performed with her quartet of tenor sax/ soprano sax/flute, bass, drums, and piano. The plus stands for the inclusion of a string quartet, which in this performance was violin virtuoso Sara Caswell.

Sunday night's opener on Nov. 20 was Toshiko Akiyoshi's composition "Long Yellow Road."The piece begins like a regal march, except with Helen's fingers dancing across the 88s, followed by a few measures of John Ellis' tenor sax soloing and David Wong throwing in his bass notes for good measure. It was noted that this was drummer Anwar Marshall's first time performing with this ensemble.

Sara Caswell joined the quartet for the next piece. The old blues/jazz standard "Willow Weep for Me." This ensemble's interpretation was more meandering than most, with Sara Caswell's violin giving the piece its slow motion, and John Ellis on soprano sax mimicking Sara's playing.



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