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**The Purple Pub closing its doors**

Owners announce retirement after 50 years in business.

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**TOP STORY**

## Worth a shot

Latest report shows week-over-week flu cases up 64 percent and hospitalizations up 58 percent, in addition to the first pediatric death this season in New York

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**ALBANY** — With the holidays this week, local officials are growing concerned with the rising trend in cases of respiratory illnesses, including influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus and COVID-19.

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◀ **Gov. Kathy Hochul receives her flu shot.**

Office of Governor of New York Kathy Hochul

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**



**Better step to it**

You've got days left to grab a last-minute gift assured to put a smile on that special someone's face - so here's a few hints to help you out this week.

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**Eagles fly**

Bethlehem Central swimmers dominate against Shaker hosts.

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■ POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY CALLS

# Weekly Volunteer FIREFIGHTER CALLS

<b>Fridayday, Dec. 9</b>			
9:31 AM	Haz Mat	DELAWARE AVE	Elsmere VFD
10:34 AM	Crash PI	FEURA BUSH RD, 4	Elsmere, Selkirk VFD
6:09 PM	Carbon Monoxide Illness	HERITAGE WAY	Selkirk, Delmar VFD
8:16 PM	Structure Fire Vulnerable LC	HICKORY DR	North Bethlehem VFD
8:19 PM	Bravo	AVE EXT / ELM AVE EXT	Delmar VFD
10:18 PM	Carbon Monoxide No Illness	ROUTE 9W, 11	Elsmere VFD
10:41 PM	EMS Call	ETON DR	North Bethlehem VFD
<b>Sunday, Dec. 11</b>			
1:22 PM	Bravo	85 / 187 SB	Slingerlands, North Bethlehem VFD
<b>Monday, Dec. 12</b>			
11:37 AM	Structure Fire Alarm	YORK RD	Elsmere, Delmar, Selkirk VFD
5:30 PM	Structure Fire Vulnerable LC	AUTUMN DR, 135	North Bethlehem, Slingerlands VFD
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 14</b>			
9:49 AM	Crash Unknown	FIELDS RD / OLD QUARRY RD	Slingerlands VFD
9:58 AM	Structure Fire Alarm	ELSMERE AVE	Elsmere, Delmar, Selkirk VFD
10:23 AM	EMS Call	AUTUMN DR, 173	North Bethlehem VFD
8:15 PM	Structure Fire Confirmed	WESTPHAL DR	Elsmere, Delmar, Selkirk VFD
10:34 PM	Structure Fire Alarm	MORIAH RD	Selkirk VFD
<b>Thursday, Dec. 15</b>			
1:33 PM	Carbon Monoxide No Illness	UNION AVE S	Slingerlands, Delmar VFD
3:01 PM	EMS Call	JORDAN BLVD	Elsmere VFD
11:57 PM	Structure Fire Alarm	MORIAH RD	Selkirk VFD

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

# Stopped with fake plates

Shotgun in the truck was found to be legal



**DELMAR** — Bethlehem Police, on routine patrol, observed a 2017 Hyundai Sonata traveling westbound on Delaware Avenue on Friday, Dec. 9 at approximately 4:05 p.m.

The officer performed a traffic stop and asked about the temporary license plate that had an unreadable issuing state. Upon investigation, the Texas temporary registration did not show as valid and there was another registration under the one showing. That Texas registration expired in October.

The driver of the vehicle, a 24-year-old Albany woman, said that she had purchased the vehicle in Brooklyn and these were the plates issued.

Upon further investigation, the officers

found the woman only had an expired learner's permit and the vehicle was not insured.

The woman also told police that she had a shotgun and ammunition in the trunk. A check of the gun found that it was legal.

She was taken into custody and charged with possession of a forged instrument and aggravated unlicensed operation, both misdemeanors, and operating an unregistered motor vehicle on a highway, driving with an improper license, and invalid registration display, all violations.

The woman was given an appearance ticket to return to Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Dec. 3 and released.

## Aggravated DWI GUILDERLAND

- On Saturday, Dec. 10, at about 10:48 p.m. State Police responded to reports of an unresponsive person in a vehicle at the Cumberland Farms on Western Avenue in Guilderland.

Troopers located a 44-year-old Niskayuna man in the driver's seat of a vehicle.

An investigation determined the man drove to the location where he fell asleep. He was arrested for aggravated DWI and transported to SP Guilderland for processing, where he provided a breath sample that returned a 0.18 percent BAC. The man was ordered to return to court on January 26.



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## ■ POLITICS

# Vote official for court seat

Marcelle win to Supreme Court seat certified

By **JOHN McINTYRE**  
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**SLINGERLANDS** — It is finally decided. Tom Marcelle has been elected to the State Supreme Court in the Third Judicial District after the NY Board of Elections certified the November 8 vote.

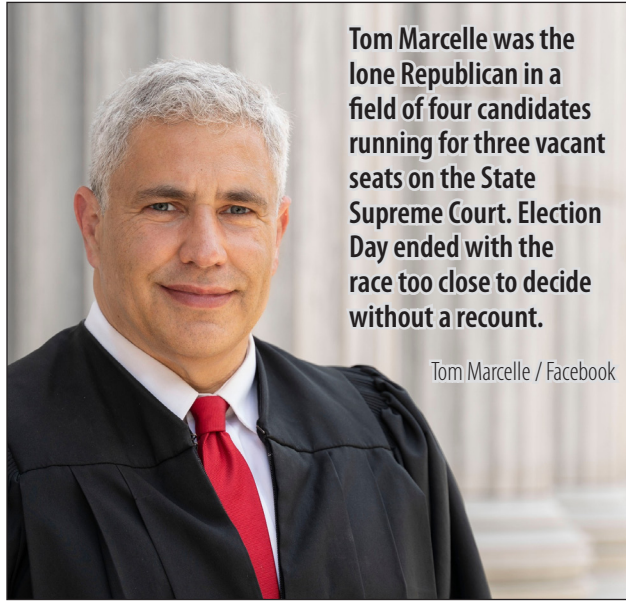
Marcelle was one of four candidates vying for three seats on the court. He was the only Republican and joins Democrats Meagan K. Galligan and Sharon A. Graff to serve in a district that includes Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia, Schoharie, Greene, Ulster and Sullivan counties.

After election day and the counting of absentee ballots Marcelle led Heidi Thais Cochrane, the third Democratic in the race by just over 1,000 votes.

The slim margin triggered an automatic hand recount by the Board of Elections which was completed and then certified on Thursday, Dec. 15, according to Marcelle's campaign. The final number was 999 that separated Marcelle and Cochrane.

Because of recent changes in the election law, and the contest was within one half of a percent, it had to be hand recounted.

"It was a five week project, but it worked out in the end," Marcelle said. "It is a relatively new process



Tom Marcelle was the lone Republican in a field of four candidates running for three vacant seats on the State Supreme Court. Election Day ended with the race too close to decide without a recount.

Tom Marcelle / Facebook

of an automatic recount. A few votes changed in each county, but it really wasn't anything significant."

The final totals according to the BOE website was Galligan 167,627 votes (16.19 percent), Graff 165,824 (16.02 percent), Marcelle 164,776 (15.92 percent) and Cochrane 163,777 (15.82 percent).

"It showed that there wasn't much difference between the machines and hand counts," he said.

Marcelle was the top vote getter in Green, Rensselaer, Schoharie and Sullivan counties while he gained the least number of votes in Albany, Columbia and Ulster. The term for the State Supreme Court is 14 years and handles criminal and civil cases.

The Third Judicial District has approximately 55,000 more enrolled Democrats than Republicans which made it a challenge, but Marcelle

used his work experience in Albany County to overcome it.

It really wasn't a new concept for him since he has a history of running races with slim odds of winning, including a 1993 run for Albany County District Attorney against Sol Greenburgh.

"At 31 you have no idea what running as a republican in Albany County is like, but I found out fast," Marcelle said. "It was eye opening."

He did win election to the Bethlehem Town Board in 2005 and served until he launched an unsuccessful run for Bethlehem Town Justice.

During that time, 2001-2011 he was the Attorney for the Albany County Legislature Republican minority. But in 2012 his professional life would take a turn working for the Democratic-controlled County as the County

Attorney.

He was then appointed by then Mayor Shawn Morse to be a City Court Judge in Cohoes. Morse was the former majority leader in the Albany County Legislature. Since then, he was reappointed by Cohoes Mayor Bill Keeler.

In the race for State Supreme Court, he was also the only candidate from the immediate capital district and was a familiar name and he believes that helped.

"I was the only candidate from Albany and Rensselaer counties, the two largest. I am from and I was known there," he said. "I had lots of strong supporters that were democrats that helped me that normally wouldn't if there was another candidate from the area."

Proof of that, according to Marcelle, is that he overperformed in all of the counties, winning more votes in those areas than Lee Zeldon.

"It showed that some people recognized me and my work," he said.

Marcelle said it will not be a problem to be on the bench as a Republican in a Democratic-dominated area, however.

"I am going to be a judge of the law. What the legislature writes and the court of appeals upholds as law, I will follow," Marcelle said. "I am going to follow the constitution and not reach decisions based on my views. It is that simple."

## BC grad named in Forbes 30 Under 30

**NEW YORK** — Bethlehem Central graduate Adrienne White was recently named among Forbes magazine's 2023 30 Under 30 List for Music.

The 2011 graduate is the director of Dunvagen, Adi co-led projects including collaborations with Phoebe Bridgers, Glass' first NFT with acclaimed director Bob Wilson, and advancing the MET Opera recording of Glass' opera, Akhnaten, which won a Grammy for the Best Opera Recording in 2022.

Forbes 30 Under 30 is a set of lists of top 30 industry leaders across 20 industries. The music list highlights "30 musical prodigies and industry mavens have their finger on the pulse of the present and future."

White grew up in Slingerlands and spent much of her extracurricular time in the Bethlehem school district choirs and musical productions. She studied music theory at BCHS and fostered a love and passion for music at a young age. After graduating from Bowdoin College, she interned at music management companies in New York City. She joined Dunvagen Music Publishers, composer and musician Philip Glass' music publisher and management, in 2016.

White now lives in Brooklyn where she is currently pursuing a master's degree at NYU Stern in addition to her professional career.

## Kindergarten registration to begin Jan. 16

**DELMAR** — Bethlehem Central offers a full-day kindergarten program and registration for incoming students will open on Monday, Jan. 16.

Families can use one of three ways to register their kindergarten students for the 2023-24 school year. Parents and guardians can register online using the district's Aspen Student Information System starting Jan. 16. They can also download a registration packet from the district's website, followed by returning the completed form by email, regular mail, fax or drop box. Parents can also make an appointment for in-person registration by calling 518-439-2442.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON FINANCE

## Five Simple, Smart Tips to Build Your Savings

By FRAN O'ROURKE  
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The new year will soon be here and many will start 2023 with resolutions. Saving more money is a popular one as most Americans have \$1,000 or less in savings and say that building savings is a financial priority. While getting started can feel overwhelming, it doesn't have to be complicated. There are many simple tips you can follow to help begin building your savings and developing financially healthy habits in the new year.

**Here are five practical tips you can use today:**

#### 1. Shop Online Using Cash Back and Coupon Tools

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Honey or RetailMeNot can help you find discount codes on thousands of websites. A lot of these apps and browser extensions are available, so do some research and find one that works for you.

#### 2. Declutter, Sell and Save



Fran O'Rourke

When the weather gets warmer, think about cleaning out and having yard sales, but you don't have to go whole-house. Start by going through a single room and setting aside things

you haven't used in a while, or that no longer bring you joy, and simply list them on a resell platform or social media. Tuck the proceeds into your savings account.

#### 3. Freeze Your Spending

For one week, make note of the non-essential items you purchase, then challenge yourself to stop purchasing them for a bit (two weeks, for instance). Explore ways to swap purchases with a DIY alternative you can make at home – such as brewing your own morning coffee and using a travel mug. During that time, take the money you would have spent on these purchases and deposit it into your savings. Consider keeping the

challenge going, as well as looking for new swapping possibilities.

#### 4. Pack your lunches

According to a recent Visa survey, the average American spends around \$53 a week on lunch, totaling more than \$2,700 per year. Preparing your own lunches can significantly reduce this cost, and it is typically healthier, too. Plan and prep meals ahead of time to avoid impulse lunch purchases and limit the number of times you eat out for lunch.

#### 5. Grocery Shop with a Plan

Making a shopping list and sticking to it goes a long way toward saving money at the store, along with checking what you already have at home and preparing meals based on those resources.

Take advantage of grocery store loyalty programs and coupons, and if there's a curbside pickup option, then that service can help prevent impulse buying, too.

#### Challenge Yourself to Go Even Further

Set up a savings account and consider taking on a "money-saving challenge" to help establish a pattern of regularly adding to your account. Here are a couple fun ideas to get you going.

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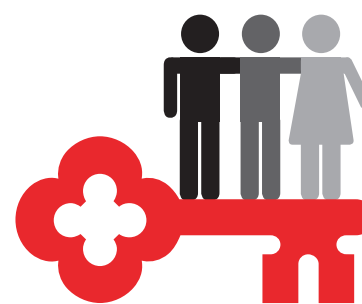
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## What is Good Debt vs. Bad Debt?

Not all debt is equal. Some kinds can help you, while others will only make life harder. And it varies from person to person.

### Good Debt

Think of good debt as debt that can pay you back. It's borrowed money that fits into a budget, helps you reach a goal and builds wealth over time.

#### Examples:

- Student loans with low interest and affordable payments
- Small business loans that finance long-term goals
- A mortgage loan with an affordable payment

### Bad Debt

Think of bad debt as debt that does little to help you. It's borrowed money that

strains your budget, creates unaffordable payments and doesn't help your finances long-term.

#### Examples:

- Carrying large balances on high interest credit cards
- Loans with unaffordable payments
- Loans for purchases that lose value over time

### Net Worth

This is a way of knowing your good to bad debt ratio. To find yours, subtract the value of your liabilities from your assets.

#### Examples:

- Assets are what you own (houses, cars, stocks, savings accounts)
- Liabilities are what you owe. This can be good and bad debt (think credit card debt or a mortgage)



SCHOLASTIC SPORTS

# Bethlehem swimmers nip Shaker on road

LATHAM - The Bethlehem boys swimming team traveled to Shaker on Tuesday, Dec. 13 and swam away with a 86-72 win.

Although the Eagle swimmers dominated the top slots in all the contests, the 200 freestyle was a competitive race. Bethlehem's Ewan Izzard swam a 1:57.77 to Shaker's Dylan Reichl's 1:57.98. Eagle Owen Ikasalo came in third at 1:59.76.

Here are the rest of the results.

200 Medley Relay: 1) B-Hartman, Moore, Berin, Norfleet, 2) B-Zheng, Meo, King, Noonan 3) B-Rinckey, Sahota, Wang, Wloszczynski.

200 Individual Medley: 1) B-Andrew Hartman, 2) B-Colin King, 3) S-Everest Kuang.

50 Freestyle: 1) B-James Moore, 2) B-Patrick Noonan, 3) B-Joey Meo.

100 Butterfly: 1) B-Colin King, 2) B-Benjamin Berin, 3) S-Dylan Reichl.

100 Freestyle: 1) B-Patrick Noonan, 2) B-Dominic Norfleet, 3) S-Everest Kuang.

500 Freestyle: 1) B-Owen Ikasalo, 2) B-Alexander Wang, 3) B-Ian Savage.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1) S-Kuang, Adelstein, Lowe, Reichl 2) S-Siegheld, Shoab, Chen, Tyagi.

Bethlehem Central exhibited a dominate performance despite competing at their opponent's home pool.

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## On a high note

DELMAR — Bethlehem Central had several students selected for honors ensembles with the National Association for Music Education and the New York State School Music Association. The following were selected to represent the school district; Orin Carlson-Lee (NAfME All-National Symphony Orchestra, NYSSMA Zone 7 Area All-State Orchestra); William Wu (NYSSMA Conference All-State, Alternate); Alicia Prieto (NYS-SMA Conference All-State, Alternate); Leah Gornstein (NYSSMA Zone 7 Area All-State Band); Peyton Roach (NYSSMA Conference All-State Symphony Orchestra); Suzanna Amirbekian (NYSSMA Zone 7 Area All-State Orchestra); Fay Hu (NYSSMA Conference All-State Symphony Orchestra, NAfME Eastern Division Conference, Alternate); Rurika Suzuki (NYSSMA Zone 7 Area All-State Orchestra); William Lauricella (NYSSMA Conference All-State, Alternate); and Aaron Felberbaum (NYSSMA Conference All-State Instrumental Jazz Ensemble - not pictured).

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## EDUCATION

### BC senior's heads to Lincoln Center stage

DELMAR — Who landed among the stars at a recent gala at Lincoln Center in New York City? If you guessed it was an aspiring singer, songwriter and musician from Bethlehem Central High School, your guess would be spot on.

That's because BC senior Maddie Gallagher got the chance in November to perform onstage solo and with her musical idol, Sara Bareilles, at a star-studded event that served as a fundraiser for a cause near and dear to Gallagher. That cause is support for a network of camps that are part of the SeriousFun Children's Network, a community of specialty camps serving children with life-threatening illnesses and chronic disabilities and their families.

While Gallagher is an alto in the high school's Choraliers and plays viola as a member of the Philharmonic Orchestra, it was through one of those camps — the Double H Ranch in Lake Luzerne — that producers of the Nov. 14 "Stories and Songs Gala" at Lincoln Center discovered Gallagher's talent.

The invitation to join Sara Bareilles and others on the big stage came as a surprise to Gallagher — a longtime Double H camper with Spina Bifida — who was more focused on completing college applications at the time the call came in.

"I got the message from the Director of Operations at Double H and she asked me, 'How would you like to perform with other campers at Lincoln Center alongside Julia Roberts and Sara Bareilles?'" recalled Gallagher, who said she did not know camp staff had shared a video of her

performing at a local fundraiser in 2021 with organizers of the gala. "I literally dropped my phone after I read the email."

Gallagher spent five days in New York, four of them preparing for the big event with the help of veteran Broadway directors and choreographers who worked with all of the event's performers, including Gallagher.

"We got to work with some of the best, biggest music directors on Broadway," said Gallagher. "Our music director was Mary-Mitchell Campbell. She is amazing. She has worked with everyone in the industry."

Gallagher said the daily 10-hour rehearsals were strenuous but the experience was rewarding in so many ways.

"All the camps are free for all campers to attend," said Gallagher. "Camp is something I look forward to every summer so it's nice to give back to a place that has given so much to me. The gala raised over \$2 million," said Gallagher. "But also, my idol, Sara Bareilles was there. I have always loved her, and after meeting her and hearing her perform live, I have so much more admiration for her and the songs she writes."

Several numbers featured the seven campers, including a group number, with campers accompanying Bareilles on her hit song, "Brave." Gallagher was also chosen to perform a solo. She sang "Pure Imagination" from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.

After her solo, Gallagher ran into Bareilles backstage where the Grammy award winner offered feedback on her performance.

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20 FONDA ROAD 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, 18 Northview Drive, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300281

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

204 WEST 101ST STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/22. 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, 10 E 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301647

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

205 WEST 101ST STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/22. 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, 10 E 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301652

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

22NDST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/08/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY

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designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 60 Cutter Mill Road, Suite 505, Great Neck, NY 11021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. C-301589

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

2514 21 STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with 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 process to the LLC, 240-61 Poplar Street, Douglaston, NY 11363. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300939

**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 purpose. D-300330

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

27 BEEKMAN STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/22. 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, 10 E 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301653

**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

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

2735 E 64TH ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/22. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2121. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 230712, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302065

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

30-26 43 STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-

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cess to the LLC, 211-18 33rd Road, Bayside, NY 11361. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302262

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

320 VC REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/22. 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, 320 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301818

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

3765 WILLET AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/26/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 875 East 219th Street, Bronx, NY 10467. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300733

**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, 20 Pine Street, Suite 1005, New York, NY 10005. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302086

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

575 1ST AVENUE GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/22. 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, 10 E 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301663

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

643-645 ROCKWELL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/29/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 13 Alley Pond Court, Dix Hills, NY 11030. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300910

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

70 RIVERSIDE GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/22. 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, 10 E 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301665

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44 STATE STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/22. 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, 10 E 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301656

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

5-32 50 AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/22. 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, c/o Ioannis Likidis, 40-30 235th Street, Little Neck, NY 11363. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301668

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

500 WEST 43 37B LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/05/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 Pine Street, Suite 1005, New York, NY 10005. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302086

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

575 1ST AVENUE GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/22. 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, 10 E 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301663

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

643-645 ROCKWELL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/29/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 13 Alley Pond Court, Dix Hills, NY 11030. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300910

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

70 RIVERSIDE GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/22. 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, 10 E 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301665

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

9 WEST 100TH STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY des-

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ignated as agent of the LLC upon whom process 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: Any lawful purpose. D-301666

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

906 UNION STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/22. 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, 10 E 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301667

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

99-48 65AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/22. 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, 99-48 65th Avenue, Rego Park, NY 11374. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302693

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

A&C BAYIT REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/28/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 400 Maitland Avenue, Teaneck, NJ 07666. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302475

**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**

ALDEBARAN ADVISORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/21/22. 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 West 12th Street, 14E, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301683

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

ALIJOOC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, ATTN: Alicia Marino, 2630 Cropsey

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Avenue, Apt. 4H, Brooklyn, NY 11214. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301198

**NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION**

ALISON FRANKLIN, LCSW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/10/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 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**

AP LANCASTER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 197 Van Vorst Street, Apartment 1110, Jersey City, NJ 07302. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301789

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

ATLANTIC GROUP SOLUTIONS 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 process to the LLC, 811 Wisconsin Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301177

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

B & S BROTHERS PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/24/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Alam, 900 East 220th Street, Bronx, NY 10469. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. C-301587

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

B.P. MILL STREET, 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, c/o Ilber Pilku, 150 Mill Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300279

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BAW BUILDING SUPPLY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/10/22. 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, 1449 37th Street, Suite 408, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300772

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BEACH 123RD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/26/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2147 Brigham Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301197

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BEAUTY JUNKIE NY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2147 Brigham Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301590

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BEEF N CHEESE MB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/06/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2072 East 65th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302124

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BERGEN ASSOCIATES EDMS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/10/22. 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, 68-01 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300775

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BIG APPLE MAINTENANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 343 Canal Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301791

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BOILERMAKER EXPRESS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/28/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 85-15 120th Street, #4F, Kew Gardens, NY 11415. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301756

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BUHRE DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/01/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC

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upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2063 Narragansett Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301588

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BYREDO RETAIL USA LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 10/31/22. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware 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, 500 7th Avenue, Level 8, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300455

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BYREDO WILLIAMS-BURG LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/22. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware 11/30/22. 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, 500 Seventh Avenue, Level 8, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302639

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

CA GYRO HOUSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/21/22. 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, 13-01 146th Place, Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301684

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

CARDINAL REI, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/22. Originally filed with Secretary of State of North Carolina 01/20/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1601 3rd Avenue, 10H, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302758

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

CARUSO'S COLLECTION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/20/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 162-30 Powells Cove Blvd., 2C, Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300941

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

COSME HOSPITALITY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat-



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ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2363 Steinway Street, 2nd Floor, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302256

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CRESCENT WALK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/28/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Chaifetz & Chaifetz LLC, 1501 Broadway, Suite 1001, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302056

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DRIVE WORLD 112 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/12/22. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2121. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 760 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, NY 11797. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302571

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

EAST 80TH STREET GARAGE 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, 10 E 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300280

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

EAST NEW YORK COLD STORAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/28/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 900 New Jersey Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301757

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ELIER BRANDS LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/22. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware 11/12/2020. 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, 1280 Jersey Avenue, North Brunswick, NJ 08902. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302731

## NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

ERICA HAMILTON, PsyD, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

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copy of process to the PLLC, 521 Fifth Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10175. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Psychology. D-301964

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FLEURS NYC 619 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/06/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2451 E. 28th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302125

## NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

GENNY FINKEL, LCSW, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 521 Fifth Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10175. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Licensed Clinical Social Work. D-301965

## NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

GRACE CHUNG, DDS, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 120 Bainbridge Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry. D-302355

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HAPPY TRAILS PHYSICAL THERAPY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/15/22. 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, 27 Amby Avenue, Plainview, NY 11803. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Physical Therapy. D-302209

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HIGHLINE 10A LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 320195, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302406

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HOLLENBERG VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 88 Leonard Street,

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Apartment 404, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302257

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JAFNVAEGI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/05/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Gordon & Petkos LLP, 5 Columbus Circle, Suite 710, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-206078

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JASE INDUSTRIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/14/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7846 Parson Boulevard, #2, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302755

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JC 110, L.L.C. 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, 271 Madison Avenue, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301021

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

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

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LAYAN HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/28/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Maha Taha Husain Abualfaraj, 323 Lenox Road, Unit 2B, New York, NY 10027. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301729

## NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

LEAH LURYE PSYCHOLOGIST PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/06/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, c/o Robert A. Carpentier, P.C., 1 Pleasant Avenue, Port Washing-

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ton, NY 11050. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Psychology. D-302160

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LPLUSK LLC. Arts. of 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, 3 Hanover Square, #5H, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300746

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LUSYAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/22/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 Island Avenue, Unit 1515, Miami, FL 33139. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301700

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

M & Y SHINE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/14/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Yasong Albert, 4024 Berrywood Dr., Seaford, NY 11783. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-300981

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MAGRECON, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/22. 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, 100 State Street, Suite 241, Hackensack, NJ 07601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301966

## 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

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MAXIMUS GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/22. 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, 10 E 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301816

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NORMANDY PROPERTIES 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, c/o Steven Tulchin, 27110 Grand Central Parkway, Apartment 15Y, Floral Park, NY 11005. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301591

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

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

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ORDS ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 170 West End Avenue, Unit #17M, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302258

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PAPER ROCK PRODUCTIONS 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 process to the LLC, 100 State Street, Suite 241, Hackensack, NJ 07601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301178

## 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 whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 188-07 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11358. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-301133

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PIVOT PRINTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/05/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Philip E. Klein, Esq., 324 East 48th Street, Suite 1, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302079

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PNM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 133 8th Avenue, #2E, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-302417

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## Resolution 2022-056 TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS INTO CAPITAL RESERVES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 14th day of December 2022, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows: WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that is necessary to complete improvements at Town Hall (445 Delaware Avenue), including the replacement of the existing generator and improvements to the 2nd floor bathrooms; and, WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said projects and purchases will not exceed \$285,000; and, WHEREAS, the 2022 operating funds contain sufficient funding to transfer adequate funding; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Comptroller to transfer \$285,000 into the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund from the Town's 2022 Operating Budget; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all funds withdrawn from this fund will be subject to Town procurement policies, but not subject to permissive referendum if used directly for the proposed Town Hall improvements. The funds, used for any other purpose, will be subject to permissive referendum. The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilmember Coffey, was seconded by Councilmember Cunningham and duly adopted by the following vote: AYES: Supervisor VanLoven, Councilmember Becker, Councilmember Coffey, Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember DeCanio NOES: none ABSENT: none DATED: December 14, 2022 D-302752

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■ BUSINESS

# Local chamber names three to board

RCS Superintendent Brian Bailey among those named to Bethlehem Chamber's Board of Directors

**DELMAR** – A quorum of Bethlehem Chamber Members voted three new members to the Board of Directors, at its annual membership meeting on Dec. 14 at the Bethlehem Public Library. They join 17 other business owners, managers, and directors from across 27 area zip codes.

Elected to the board were Brian Bailey, from Voorheesville, superintendent of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School; Guinevere Gorman, Slingerlands, owner of Grace Roofing LLC and Dance by RDI; and Doug McClaine, Duansburg, principal program manager for Plug Power.

Bailey has been with the RCS district since 2013, as principal, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction and serving as superintendent for the past five years. Prior to that he was high school assistant



**Brian Bailey**

principal with Guilderland and Schalmont schools. He has worked as a choral director, music teacher and was the official bugler of the Saratoga Race Course from 1992-2001. He has been serving on the Workforce Development Committee at the Chamber for the past three years.

Bailey holds a doctorate from Russell Sage College, masters in music and bachelors in education from Crane School of Music and SUNY Potsdam.

Gorman started her first business at age 19 and second by 22. She has worked in the medical field overseeing the administration and facility of 16 audiology offices. She started Grace Roofing in 2015, a residential-roofing businesses, specializing in shingle, metal, synthetics and skylight installation.



**Guinevere Gorman**

She started Dance by RDI, a local performing arts nonprofit recreational dance school, specializing in the field of ballet. Created a scholarship fund that annual supports 20 percent of the student base.

Gorman holds a bachelors of communications and public relations, with a minor in international business from Ashford University and attended business classes at Siena College from 2001- 2002. McClaine has over 20 years of experience leading and overseeing facility and event activities, with a strong history of devising operation plans to compliment events schedules.

Prior to working with Plug Power, McClaine worked at general manager with ASM Global in Albany. He is a board



**Doug McClaine**

member of Discover Albany, as well as serving on the American Cancer Society, Coaches vs Cancer Committee; and the College of Saint Rose Athletic Advisory Board. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration – marketing from The College of St. Rose.

The group joins the following current board members: John McIntrye, chair, Spotlight Newspapers; Vince Crisafulli, vice chair; Gregory DeMarco, secretary, Mazzotta & Vagianelis, P.C.; Paul Stewart, co-treasurer, Pursuit; Judith Kehoe, co-treasurer; Casey Griner, Owens Corning; Jayne Maloney, School's Out Inc.; Brendan McCann, Perfect Blend Café & Bakery; John Hogan, CrossFit Spur; John

Reagan, Synagro; Jonathan Phillips, Phillips Hardware; Carl Becker, Esq., The Windsor Companies; Julie Sasso, McSharry & Associates Realty; Shoham Piorentino, immediate past chair, Community Bank N.A.; Robby Sawyer, Sawyer's Screen Printing & Embroidery; Chris Oertel, The Spinney Group; John Taylor, Bethlehem Planning Dept.; and honorary members Greg Turner, Burt Anthony Associates and Steve Thomas, Esq., Lavelle

& Finn, LLP  
Established in 1957, celebrating its 65th Anniversary this year, the Chamber works on a local and regional level to advance economic development for our town and the region. Through partnerships with local, county and state officials and community organizations, the Chamber works to foster a positive business environment in Bethlehem and the surrounding region.

■ **BUSINESS BRIEF**

**CDPHP's Skinner named among top Women Leaders**

**ALBANY** — Ali Skinner, VP of communications and external affairs for CDPHP, was named among the Top 50 Women Leaders of New York for 2022 by Women We Admire.

Skinner is a communications professional with nearly 20 years of media, marketing, advertising, public relations, and government relations experience. Ali joined CDPHP in November 2011 and currently serves as Vice President of Communications and External Affairs for one of the top health plans in New York and the nation. In this role, Ali oversees all internal and external communications, advertising, public relations, government relations, and community relations for the health plan's 400,000 members and 1,200 employees.

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By doing business locally, you not only get personal service and real value, you also help strengthen our local community and economy. Compared to national chains, locally owned businesses recycle a much larger share of their revenue back into our local economy, supporting a wide range of jobs and enriching our whole community.

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## From page 1 ... Worth a shot

Last week, the Bethlehem Central School District reminded parents to keep children home and to test for COVID-19 when expressing symptoms. District officials included a list of precautionary measures for residents to follow, including washing hands, sneezing “into your elbow” and staying up-to-date on vaccines.

Cautionary messages started going out from all offices, from local schools to the Centers for Disease Control. Each urging people to get their flu shot.

“Nationally, the last several weeks have shown a spike in the number of cases of respiratory viruses among school-aged children,” shared Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy in an online statement on Wednesday, Dec. 14. “These viruses have included a triple threat of the flu, RSV, and COVID-19. While these diseases can cause various symptoms, the number of cases and their severity can be lessened by getting your child vaccinated.”

The New York State Department of Health noted a new report

showing a 64 percent week-over-week jump in lab-confirmed flu cases across New York in the first week of December, and a 58 percent increase in hospitalizations.

“Our message is simple but urgent especially as we approach the holiday season: get vaccinated today,” State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said. “This year’s vaccine is a very effective match to the currently circulating flu strain, as well as being a safe, widely available, and critically important step in curbing the spread of this highly infectious virus. As the flu can lead to serious health complications or even death, I urge every New Yorker who has not yet been vaccinated to do so as soon as possible to protect themselves, their loved ones and their community.”

The weekly flu report also confirmed one influenza-associated pediatric death in the state. To protect patient privacy, the Department could only confirm the death.

Influenza has been widespread across New York for nine weeks, with

### ▲ Clinical specimen testing for novel coronavirus (COVID-19) at New York State Department of Health’s Wadsworth Laboratory.

Office of Governor of New York  
Kathy Hochul

lab-confirmed cases in the latest report climbing 64 percent for the week ending December 3 over the previous week, and week-over-week hospitalizations up 58 percent. The Department’s most recent influenza surveillance report also found cases in all of New York’s 62 counties.

The report is available on the Department’s Flu Tracker dashboard on the NYS Health Connector which provides timely information about local, regional and statewide influenza activity. It shows that so far this flu season, there have been a total of 113,345 positive influenza cases in New York.

Nationally, the weekly U.S. surveillance report from the CDC estimates there have been 7,300

deaths across the country so far this season attributed to flu, including 21 pediatric deaths. Additionally, an estimated 120,000 hospitalizations have been due to influenza, a cumulative rate that is higher than during the same time period in every flu season since 2010-2011.

As the holiday season ramps up with gatherings among family and friends and crowded activities, it is especially important to take precautions to protect against the flu, including getting vaccinated and wearing a mask if you are symptomatic or are among populations at heightened risk. Those considered most vulnerable to infection include children under the age of five, pregnant women, older people and those with underlying health conditions, such as a weakened immune system, diabetes, heart and lung disease, and asthma.

The state said that the

influenza vaccine is effective in preventing individuals from getting the flu and reducing the risk of severe illness for children and adults if they become infected. Studies compiled by the CDC have found that the vaccine carries a number of important health benefits, especially for those at risk.

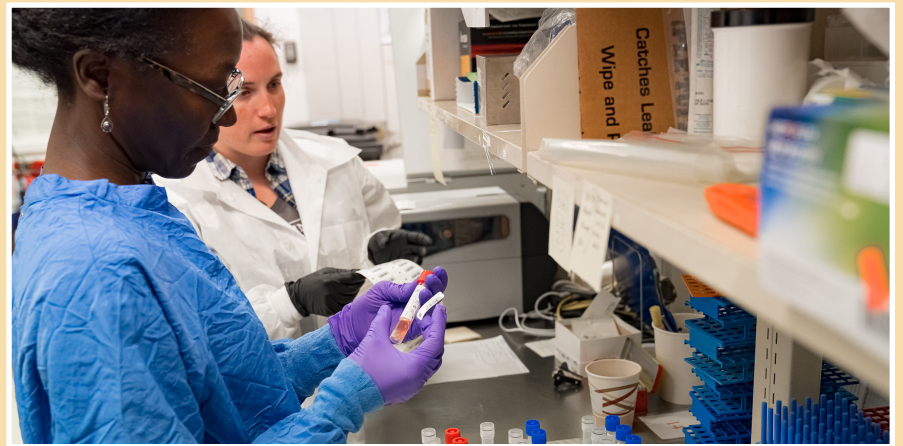
According to the CDC’s studies, the vaccine prevents people from getting sick with flu, cutting the risk of having to go to the doctor by 40 to 60 percent. In children, the vaccine reduces the risk of severe, life-threatening influenza by 75 percent; decreases flu-related hospitalizations by 41 percent; and cuts the risk of emergency department visits in half.

Flu vaccination during pregnancy is said to also reduce the risk of hospitalization by an average of 40 percent and protect the baby from flu for several months after

birth. For older adults, the CDC said vaccines reduce the risk of flu-associated hospitalization by about 40 percent. Among those with chronic health conditions, the vaccine is associated with lower rates of some cardiac events, as well as reducing the risk of hospitalization from flu-related worsening of lung diseases and diabetes.

The Department is utilizing a number of tools to increase public knowledge about rising flu rates and the importance of vaccinations as a critical prevention step, including sharing information on social media platforms Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

The flu vaccine is also widely available, found at pharmacies, health clinics, and physician’s offices across the state. To locate a flu vaccine location near you, visit [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov).



## Keeping yourself healthy

In addition to getting the vaccine, simple preventative actions can help stop the spread of flu and other respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For more information about influenza in New York, visit <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/seasonal/>.

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## LIBRARIES

# Winter Break Activities

**G**rades 3 and up: stop by anytime on Thursday, Dec. 29 between 2 to 4 p.m. to play video games on our Nintendo Switch and WiiU consoles, including Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. All games are rated E or E10+, and no registration is required. On Friday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m., we're screening the animated movie classic "Ice Age" for its 20th anniversary Popcorn included; no registration required. Rated PG.

### Holiday Schedule

GPL will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24; Sunday, Dec. 25; and Sunday, Jan. 1. We will close at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31. Our online resources, car charging stations, parking lot WiFi, Little Free Library, and book donations bins (side parking lot) are always available.

### Winter Reading Challenge

We love January at GPL, because it's time for Beanstack's



Annual Winter Reading Challenge! This year, the theme is "All The Feels," encouraging readers of all ages to experience how reading stirs our emotions. Sign up and log all your reading on our Beanstack webpage or in the Beanstack App January 1-31. Our goal is to read 90,000 minutes by the end of January - 1,500 hours! Remember, anything you read counts (including newspapers, magazines, graphic novels, comic books, picture books, and audio books), so log it all! If we're one of the top-reading libraries in the country, we'll win a prize from Beanstack. Happy Reading!

### Intuitive Eating, Not Dieting

It takes at least 30 days to form new habits, according to behavioral experts. Looking to

incorporate a healthier lifestyle in 2023? Sign up on the Events tab of our website for "Introduction to Intuitive Eating: A Non-Diet Approach," a five-part Zoom program starting Thursday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m.

Registered Dietitian Mariel Baron will cover the ten principles of intuitive eating, designed to cultivate a positive relationship with food and your body. Intuitive eating is an evidence-based, non-diet approach that involves trusting your gut, encouraging food neutrality (all foods fit), cultivating a positive attitude about food, and instilling confidence about eating.

Ditch the diets, restriction, and food guilt - learn how to listen to your body and find food freedom as an intuitive eater!

— Luanne Nicholson

# Laminate it!

**N**ow you can easily preserve mementos, recipe cards, craft projects and so much more using the thermal laminator at the library. The library's laminator is easy to use and centrally located at the Information Desk. It is available on a first-come basis, and you only pay for the laminating sheets you use. Sheets come in three sizes: business card, letter and menu (11.5-by-17.5 inches). The cost per sheet ranges from 25 to 85 cents.

Heat-laminated items are durable and water-resistant, giving your fragile mementos the protection they deserve for years to come.

### December break at the library

Everyone loves a break from the school and homework routine, but by Day 3, restlessness can settle in, and many families will be looking for new ways to be entertained and engaged. Look no further than the library!

Join us for Snowflake STEAM Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m. Learn about the



science of snowflakes, including their geometry, then take what you've learned and cut your own relatively realistic paper snowflakes. For ages 8-13; registration required. Sign up at [bethlehem.librarycalendar.com](http://bethlehem.librarycalendar.com).

Later on that day (Dec. 27) you're invited to take flight with paper airplanes at 2 p.m. We'll have lots of colorful paper and fun designs to try out. See how far your plane can fly in our big Community Room. For ages 8-13.

On Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m., we'll be hosting an informal screening of "Encanto," the Disney hit (PG, 99 min.) about an extraordinary family who lives in the mountains of Colombia. Bring a blanket or pillow to get comfy in the Community Room.

Create a pretty snowflake suncatcher Thursday, Dec. 29, at 11 a.m. to make you smile throughout the winter. For pre-K-grade 5.

On Thursday, Dec. 29, at 2:30

p.m. you're invited to join us for a screening of the Disney Pixar hit "Lightyear" (PG, 100 min.) about Legendary Space Ranger Buzz Lightyear. For kids and families.

Grades 6 and up can get their game on Friday, Dec. 30, at 3:45 p.m. with a special holiday session of MarioKart 8 on the Nintendo Switch.

Our Creation Station returns in the New Year beginning Jan. 3. Stop by the Children's Place through Jan. 8 and make your own snow-covered village. All materials will be provided. Show off your artistic talents and make your own little winter paradise.

### Holidays, closings and other reminders

The library will be closed Saturday-Monday, Dec. 24-26, for the Christmas holiday, and Sunday and Monday, Jan. 1-2, for New Year's. Doors will close at 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve Saturday, Dec. 31.

In the event of inclement weather, the library's telephone system will provide information on a closing or delayed opening.

— Kristen Roberts

# Bead Creative

**T**eens in grades 9-12, as well as adults, are invited to try an easy beading project, Wednesday, Jan. 11. You'll learn some basic beading techniques, using only a few basic tools. The hardest part will be selecting your beads from our large supply! Please register for the 3 p.m. and/or the 6 p.m. program.



### Thursday Afternoon Movies

Join us every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. for a classic movie, and a relaxing afternoon at the library. Come a few minutes early to choose some snacks and a drink, and visit with your fellow movie lovers. Check the library website at [www.voorpl.org](http://www.voorpl.org) for what's playing this week.

### Blood Drive

The Voorheesville Public Library, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, will be holding a blood drive, Wednesday, Dec. 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended. You can go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), or call 1-800-redcross to schedule your appointment. One donation can save up to three lives!

### Bricks, Bits, Bees & Bots

Students in grades K thru 5 are invited to register for this creative program using LEGO bricks for building, littleBits and Strawbees for inventing, and Ozobots to learn easy coding. Join us at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 29, and have some fun!

### January Book Talks

Please visit our website to see our upcoming schedule for the month of January.

— Lynn Kohler

# Vacation Week

**BINGO! Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m.:** December is National BINGO month. Stop in for some fun filled BINGO games; Winter Bingo, Dino Bingo and maybe more! Ages 6 and up.

**UNO TOURNAMENT, Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m.:** Will you be crowned UNO Champion? Put your UNO skills (and luck) to the test in our Holiday Break UNO Tournament! We will play by traditional rules, and we will teach you some variations on the game, too.

**THE FLOOR IS LAVA, Thursday, Dec. 29, at 2 p.m.:** Can you save the bears from the lava?! Participants will create a sturdy structure to hold as many toy bears as possible using only the materials provided! STEM activity for ages 5-12.

**NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY, Friday, Dec. 30, at 11:30 a.m.:** Can't stay up till midnight on Saturday? Join us for fun, food, games, and dancing on FRIDAY! We'll countdown to NOON and celebrate the arrival of 2023 a day early. For all ages!

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON MOVIE, Friday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m.:** DC League of Superpets ~ Krypto the Super-Dog and Superman are inseparable best friends, sharing the same superpowers and fighting crime side by side in Metropolis. However, Krypto must master his own powers for a rescue mission when Superman is kidnapped.

Registration is appreciated for all vacation week programs!

### Holiday Hours

The Library will be closed December 24 through the 26 for the Christmas holiday and December 31 and January 2 for the New Year. Visit us between the holidays for fun kids activities - and, of course, you can access books, music and movies at Hoopla and books and magazines on Libby. They're always open!

— Carol Melewski



## From page 6 ... Education News

“Sara was coming from her dressing room and we crossed paths so we got some time to talk,” said Gallagher. “She was so complimentary of my solo. She complimented my breath support and my pitches and asked me what I wanted to do after high school. It was so nice to have that interaction with someone who has inspired me for so long.”

So what is it that Gallagher, who sings, plays piano, guitar and viola, wants to do after she graduates next June?

“I want to pursue music: songwriting, recording, and studying the music industry,” said Gallagher, whose first recollection of performing is at the Sunday dinner table for her family where she would impersonate Hannah Montana. “I realized music was my passion when practicing (the piano and guitar) no longer felt like practicing, it became something I look forward to after my school work is done.

“I probably spend hours playing every day but I don’t even realize how much time has gone by,” added Gallagher.

Gallagher said her dream school is the Clive Davis Institute of Recorded Music at New York University, which she visited while she was in New York, but she is keeping an open mind and a busy schedule.

“I just enjoy taking every musical opportunity whether it’s school-based or a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, like performing at Lincoln Center.”

### 6th annual Poetry Out Loud competition sends two to Regionals

**DELMAR** — Fifteen Bethlehem Central High School students competed in the 6th annual Poetry Out Loud competition

on Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the high school cafeteria. Five qualified for a second round of competition in Troy later this school year.

The competing students represented 9th through 12th grades. Students from 9th to 12th grade recited poems judged on six categories, their physical presence, voice and articulation, dramatic appropriateness, evidence of understanding, overall performance and accuracy

Five students advanced to the second round of the competition. Those students were: Bhavyasree Kakarala (Grade 9), Gabriel Martin (Grade 11), Laurel Muench (Grade 9), Xrysanthi Sokaris (Grade 9), and Pamela White (Grade 12).

Winner: Pamela White (4th straight Poetry Out Loud win)!

Runner-Up: Laurel Muench

The Poetry Out Loud Regional will be held in Troy this year with dates to be determined. The top contestants from the Regional will be selected to perform at the NYS Poetry Out Loud competition which will be held in New York City in March.

## SIDE BAR

The following is a list of contestants and the poems they competed with in the 6th annual Poetry Out Loud competition on Tuesday, Dec. 13:

### Round 1

Chloe Bardin (9) “What the Oracle Said” by Shara McCallum  
 Jeremy Cintron Ortiz (9) “To have without holding” by Marge Piercy  
 Ian Jin (10) “Recess” by Maria Hummel  
 Bhavyasree Kakarala (9) “Invisible Children” by Mariana Llanos  
 Anika Kalam (10) “April Midnight” by Arthur Symons  
 Gabriel Martin (11) “The Properly Scholarly Attitude” by Adelaide Crapsey  
 Laurel Muench (9) “Immortal Autumn” by Archibald MacLeish  
 Aadi Ojha (10) “Today” by Billy Collins  
 Johanna Radcliffe (10) “Caged Bird” by Maya Angelou  
 Katie Reynolds (10) “To Be Held” by Linda

Hogan  
 Eleanor Rose (9) “Siren Song” by Margaret Atwood  
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**Grapplin' Greg**

The area music scene celebrates local promoter, Greg Bell.

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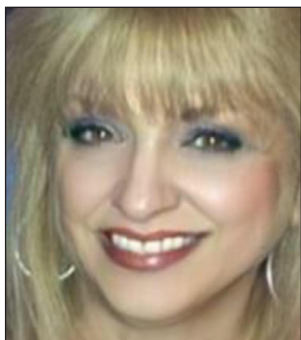
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**In memoriam**

Locals mourn the loss of beloved tavern owner.

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

# Better step to it

You've got days left to grab a last-minute gift assured to put a smile on that special someone's face - so here's a few hints to help you out this week

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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There is no denying the nostalgic allure of the holiday season — and that's the emotional string on which you'll tug as you find that final, last-minute gift for your loved one.

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◀ The inspiration behind a great gift idea could be found right under your nose if you just open your mind to some off the wall ideas. Don't be afraid to tug on that nostalgic chord.

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■ JUST ANNOUNCED

# Time for goodbye

The Purple Pub to close its doors after 50 years

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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**WATERVLIET** — The Purple Pub is closing its doors after 50 years in business.

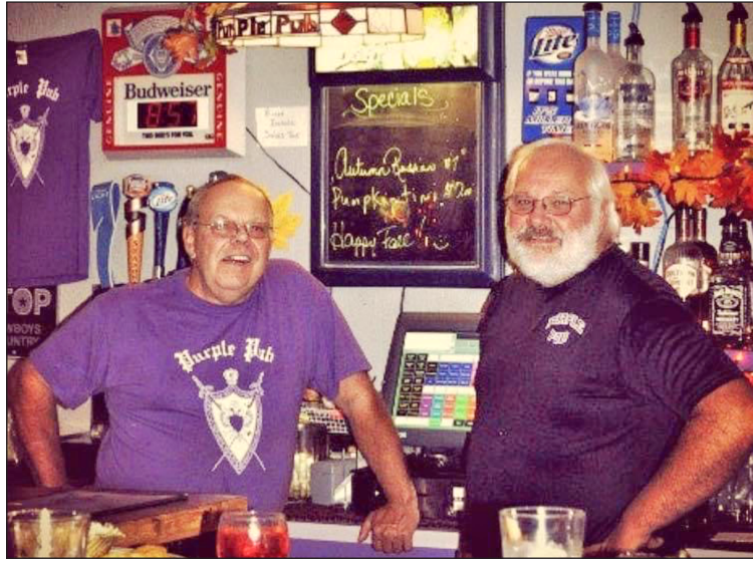
With “incredibly heavy hearts,” owners Greg and Butch Rentz announced they will close the restaurant to on-site on Friday, Dec. 30. The Purple Pub To-Go service, however, will remain operational.

“As the old saying goes, ‘All good things must come to an end and after 50 long, successful, and beautiful years, that end is now here,’ the two stated in an online statement shared on Wednesday, Dec. 14. “It’s simply time to ‘take a break’, to prioritize our health, and to be able to spend time with our wonderful families.”

The family opened the popular restaurant at 2 Cohoes Road in 1972, just north of downtown heading towards Cohoes. As one Yelp reviewer described it in April, it was an “old school tavern” with little frill to distract patrons from what it was.

“The decor hasn’t been touched in decades, and I don’t think much else has changed either judging by the stories my friends were telling me about the place,” wrote the reviewer. “Everything was good in its own right and I get why people keep coming back... This is a family joint that has been kept in business for decades by devoted locals, and I am not one to hate on tradition.”

Scores of faithful patrons shared their stories and gratitude for the restaurant. Within three days, the eatery’s Facebook announcement garnered more



The Purple Pub’s Greg and Butch Rentz said they are closing the doors to their popular restaurant, after 50 years in business, to spend time with family.

The Purple Pub / Facebook

than 500 comments from past customers, many of whom represented generations who have passed through the doors.

“Been going there since I was a kid with my parents. I’ve brought my own kids there also,” said Mike Sullivan. “Sad to see you go but you were truly a family-friendly restaurant always.. Good luck in your well deserved retirements.”

Troy’s Vito Ciccarella said he often crossed the Hudson to visit, and had been for years.

“Being I’ve been a loyal customer since the day’s of a \$1.75 club sandwich, I wish everyone all the best. This is very upsetting news to hear,” he said.

The pub’s announced closing comes nearly two years after the Rentz surprised followers with a similar social media post. The clamor that followed prompted them to clarify that they were not closing.

“This is more than likely the

direct result of two old guys not knowing the power of social media.”

The last three years have grown difficult for restaurant owners. The Rentz alluded to labor laws changing overtime, split shifts and minimum wages among their reasons to retire. A lingering pandemic that has led to labor shortages and supply chain issues has also contributed.

“But, in our heart of hearts, we know the most important reason of all - it’s simply time to ‘take a break,’ to prioritize our health and to be able to spend time with our wonderful families,” the two shared in their note to customers. “It has been an absolute honor to have served each and every one of you over the past 50 years. There is nothing in this world we could have ever done that would have brought us the same pride and joy that the Purple Pub has brought to all of us - we could never have been ‘us’ without all of ‘you’.”

■ WHAT’S HAPPENING

## Derek Gaines

Funny Bone Comedy Club • Thursday and Friday, Dec. 22 and 23

**ALBANY** — Comedian Derek Gaines has got jokes, and he’s making his way to the Funny Bone stage this Thursday and Friday, Dec. 22 and 23.

Born in California and raised in Lindenwold, NJ, Gaines found his comedy while growing up in the Philadelphia area. He currently calls New York City home where he has honed his craft and performs nightly as a standup comedian. Gaines’s first big break came as a semi-finalist of Bill Bellamy’s Who’s Got Jokes.

From there Gaines was inevitably destined for stardom. He was chosen as a New Face of comedy at the Just For Laughs Festival in 2014. Gaines appeared on several MTV programs including Joking Off and Guy Code, eventually hosting his own series called Broke Ass Game Show.

Gaines was cast in recurring roles on NBC reboot of Will and Grace and Blue Bloods on CBS. He became a regular on TBS’s Last O.G. as the character Jaybird.

In 2020 Gaines made his film debut starring in The King of Staten Island opposite Pete Davidson. That same year, he released his self produced comedy special Why Was I Home Anyway? and followed that with a Netflix is a Joke standup special in 2022. He was nominated for a daytime Emmy in 2021 for his performance on the APPLE TV kid’s show Helpsters where he played the role of Isaac Ice.

Gaines is currently a staff writer for the new season of Inside Amy Schumer on Comedy Central as well as the upcoming comedy series Bupkis on Peacock. You can catch this show only at The Funny Bone on 1 Crossgates Mall Road in Albany.

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**ALBANY** — The Ryan Matter Band will kick up some Texas dirt as they bring their musical prowess to Pauly’s Hotel, with special guest, Hustle & Hum, on Friday, Dec. 23.

Singer/songwriter Ryan Matter got started while working at a live Texas music venue. He started meeting a lot of artists on the Red Dirt Music Scene.

His sound is a fusion of the music which cultivated him as an artist including, Social Distortion, The Ramones, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Cross Canadian Ragweed, and many more.

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## From page B1 ... Last-minute gifts

Assuming a classic Dan Fogelberg tune does not inspire you, the best holiday gift will conjure memories of magic, music or child's play. The challenge, however, is finding that special relic from the past. You can rummage through a local antique store, surf around eBay or choose from the many vintage-inspired items on today's store shelves.

Your goal is to transport your loved one back to his or her childhood. Something that reminds them of who they were when they were 10 years old. A time in which they could lose themselves in imagination before obligations and responsibilities.

The list below focuses on the kids of a particular decade and is as gender-ambiguous as one can get. It may not lead you to your final destination, but it may guide you down the right path.

### 2000s — A pair of Vans

Your 25-year-old is at a proverbial crossroads. They have crossed the threshold that distinguishes the whimsical kid they were up into college and the young professional they are today. Idle thoughts are preoccupied with work and maybe even family.

Nickelodeon programming helped define both the attire and vernacular of this generation. Victorious gave us our first glimpse of Ariana Grande, and iCarly introduced us to the early influences of the internet. If you looked closely enough, all the cool kids were

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### 1990s — Harry Potter Trivial Pursuit

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone was first published in 1997 and has since amassed a fierce and loyal fanbase. Scholastic Press, who owned the initial rights to publish the series in the United States, estimated that more than 500 million Harry Potter books were sold by 2018.

The lexicon author J.K. Rowling established through her magical lives just as strong today, with people having pledged their allegiance to one of Hogwart's four houses. You may have even played in a game or two of *Quidditch* — my



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Kids of the 80s are quick to point out how awesome music was back in the day. They're not Boomers, they're Gen X. And though they are not wrong, they are quickly slipping through a downward spiral reserved for AARP card-carrying curmudgeons.

This is the generation who grew up listening to their brother's Led Zeppelin records. Pink Floyd, Eric Clapton and Olivia Newton-John were on



Top 40 radio. Eddie Van Halen's guitar could be heard screaming in, of all places, a Michael Jackson chart-topping song. And Prince was a god.

Spectra, a consumer

electronics business that boasts having supplied products to every major retailer in the United States, recently introduced a line of retro audio products under the Studebaker brand.

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### 1970s — Lego Galaxy Explorer

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600 billion Lego parts have been produced. Today's sets range from all sorts of themes and age groups. The sophistication of some models are reserved for adults. Recent releases

depicting television sets from popular 90s comedies Friends and Seinfeld also leave no question that adults are welcomed in on the fun.

Kids of the 70s have distinct memories of shag carpeting and wood paneling. The carpet fibers would pull and wrap around the axis of Matchbox cars. The rugburn patterns on knees and hands could have passed for modern art, as well. Playtime often focused on space, thanks to Star Wars, Battle of the Planets and the emergence of NASA's Space Shuttle program.

To latch on to that popularity, Lego launched its Galaxy Explorer. It was the toy company's answer to the prevalence of all things Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader. And it kept on in popularity for several years before producing its line of Star Wars-themed toys. Earlier this year, Lego launched a slightly reimagined Galaxy Explorer, both for yesterday's kids and their children or grandchildren. This won't be on your loved one's holiday gift list, but this will strike a chord and will certainly spark a smile.

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■ IN MEMORIAM

# Blessings Tavern loses matriarch

Elizabeth Altmock, beloved owner of Blessings Tavern, died unexpectedly at 66

By MICHAEL HALLISEY  
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**COLONIE** — Elizabeth Bennett Altmock, the matriarch owner who returned Blessings Tavern back to the community from a tragic fire, died suddenly on Monday, Dec. 12. She was 66.

Altmock had been the owner and operator of Blessings Tavern for more than 20 years, purchasing the popular venue from Ed Blessing in 2001, whom she had worked for since 1983. She recently noted the anniversary of her first day with a post on social media.

“39 years ago today I started working at Blessing’s Tavern! What a ride!” she wrote just four days before. “17 years working for Ed Blessing, then buying it when he retired in February

2001. Many great memories...and still making more. Thank you [to] all our wonderful patrons.”

Many of those patrons took to social media where the news of her death inspired posts of both sorrow and gratitude.

“One of a kind,” Darlene Reynolds stated to describe Altmock. “Liz built a tall, tall

ladder and climbed it to the top all by herself. Definitely one of a kind and loved by so many people.”

Brittanie Love, an employee of the tavern, described “one of the worst days” of her life upon learning that her boss had died.

“I lost one of the most important people in my entire life,” she wrote. “Never met someone who had the biggest heart of gold, and cared about so many people. .... My heart is truly broken.”

Altmock, a native of Chenango County, had attended Albany Business College to pursue a career in secretarial science after moving to the area. She held a state job for a short time, according to her obituary, and took on a job at the tavern where she would stay.

The Blessing Tavern building, from which the original owners operated since opening its doors in 1950, succumbed to fire in 2016. The blaze was sparked by a fiery automobile crash from outside the tavern. Michael Carr, then an 18-year-old, was driving his car after having smoked marijuana and consumed rum.

Carr’s friend Niko DiNovo was in the passenger seat when he lost control and crashed into a truck parked next to the side of the tavern. The crash sparked three explosions; one from the truck, another from Carr’s automobile, and a third from the gas lines leading into the tavern.

Altmock was helping behind the bar when the accident occurred. She described a fireball rushing through the dining room of more than 50 people attending to sing karaoke that night. She had helped rush people to safety.

DiNovo, who was pinned inside the car that sparked the fire, died after more than a year at Westchester Medical Center’s Burn Unit. Carr was sentenced to six years

in prison.

It took Altmock more than three years to return back to business. She reopened the tavern in a new building, designed with exposed wooden beams she introduced to remind her of her family’s farm on Pigeon Hill, outside of Norwich. The horseshoes that hung on the wall were a nod to her father, Walter, who was a blacksmith. She said they weren’t Amish, but they were close. When she posted the reopening event on Facebook, more than 1,500 people responded within a matter of days.

“The community was supportive,” she said after the reopening. “They expected [a reopening] and they wanted it. This place was a landmark. There were a lot of people who were at a loss as to where to hang out. It’s always been a neighborhood meeting place.”

Survivors include two brothers Arthur (Joan) Bennett of Smyrna, NY and Maurice (Judy) Bennett of Plymouth, NY; two nephews: Wade (Amie) Bennett of Watervliet, NY and Brent Bennett of Plymouth, NY and a niece Melissa Grant of Sherburne, NY; many great nieces & nephews; cousins as well as many friends.

Funeral Services were held at Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie. A burial is to be in the spring at Cole Hill Cemetery in Otselic.

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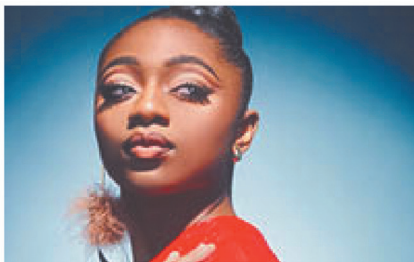
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## Carolyn Shapiro on the banjo

Carolyn Shapiro is an award-winning old-time banjo player and songwriter from Glens Falls, whose sound is rooted in the old-songs of Appalachia. She blends tradition with her own unique sultry flavor to create honest music that feeds the soul like a good home-cooked meal. She performs at Caffé Lena on Thursday, Dec. 22.

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**Caffé Lena**  
47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs  
518-583-0022  
Thurs: **Carolyn Shapiro** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Griffin House** | 8 p.m.

**Carson's Woodside Tavern**  
57 NY-9P, Malta  
518-584-9791  
Thurs: **Jay Yager & Chris Dollard** | 8 p.m.  
Fri: **Jacksland w/Rick Bolton & Jackie Dugas** | 8 p.m.

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

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

**The Comedy Works**  
388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs  
877-565-3849  
Fri: **The Comedy Works All-Stars** | 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.

**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

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

**Fort Orange Brewing**  
450 North Pearl St, Albany  
518-992-3103  
Wed: **Winter Corn Hole League** | 6

p.m.

**Frog Alley Brewing Co.**  
108 State Street Schenectady  
518-631-4800

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

**Funny Bone**  
1 Crossgates Mall Rd #K-206, Albany  
518-313-7484.  
Thurs: **Derek Gaines** | 7 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.

**The Hollow Bar + Kitchen**  
79 North Pearl St., Albany  
518-426-8550

**Lark Hall**

351 Hudson Ave, Albany  
518-599-5804

**The Linda**  
339 Central Ave, Albany  
518-465-5233

**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  
Fri: **Vinny Michaels Band** | 8 p.m.

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

**No Fun**  
275 River Street Troy Ny  
Thurs: **Tiger Lollipop / Antenna / Matthew D. Gantt** | 8 p.m.  
Fri: **Bootleg Karaoke XMAS Edition** | 8 p.m.

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

**The Palace Theatre**  
19 Clinton Ave., Albany  
518-465-4663  
Fri: **A Christmas Story** | 7 p.m.

**Panza's**  
129 So. Broadway, Saratoga Springs  
518-584-6882

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

**The Parting Glass**  
40-42 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs  
518-583-1916  
Fri: **Mckrells Christmas show** | 7 p.m.

**Paulys Hotel**  
337 Central Ave., Albany  
518-426-0828  
Fri: **The Ryan Matter Band with special guest Hustle & Hum** | 8 p.m.

**Proctors**  
432 State Street., Schenectady  
518-346-6204  
Wed: **Kim & Reggie And Magpie** | 7 p.m.  
Thurs: **Remember the Night** | 7:30

p.m.

**Putnam Place**  
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs  
518-584-8066  
Thurs: **Lucid Street w/ Misfit Toys Benefit Concert** | 8 p.m.

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

**Ravenswood Grill & Tavern**  
1021 NY 146, Clifton Park.  
518-371-8771  
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  
Sat: **Rockin' Rob Christmas Eve** | 4 p.m.

**The Saratoga Winery**  
462 NY-29, Saratoga Springs  
Thurs: **Justin Joyner** | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **Pat Decker** | 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

**UPH**  
25 Washington Street, Saratoga Springs  
(518) 346-6204  
Thurs: **The Queen's Cartoonists Holiday Hurrah** | 7:30 p.m.  
Fri: **Samara Joy** | 8 p.m.

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

**Van Slyck's**  
Rivers Casino & Resort  
1 Rush St., Schenectady  
518-579-8800  
Fri: **Dashboard Anthem** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Chasing Neon** | 8 p.m.

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

**Wicked**  
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**Wishing Well Restaurant**  
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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 23rd 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 ongoing.

#### Traders & Culture: Colonial Albany and the Formation of American Identity-

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

#### Albany International Airport

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

#### Arts Center of the Capital Region

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

#### The Clark Art Institute

**Imaginary City-** The large-format, abstract paintings of Tomm El-Saieh (b. 1984, Port-au-Prince; lives and works in Miami) team with dense and dynamic marks that evoke ornament, language, and architecture. By variously layering and erasing his linework, and using



## HOT DATE

### DASHBOARD ANTHEM!

Enjoy live music from Dashboard Anthem on Friday, Dec. 23 in Van Slyck's at River Casino & Resort in Schenectady, starting at 8 p.m.

vibrant color to optically push or pull his pictures, El-Saieh creates rhythmic, all-over compositions from which larger forms appear to emerge—testing both the limits of our perception and our expectations about abstraction.

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

#### Clement Art Gallery

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

#### The Jan Rutland

#### Memorial Artists' Space

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

#### miSci

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

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

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

#### New York State Museum

#### Unveiled: Wedding Wear in 19th-century New York

In choosing their wedding clothes, brides and grooms are influenced by fashion, economics, technology, religion, geography, celebrity, personal taste, and their role in society. This was as much the case in 19th-century New York as it is today. Wedding clothing holds memories, and

pieces—dresses, shoes, suits, and head wear—are often preserved and passed to subsequent generations. A couple's choices reveal historical information about both the individuals who wore them and those who made them. Some garments find their way to museum collections. This exhibition will unveil stories of select New Yorkers. Exhibit is on going until October 2nd 2022. Museum hours: Tuesday-Sun, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free admission; suggested donation of \$5/person or \$10/family. 518-474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

#### Art Associates Gallery

21 Railroad Avenue, Albany 12205. 518-459-1307

#### "The Fourth Anniversary Show"

To celebrate four years on Railroad Avenue, artists throughout the Capital Region are presenting works in a wide variety of subjects, techniques and mediums. On 12/2 extended hours to 8pm for a Meet-the-Artists-Event in conjunction with Albany First Friday. Regular gallery hours MTWF 12-6, Thurs 12-8, Sat 10-3 or by appointment. Closed Sundays. Exhibit dates: 12/2 through 12/31.

#### 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

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- Product or \_\_\_ (abbr.)
- Zodiac sign
- S. China seaport
- Former OSS
- Early English printer
- Aphid genus
- General's assistant (abbr.)
- Aussies
- Dissuades
- Make law
- Drench
- Soak in a liquid
- Male child
- It cools your home
- Small constellation
- To call (archaic)
- Explores beneath the Earth
- Commercial
- W. hemisphere organization
- You can find it in a can
- "Land of the free"
- 36 inches
- Footwear
- Challenges
- They hold things together
- Of I
- Partner to flow
- Not connected by kinship
- Worries
- Garlic mayonnaise
- A way to take by force
- Legendary English rockers
- Your consciousness of your own identity
- Fencing swords
- Silly
- Actor DiCaprio
- Encircles with a belt
- Mails a message
- Longing

#### CLUES DOWN

- Horse mackerels
- It can be viral
- Prickly plants
- Consciousness
- Type of sarcoma
- Tax collector
- Sun up in New York
- One who scorches
- Influential psychotherapist
- Situated at an apex
- Communicative
- Forearm nerve
- Former CIA
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Large-scale
- School environment
- Remove
- Male parents
- Large rodent
- Weighed down
- Held tightly
- \_\_\_ route: going there
- Explains again
- Exclamation of surprise
- Courteously
- Lying down
- Judge
- Forcefully took
- Loosely compacted sediment
- High mountain
- Portable conical tents
- Cereal grass
- Dining utensil
- Thoughtful
- Helps you walk
- Indicates near
- Midway between northeast and east
- Local area network

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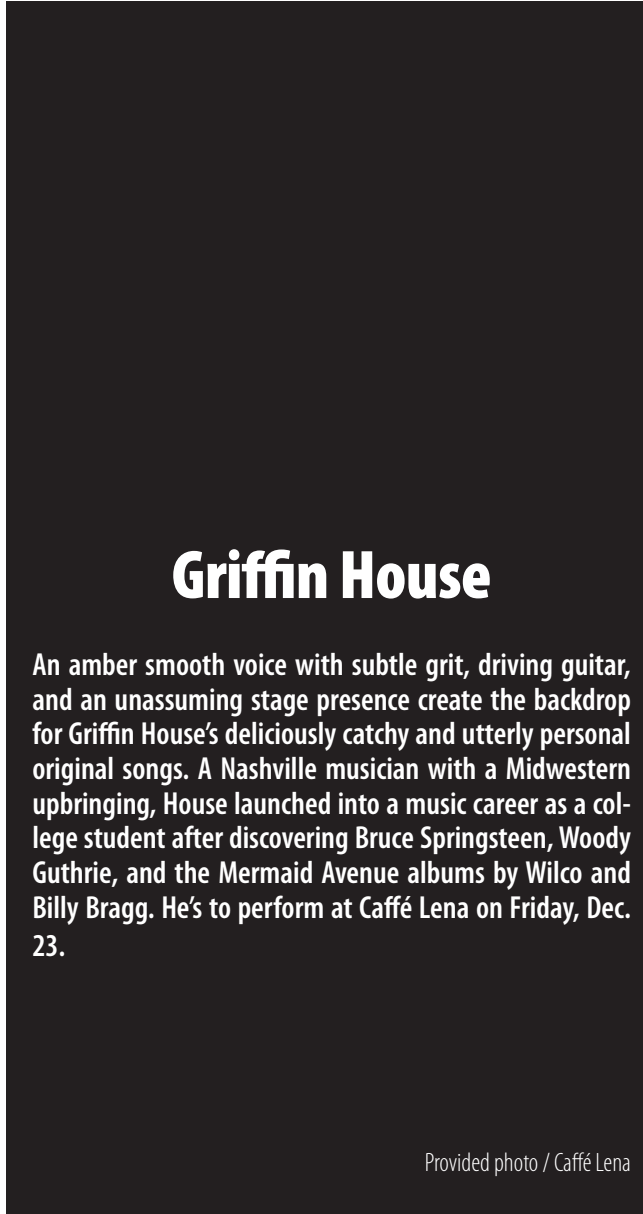
Schenectady: its founding, its people, and what life was like for the city's earliest residents. Plus permanent exhibits. Museum hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Library and Museum, 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Admission: \$5. 518-374-0263 or schenectadyhistorical.org

**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**

**Lauren Kelley Location Scouting-** Conceived and designed for conversation, dialogue, study, and contemplation, Location Scouting is the fourth exhibition in a series that invites an artist to re-imagine what a community space in the museum can be. Artist and curator Lauren Kelley reshapes the Tang Teaching Museum's mezzanine by combining meditations on travel with snapshots of everyday life in her drawings, sculpture, and stop-motion animation videos. Using plasticine, toys, and souvenirs, Kelley's videos conjure worlds that are malleable and unfixed, inhabited by robust protagonists whose quirks stem from efforts to correct the asymmetrical relationships they encounter. Accentuating the off-kilter, Location Scouting speaks to the shifts and rifts inherent in navigating today's post-pandemic landscape. Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Museum hours: Tuesday - Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; Thursday until 9 p.m. Free admission; suggested donations of \$5/adult; \$3/child 13+; seniors, \$2. 518-580-8080 or tang.skidmore.edu



## Griffin House

An amber smooth voice with subtle grit, driving guitar, and an unassuming stage presence create the backdrop for Griffin House's deliciously catchy and utterly personal original songs. A Nashville musician with a Midwestern upbringing, House launched into a music career as a college student after discovering Bruce Springsteen, Woody Guthrie, and the Mermaid Avenue albums by Wilco and Billy Bragg. He's to perform at Caffé Lena on Friday, Dec. 23.

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**Union College Galleries Addenda-**

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

**University Art Museum Ronny Quevedo: Offside-**

Inspired by his mother's and father's respective careers—a seamstress and a professional soccer player—multi-media artist Ronny Quevedo will occupy the arched walls of the museum in a newly commissioned work with diagrammatic vinyl lines that recall both dress patterns and gymnasium floors. Throughout this exhibition, which will include artwork from 2012 to the present, Quevedo's own family's emigration from Ecuador to New York serves as a catalyst for work reflecting on socio-political issues of migration,

Indigenous experiences, and sacred spaces. University Art Museum is located at 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany.

**THEATRE**

**'Twas the Land of the Night Before**

Make this family musical part of your holiday tradition as 'Twas the Land of the Night Before returns to Proctors! 'Twas the Land of the Night Before is a heartwarming musical family comedy about an enchanting village where everyone enthusiastically prepares for the holiday morning → ALL the time. Exchanging presents but never opening them, decorating and un-decorating the tree, it's all part of their simple and content daily life. Until one day, when a likeable bumbling soul wanders into the town and promises everyone he can show them all about the holiday. Join us as Yule, along with his faithful sidekick Satchel, meet the various townfolk including the Mayor, Toymaker, Ribbon Meister, a generous family, and Aristotle and Einstein, the town simpletons. Everyone loves Yule (even when he keeps doing things all wrong) and is excited about the promises he brings, except for the Teacher, who wants things to stay just the way they are → she just doesn't trust Yule, and what he is trying to do. You can see this show December 16th at 7:30 p.m. through Sunday. Join us only at Proctors, 432 State Street, Schenectady.

**COMEDY**

**The Comedy Works All-Stars**

Come on out for a great night of stand-up comedy featuring an all-star lineup of local and regional stand-up comics. Why come out and see one comedian when



**HOT DATE**

**BOOTLEG KARAOKE XMAS EDITION!**

*No Fun Troy is hosting another night of Karaoke on Friday, Dec. 23, a bootleg Christmas edition where anything on YouTube is fair game for you to choose. Watch out for it as the fun begins at 8 p.m.*

you can see 4 for the same price!?! Catch this show December 23rd at 8 p.m. only at The Comedy Works, 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.

**Derek Gaines**

Born in California and raised in Lindenwold, NJ, Derek Gaines found his comedy while growing up in the Philadelphia area. He currently calls New York City home where he has honed his craft and performs nightly as a standup comedian. Derek's first big break came as a semi-finalist of Bill Bellamy's Who's Got Jokes. From there Derek was inevitably destined for stardom. He was chosen as a New Face of comedy at the Just For Laughs Festival in 2014. Derek appeared on several MTV programs including Joking Off and Guy Code, eventually hosting his own series called Broke Ass Game Show. Derek was cast in recurring roles on NBC reboot of Will and Grace and Blue Bloods on CBS. He became a regular on TBS's Last O.G. as the character JAYBIRD. In 2020 Derek made his film debut starring in The King of Staten Island opposite Pete Davidson. In 2020, Derek released his self produced comedy special Why Was I Home Anyway? and followed that with a Netflix is a Joke standup special in 2022. He was nominated for a daytime Emmy in 2021 for his performance on the APPLE TV kid's show Helpsters where he played the role of Isaac Ice. Derek is currently a staff writer for the new season of Inside Amy Schumer on Comedy Central as well as the upcoming comedy series Bupkis on Peacock. You can catch this show December 22nd at 7:30 p.m. only at The Funny Bone, 1 Crossgates Mall Rd #K-206, Albany.

**MISCELLANEOUS  
Jerusalem Reformed Church**

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

**Troy Farmers Market**

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

**Schenectady GreenMarket**

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

**Veterans Meet-Up**

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

**Social Night/Open House tours**

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

**MUSIC**

**Joe Barna Trio**

Joe Barna is a composer and drummer who's music and playing span the entire jazz idiom from swing and bebop, to hard bop, soul jazz, and modern. After finishing his degree in jazz studies from The Purchase College Conservatory of Music, Joe moved back to the Capital Region to

continue writing and performing. Some of the teachers that have influenced this young drummer/composer have been John Riley, Adam Nussbaum, Hal Galper, Jon Faddis, Todd Coolman and Charles Blenzig. Joe's main influences as a drummer are Roy Haynes, "Philly" Joe Jones, Elvin Jones, Max Roach, Paul Motian, Art Blakey, Idris Mohammed, and Tony Williams. Catch the show December 23rd at 8 p.m. only at 9 Maple Ave # 1, Saratoga Springs.

**Brian Dewan**

A strikingly independent and original talent, Brian Dewan blends whimsy tradition and a subversive sense of humor into his many projects, which include (and sometimes combine) music, artwork, and furniture-making. A resident of Brooklyn's Williamsburg section, Dewan plays an orchestra's worth of quirky instruments, including the autoharp, accordion, Moog, and theremin -- as well as guitar and organ -- but his signature instrument is the electric zither, which he built in 1989 from pieces of an electric guitar and a harpsichord. With its eight humbucker pickups and 88 strings, it resembles an overgrown autoharp, and is the key to Dewan's avant yet approachable folk-rock. Along with writing for and playing with the Blue Man Group, Dewan collaborated with artists like the Sixths, Drink Me, Brian Woodbury, Laura Cantrell, and most notably cousin Leon Dewan, with whom he created Dewanatron, a project which revolves around the duo's homemade, custom cabinetry synthesizers. He has also worked with his good friends They Might Be Giants several times, touring with them, providing artwork for albums like Lincoln and the singles compilation Miscellaneous T, singing some of the song snippets on Apollo 18, and releasing two singles on

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**HOROSCOPES**

**December 2022  
Week 3**

**ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20**

Don't fret, Aries. No news is good news while you're waiting around to hear about something important. Give it a few more days and your waiting time will be over.

**TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21**

If you are thinking about changing careers, you probably should wait until the holidays are over. No one's mind is on the job these days, so waiting is the wiser move.

**GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21**

Consider all sides of a situation before you offer your opinion, Gemini. This way you have the facts and will not inadvertently alienate someone.

**CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22**

When someone turns to you for help, you do not hesitate to do all that you can, Cancer. Just be sure you do not to overwork yourself. Take on only what you can manage.

**LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23**

You've bitten off quite a lot lately, Leo. Fortunately, you have a good support system that can help you out when you need a helping hand. Rely on them as much as necessary.

**VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22**

Take a few days to sit back and rest and recharge. It will afford you an opportunity to plan for the future, as this may be a period of unrest for you.

**LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23**

You've been placed in a new role and you're loving every minute of it, Libra. Enjoy the moments while they last. This may be what you're meant to do.

**SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22**

Scorpio, you might want to take it easy and stick close to home for the time being. You need to regroup and focus anew. You can do that more easily without distractions.

**SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21**

Sagittarius, your to-do list might be growing longer, but tackle one thing at a time rather than getting overwhelmed. Reach out to a loved one for assistance.

**CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20**

Success is within reach, Capricorn. Do not be surprised if others are a bit jealous of your accomplishments and want to pull you down. Ignore the naysayers.

**AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18**

You have a plan but others are not falling in line right now, Aquarius. It may take time before others come around to your way of thinking. Be a little more patient.

**PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20**

It's a fine balance between work and play right now for you, Pisces. You're tempted to forego all responsibilities, but that wouldn't be smart.



John Flansburgh's Hello CD series. Catch this show December 22nd at 7:30 p.m. only at The Avalon Lounge, 29 Church St. Catskill.

**Carolyn Shapiro**

Carolyn Shapiro is an award-winning old-time banjo player and songwriter from Glens Falls, NY whose sound is rooted in the old-songs of Appalachia. Trained in the clawhammer style of banjo by Trish Miller and John Kirk, Carolyn blends tradition with her own unique sultry flavor to create honest music that feeds the soul like a good home-cooked meal. She sings songs inspired by the world around her with a commanding voice that will stop you in your tracks. Catch this show December 22nd at 8 p.m. only at Caffe Lena 47 Phila Street Saratoga Springs

**Griffin House**

An amber smooth voice with subtle grit, driving guitar, and an unassuming stage presence create the backdrop for Griffin House's deliciously catchy and utterly personal original songs. A Nashville musician with a Midwestern upbringing, House launched into a music career as a college student after discovering Bruce Springsteen, Woody Guthrie, and the Mermaid Avenue albums by Wilco and Billy Bragg. In addition to several albums and over 15 years of national tours, House has served as an opening act for the Cranberries, Josh Ritter, John Mellencamp, Ron Sexsmith, and many others. Griffin House's new record "Stories for a Rainy Day" is a collection of 9 songs written during the pandemic and recorded in just 3 days, and is being described as his most happy and upbeat yet. The album was recorded by Tim Pannella using a stripped down trio set up with Jersey based musicians Eric Novod on drums, Mark Masefield on keys, and House on guitars and vocals. With minimal pro-

duction and the band playing together as opposed to overdubbing, the songs have a space to be more playful, free and alive. You can catch this show December 23rd at 8 p.m. only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

**The Ryan Matter Band with special guest Hustle & Hum**

Lead Singer/songwriter Ryan Matter got started while working at a live Texas music venue. He started meeting a lot of artists on the Red Dirt Music Scene. Seeing the fire in his eye and hearing his unique sound they encouraged him and were the force which led him too, to start to release his music. His sound is a fusion of the music which cultivated him as an artist including, Social Distortion, The Ramones, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Cross Canadian Ragweed, and many more. Catch this show December 23rd at 8 p.m. only at Pauly's Hotel, 337 Central Ave., Albany.

**Lucid Street w/ Misfit Toys Benefit Concert for ASPCA**

Join Lucid Street at Putnam Place as they host a Christmas Benefit Concert for the ASPCA with special guests Misfit Toy. There will be a raffle in between acts with amazing prizes from Parkway Music, Saratoga Candy Co, Lucid Street, Adirondack Kettle Corn and more to raise money to save homeless animals this holiday season. Formal Christmas attire is recommended. Lucid Street is an Upstate NY Rock Band consisting of singer/ violinist Cait Tizzone, keyboardist Billy Buono, drummer Mike Ilyadis, guitarist Chris Piccini, and bassist Phil Manitta. At a Lucid Street show you can expect to hear your favorite rock covers, daring deep cuts, and rocking originals that will soon become one of your favorite songs. Misfit Toys is holiday code for a nucleus of long-

time touring, recording and flash-mob jamming performers from the Colonie area who have made ridiculously loud music together for over 35 years. Comprised of Joe Pallone, Mike Normandin, Bill Ketzer and Pat Ginnelly, they can play just about anything, anytime, anywhere and they are always thrilled when their favorite hometown, next-generation gal pal - Lucid Street's Cait Tizzone - fronts the band! You can see this show December 16th at 8 p.m. only at Putnam Place, 63a Putnam Street, Saratoga Springs.

**The Queen's Cartoonists Holiday Hurrah**

Welcome to The Queen's Cartoonists Holiday Special! Keenly aware of all things holiday-oriented and completely ridiculous, musical ensemble The Queen's Cartoonists have set out to find the best of the best (and best of the worse) holiday-related cartoons, films, and jazz! The show includes traditional holiday vocal numbers ("White Christmas", "Jingle Bells", "Hanukkah Oh Hanukkah", etc), paired with jazz arrangements and classic cartoon characters (Betty Boop, Bugs Bunny, Popeye the Sailor Man, Porky Pig, and more!). There's also a good amount of novelty comedy numbers, props, sound effects, and jokes. And we haven't forgotten to include your daily dose of screwball holiday classics, like "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians"! The Queen's Cartoonists play music from classic cartoons and contemporary animation. The performances are synchronized to video projections of the original films, and the band leads the audience through a world of virtuosic musicianship, multi-instrumental mayhem, and comedy. Behind the project is a single question: is it possible to create jazz and classical music in the 21st century that appeals to everyone? Even people who



**HOT DATE**

**A CHRISTMAS STORY!**

The classic story that follows Ralphie's pursuit of a Red Rider B-B Gun for Christmas graces the big screen at the Albany Palace Theatre on Friday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m..

normally wouldn't go to concerts? The Queen's Cartoonists present a concert for everybody - regardless of age, gender, or familiarity with the concert hall. Tying this diverse concert together are comedic anecdotes involving the cartoons and their composers. The band is on a musical mission of equal parts performance, preservation, and education. Expect the unexpected from repertoire that includes the Golden Age of animation, cult cartoon classics, modern animation, and elements of a musical circus! Since their inception in 2015, The Queen's Cartoonists have brought their unique sound to performing arts centers in over 20 states, and have opened for the New York Philharmonic. The 6 members, all currently living in Queens, New York, are world-class professional musicians. The band has been featured in numerous major publications, including The Wall Street Journal, The Chicago Tribune, Mashable, and on NPR. This can be seen December 22nd at 7:30 p.m. only at the Universal Preservation Hall, 25 Washington Street Saratoga Springs.

**Samara Joy**

With her upcoming Verve Records debut, Linger Awhile, 22-year-old Samara Joy makes her case to join the likes of Sarah, Ella, and Billie as the next mononymous jazz singing sensation recorded by the venerable label. Her voice, rich and velvety yet precociously refined, has already earned her fans like Anita Baker and Regina King, appearances on the TODAY Show and millions of likes on TikTok - cementing her status as perhaps the first Gen Z jazz singing star. On Linger Awhile, Samara will introduce that massive audience to a slew of classic standards several times older than she is through her timeless, irresistible sound. Samara is still relatively new to jazz. Growing up

in the Bronx, it was music of the past - the music of her parent's childhoods, as she put it - that she listened to most. She treasures her musical lineage, which stretches back to her grandparents Elder Goldwire and Ruth McLendon, both of whom performed with Philadelphia gospel group the Savettes, and runs through her father, who is a singer, songwriter and producer who toured with gospel artist Andrae Crouch. "Sometimes I catch myself when I'm singing - I'm like, 'Whoa, that was a dad moment!'" Samara quips. Eventually, she did follow in the family tradition, singing in church and then with the jazz band at Fordham High School for the Arts, with whom she won Best Vocalist at JALC's Essentially Ellington competition. That led to her enrolling in SUNY Purchase's jazz studies program, where she fell deeply in love with the music. Though she's young, she relishes the process of digging through the music's history and learning new standards. "I think maybe people connect with the fact that I'm not faking it, that I already feel embedded in it," Samara says. "Maybe I'm able to reach people in person and on social media because it's real." The gatekeepers of the jazz world tend to agree: in 2019, she won the Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition, and she's since performed with legends like Christian McBride and Bill Charlap. Legendary late pianist Barry Harris was a particularly important influence and mentor. "You inspired me as well as many others with this fire for teaching and playing that couldn't be dimmed by anything or anyone," Samara writes in Linger Awhile's liner notes, dedicating the project in part to Harris' memory. This can be seen December 23rd at 8 p.m. only at the Universal Preservation Hall, 25 Washington St. Saratoga Springs.

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## ■ FASHION

# Before you say yes

How to pick the perfect wedding dress

**P**lanning a wedding requires making many different decisions. The choice of wedding attire is among the most crucial decisions that couples must make. Whether the wedding is traditional or customized to suit couples' personalities, brides and grooms want to look their best when they say, "I do."

Many brides-to-be spend a significant amount of time looking for their ideal wedding dresses. What defines the right gown depends on personal preference and is unique to the person doing the search. For example, a dress that sets a fairy tale scene for one bride may not necessarily align with the tastes of another. According to Bridal Atelier, the average bride-to-be tries on try three to seven dresses before finding the right one. The following tips can help those shopping for dresses find a look that makes their big day even



The following tips can help those shopping for dresses find a look that makes their big day even more special.

more special.

### Don't get hung up on perfection

Many brides get caught up as they search for the one dress they consider perfect. No dress is likely to check every box. Getting hung up on a desire to find a dress that has it all may make it hard to see the beauty in other dresses. Remember, with the talents of an experienced tailor or seamstress, most dresses can be tweaked to suit your vision of the ideal gown.

### Consider the season

Getting married during the hazy and humid days of summer is an entirely different experience than tying the knot during the heart of winter. The fabric of the wedding dress should complement the season, whether it's lightweight and breezy for a warm day, or more substantial and cozy when darting to the ceremony in snowfall.

### Flatter your figure

Chances are brides-to-be know which cuts and styles are most flattering. Mimic those style choices in the wedding dress. If you want to take focus off of full hips, choose a basque or asymmetrical waistline. Gowns with substantial straps or higher necklines may be better if you

have a larger chest. Sheath and mermaid style gowns are options if you are confident with your figure and want to show off your curves.

### Try a bit of this and that

Don't go into a wedding dress appointment with firm parameters. Although you may have a ball gown style in mind, after trying on other options something with a less voluminous silhouette may actually catch your eye. Many brides also automatically defer to strapless gowns, when various straps and sleeves can be very appealing.

### Arrive with a firm budget

Weddings can be costly. It's important to set a budget for the wedding dress just as you will with other expenses. There are plenty of dress designers across a wide spectrum of price points. A willingness to consider and ultimately purchase a less costly dress can help you stay on budget.

Browsing through magazines and looking online can provide wedding dress inspiration as well. Also, when in doubt, defer to the experts at bridal shops who have experience choosing dresses that brides are inclined to love.

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■ HEALTH and FITNESS

# Therein lies the rub

How to avoid repetitive strain injuries

Repetitive strain injuries can upset workflow and compromise exercise routines. Though such injuries are often characterized as nuisances, for many people they're much more than a minor inconvenience.

Data from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration indicates that repetitive strain

injuries (RSI) affect roughly 1.8 million workers in the United States each year. Such injuries are common across the globe, as researchers in Sweden estimate that roughly one in 50 workers is suffering from the symptoms of RSI. These injuries also are not limited to adults, with one study from researchers at Australia's University of Technology finding that 60 percent of children suffered discomfort when using a laptop.

The Cleveland Clinic notes

that RSI most commonly affect certain parts of the body, including:

- fingers and thumbs
- wrists
- elbows
- arms
- shoulders
- knees

These areas of the body are vulnerable when people routinely engage in activities in which they repeat the same motions. For example, office workers who

spend eight hours a day typing away at their computers may develop RSI in their fingers, thumbs, wrists, and/or elbows. Such workers need their jobs, so what are they and others who suffer work-related RSI to do? Prevention of RSI is not always so easy, but individuals can try various strategies to reduce their risk of developing RSI.

• **Make adjustments to your workstation.** Individuals whose RSI are a byproduct of sitting at a desk and working on a computer all day long can adjust their workstations to see if this helps reduce strains. For example, a keyboard wrist rest is an inexpensive accessory that can be placed between users and their keyboards to keep their wrists in a neutral position and alleviate wrist pain that results from typing all day. Mouse rest pads serve a similar function and can be equally effective. A keyboard and mouse pad should be low enough to allow users to relax their shoulders.

• **Consider replacing your desk and/or chair.** Desks and chairs also could increase risk for RSI if they are not compatible. Office workers should be able to pull their chairs beneath their desk when they're sitting and working. If the desk is too small or low to the ground to allow that, or if the chair is not adjustable so it can be pulled up to the edge of the desk while

working, workers' posture could suffer, as they will be forced to lean into their desk and narrow their shoulders when typing. The Cleveland Clinic notes that improving posture helps people avoid putting extra stress on their bodies that can contribute to RSI.

• **Get up and walk around.** Prolonged periods of sitting can increase the risk of RSI. Sitting at a desk all day long without taking routine breaks means those parts of your body vulnerable to RSI, such as the wrists, elbows and shoulders, are not moving all day. The strain that puts on these parts of the body increases RSI risk, which underscores the importance of taking routine breaks.

• **Stretch before sitting down.** Stretching may be something associated with a workout routine, but the principles of stretching also apply to sitting at a desk. Exercise enthusiasts stretch to loosen and protect their muscles and tendons from injury, and the same idea can safeguard office workers as well. Some simple stretches throughout the day can keep muscles and tendons in the hands, elbows and shoulders loose and reduce the risk of RSI.

Individuals vulnerable to repetitive strain injuries can employ various techniques to reduce the likelihood that these painful and potentially debilitating conditions develop.

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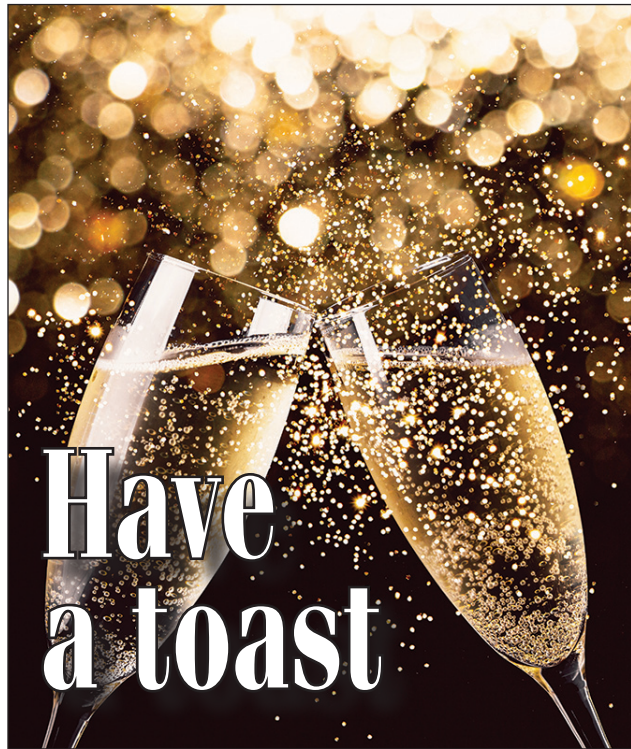
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## FOOD and VINO

**S**parkling wines are made by sealing the beverages before the fermentation process is complete, causing the effervescent bubbles that is their hallmark. Sparkling wines are produced in various regions of the world, but “champagne” is unique to the Champagne region of northeast France, where vines were introduced by the Romans many centuries ago.

One of the most legendary and heralded brands of champagne was created by a French monk named Pérignon. Historians say Pérignon lived from 1638 to 1715 and was admitted in his lifetime to the abbey of Saint-Vanne. He acquired the honorary title of Dom while there, and also served as cellar master, creating what later would be known as the “vins de Pérignon.”

Dom Pérignon champagne is still a prestigious brand today, joined by other leaders of the industry like Moët & Chandon, Veuve Clicquot, Nicolas Feuillatte, and Pol Roger. French champagnes are part of elegant toasts, A-list events and five-star dining experiences. They also may be poured on New Year’s Eve. All champagne is sparkling wine, but not all sparkling wine is champagne.

Enjoying champagne on its own in the requisite stemmed glass is tradition, but champagne also can be mixed into any number of cocktails — from bellinis to mimosas. This “Blood-Orange Champagne Cocktail” is a variation on the classic mimosa, and doesn’t necessarily need to be enjoyed at brunch. Serve it on New Year’s Eve, or for any special occasion, courtesy of Martha Stewart.

### Blood-Orange Champagne Cocktail

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/4 cups freshly squeezed or frozen blood-orange juice
- 2 750-ml bottles champagne, chilled

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Pour 3 tablespoons juice in each champagne flute. Fill flutes with champagne, and serve.

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## ■ CONCERT REVIEWS

### Jorma Kaukonen at The Egg's Swyer Theatre

By **DON WILCOCK**  
*nippertown.com*

**ALBANY** – The near sellout crowd at The Egg's Swyer Theatre Tuesday night for Jorma Kaukonen's solo acoustic show was dominated by long-haired men "long in the tooth," as Jorma described himself when asked what's on his bucket list. The vibe was anticipatory waiting for the show to begin.

Jorma's fans were obviously beside themselves to see the man who founded the Jefferson Airplane, the group that 57 years ago broke the stranglehold that the British Invasion had on the Billboard charts. The Airplane was the first American rock band to break into Billboard's Hot 100, preparing the way for The Grateful Dead's redefining of youth culture, bursting on the world from San Francisco's Haight Ashbury hippy conclave.

But Tuesday night, Jorma refused to be defined or confined by The Airplane's heavy rock sound. Beginning in the late '60s he simultaneously recorded and toured with Hot Tuna, a

band that to this day performs in both acoustic and electric configurations. His solo Albany show was the second in a series that falls on the heels of an electric Hot Tuna tour. He performed alone on a bare stage, on an acoustic guitar. He had another one close by that he never picked up. I'm assuming it was there as backup if he broke a string.

"When you play with other guys, it's a conversation," he told me in an advance interview. "Playing with myself is a monolog, so you have to cover more bases when you're playing by yourself."

He opened the first of two sets with a 100-year-old blues standard "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out." That number set the tone for an evening that included "San Francisco Bay Blues," a folk standard in the repertoire of scores of folksingers I heard in the Boston coffeehouses of the early '60s. He also performed the standard "Hesitation Blues" with its familiar refrain: "How long do I have to wait/Can I get you now/Or must I hesitate?"

Scattered among these old chestnuts were Jorma originals that are practically indistinguishable from the

standards. I say standards, but his own book of originals is part of that heritage. Still, it was fascinating to hear him perform them without any accompaniment. I've interviewed Jorma a number of times in his career and am consistently surprised by his complete lack of ego about the role he's played in formulating the American songbook.

He refuses to accept the label as being a protégé of the Rev. Gary Davis, if only because he didn't have the money to take lessons from that blues legend who taught so many folksingers back in the day. And while his merch table is dominated by Jefferson Airplane CDs, he once told me that if he hadn't been stoned in those early days, he'd have been too bored to continue in a band at a time when he was just learning how to play electric guitar.

Jorma's first few years in San Francisco included time spent with Janis Joplin, herself an artist who was a folky before going electric. On Nov. 25, Jorma released for Record Store Day Typewriter Tapes, a restored and remastered 1964 recording of Jorma on guitar and Janis Joplin on vocals. Jorma's first wife Margareta can be heard

typing away intermittently in the background.

"It was recorded on a half-track mono tape recorder I got. It's a great recording thing. Who knew? You know? Really! People talk about the Janis experience. I go, 'Look! Stop! We were just kids.' Janis was still a teenager then. I was only like 22, 23 years old. We were like just kids and having a great time, and having a musical connection. 'Cause people look back and assume you have some picture of what your life is gonna be. You know that. You don't know what's going on."

Jorma's voice Tuesday night was almost a whisper, and his picking was decidedly folky. His guitar work was mesmerizing for two sets lasting almost three hours.

### Pokey Lafarge and Cicada Rhythm at The Egg's Swyer Theatre

By **LEIF ZURMUHLEN**  
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**ALBANY** – A little more than a year after his highly entertaining solo show, Pokey LaFarge returned to the Swyer

Theater at The Egg with a full band filling out the live sound of his distinctive American originals. With Eric Miron on guitar, Kevin Carducci on bass, Andrew Guterman on drums and Hank Mehron on keys, Pokey even had the chance to set down his well-used 1946 Epiphone Spartan archtop guitar and just focus on crooning "Lucky Sometimes"

*Well I don't deserve nothing  
But sometimes you get something,  
yeah  
Just for hanging around  
Even bums get lucky sometimes*

— Pokey LaFarge,  
"Lucky Sometimes"

LaFarge announced that he is now engaged to singer/songwriter Hamilton Addie who joined him last year on a few songs. And he expressed how glad he was to be able to bring a band on tour with him again after the pandemic. It had him singing the "La La Blues":

*It's La La La,  
I'm singing La La La  
I'm so happy I'm singing La La La.  
I'm wet and I'm wild,  
Honey, I'm short and thin  
So I can squeeze out of any  
position  
you try and put me in.*

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## From page B15 ... Concert reviews

— Pokey LaFarge,  
“La La Blues”

An artist who wants to be seen as relevant, not retro, Pokey’s reverence for the best of the past is evident in his wide-ranging, vintage-inspired rock and roll sound that dips into blues, folk, jazz, western swing, soul and R&B. After what he has called, “The worst year of my life, 2019. I was in withdrawal from a lot of things that were killing me,” his most recent release, 2021’s *In The Blossom of Their Shade* is also colored by LaFarge’s new-found Christian faith. His Instagram lists him as: Christ Follower, Artist, Musician, Actor, Traveler. From “Long For The Heaven I Seek”:

*Oh, Lord, take me home  
I wanna go home  
There’s got to be a home for you  
and me  
Oh, I’m burdened by stress  
And I just want to rest  
I’m lost in the shadows, searchin’  
for peace  
I long for the Heaven I seek.*

— Pokey LaFarge,  
“Long for the Heaven I Seek”

An energetic, magnetic live performer, Pokey steered his

band through an extended jam on “Something in the Water” and had people dancing in the upper aisles with “Central Time.”

The sharply dressed band was appreciated by the audience, with one woman yelling out, “Your bass player is so hot!” the bassist replied, “Stop....go on!” A standing ovation at the end of the show brought the band back to encore and close with “Goodnight, Goodbye”:

*It’s the end of the night, it’s the  
end of the show*

*Could even be the end of the  
world as we know*

*So let’s get together and sing this  
song like it may be the last*

*It’s goodnight, goodbye, hope not  
forever.*

— Pokey LaFarge,  
“Goodnight, Goodbye”

Georgia’s Cicada Rhythm opened, quickly winning over the crowd with their heartfelt and haunting blend of American music, with influences of folk, jazz and blues. Lovely duet harmonies from couple Andrea DeMarcus and David Kirslis captivated, with Julliard-trained bass lines from DeMarcus and articulate guitar picking from Kirslis, accompanied by drummer Colin Agnew. Cicada Rhythm drew a standing ovation, with a man shouting from his seat, “Y’all could be headliners!”

## ALBUM REVIEWS

### Doctor Baker’s ‘Trespassers’

By LUCAS GARRETT  
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Doctor Baker’s latest release, *Trespassers*, which came out on September 9th, is a nice blend of Americana, roots-rock, and a smattering of jazz. The group’s first full-length record, there’s some great material to unpack; some straightforward and some not so much! Combining tightly performed instrumentation with a vocal that explores some low and high notes without ever getting too adventurous, there’s something on this record for lots of various tastes in music.

To begin the album, “Exhausted,” blends elements of post-punk with pop-rock of the late 1980’s and early 1990’s. The guitars on this track are extremely jangly! During the chorus sections, the vocals and guitar have a nice call-and-response arrangement, and after the second chorus, we hear a very tastefully executed guitar solo, before the band jumps back into the refrain. Throughout the song,

the melody floats along in an enjoyable, albeit predictable way. To end the song, we hear one more chorus, followed by a brief instrumental outro.

One thing I really enjoy about this record, is the sardonic nature of some of the band’s lyrics. Take for instance, “Miss Myself,” track two. The song tells a rather narcissistic story of the concept of missing one’s self after they have passed on, rather than those around the narrator who may actually be missing them. A lone guitar plays in the intro, and the band soon joins in. An unremitting chordal motif plays throughout the verse and interlude sections, driving the vibe into listeners’ ears. The chorus features pounding drums between the vocal phrases. At about the halfway point, the song takes a completely unexpected turn when it slows down, becoming far more plaintive, before kicking back up in tempo and energy.

“Hey Romeo,” track three, features a higher-pitched guitar part; the audience has a chance to instantly familiarize themselves with a grooving part that sticks in the brain. Overall, the tune has a solid

swing feel, with some very nice interplay between the vocal and instrumentation. Throughout the course of the song, the melody alters a bit in rhythm, making it an ear-grabbing change; it’s a great way to build an interesting arrangement. One thing that Doctor Baker really nails down well is crafting a memorable chorus section. While nothing is overtly difficult in lyrics or melody during these sections, that is precisely what makes them captivating and easy to get stuck in one’s head.

For the next song, “Holiday Lights,” some light guitar work brings the piece forward until we first hear the vocals enter. Through the tune, the instrumentation fills in the gaps nicely between melodic phrases. Developing further, the harmonies that are added gel quite effectively. In this song in particular, the drum fills are essential to the subtle jumps in energy as it progresses. During the latter half of the tune, overdriven electric guitar instrumentation enters the fray, bringing even more of a lift to the vibe, before we hear an interesting guitar solo outro. Not a lot of notes, perhaps, but all the right ones. Following this, we hear one

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more verse section before the track ends.

Changing things up a bit in the title track, track five, audiences are greeted with an incredibly fuzzy bass line. It's filthy sounding and I love it. A lot of this instrumentation reminds this listener of Jethro Tull (no, not all Tull songs have the flute in them!). The blistering guitar performance turns a thus far "simple" sounding record – strictly in terms of the songs' difficulty – into the goddamned stratosphere. After all of the frenzy concludes, the energy briefly tapers way down before building back up to finish the song.

Following up is "Dark Times." There're some really nice and snappy guitar chords on what

sounds like the classic "single coil" sound. The vocals during the verse are paced in a peculiar fashion. Drums push and pull the feel of this song quite a bit; at times it sounds like they're about to fall off the beat, but never do so. This cleverness in the arrangement is effective when executed well, as is the case with this tune. The fuzzy guitar solo that occurs about halfway serves well to break up the somewhat monotonous nature of this tune.

During the intro of "Little Space," track seven, one of the guitar parts performs a nice interlude that features mid-to-high pitch bends. It's not long before listeners realize this serves as the overall motif of interlude music for the song; it's effective placing it in the intro in order

to establish some familiarity with it. The lyric in this one is definitely quirky! "I used to stand up so much straighter/ My spine stretching out to the sky/I could reach whatever I wanted/I thought I'd never be denied." There're also references throughout, including what this listener suspects to be a reference to Alice in Wonderland. To conclude the song, the same guitar interlude continues throughout the outro. From the start of the record, until now, the majority of the material has been fairly straightforward.

That being said, "Asylum," track eight, is a tune in 6/8. It moves along at a quick clip and the guitar part in the intro really drives the song into action. These lyrics are definitely

socially driven; a commentary about where we are currently as a nation. While never naming any one person, it's fairly obvious who the words are being critical towards. After one of the choruses, a tasteful guitar solo is performed, at which point the drums kick up a couple of notches, and the overall energy of the piece soars. While the intensity of energy does slowly dip back down, it's never to the extent where it was prior to the solo. At the final chorus, we hear one final refrain that is accompanied mainly by drums, with the occasional guitar chord. An extremely interesting and ear-grabbing way to end a tune!

Doctor Baker really branches out of the record's sound with, "Keep it Shut," track nine. The

Latin inspired feel that permeates this tune is definitely a welcomed switch-up! Throughout the song, a bossa nova-esque groove (not quite a bossa nova pattern) really pushes the song forward. On top of that, the bass part on this track, in terms of how well it accompanies the other instrumentation, stands out far more than with other songs on this album.

The album's penultimate track, "Permanent Migraine," is a return to more straightforward songwriting. That being said, the subtle slapback delay on the guitar part sticks out nicely in the mix, as well as the vibrato. A sign of a good storyteller, and in this case, songwriter, is to have the details or info match the title of

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**Album review**

the work. This is certainly done well for this tune, as the chorus sounds a bit cluttered, and might serve well to convey the “sound” of a migraine. It’s the only tune on the record that has a fade-out.

Finishing off the record is “Us People.” There’re some really nice jazz voicings on the guitar in this track. On top of a bedrock of these types of chords, listeners are greeted with some nicely placed melodic guitar fills. This song incorporates far more jazz vibes than others on the album; it’s a mellow tune that greatly breaks up the flow of the album. Being the last on the record, ending it this way – introducing a whole new sound to their listeners – could very easily leave people wanting more.

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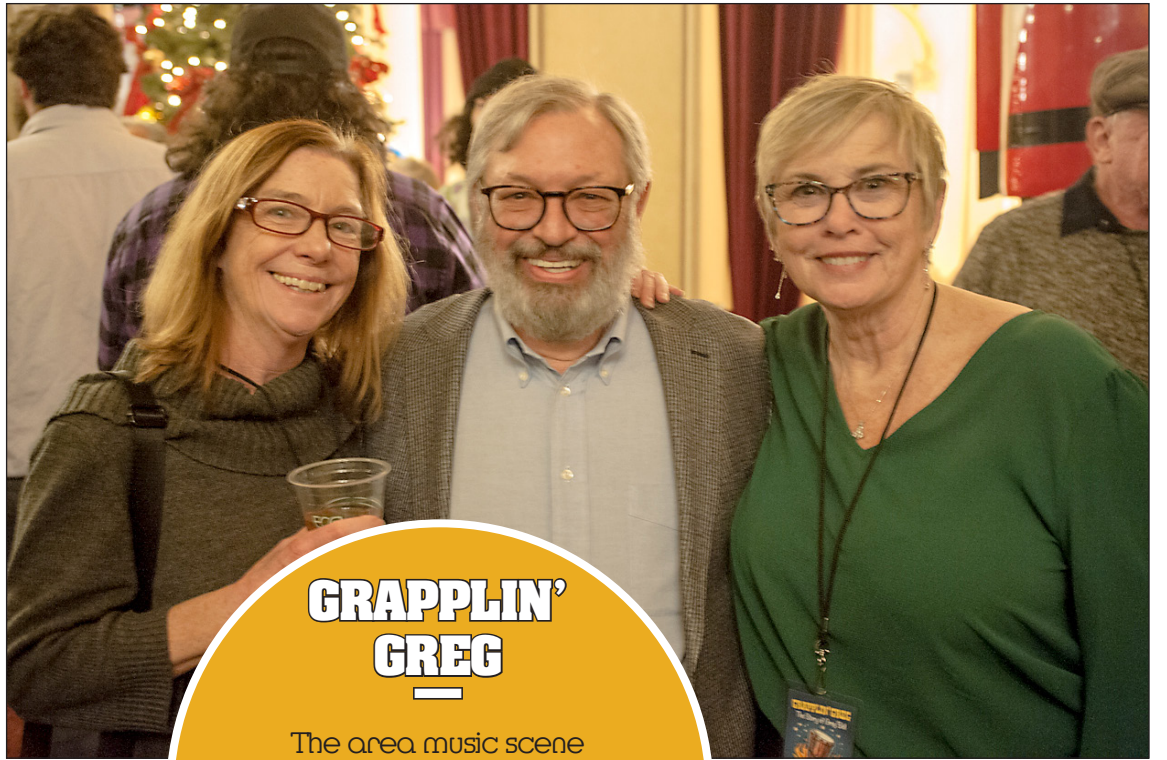
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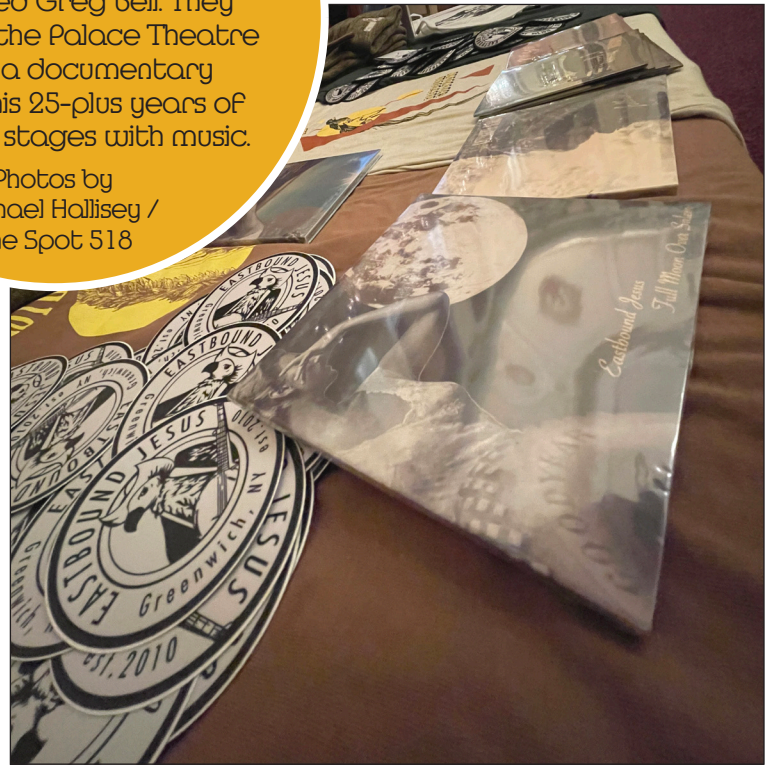




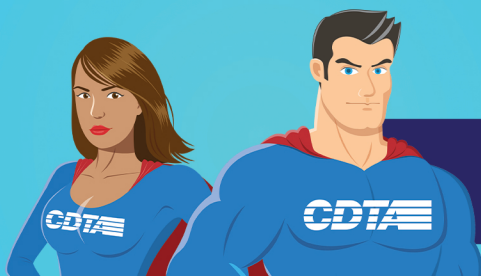
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The area music scene celebrated Greg Bell. They arrived at the Palace Theatre to view a documentary detailing his 25-plus years of filling local stages with music.

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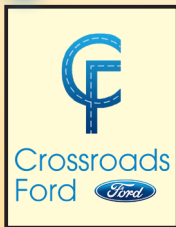


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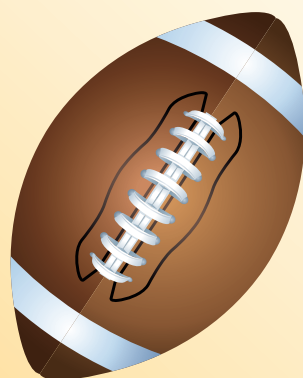
**Jim Giacone**  
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131-221	131



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This Week	Overall Points
136-221	136



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