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## TOP STORY



# A knight among us

Delmar native earns France's highest honor

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**Ken Bailey of Voorheesville holds in his hands the medal distinguishing him as Knight of the Legion of Honor, a titled bestowed upon him by France for his service in World War II.**

Photo by Tricia Cremo/Spotlight

**BETHLEHEM** — Local WWII Veteran Ken Bailey received France's highest distinction, the Legion of Honor for his contribution to France's liberation.

He along with 24 other American WWII veterans received the medals at a ceremony in New York City on Friday, July 3. They now hold the official rank: Knight of the Legion of Honor.

Bailey, who is 93 years old and lives in Voorheesville and grew up in Delmar, served with the fourth US Cavalry from 1942 to 1945. He was just 22 years old when he entered the war. Bailey has also received the Bronze Star for his services.

In the past 10 years, France has made an effort to recognize the aging America veterans who fought on French soil during the war. Bailey's friend Art Hamilton from New Scotland received the same award last year, and a similar award ceremony was held in Florida this February.

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The community's effort to save a Victorian Aged church, in an effort to convert it into an entertainment venue, received a boost in the arm last week.

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District playoffs came to a conclusion this past week, with one local team earning the right to extend their season.

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## DEVELOPMENT

# Extension road blocked

Six years, and proposed development still at odds with town board, local residents

By **TRICIA CREMO**  
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**NEW SCOTLAND** — As the Town of New Scotland makes way for future development, the first developer to approach the board has been met with setbacks that are taking years to resolve.

Bruce Boswell of Boswell Engineering first proposed the housing development six years ago in 2009. Several years have now passed and the town board has yet to approve the extension of Miller Road that he has proposed. A majority of issues brought to the town's attention have concerned road problems and the increased traffic due to the road's construction.

Boswell plans to extend

Miller Road and create a cul-de-sac that would hold 16 housing plots. Construction negotiations with the Planning Board have progressed steadily in those six years, yet all of the work he and town officials have put forth could be for naught if the town board does not approve his road extension.

"After 12 years (of planning) I want to agree to anything just to get the project off the road," said Boswell at the Tuesday, July 7, planning board meeting.

While the road has yet to be approved, the actual construction plan is now close to approval, according to the Planning Board.

Several years have been devoted to negotiating the site's considerable water and sewage problems. Pipes on the site are over 90 years old, and as the ground lies upstream from the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, fastidious plans were made to ensure the prevention of sewer leakage.

Boswell Engineering and the planning board have now agreed to a plumbing plan that would ensure environmental protection, and Boswell has already negotiated with the Town of Bethlehem for water supplies.

Boswell Engineering would pay great expense for this large dual plumbing system, and the company would also pay construction costs for the planned road extension, should the town board approve the plan.

"We have to work with the systems that are in

place," said Planning Board Chairperson Charles Voss, "It seems like now would be the appropriate time to tackle this road issue, but that's up to the Town Board."

A number of developers are also looking at sites in the same area as Boswell's, but are watching the long approval process and waiting to know the board's final decision before they move forward with plans of their own.

As the first developer to approach the board with plans, Boswell has without a doubt dealt with the brunt of complaints from residents. With environmental concerns now quelled since the planning board's announcement their environmental stamp of approval at the last meeting, the only remaining grievances concern the road problems.

"The traffic is out of control" said resident Sharon Volke at the meeting. "Already this summer my mailbox has been hit twice. I am really, really concerned."

The planning board, however, has already determined adding these houses would not "tip the scale" of traffic. Right now New Scotland road is operating at a B traffic rating, with D being the lowest rating.

"We have acknowledged that there will be an increase in traffic," said Voss. "And if improvements need to be made to the road we'll make them."

Two years ago the board conducted a traffic study that determined although the construction would increase traffic, this increase would not be significant enough to require major road changes

to be made.

Another concern the New Scotland Town Board will no doubt have to deal with when they are making their final decision on the road's approval is resident Eion Connolly. Connolly, who lives at the corner of New Scotland South Road and Miller Road, would see his house circumnavigated by the new proposed road's construction.

"I'm becoming an island," he said, "and not in a good way. I don't think it's reasonable to put the road in as its shown, and Mr. Boswell has acknowledged that it's generally not a good idea."

The Town of New Scotland is also in the process of creating major changes to the area's zoning and roads to allow for development in the town. Because these plans are in the approval process, Connolly is worried about approval of the new road, only to have to pave over it with a new road later down the line.

Residents of New Scotland are already worried about the impact this development would have on the community, but these worries are far from surprising. After residents shot down plans for construction of a Target in 2008, the Town of New Scotland became notorious for its fierce objection to major developments — a conviction this project has met with throughout its approval process.

The board now says they are close to making a decision about whether to approve Boswell's project or not. Final approval will come after a vote by the Town Board at a future date.





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## ■ ENVIRONMENT

# Help wanted to stop eco-threat

## Invasive Species Awareness Week at Five Rivers

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**BETHLEHEM** — The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center is holding its second Invasive Species Awareness Week to help the public learn about the destructive power of invasive species and what the public can do to stop their spread.

Members of the community are invited to visit Five Rivers on Saturday, July 18 at 2 p.m. for an indoor presentation on invasive species, followed by a guided tour.

Invasive species are organisms that cause environmental damage or damage human health when they are introduced to a new area. These non-indigenous species usually make their way to new environments when traveling people unknowingly allow these species to hitch a ride onto their boats and cars.

Once these species are transported to a new environment, they then disrupt ecosystems by outcompeting existing species for the area's limited resources. Invasive species can be animals, insects, plants or other organisms.

Five Rivers itself has several species they combat at their facility, according to Raymond Perry, the director of Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. The week's events see visitors participate in lectures given by environmental specialists, and volunteers help to remove these species from Five River's grounds.

The kick-off lecture was last Saturday, July 11, and more lectures were scheduled throughout the week.

Starting on Monday the center held its first volunteer event, a cleaning of the facility's ponds of the

invasive plant species the water chestnut. It will hold the same event this Friday, July 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"It requires lot of physical labor to keep this species in check," said Perry. "Unfortunately with the water chestnut, it is something that you have to do year after year."

Five Rivers is having volunteers canoe and kayak on their ponds in order to remove the species.

"You cannot usually canoe or kayak here," said Perry. "So in addition to helping us out, it's one of the few opportunities you have to take boats on our ponds."

According to Perry, the plant forms a very dense layer on top of the water. This causes harm to aquatic ecosystems as because plants can form a layer so dense that it blocks sunlight from the aquatic

plants. Water chestnuts are also problematic to boating and rowing, as motorized boats and canoes are sometimes unable to make way through the plants.

The species is native to North Africa and Western Europe and was introduced locally in Collins Lake in Scotia in 1884. It was then spread to the Hudson River by the early 1900s, and then to more ponds and lakes from there

"Water chestnuts can cover a whole pond. It looks almost like land. If you ever see a pond that is completely in green it's probably because of water chestnuts," said Perry

Ideally volunteers would have their own canoes and kayaks, said Perry, but if they don't, volunteers are still needed to help transport the plants from shore into receptacles. He recommended that volunteers bring gloves.

Five Rivers has been holding this cleaning for several years now. Volunteers are usually adults who have visited before and are interested in helping to preserve Five River's grounds. Children who are accompanied by adults may also volunteer.

In future, Perry said he'd like to form an invasive species team to tackle these problems, and people interested in joining the team should contact Five Rivers.

Though it falls upon government environmental conservancy agencies to protect ecosystems from the harms of invasive species, a large part of this task relies on public awareness of the part they play in spreading invasive species. Among

those most likely to spread invasive species are hikers, boaters, farmers, foresters, and highway personal.

"The importance is first of all to be aware, but awareness doesn't go far enough if you don't have some action," said Perry. "There are some things that are relatively easy to do that stop the spread of these species."

Invasive Species Awareness Week sees the Bureau of Environmental Education work together with environmental conservation agencies in counties across the state to help spread the knowledge of invasive species in order to stop their spread.

Hikers and campers are encouraged to clean their boots and clothing

before going on a hike in a new area, while boaters and fishers and boaters are encouraged to clean out the exterior of their boat, especially the boat's waters before moving it to a new body of water.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Education Center is located at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar. Similar events will be held in Albany, Saratoga, Rensselaer, Columbia, Schenectady and Schoharie counties and beyond.

For more information on the invasive species in your area and what you can do to stop their spread, visit the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Invasive Species Awareness Week website at [www.nyis.info/blog](http://www.nyis.info/blog).

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## ■ COPS, COURTS, AND EMERGENCY CALLS

# Families feud at Great Escape

Fight that involved a child was allegedly over a stuffed animal

**LAKE GEORGE** — Two Delmar residents were arrested at Great Escape after a man allegedly stole a stuffed animal from a child.

Warren County Sheriff's arrested Tyson Mann, 44, and Jennifer Boughton, 28, both of Kenwood Avenue in Delmar on Saturday, July 11, around 9 p.m. and charged them with assault and endangering the welfare of a child, both misdemeanors.

Mann was additionally charged with grand larceny, a felony.

The arrests were made at the Great Escape in Queensbury after the pair allegedly stole a stuffed animal from a child. Mann and Boughton reportedly



**Tyson J. Mann**

caused physical injuries to the child's family members and made death threats to cause physically harm to the family and staff members at the Great Escape after they were confronted about the theft. They were remanded to police lock-up pending arraignment in Queensbury Town Court.

## Car strikes child

Guilderland Police responded to a report of a child struck by a vehicle on Route 155 in the area



**Jennifer Boughton**

near the Brandywine apartments around 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8. Anthony Nichols of Guilderland operated the vehicle, and the victim was Tyler Hemmingway, 6, of Brandywine Parkway in Guilderland.

According to police, Hemmingway and his grandmother were crossing Route 155 at the time of the accident. Police say the pair was not using a crosswalk, although there was one nearby.

Hemmingway was brought to Albany Medical center with head injuries. At this time his condition is listed as stable and no charges have been made.

## Other arrests:

• State Police arrested Jason Powers, 38, of Clifton Park, around 3 a.m. on Monday, July 6 and charged him with aggravated DWI. Police stopped Powers' vehicle on I-90 for an alleged traffic violation. He was processed at the Albany State Police station where his BAC was determined to be 0.19 percent. He is scheduled to appear in Town of Guilderland Court on Thursday, July 16.

• State Police arrested Daniel Marshall, 50, of Delmar on Friday, July 3, around 4 p.m. and charged him with criminal mischief in the third degree, a felony, and physical harassment, a misdemeanor. Police

responded to Marshall's home on Delaware Turnpike in Delmar on a domestic abuse call. Daniel Marshall allegedly used his forehead to strike Sharon Marshall in the nose and face and allegedly threw her phone on the ground, causing it to break. Sharon Marshall sustained only minor injuries. A temporary order of protection was issued in favor of Sharon Marshall. Daniel Marshall was scheduled to appear in New Scotland Town Court on Monday, July 6.

• State Police arrested Joshua Trudell, 33, of Voorheesville on Friday, July 4, around 12:30 a.m. and charged him with DWI. Police stopped Trudell on Grove Street in Voorheesville for allegedly speeding. According to police, there was a strong odor of alcohol emanating from the vehicle. Trudell was observed to have glassy, blood-shot

eyes. Trudell allegedly told police that he was returning from Saratoga Performing Arts Center. According to police, he failed three field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test yielded a positive result for presence of alcohol. He is scheduled to appear in New Scotland Town Court on Thursday, August 6.

• Colonie police arrested Shawn M. Digiovanni, 40, of 18 Albright Place in Delmar, around 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 3, and charged him with DWI, refusal to take a breath test and motor vehicle lights not meeting standards. Police stopped Digiovanni for a traffic infraction. Upon interview, police observed him presenting watery, bloodshot eyes, impaired speed and an odor of alcoholic beverage. Police said Digiovanni failed field sobriety testing and refused to give a breath sample on a prescreening device.

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## ■ EDUCATION

# Projects underway

BC buildings finish upgrades as part of 2012-13 bond

By **MARCY VELTE**  
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**BETHLEHEM** — District officials at Bethlehem Central schools are preparing to finish project upgrades as part of the 2012-13 bond initiative, now that summer vacation is underway.

In March of 2013, voters approved a \$20.2 million facilities proposition, as the district was already a year behind its five-year maintenance plan due to lack of funds and staff cutbacks. Upgrades were suggested to fix the infrastructure of buildings, upgrade water and lighting fixtures, replace aging equipment and upgrade outdated technology systems.

Voters did not approve funding for the installation of a \$3.8 million artificial turf athletic field, which included a regulation-size track. However, needed upgrades for drainage, irrigation and safety were included in the final proposal.

"I think one of the biggest things is we wanted to restore faith and confidence in the district's ability to take on a project of this scope and delivery in fiscally responsible matter," said Superintendent Tom Douglas. "I think we have been transparent, and

haven't had to cut any of the scope."

With the majority of the work completed over last summer break, the remainder is expected to be finished by this fall. Douglas said all projects are on time and on budget.

### High school

Director of Facilities and Operations Gregg Nolte said most of the building's roofing work was done last year, but will be finished this year. They have now started abatement of some of the school's older floor tiles.

The gym floors were done last year, with new bleachers in the "B" gym. Also, the pool had a new window wall system to help with glare and various pool finishes, along with all new domestic water piping through the school.

Nolte said the new camera system was recently installed and will be operation for the start of school. The district will be looking to pass an operational policy with the school board to make sure the cameras are used appropriately. There were about 100 cameras installed inside and outside the high school.

### Middle school

All the roofing work had been completed last year, at the Middle School but the majority of the masonry work will be done this summer.

The scaffolding has been up since June, and

there will be restrictions on which entrances to use for those entering the building. For now, people are asked to use the entrance behind the auditorium stage. The deteriorating ramp out front is being fixed, as well. There will also be major modifications to the two staircases coming from the basement pit area. It will be enclosed and more manageable for maintenance.

Three sets of bathrooms were renovated through last school year, and are now compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. A new chlorine storage filter room has been added to the pool area near the right of the building. This summer, the kitchens will also be upgraded.

Cameras have been installed in and outside of the middle school, and will begin being used in the fall.

### Elementary schools

Nolte said no work had been needed at Eagle Elementary.

At Elsmere, a lot of abatement work was done last year. About half was done last year, and the two classrooms wings will have the floor tiles removed this year. There will also be new classroom bathrooms. The new playground was installed last year. This year, the kitchen will be renovated.

All abatement work was done last year in Glenmont Elementary. Some roofing



work will be finished this summer. Glenmont also had a new playground installed. The building will have a new gym floor this year and various site upgrades.

All abatement work has been completed at Hamagrael Elementary. The building will have a renovated kitchen, and the gym will have a new floor. This school also got a new playground, with miscellaneous site work.

Slingerlands also completed abatement work last year, along with most roofing work. A lot of masonry work will be done this summer, with the remainder of roofing finished afterwards. The gym floor will also be refinished.

The work will limit use of these buildings, and town camps will only be held at Glenmont and Slingerlands.

### Athletic fields

Nolte said a lot of field work will be happening over break, but the stadium field is complete. All new lights and irrigation have been installed, and use by teams and the community has already started. The other fields are about 70 percent complete, with the work set to be complete by the start of school.

"For those fields, everything is off limits this summertime," said Nolte. "We've been coordinating quite a bit with athletics to make sure they have a place

and temporary sports fields for the beginning of their seasons in mid-August."

The Board of Education last month also approved the use of sod instead of grass seed for the junior varsity softball field, so the field will be back in use by the spring of 2016.

"The community has been patient, and we are thankful," said Douglas.

For the buses, a new dual painting bay was built in order to save money. There has been major paving work near the transportation garage, and the new camera system was installed. The operations and maintenance building had a new roof put on last year, and a new equipment shed was just built.



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## COMMUNITY

# A super whodunit

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On Monday, July 20, at 6 p.m., the library is the scene of the crime as the Assassination at the Annual Superhero Assembly, a murder mystery game for grades 6-12, unfolds. Teens will take on the roles of uber personalities such as Blue Blaze, who has the power of fire; The Red Wonder, who fights crime with the power of rap; and Nerdon, whose brains give him the edge on evil. It's up to this group of heroes to show what they're made of and band together to find the traitor in their midst.

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### Animal heroes

There are so many amazing real-life superpowers to be found in nature. Some animals can navigate in the dark using only sound, others have the uncanny ability to blend in with their surroundings, and still others have adaptations that allow them to jump high or run fast (although not quite over tall buildings or at the speed of sound).

Nature educator George Steele will be at the library on Friday, July

17, to talk about some of these talented animals. The program starts at 10 a.m. and is for children in grade 1 and up with their families.

Later on in July, drop by the library for a program about some small creatures that have a big impact. Honeybee Heroes takes place Wednesday, July 22, at 2 p.m. Hear the buzz about these hardworking ecological heroes and how to keep a hive happy, and stick around for a honey tasting and craft. All ages are welcome.

### Reminder

During the summer, the library will be closed on Sundays, with regular Sunday hours resuming Sept. 13. You can access the library catalog and other library services online anytime at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org).

### Upcoming events

#### Friday, July 17 Summer Cinema

Bring a blanket or pillow; popcorn provided. Call 439-9314 for details. Kids and families. 2:30 p.m.

#### Monday, July 20 Tiny Tots Summer Storytime

Stories, songs and fingerplays for children up to age 35 months with caregiver. 9:30 a.m.

#### On My Own Summer Storytime

Stories, songs and fun for children age 3-6 while parents wait at our café tables. 10:30 a.m.

#### Book Buddies

Children are matched with a teen volunteer to practice reading skills and build confidence. Bring a book or choose one from the library. Call 439-9314,



Teens at last week's Sew-cial made snazzy pajama pants. The library holds a number of sewing programs for teens and adults during the year.

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option 4 to sign up. For grade K-5. 3 p.m.

#### Tuesday, July 21 Family Yoga

Join yoga instructor Janine Murphy for fun yoga poses, breathing exercises and relaxation techniques.

Bring a mat or a towel. For kids and families. 2 p.m..

#### Wednesday, July 22 Evenings on the Green

Cosby Gibson and Tom Staudle perform originals and favorites. 7 p.m.

— Kristen Roberts

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### Invasive species awareness week

**BETHLEHEM** — Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, is having an Invasive Species Awareness Week July 12-18.

On Wednesday, July 15, and again on Friday, July 17, visitors may come between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to take part in a chestnut water pull.

Water chestnut is an invasive plant that is taking over the surface of some of the ponds at Five Rivers — most notably the Beaver Pond. This infestation can cause changes to water chemistry and composition of the ponds.

Water chestnut removal requires many hands. Those interested in assisting in the effort may bring their own kayak or canoe, personal flotation device, paddle and gloves. Those without watercraft can assist with disposal on land. Participants will get wet and dirty and must be at least 18 years old or accompanied by an adult to be on the water.

Insect repellent is prohibited for those who will be near or on the water. Hat and sunscreen are suggested. Participants should meet in parking lot of the Wildlife Resource Center.

For more information, call Five Rivers at 518-475-0291.

### Dashing dragonflies and striped emeralds

**COLONIE** — There will be two events on Saturday July 18 at Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center, 195 New Karner Road. Dashing Dragonflies starts at 10 a.m., and Striped Emerald Search will be at 1 p.m.

Dashing Dragonflies is a chance to learn about some of the most fascinating insects of the Pine Bush: dragonflies and damselflies (also known as "odonates"). We will start indoors for a brief presentation and then head outside to observe odonates on a 1-mile hike. The program is appropriate for ages 10 and up, and the cost is \$3.

The Albany Pine Bush has

only identified one striped emerald species from the Pine Bush, the Brush-tipped emerald. Join the staff of the Albany Pine Bush for an afternoon of dragon hunting as we search the wetlands of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve. Meet at Discovery Center for briefing and then will caravan over to the Kings Road Barrens for the off-trail search. Participants are responsible for own transportation. Dress in footwear and clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

The Striped Emerald Search is for adults only and is free.

Registration required for both events. Please sign up by calling 456-0655 or visit [www.AlbanyPineBush.org](http://www.AlbanyPineBush.org) and click on "Events Calendar."

### Kid's hip-hop class at Albany Jewish CC

**ALBANY** — Kids ages 7-10 can come learn hip-hop dance at the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road,

starting July 16.

The classes will be Thursdays from 4:40-5:25 p.m. with instructor Miss. Kyle. This is a four-week mini course July 16, 23 and 30, and Aug. 6. Upbeat music, stretching, break dance moves and fun dance routines are part of the classes.

For more information, call Kyle at 545-9241.

### Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act

**BETHLEHEM** — On Saturday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Five Rivers Environmental Educational Center, 56 Game Farm Road, will host a family-friendly day of inclusive outdoor recreation activities.

This event will include guided trail tours, birding instruction, nature meditation and demonstrations designed to encourage people of all abilities to recreate in the great outdoors. All events are fully inclusive,

which means also wheelchair accessible, advancing the vision of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).

The state Department of Environmental Conservation's Universal Access Program will highlight recent improvements to recreational facilities on state lands for accessible camping, fishing, boating, bird watching and exploration of natural areas. Capital District Transportation Authority has donated a STAR bus to shuttle people requiring transportation to Five Rivers from the CDTA Park and Ride on Delaware Avenue, across from Delaware Plaza in Delmar. Buses will shuttle riders to Five Rivers and back throughout the day. Sign language interpretation and sighted guides will be available upon request.

For a schedule of the day's event, go to [www.dec.ny.gov/education/1980.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1980.html) on Five Rivers online calendar. For more information, including directions to Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, go to [www.dec.ny.gov/education/1835.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1835.html).

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## COMMUNITY

# See Darth Vader at bat

While you probably won't get to see Darth Vader at bat, if you've not yet purchased your tickets to GPL's "Baseball + Star Wars = Fireworks" Night at Joe Bruno Stadium, on Saturday, July 18, at 7 p.m., you're certainly going to miss a really great game. These special "Star Wars Night" seats are almost sold out.

We've reserved seats in Section 120, which is behind home plate, on the first base side. The Tri-City ValleyCats are going up against the Aberdeen Ironbirds, affiliated with the Baltimore Orioles. What's even better is that this is a fund-raiser for the library.

You have three convenient ways to get your discounted tickets: At the library's Circulation Desk, or online via a dedicated ordering page on the ValleyCats website or by clicking on the "Star Wars Night at the Valley Cats" image on library's website at [guilpl.org](http://guilpl.org). You might be asked for a password, but just click past that page; the password should be pre-populated.

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By the way, in the event of a rainout, your ticket stub is good for any other game later in the season.

## Super Summer Family Film

On Friday, July 17, at 3 p.m., GPL continues its Super Summer Family Film Fest by showing an "incredible" movie that follows the antics of a family of undercover superheroes who try to live a quiet suburban life, but are forced into action to save the world. This 2004 movie is rated PG, and runs 115 minutes. Popcorn? Oh, yeah.

## Maker Monday: Ceramics

Come to GPL on July 20 at 3 p.m. for a special Maker Monday, where you'll get to paint a ceramic. You can choose a beautiful princess or an awesome super hero. All supplies will be provided. Wear clothes that you can get messy in. Then, next

week, after it dries, you can pick-up your ceramic at the library.

Registration required; please call 456-2400, ext. 4, or go use the Events and Registration calendar at [www.guilpl.org](http://www.guilpl.org). For kids entering grades 1 through 6.

## Hometown Heroes

Kids, do you want to meet some of the amazing people and animals that live, work and serve in your community? Come to GPL on Tuesday, July 21 at 7 p.m., and meet a police officer and his four-legged K-9 partner.

## Teen Tuesday

If you enjoy drawing and love superheroes, then you're sure to have a great time at the Mighty Superhero Drawing Program on Tuesday, July 21 at 3:30 p.m., when you'll learn to draw amazing superheroes and villains. No previous drawing skills are required

— all you need is a No. 2 pencil.

Registration required; please call 456-2400, ext. 4, or go use the Events and Registration calendar at [www.guilpl.org](http://www.guilpl.org). For kids entering grades 6 through 12.

## See "Casey at the Bat" at GPL

Join Tim Wiles, director of the library, as he performs as his alter-ego as "The Mighty Casey," from Ernest Thayer's classic 1888 poem "Casey at the Bat," on Tuesday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Tim will perform the poem in period costume, and then do a baseball Q&A where kids and adults can ask anything they want about the national pastime, Cooperstown, and the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

## Summer hours reminder

During July and August, GPL will be closed on Sundays, and will close at 6 p.m. on Fridays.

— Mark Curiale

# Senior Services' new director

Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. welcomes Jane Sanders, LMSW, as Director of the Town of Bethlehem Senior Services Department. Jane most recently served as outreach supervisor for the department and has experience working with older adults in hospitals, nursing homes and in the community. She replaces Joyce Becker, who served the department admirably for over 30 years and now enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

Join us for the ballet at SPAC on Wednesday, July 22. The National Ballet of China will perform "The Peony Pavilion," a romantic tale reminiscent of "Romeo and Juliet." We will have dinner before the ballet at the Hall of Springs. The cost for dinner and the ballet is \$73, payable to the Town of Bethlehem. Your check is your reservation. Suggested van donation: \$15.

The Caregiver's Support Group will meet on Wednesday, July 22, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Join others who are caring for

a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another dementia. Call Jane Sanders at 439-4955, ext. 1174.

The farmers markets are open, and coupons valued at approximately \$20 in produce may be available for those who are income eligible. Call 439-4955, ext. 1170, to add your name to the interest list.

Enjoy a summer day camp experience at "Elise's Place" in Selkirk on Friday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 19, from noon to 7 p.m. Camp will include nature studies, crafts, music, hikes and a closing campfire with s'mores. The cost is \$30, payable to Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to register.

Outreach workers are available to assist with counseling on health insurance, housing issues, food stamps, health and income related programs or heating costs support. Make an appointment by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

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## OBITUARY

### Ralph Calvin Sutliff

Ralph Calvin Sutliff, 85, died peacefully on June 12 at his home in Brooklyn. He is survived by his beloved wife, Cynthia, by four children, Pete, Jane, Tai and Huang, by two brothers, Roger and Larrie, and by numerous other family members. He was predeceased by his son, Jim. Cal, as he was known, was also a cherished grandfather, uncle, cousin, mentor and friend to many.



Ralph Calvin  
Sutliff

The eldest son of Mary and Ralph Sutliff, longtime Delmar residents, Cal attended Bethlehem Central High School. As a star member of the track team there, he captured gold in the high jump at the Union Relays, New York State's most prestigious competition at the time. He received an athletic scholarship to Colgate University, and, as a freshman, set a high jump record of 6 feet, 6 and 1/8 inches. This record, which Cal set before the Fosbury Flop technique was allowed, stood unbroken for 30 years. Cal went on to compete in the Olympic trials before finishing his

athletic career playing basketball for Colgate.

Cal received his undergraduate degree in social psychology from Colgate University in 1951, did work on his master's degree at Yale in community organization, and completed his master's degree at New York University in human relations and organizational change in 1974.

He worked for the Y.M.C.A. in Bridgeport, CT; Fairfield, CT; Karachi, Pakistan; and for the National Board of Y.M.C.A. and its international division in New York City. In Fairfield, he was the Y.M.C.A.'s first full time executive director.

He developed the fledgling association into one of the largest and most active non-building-centered Y.M.C.A.s in the East. His work earned accolades, including being named Fairfield's Outstanding Young Man of the Year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. His writings for the Y.M.C.A.'s international division appeared in the Saturday Review, the Coronet, and more than 50 other publications.

For seven years Cal worked at Kingsboro Psychiatric Center for the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene as a psychologist,

director of training, in-patient team leader, and Chief of Service for northern Brooklyn.

He ultimately started his own business in 1980 — a training and consulting firm, Cal Sutliff Associates — which he ran for 35 years until his death. His clients included a wide range of private sector companies, non-profit organizations, and government agencies across the United States and Canada, including a pioneering continuing education series he ran for bar associations across multiple states. He also ran a longstanding series of workshops for the Management Development Program at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations. In addition, he provided one-on-one mental coaching for a variety of athletes, including figure skaters, tennis players, and golfers.

Along with his decades-long training and consulting work, Cal is also the author of two books: *The Power of Your People Skills* and *Skating Out of Your Mind*, a book on mental training for competitive figure skaters.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Worldwide Orphans Foundation ([www.org.org](http://www.org.org)). A memorial service will be held on July 25 at 11:00 a.m. at Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn.

## COMMUNITY

### Fun for young children

This year, the Voorheesville Library will provide preschool and toddler programs throughout the summer.

On Tuesday, July 21 and 28, we will have a theme-based, multi-age level storytime (for ages 2 to 6, with caregiver) with an emphasis on early literacy. Books, rhymes, songs, and an art activity comprise the program.

On Thursday, July 16, 23 and 30, Summertots (for newborns to 36



months, with caretaker) will join Miss Amy for an early literacy program that emphasizes sharing books, flannel board stories, music, rhymes and playtime together. After the short program, children will have the opportunity to play with age-appropriate toys and learning activities either indoors or outdoors. Water play activities will take place outside, so don't forget to

wear your sunscreen, and bring a towel and an extra change of clothes.

Both programs will begin at 10:15 a.m.

### Save the date

The library is now accepting donations for the Annual Fall Book Sale Sept. 18-20. Please use the blue book-drop, next to The Book Nook shed, to donate your gently used books, DVD's and audiobooks.

— Lynn Kohler

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■ **PICK OF THE WEEK**

**Skip Parsons**

He's been entertaining the Capital District with Dixieland jazz for decades, from Lake George to Delmar, and his jazz group will perform a free concert at Bethlehem Public Library.

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■ **ARTS**



# New 'living room' for Spa City

Community effort to save Victorian Aged church receives helping hand

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — Standing before dignitaries and guests inside the cathedral of the old, gothic church, Universal Preservation Hall President Teddy Foster invoked a scene from a decade ago, with the building left to rot, condemned by the city, and a wrecking ball outside its doors.

UPH Board Chairman Sonny Bonacio and Proctors CEO Philip Morris flanked Foster on each side, while outside, a light rain sprinkled upon the steps — a sign of good luck on this July afternoon wedding. Within minutes Morris would announce a "permanent strategic alliance" between UPH and Proctors.

The union between the two non-for-profits ties Schenectady and Saratoga counties in an effort to promote effective arts partnership through regionalism. Proctors is to manage operations, marketing and relationships for UPH, while the hall will retain its own executive staff, allowing the Washington Street venue to bring a variety of arts, culture and community events to downtown Saratoga.



**Left to right: Universal Preservation Hall (UPH) Board Chairman Sonny Bonacio, UPH President Teddy Foster, and Proctors CEO Philip Morris announce to guests at UPH a strategic alliance that will convert the old Washington Street church into a 900-seat entertainment and arts venue by Spring of 2017.**

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

# Foodies wanted

Instagram was invented for foodies who desperately needed an outlet to share to the world what they were about to put in their mouths.

You know, it seemed that way for awhile. And there is still a need to snap a quick shot of a meal that looks so darn good, you feel guilty for having to destroy it. Okay, maybe the whole “feeling guilty” thing is a stretch, but the fact of the matter is, even you have felt compelled to do that which you have mocked others for doing.

Actually, there is no shame in sharing the news on what to eat and where you can find it. It’s an instantaneous way to share with friends where you like to eat. And, we’d like to know that, too.

Last week, I was guilty of freeze-framing a fast food meal from Sonic

before I wolfed it down. It was news. — When can one ever say *pop corn chicken* was news, ever again?

Well, if there is ever such demand for food as we all witnessed in Latham as hordes of Capital District residents decided to try the Sonic experience for themselves. The Colonie Police Department was there to keep traffic orderly, and some patrons reportedly waited up to an hour or more to fulfill their fried food needs. Through it all, after several years of commercials that teased

the masses, or inspired the few to take a road trip down to Kingston, we got our Sonic.

Last week showed people really love their food, and are willing to go to any lengths to try new things. If you come across a new place, or new dish that you want to share with our readers, make your announcement through a public post on social media and use our official hashtag **#spotlightliving**. When you do, your picture may appear below.

— Michael Hallisey



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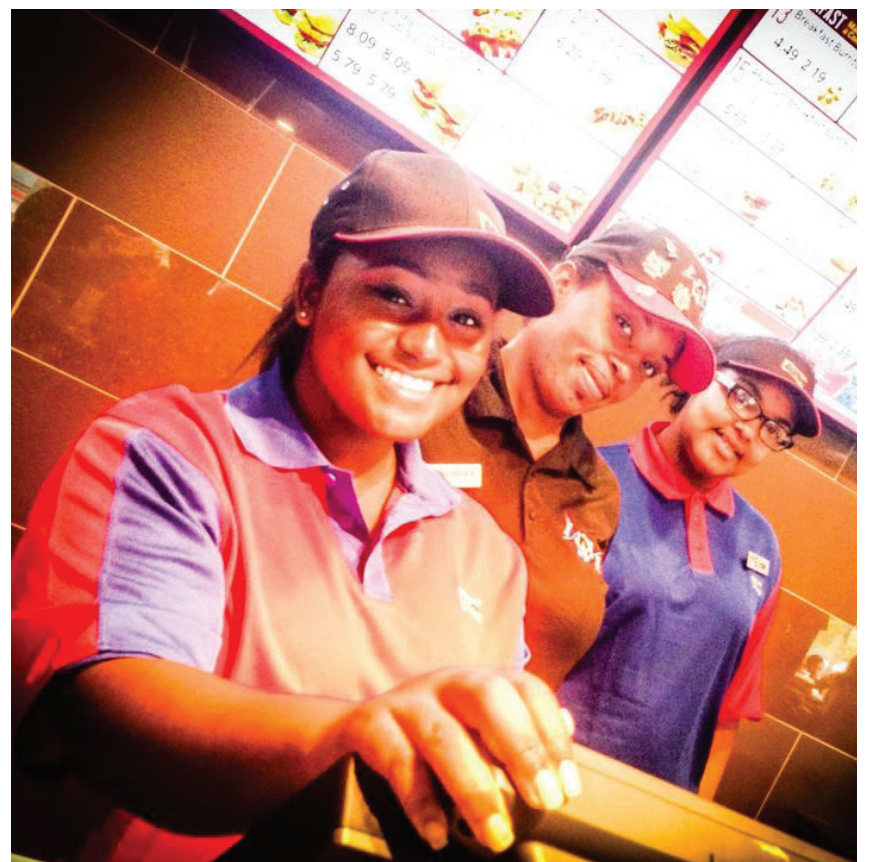


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## Super Sonic Day

Sonic officially opened the doors to its Latham shop with pomp and circumstance last week, serving up Super Sonic Days to a rush of eager customers that have been teased with commercials over the past few years. Now, we don’t have to go Downstate anymore.

Michael Hallisey/Spotlight





Mayors from all three Capital District cities were on hand for the recent announcement that the region was selected as a recipient of Bloomberg Philanthropies' Public Art Challenge grant. Troy Mayor Lou Rosamilia, Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan and Schenectady Mayor Gary McCarthy proudly announced that their three cities will receive up to \$1 million for a proposal focused on drawing attention to blighted neighborhoods in each of the three cities, in an effort to draw investors.

Photo by Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

## ARTS

# Breathing new life into our cities

Grant will help fund art project focused on attracting investors to blighted areas

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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### CAPITAL DISTRICT

— As people, we have a natural tendency to personify inanimate objects that have become a part of our everyday lives. We name our cars, give a heartbeat to our cities and lend a spirit to our country. In similar vein, a two-person team consisting of one artist and one architect will breathe new life into select buildings abandoned throughout Albany, Schenectady and Troy in hope that art will soon imitate life.

Bloomberg Philanthropies invited mayors of U.S. cities with 30,000 residents or more to submit proposals for innovative temporary public art projects that address a civic issue, and demonstrate close collaboration between

artists or arts organizations and city government. Proposals covered a range of issues, such as the revitalization of decayed downtown areas, underutilized waterfronts and vacant neighborhoods. They also addressed social themes including neighborhood safety, environmental sustainability and promoting city identity. More than 230 cities submitted proposals for consideration in the Public Art Challenge, representing 68 million residents across the United States.

Just a few weeks ago, Bloomberg Philanthropies announced that Breathing Lights, a concept born between Adam Frelin and Barbara Nelson in a joint submission representing the three Capital District cities as one of four areas from across the United States to receive up to \$1 million as part of its Public Art Challenge. Breathing Lights will illuminate approximately 300 vacant homes in Albany, Schenectady and Troy, each night for two months in

the fall of 2016.

"There are many purposes," behind the initiative, said Frelin, the lead artist. "Certainly there's an artistic purpose, and also an intent to create a platform here for conversation about community redevelopment, about the symptoms of disinvestment in our communities, and to bring to light all the issues surrounding it. Using the artwork, it's a beautiful springboard to move forward."

The artwork entails the use of LED lighting, applied in strips upon the windows of a chosen vacant building. The lights will have a special effect applied to them, something developed through the help of the Lighting Research Center and engineers at General Electric.

"It puts off no heat," said Frelin. "What's most important is that the pacing of this effect creates the appearance of the building breathing in such a way that it

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## MORE

### Whale of a time

Our Marcy Velte took the train to Hudson over the weekend, and was treated to the many surprising sights and activities to be had at the historic whaling port. When the day was through, a cruise back to Albany brought travelers back in time to when such journeys were commonplace between the two cities.

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## COMMUNITY

# Helping people by helping dogs

Local non-for-profit has been spearheading the effort to rescue and find homes for pitbulls since 1991



The inspiration behind Out of the Pits was Grace, an adopted pitbull rescued by Cydney Cross, president of the Albany non-for-profit that has helped find homes for more than 6,000 since it's founding in 1994.

Photo submitted

**By FAITH BURKINS**  
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**TROY** — Dog lovers raised their glasses last Thursday for Pints for Pits, a fundraiser for local animal rescue organization Out of the Pits, at The Ruck in Troy.

It was a fun-spirited event for a school night. Upstairs, in The Ruck's dining room, patrons ordered from a special canine-themed menu, with dishes such as the 'Alpha Dog,' a grilled stout-braised brat with caramelized onion, pickled cabbage and India Pale Ale mustard, or 'Pups,' a trio of local Hembolt mini dogs with house-made meat sauce. The night also featured a 50/50 raffle and merchandise to be bought. All was asked was a \$5 donation at the door for a discounted price on beer. But, the night called for a larger cause.

Since its creation in 1994, the Albany nonprofit has assisted in the adoption of over 6,000 dogs, said Out of the Pits President Cydney Cross. But rescue is just a small part of what the organization does, Cross said.

"I consider us a community service organization," Cross said. "We are helping people by helping dogs."

Now in its twenty-first year, the organization was created with the dual mission of facilitating the rescue, rehabilitation and

adoption of pit bulls that were abused or abandoned, and educating the public about the breed and promoting responsible and humane dog ownership.

The entirely volunteer-run organization maintains programs such as school workshops, public education clinics, owner counseling, shelter outreach and therapy dog programs.

Cross said because she receives an average of 1,000 calls and emails each week from dog owners seeking help, the organization has to be selective.

"Only one in 800 of these dogs will find a home," Cross said. "We have to pick and choose dogs with good temperaments. We don't take dogs that would not good be around people, there's no point in that."

Proceeds from the 'Pints for Pits' event mainly go towards veterinarian costs, Cross said, since so many of the dogs come from situations of abuse and neglect, resulting in injuries that can take months to recover from.

"We have had a lot of dogs lately with bad injuries, such as broken legs, who have needed surgeries in the past few months," Cross said. "It's a never ending battle."

Funds also support the continuation of Out of the Pits' 'Fix-A-Bull' program, through which more than 3,000 dogs have been spayed or neutered for owners who could

not afford the surgeries otherwise.

The 'Pints for Pits' event is one in a series of unique fundraising opportunities for the group over the years, from Zumba classes to black-tie galas.

Most recently, a successful 'Pinot for Pits' night was held at the Lucas Confectionary (12 2nd St) in Troy. In May, a raffle to support Out of the Pits was held at the official grand opening of Henry Loves Betty, (195 River St.) a pet boutique.

On Sunday, July 26, the organization is sponsoring a performance by comedian Kevin Meaney at the Albany Comedy Works, part of the Bow Wow Comedy Series, in partnership with Camp Bow Wow and other area pet rescues.

All events are well publicized to Out of the Pits' massive social media following, with more than 47,000 'likes' on Facebook.

Cross uses one word to describe the work she and volunteers do each day: blessed.

"We are so blessed to have so many volunteers and foster homes," Cross said. "When someone adopts a dog, we say welcome to the family. We want them to know, they're not just getting a dog and goodbye. We're here for them."

For more information about Out of the Pits, visit [www.outofthepits.org](http://www.outofthepits.org).

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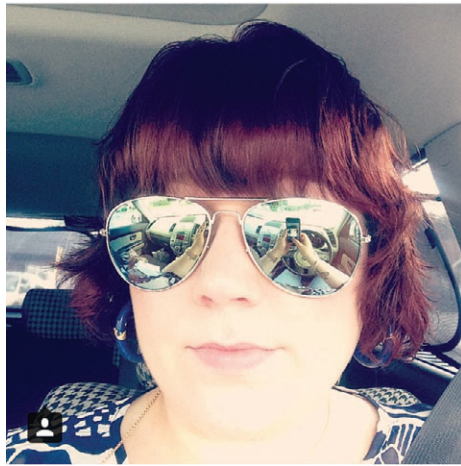
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## FASHION

# The science to your choice of shades

The shape of your face dictates the best look for you



By **DENISE BENNETT**  
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**S**unglasses — The iconic summer staple next to a tall glass of iced tea. In reality, sunglasses should expand to all seasons and should always be worn to protect your eyesight and face. It is imperative you wear sunglasses year round to keep UVA and UVB rays from your eyes. We all know the snow banks can be just as challenging to see around as bright, clear days. So how do you go about finding sunglasses? And more importantly... how do you find a pair that will look good?

Let's start with your lovely face shape. There are four main shapes to classify into; heart, round, oval and square. How do you determine your shape? Easy. Go to SunglassHut.com and snap a selfie or grab a bar of soap and your vanity mirror. For the later version, pull your hair off of your face and in the mirror, trace your face shape with the bar of soap onto the mirror. The results should be a white outline you can class into one of the above shapes. So now that you have your shape, let's go shopping!

For round faces, you have feminine soft faces and delicate features. You are wider across the cheekbones and have cherub cheeks! Lucky you, large bold sunglasses are your friend. You can choose from wayfarers,

cat eyes or square frames. Anything that is bold and adds some angles to your soft face should be flattering.

Square face divas, you have beautiful strong angles. A strong jaw, wide forehead, and strong cheeks show your qualities. So how do you accent your face? Look for frames that are round, aviator or shield in shape. Anything that's opposite to your natural features will highlight your angles. Round glasses are super trendy right now, so if you can pull this off, go grab a pair!

For oval faces, you have an elongated face that is longer than it is wide. You are the lucky ladies that can sport any frame style and look divine. You can go aviator, bold, round, cat-eye. Whatever your preference, you can wear it. Don't mind your friends making shifty eyes at your under their own shades.

Heart shaped lovelies; you have a wider forehead that tapers to a gradual point at the chin. Frames that have more weight on top work well for you. Sporty styles, wayfarers and cat eyes should be your go to choices. I happened to find out this is my face shape and I have been loving aviators. Why do I mention this as aviators aren't a frame shape that traditionally goes with the heart face? Because if you like it and it looks good, wear it. The above is just a general guideline.

So you have your face shape, you know what frames will flatter your face, what's next? Going and finding them. Now, as it turns out, I am an investment type of gal when it comes to my eyewear. I look for brands and glasses that come in hard cases, contain UVA/UVB protection (this is very important) and will last more than a few years. I treat my sunglasses just like my regular glasses and I urge you to do the same. Don't put them on top of your head or tucked into your blouse when you're not wearing them. They will inevitably fall out and hit the floor. This will repeatedly leave to scratches on the lenses and frame breakage.

When you invest, do you have to go designer to get the bang for your buck? Absolutely not. My aviators are from DG2 Diane Gilman. They were roughly 40 bucks. I also have a pair from Joan Rivers and they were roughly the same amount and have taken me through two-plus seasons. Think of what you can, and want, to afford. Think of timeless styles and colors.

Sunglasses are an everyday accessory that will take you from summer to winter. Now go find a pair and enjoy the weather.

*Denise Bennett maintains a fashion blog on Perfect20.co and is a regular contributor to Spotlight Living.*

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## CULINARY ARTS

# Beat the heat with a no-cook recipe



### Tomato Towers

By **STACEY MORRIS**

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During the heat wave season, there simply can never be too many no-cook recipes disseminated to the public, so I'm doing my part this week as I sit ensconced in the comfort of my air-conditioned home office.

What I love about this recipe, aside from the fact that it takes the stove completely out of the equation, is its intoxicating (and carb-free, I might add) Italian-tinged flavor combinations. Call it a neatly stacked antipasto, if you will. A tomato tower is the perfect way to combine fresh herbs from the garden with top-shelf extra virgin olive oil, and pungent salami. Since I had such tremendous health and weight loss success after swearing off cow dairy six years ago, I've swapped the sheep-based Manchego cheese for mozzarella. Of course you're free to dictate that the mozzarella stays in the picture, but I highly encourage you to give Manchego or hard goat cheese a try sometime. They taste remarkably like a high-end cheddar but have a differing enzyme composition than cow cheese and are much easier to digest.

Tomato season is just about upon us, so seek out your own garden, a roadside farm stand, or one of our many and wonderful farmers markets and have your self a no-fuss appetizer or lunch. And give your stove the night off.

### Tomato Towers

Serves Four

#### Ingredients:

Three large heirloom tomatoes or four regular tomatoes (you'll need tomatoes large in circumference to accommodate the cheese slices)

A block of hard manchego or goat cheese at room temperature

A bunch of fresh basil leaves

About a half-pound of your favorite gourmet cured meats (Salami, Soppressata, etc.)

Extra Virgin Olive Oil

#### Instructions:

Slice tomatoes into thick (1/2 inch) large discs

Slice cheese into 1/4-inch slices, not exceeding size of tomato (cut edges if it hangs off). Begin assembling with tomato slice on bottom, followed by cheese slice, meat slice and basil. Repeat so you have 3 or 4 slices of each in each tower, ending with a basil leaf. Drizzle with oil and serve.

*Stacey Morris is a Loudonville resident and health blogger maintaining a 180-pound weight loss. Her book "Clean Comfort" tells the story of her 180-pound transformation and also has 75+ clean, delicious recipes! Everything from soup and smoothies to risotto and dessert is featured, plus her tips for keeping it off.*

## LIVE MUSIC

### Atlas Genius

Australia's Atlas Genius headlines Albany's Alive at 5 with special guests Rival Galaxies on Thursday, July 16.

The band's first release from their new label home, the EP *Through The Glass* (produced, engineered and mixed by the band), came out in June of 2012. With *Through The Glass* completed, Atlas Genius then holed up in its studio and worked on writing and recording its first full-length album, while at the same time rehearsing for its first ever tour. The tour started in August 2012, which led to three more tours back to back in the US. Thus, its full-length debut was finished up between tour dates and got completed just before Christmas 2012. When *It Was Now* was released in the U.S. on February 19, 2013, with its international release following soon after.



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ARTS CALENDAR

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Anything Goes

One of Broadway's all-time hit musicals, presented by Not So Common Players, Clifton Common, Vischer Ferry Road, Clifton Park. July 17-19 and 24-27. Shows: 8 p.m. Free. Information: 371-6667 or www.cliftonpark.org.

Clever Little Lies

Regional premiere of Joe DiPietro's play. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham. July 10 through Aug. 1. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

Hairspray

Musical based on John Waters' movie about teens in 1960s Baltimore. Presented by Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 New York Route 203, Chatham, July 15-19. Shows: 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; 4 p.m. Saturdays; and 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: adults \$33-\$34 evenings, \$31 matinees; children under 12 \$14. Information: 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org.



Telling lies

Curtain Call Theatre presents the regional premiere of "Clever Little Lies," featuring Evan Jones, left, and Chris Foster, now through Aug. 1. Call 877-7529 for more information.

Adam Wilson/submitted photo

Love's Labour's Lost

William Shakespeare's comedy meets Saratoga Springs polo life, presented by the Saratoga Shakespeare Company, Congress Park, Broadway, Saratoga Springs, July 21-26 and July 28 through Aug. 2. Shows: Tuesday through Saturday 6 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m. Free.

Singin' in the Rain

Classic Broadway musical and movie comes to Albany. Presented by Park Playhouse, through July 25, Washington Park. Shows: Tuesday through Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Information: 434-0776 or www.parkplayhouse.com.

MUSIC

Big Eyed Fish

Dave Matthews tribute band, with Flakjacket. July 15, 5 p.m., Rockin on the River concert series along the waterfront, downtown Troy. Free. Information: 279-7997 or www.downtowntroy.org.

Skip Parsons

Dixieland jazz group performs as part of Evenings on the Green concert series, July 15, 7 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Bethlehem. Free.

Rymanowski Brothers Orchestra

Headlining Polish Night at the Concert Series in the Barn, July 15, 7 p.m., Buhrmaster Barn at the Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham. Donation: adults \$5, children 12 and under free. Information: 783-1435 or www.pruynhouse.org.

ElectriCity AfroCuband

Local group performing a fusion of two distinct musical genres as part of the Jazz on Jay concert series. July 16, noon, Jay Street Arcade, Schenectady. Free.

Atlas Genius

Australian alternative rock band performs at Alive at Five concert series, with opening act Rival Galaxies. July 16, 5 p.m., Jerry Jennings' Landing, Riverfront Park, Albany. Free. Information: 434-2032 or www.albanyevents.org.

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

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57 Prefix meaning Chinese  
58 Bounce  
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63 Attention-getting

Answers on Pg. B15



## ARTS CALENDAR (cont.)

### Holly McCormack with Cello Voce

Performing as part of the Vellano Corporation Summer Concert Series, July 16, 6:30 p.m., The Crossings, 580 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie. Free. Information: 456-2136.

### The Brothers Comatose

California string band blends old-time folk and bluegrass with a contemporary twist. July 16, 8 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or [helsinkihudson.com](http://helsinkihudson.com).

### Decoda: Skidmore Chamber Music Institute

New York City-based chamber ensemble featuring virtuoso musicians, entrepreneurs and advocates of the arts make their UpBeat on the Roof concert series debut. July 17, 7 p.m., Tang Teaching Museum, Skidmore College, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. Information: 580-8080 or [skidmore.edu/tang](http://skidmore.edu/tang).

### Rick Sacchetti

Schenectady-based singer-songwriter joins his friends, The Anonymous Figg Leafs, for a night of original folk and country songs. July 17, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Information: 512-5100 or [www.ebalbany.com](http://www.ebalbany.com).

### Triskele

Traditional and modern Celtic/Irish group. July 18, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. Information: [www.freedomparkscotia.org](http://www.freedomparkscotia.org).

### Warrem Sieme

Singer-songwriter and guitarist. July 18, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Information: 512-5100 or [www.ebalbany.com](http://www.ebalbany.com).

### The Villalobos Brothers

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## Legends of British folk-rock

Steeleye Span featuring Maddy Prior performs Sunday, July 19, at 7 p.m., at the Agnes Macdonald Music Haven Stage in Schenectady's Central Park. For more information, visit [www.musichavenstage.org](http://www.musichavenstage.org).

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classical music. July 18, 8 p.m., Performance Spaces for the 21st Century, 2980 Route 66, Chatham. Tickets: general admission \$25, PS21 members \$20, students with I.D. \$15. Information: 392-6121 or [www.ps21chatham.org](http://www.ps21chatham.org).

### Iris DeMent

Country-folk singer-songwriter. July 19, 8 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or [helsinkihudson.com](http://helsinkihudson.com).

### 2Late

Acoustic folk duo performing as part of the Pine Hills Summer

Concert Series. July 20, 7 p.m., Albany Elks Lodge 49, 25 South Allen St., Albany. Free. Information: [www.uppermadison.org](http://www.uppermadison.org).

### John Frederick

Local singer-songwriter, with John Hill. July 20, 7 p.m., Dana Park, intersection of Lark Street and Madison Avenue, Albany. Free.

### Front Country

Progressive bluegrass band performs as part of the Made in the Shade of

The Egg concert series, July 22, noon, Empire State Plaza concourse, Albany. Free. Information: 473-1845 or [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org).

### Jim Kweskin Jug Band Reunion

The original "Americana" band, featuring Kweskin and Geoff and Maria Muldaur, get back together for a new tour. July 22, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$34. Information: 473-1845 or [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org).

## COMEDY

### Mop and Bucket Company

"Improv Thursdays," a dinner theater comedy experience. July 16, 6:30 p.m., Centre Street Pub, 308 Union St., Schenectady. Cost: \$10 plus food. Information: [mopco.org](http://mopco.org).

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### Hughes-Mirabile Project

Local blues band. July 19, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. Information: [www.freedomparkscotia.org](http://www.freedomparkscotia.org).

### Jesse's Girl

Acoustic pop-rock duo. July 19, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Information: 512-5100 or [www.ebalbany.com](http://www.ebalbany.com).

### Steeleye Span featuring Maddy Prior

Iconic British folk rock band performing as part of the Music Haven Concert Series, with opening act Ulster Landing. July 19, 7 p.m., the Agnes Macdonald Music Haven Stage, Central Park, Schenectady. Free. Information: [www.musichavenstage.org](http://www.musichavenstage.org).

## SUDOKU

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#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Answers on Pg. B15



### THIS WEEK'S FEATURED COCKTAIL:

## The Cape Codder

(Tall Glass)

#### Ingredients:

Ice Cubes 4 oz. Cranberry Juice  
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## ARTS CALENDAR (cont.)

### FAMILY

#### Dr. Marmalade Puppet Show

A world-traveling vet tends to animals in distress in this children's show, presented by the Barker Park Kids' Summer Concert Series. July 16, 11 a.m., Barker Park, corner of Third and State streets, Troy. Free. Information: 273-0038 or [www.troymusichall.org](http://www.troymusichall.org).

#### Sleepy Hollow

Musical based on the classic children's tale, presented by Mac-Haydn Children's Theatre, 1925 New York Route 203, Chatham, July 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and Aug. 1. Shows: 10:30 a.m. Tickets: \$10. Information: 392-9292 or [www.machaydntheatre.org](http://www.machaydntheatre.org).

### POETRY

#### Melody Davis

Local poet reads from her work as part of the Third Thursday Poetry Night series. July 16, 7:30

p.m., Social Justice Center, 33 Central Ave., Albany. Donation: \$3. Performance followed by an open mic. Information: 482-0262 or email [dwlcx@earthlink.net](mailto:dwlcx@earthlink.net).

### EXHIBITS

#### Albany Institute of History and Art

"Triple Play: Baseball at the Albany Institute," featuring three exhibits about America's pastime and the sport's connection to the Capital District, through July 26; plus "Ancient Egyptian Galleries" and "The Hudson River School and the Nineteenth-Century Landscape." 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 463-4478 or [albanyinstitute.org](http://albanyinstitute.org).

#### Esther Massry Gallery

"Two Painters + One Sculptor: The Karene Faul Alumni Art Exhibition," featuring works by College of Saint Rose alumni Ginny Casey, Steve Pearson and Patrick Cuffe.

June 5 through July 31 and Sept. 4-20, Massry Center for the Arts, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 485-3902.

#### Mabee Farm Historic Site

"Visualizing the Lexicon of a Loving Hand," featuring works by Brennan Goodwin and Jackie Zysk. 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Information: 887-5073 or [schenectadyhistorical.org](http://schenectadyhistorical.org).

#### miSci

"Earth Exposed: Discover Our Planet's Hidden Secrets." Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information: 382-7890 or [www.miSci.org](http://www.miSci.org).

#### National Museum of Dance

"125 Years of Tango — A Walk through the History of the Dance," featuring costumes, music, artifacts, rare film footage and historical materials of the origins of this famous dance. Through March 2016. 99 South Broadway,

Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-2225 or [www.dancemuseum.org](http://www.dancemuseum.org).

#### New York State Museum

"Empire State Plaza at 50," a look back at the history of downtown Albany's most recognizable feature, through Jan. 17; plus "Binghamton University Paleobotany Collection" and "The Passenger Pigeon: From Billions to Zero." Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 474-5877 or [www.nysm.nysed.gov](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov).

#### Saratoga Springs History Museum

"Mapping A City: Saratoga Springs as Seen Through 250 Years of Maps," through Dec. 31. Canfield Casino, Congress Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-6920 or [www.saratogahistory.org](http://www.saratogahistory.org).

#### Spring Street Gallery

"Saratoga Springs: Magic and Loss,"

featuring photographs by journalist Thomas Dimopoulos. 112 Spring St., Saratoga Springs. Information: [www.springstreetgalleriesaratoga.org](http://www.springstreetgalleriesaratoga.org).

#### Tang Teaching Museum

"Nicholas Kruschenick: Electric Soup," through Aug. 16. Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs. Information: 580-8080 or [www.skidmore.edu/tang](http://www.skidmore.edu/tang).

#### University Art Museum

"2015 Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region," July 9 through Sept. 5. University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 442-4035 or [www.albany.edu/museum](http://www.albany.edu/museum).

#### Waterford Historical Museum

"The Best of the Waterford Museum," a recap of exhibits from the past 10 years. 2 Museum Lane, Waterford. Information: 238-0809 or

[www.waterfordmuseum.com](http://www.waterfordmuseum.com).

### CALL FOR ARTISTS

#### Saratoga Arts

Seeking artists for its Art in the Park shows July 18 and Sept. 19, as well as its "10x10=100" summer exhibition Aug. 1 through Sept. 26. Information: Elizabeth Dubben, 584-4132 or [edubben@saratoga-arts.org](mailto:edubben@saratoga-arts.org).

#### Albany Center Gallery

Seeking local and regional emerging and established artists to submit samples of their work for possible selection for exhibition at the gallery. Deadline: Sept. 9. Information: [albanycentergallery.com](http://albanycentergallery.com).

#### Nacre's Modern Dance Camp

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This includes Earth's Wild Ride, a great companion to the science center's new exhibit EARTH EXPOSED:

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An official NASA Space Place since 2005, the Planetarium at miSci welcomes thousands and thousands of visitors annually. In

addition to offering a full schedule of public planetarium shows, miSci also offers planetarium specially designed shows for every grade level from pre-kindergarten through college for visiting school, scout and community groups. The Planetarium is a popular spot during miSci's quarterly after hours special evening events and is also available for private rentals, during which it has been used as the setting or wedding proposals and anniversary celebrations

miSci is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday, and 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday and is located at 15 Nott Terrace Heights in Schenectady.

Founded in 1934, miSci is the

only science center in Tech Valley offering a multimedia experience for visitors of all ages and serves school children from northeastern New York, western Massachusetts, and southern Vermont. miSci houses the Challenger Learning Center of the Capital Region, a state-of-the-art STEM teaching tool which offers simulated space missions to school classes, community groups, work teams, scout troops, birthday celebrations, camp-ins, private parties and team building events.

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miSci is offering the following planetarium show schedule every day this summer (please note that shows begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sundays); all shows include a look at the current night sky and the latest astronomy news.

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Discover the wonders of the night sky at an introductory planetarium show designed especially for our youngest audiences.

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### 2:00 pm: We Choose Space

### 3:00 pm: Night of the Swan

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### 4:00 pm: Earth's Wild Ride

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## From page B3 ... Breathing new life into our cities

almost appears that it is its own organism. That is something that has to be very carefully calibrated, so we'll be working for many months on just getting that right with the Lighting Research Center and continuing to work with engineers at GE."

Nelson, the lead architect for the project, explained the logistics behind the lighting.

"The LED lights require very little power and most of these buildings have no power," she said. "Most of these buildings are completely vacant and abandoned with no utilities. So, on one sense, it's out of utility. In another sense it is the leading technology that is being researched and explored right now by all the leading light manufacturers. ... We think bringing the art and technology together is a beautiful opportunity."

The Public Art Challenge grant will cover development, execution and project-related expenditures, but will not fund 100 percent of project costs. The grant will provide catalytic funds as part of a strong, committed consortium of supporters. Working together, the Breathing Lights team has already raised \$500,000 in matching funds to support the project and related community engagement activities.

"We're truly unleashing the potential of our cities, our region, said Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan. "And, this project is incredible. When I received the phone call that we've won I thought there was going to be a big 'but.' I heard about what a great project it was, and how innovative it was that all three cities were all working together, and how there were many moving pieces there were."

Frelin, Nelson, the Lighting Research Center at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, and more than 25 community and private sector partners, have worked together, tasked to regenerate interest in once-vibrant neighborhoods that now have high vacancy rates. The project will culminate in a regional

summit on vacant homes and neighborhood revitalization that will engage local residents, prospective buyers and investors and policy makers.

"The issue of neighborhood revitalization is at the forefront of our efforts in Troy," said Troy Mayor Lou Rosamilia. "When we first heard about Breathing Lights, we immediately knew it was a way to literally shine a light on the issues of urban vacancy and community development. Breathing Lights is a creative way to engage residents and organizations across the region in a way that can produce meaningful transformation in our neighborhoods and cities."

Frelin and Nelson had each submitted separate project ideas, initially. Karen Bilowith, President and CEO of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region, explained how the two ultimately teamed together.

"When we first heard about the Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge, we worked quickly to issue a public call for submissions," said Bilowith. "Two of these submissions, sent independently by Adam and Barbara, complemented each other perfectly. We brought Adam and Barbara together, and they developed Breathing Lights as a completely original public art project that would also serve as a strong call-to-action around the issues of neighborhood revitalization, abandoned buildings, and equity in community development. Breathing Lights represents our collective vision for drawing much-needed attention to the issue of neighborhood and community revitalization through public art."

Once the two project leads were together in the same room, Frelin said they had sketched together the framework for Breathing Lights within an hour.

"As an architect, I am accustomed to working with a lot of creative energy around the table,"

said Nelson.

The Capital District's work on the Public Art Challenge is in alignment with the work of the Regional Alliance for a Creative Economy's Capital Region Creative Economy Project. The joint application also reflects the growing trend toward collaboration between local cities, municipalities, businesses and nonprofit organizations to encourage projects and initiatives that benefit the entire region.

The Regional Alliance for a Creative Economy is a community-selected assembly of Capital District leaders working on behalf of the region's creative economy. This project operates under the leadership of the Center for Economic Growth and the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region.

The Creative Economy of New York's Capital Region encompasses the enterprises and people involved in the origination, production, and distribution of goods and services in which artistic and cultural content gives the product or service value in the marketplace.

The Capital Region Creative Economy project has been designed to assess the area's creative assets and develop ways to leverage related economic development opportunities through travel and tourism, local economic and infrastructure development and workforce development. This community-based, collaborative initiative will examine the creative



**Breathing Lights, a concept born between Adam Frelin and Barbara Nelson in a joint submission representing the three Capital District cities as one of four areas from across the United States to receive up to \$1 million.**

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sector, including the arts (performing, literary, visual), design (graphics, fashion), textiles, crafts, architecture, communications and marketing, cinema and film, broadcasting, software development, publishing and printing, cultural and educational institutions, craft beer brewing and distilleries, culinary arts, and more. The project activities span Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren and Washington counties.

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Built in 1871, Universal Preservation Hall boasts a 5,500-square foot Great Hall, with 45-foot high cathedral ceilings and Tiffany-inspired, stained-glass windows. UPH board members forecast to the completion of their renovation efforts by Spring 2017, which will convert the church into a 900-seat venue for arts and entertainment.

Photo by Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

## From page B1 ... New 'living room' for Spa City

"I imagine the hall as Saratoga's living room," said UPH President Teddy Foster, "both a welcome gathering place and the cultural heart of the city; a space where people of all ages can experience the arts and come together for community events."

Universal Preservation Hall—which remains home for the Universal Baptist Church congregation—is an 1871 High Victorian Gothic cathedral built by Eldridge Boyden. The historic facility offers 12,000 square feet of performance and public spaces, including the Great Hall, which blossoms beneath a 45-foot ceiling and banks of stained glass windows.

Foster's vision will be fueled by the planned renovations and combined leadership. Foster said UPH is halfway done with the renovation efforts, which has already included stabilizing the church's foundation,

steeple and additional infrastructure. Once completed, which trustees anticipate to happen by Spring 2017, the church will be converted into a 900-seat entertainment venue, complete with climate control, an elevator and a new entrance to accommodate patrons from the neighboring community parking lot.

Included within the plans is a downstairs worship hall.

"It's an exciting time to be in Saratoga Springs," said Mayor Joanne Yepsen. "This alliance will further enrich our culture and make downtown more vibrant year round than ever before. It's one more reason Saratoga Springs should be considered a premier arts destination."

The partnership started with a phone call three years ago. UPH management in 2012 was conducting a feasibility study that identified strong opportunities for

enhanced programming for the Saratoga region and beyond. The study also paved the way for the launch of a \$4.3 million capital campaign, with more than \$350,000 in commitments already in place through strong board relationships.

The goal of the partnership is to generate commerce for downtown Saratoga Springs and surrounding business districts through patronage of restaurants, shops and services as guests attend concerts of all types; wedding receptions; lectures; dance performances; theatrical productions; film festivals; corporate meetings; art gallery events and more.

"The entire building is too beautiful not to fill with music and theatre and life," said Proctors CEO Philip Morris. "And we'll do it all year round, for the community, not just during the traditional tourist season."

Morris joked about his involvement with another capital campaign, conjuring improvements to the Schenectady theater and

recent alliance with the incoming Rivers Casino from recent memory. Morris said adding a hand to assist UPH in a city nearly 30 miles away fit into Proctors' mission statement to serve as a regional resource for the arts. "The Capital Region is a suburb surrounded by cities, not a city surrounded by suburbs," said Morris. Answering UPH's invitation had similar ties to the partnership already present between Proctors and Capital Repertory Theatre in Albany.

"This is a prime example of collaboration crossing regional, economic and political boundaries for the benefit of all," said Michael J. Hickey, interim president and CEO of the Center for Economic Growth in Saratoga Springs. "These types of alignments help give our region a true backbone and allow us to act as one."

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## Ngoni master to Schenectady's Central Park

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Mali's Bassekou Kouyaté is a true master of the ngoni, the ancient West African lute that is a direct antecedent of the modern banjo. In addition to leading his own dynamic band, Ngoni Ba, Kouyaté

has sparked alongside other musical luminaries such as Paul McCartney, Bela Fleck, Taj Mahal, Toumani Diabate and Ali Farka Toure.

Ngoni Ba slingshots ancient West African musical textures into the future, with dense, slippery grooves, chanted vocals

and the maestro's own inimitable playing. When Kouyaté goes electric, the overused, hackneyed Jimi Hendrix references actually come to bright life, with sonic textures never heard before springing from his hands.

Kouyaté's new album Ba Power, which again

features his wife Amy Sacko (a successful solo artist) on powerful lead vocals, is a striking, career-defining record marked by mesmerizing songs, razor-sharp riffs and full-throttle emotions. The album contains all of the swagger, precision and wide-eyed excitement that the title implies. It is the album

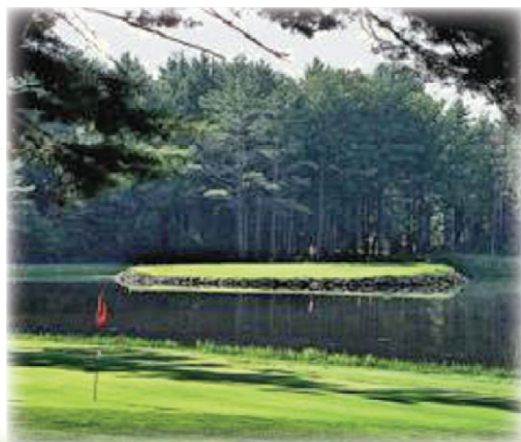
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pitcher Nick  
Furlong  
delivers in the  
rain during a  
District 13 tourna-  
ment pool play  
game against  
Colonie Thursday,  
July 9. The game  
was suspended  
less than halfway  
through, but it  
was picked up  
Friday, July 10.

Jaydan  
DesChamps  
hustles his way to  
first base after  
hitting a grounder  
in the bottom of  
the first inning.

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## Crossing Colonie

Tri-Village Little League teams battle  
their South Colonie counterparts

By **ROB JONAS**

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**CAPITAL DISTRICT** — The Tri-  
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Tri-Village needed a victory against  
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championship round.

Tri-Village entered the final day of pool

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## From page 9 ... Crossing Colonie

play with a 3-1 record, including a 19-5 victory over East Greenbush Saturday, July 11.

Andrew Brockley, Jaydan DesChamps and Brendan Pajak all had two hits and three RBI to pace Tri-Village's offense. Brockley and Liam Gregory each also scored three runs.

Tri-Village began pool play with an 11-2 victory over Cohoes June 27. Pajak earned the win on the pitcher's mound, and Matt Felske had the key hit with a go-ahead two-run single.

Following a pair of byes, Tri-Village recorded a 5-3 victory over Hudson Valley July 7. Pajak, Nick Furlong and Marko Gibbons combined to limit Hudson Valley to three runs and struck out a total of nine batters. Furlong also came through at the plate, as he doubled twice.

Tri-Village's lone loss was a 13-6 decision against Colonie. The game began in the rain Thursday, July 9, and ended in sunshine Friday, July 10.

Drew Klugman tossed two scoreless innings

of relief for Tri-Village, and Matt Perillo added a home run.

If Tri-Village advances, its first game in the district championship series will be Wednesday, July 15, at the site of the first place team from pool play. The second game will be Friday, July 17, at the home of the second place team. If there is a need for a third game, it would take place Sunday, July 19.

The Tri-Village 12-year-old division all-stars reached the championship round of the district playoffs, only to fall twice to Colonie by scores of 6-3 and 4-2.

Colonie came in as the top seed after averaging 14.4 runs per game in its five pool play games. Tri-Village managed to slow Colonie down twice, but it couldn't score enough runs to get past a squad that won the state title as 11-year-olds last year.

In the first game Friday, July 10, Chris Baker allowed four earned runs and struck out seven batters before reaching

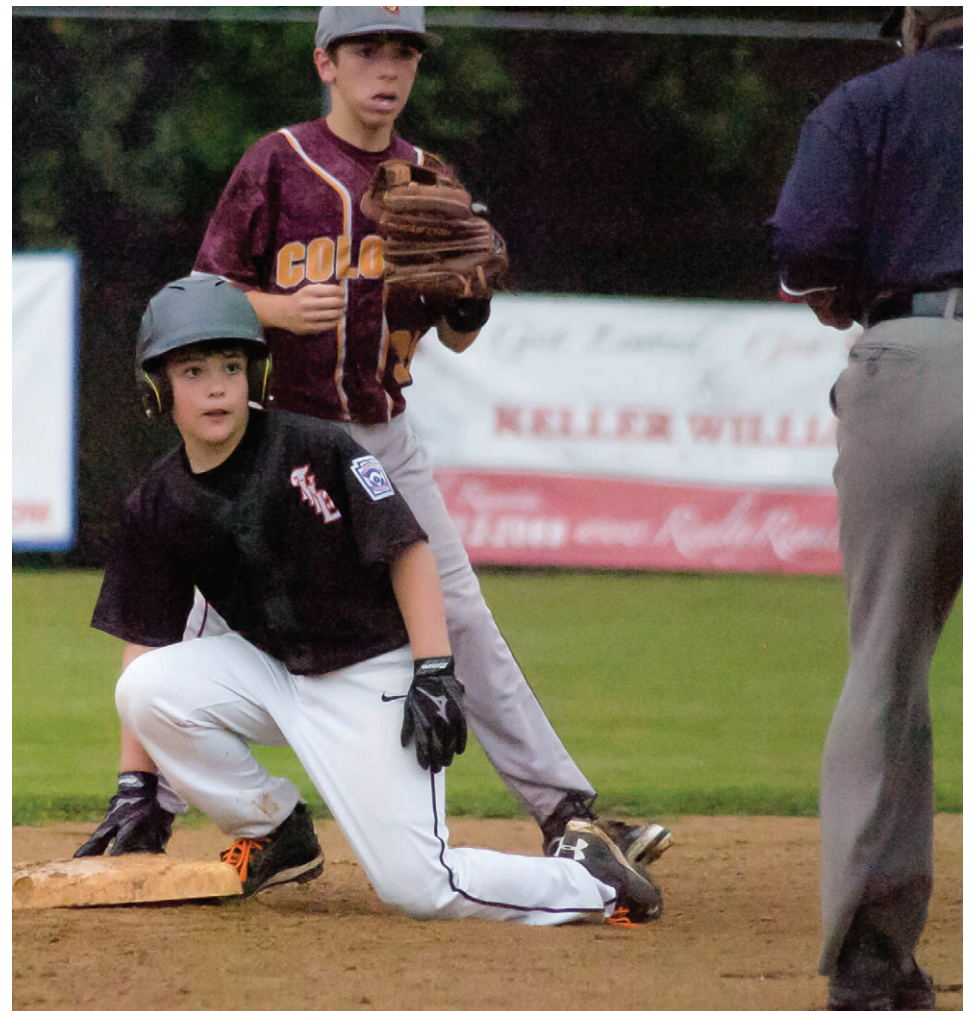
the 85-pitch limit in the fifth inning. Baker also doubled, singled and scored a run.

Brett Berben had a similar stat line on the pitcher's mound in Game 2 Saturday, July 11. Berben allowed two earned runs and struck out eight batters before reaching the pitch limit in the fifth inning. Nick Albrecht accounted for both of Tri-Village's runs in Game 2 with a two-run homer estimated to have traveled 300 feet.

Albrecht, Luke Carlson and Dan Gilligan all had big hits with power for Tri-Village throughout the tournament. Baker, Berben and Nick Zigrosser were Tri-Village's top pitchers.

Guilderland claimed the 10-year-old division district title by winning its championship series against Colonie in two games. Guilderland defeated Colonie 17-14 in the first game Friday, July 10, at Cook Park, and it cruised to a 13-5 victory in the second game Saturday, July 11, at Keenholts Park.

Guilderland trailed Colonie by five runs in the first game before rallying for eight runs to



Tri-Village's Andrew Brockley checks to see if the umpire will call him safe after he slid into second base during the second inning of a District 13 tournament pool play game against Colonie Little League Thursday, July 9, at Magee Park. Brockley was awarded a double and later scored Tri-Village's first run.

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take the lead. Guilderland also hit three consecutive solo home runs in the

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Guilderland advances to the Sectional series against


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# The financial side of raising a child with special needs

By FRAN O'ROURKE,  
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**A**s a nation, we tend to look at disabilities and special needs requirements as statistics. For example, one out of nine children younger than age 18 receive special education services, and nearly 21 million families have a member with special needs.<sup>1</sup> These numbers give us pause, but for parents of children with special needs the number that means the most is one. One child. That's what it takes to make it real.

One of the major challenges of raising a child with special needs is the strain it puts on family finances. Some equate it with tuition—but tuition for life. While government aid helps, it often covers just the necessities. All parents want more for their children and that's where financial planning—specifically special needs financial planning—provides the structure and guidance they need to successfully navigate the financial challenges of raising a child with special needs.

## Getting started

As mentioned above, the most important thing to do is to ensure your child receives qualified government services for which he or she qualifies. This includes meeting eligibility requirements for Medicaid, SSI or Social Security disability when the child reaches age 18.

Next you will want to meet with a financial advisor experienced in establishing special needs trusts.

A special needs trusts supplements government benefits. The question for many parents and guardians is how much do they need to supplement? In short, you want to make sure your special needs child has enough assets to remain financially secure even when you are no longer there to provide support. To do this, determine your goals and expectations for your child's future—education, health, living arrangements and work. Then focus on your child's future income sources, which include public benefits. Lastly, consider future expenses. Understanding these three things will provide you with the foundation you need to begin building your plan.

## Establishing a special needs trust

Anyone can establish a special needs trust. It is the best way to leave any type of assets to a child with special needs.

Many times trusts are established with joint trustees and/or a corporate trustee to manage the investment and administration of the trust. It is the trustee's responsibility to understand the beneficiary's needs and to distribute assets to

cover those needs. It is important to know that the funds can never directly go to the beneficiary, as it will decrease the amount of public benefits they are eligible to receive.

A trustee has to be well versed in what can and cannot be distributed from the trust. This is why many people opt to use a corporate trustee or trust officer with substantial background and experience administering special needs trusts. Trustees should be able to demonstrate experience in three areas:

1. Financial duties
2. Personal needs and advocacy
3. Accountability

The trustee has a fiduciary responsibility to make prudent investments, which means neither too conservative nor too aggressive. It is also important that the trustee have an understanding of federal and state tax law, which will influence investment and distribution decisions. The trust can invest in stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other products. The goal is to ensure the assets last as long as the beneficiary needs them.

## Funding a special needs trust

Anyone can contribute to a trust at any time. However,



Fran O'Rourke

Long term, the most important thing you can do for your special needs child is to have your estate in order. Complete your wills, health care proxies, power of attorneys and trusts so that your estate is distributed according to your preferences. And continue to be mindful of preventing automatic asset distributions to your special needs child. Your attorney and financial advisor can help you with any questions you many have.

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there may be tax implications in the way some people choose to fund the trust, so it is important to discuss any contributions with your financial advisor or accountant. You will also want to inform family members that you have established a trust. It is not uncommon for well-meaning family members to set aside funds for your child without realizing the negative implications of directly transferring the funds to them.

In addition, it is sometimes a better option to wait before funding a special needs trust with assets while you are living. The reason: financial setbacks, long-term illnesses or other life events can deplete the assets and reduce remaining funds available. Life insurance is a common and efficient way parents may fund a special needs trust. Other

assets that can be used to fund a special needs trust include family savings, investment accounts, mutual funds, CDs, military benefits, IRAs and real property.

## Other considerations

When you have a special needs child, your approach to financial planning changes. Not only are you planning for your financial future, but you must also account for a second generation of planning to secure the stable financial future for your special needs child.

As far as leaving your assets to a family member to manage, consider that even the best intentions can hit obstacles. For example, death, divorce or spending down of the assets can all impact the future quality of care and services available to your child.

<sup>1</sup> (U.S. Census Bureau Report, "Disability and American Families")

<sup>2</sup> MetLife survey, "The Torn Security Blanket: Children with Special Needs and the Planning Gap"

<sup>3</sup> MetLife survey, "The Torn Security Blanket: Children with Special Needs and the Planning Gap"

## Four "must-dos" for parents of special needs children

**A**ccording to a MetLife survey, parents of special needs children are not adequately securing their child's financial future. In fact, 60 percent of parents surveyed don't believe their child with special needs will ever be financially independent.<sup>2</sup>

Given that nearly one-third of parents with special needs children commit more than 40 hours a week to care and spend an average of \$326 per month on out-of-pocket medical expenses, it's not surprising that they're not planning long term for the financial needs of their child.<sup>3</sup> However, it doesn't have to be a losing battle. Here are four things parents of special needs children can do to create a more financially secure future for their special needs child:

1. Prepare for 18 – When a child becomes 18 years of age they are legally presumed competent to make their own medical, financial and educational decisions. For parents of special needs children, there are two options they can pursue to maintain influence in their child's care: power of attorney (POA) or legal guardianship. In addition, when turning 18 a child may become eligible for public benefits. It is important that parents understand the procedures and plan to ensure their child continues to receive the support and care they need in their adult years.
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The community has taken Bailey's new honor as a chance to thank and celebrate one of the great heroes that fought for this country.

At his send off at the Albany-Rensselaer Amtrak station, friends, family and local veterans surprised Bailey with a huge patriot send-off. Two rows of people holding large American flags lined his walk to the train and cheered him on.

"Boy that was something," he recalled enthusiastically. "I've never been treated like that."

Bailey said he was surprised to find so many new crews and supporters come out and support him, as he has only recently started to open up about his wartime experiences.

"Why me? I'm an old has-been - a nobody. I never like to be up front. All of a sudden they're putting me up front," he said with a laugh.

After arriving in New York City, Bailey and the other honorees took a tour of the ship that General Lafayette used during the American Revolution, before arriving at the ceremony and receiving their medals.

France's Minister of Defense Jean-Yves Le Drian flew stateside to preside over the ceremony and several members of the French consulate in New York City also attended.

The crowd at the station surprised Bailey once again when he, alongside his son Jack and granddaughter Tracy, returned to the station later that night. Bailey was particularly happy to see his friends from the Patriot Guard there.

"They're just wonderful. I consider them my extended family," he said of the Patriot Guard riders. The organization helps war veterans meet up with each other and takes them to

events by motorcycle.

"I'm reliving my youth again on the back of a Harley," he said while referring to a small photo of Bailey and his late wife sitting on a motorcycle.

Bailey became involved with the riders of the Patriot Guard in 2013, when they encouraged him to take a flight to Washington D.C. to see the WWII memorial there. His trip was paid for by the Patriot Flight charity organization.

He credits this experience to his ability to finally open up about his wartime experiences after years of silence. Bailey is now an active part of the local veteran community and has made a lot treasured friends along the way.

Ken Bailey's new honor now helps give a long overdue thank you to a veteran who lent his service to this country so long ago.

### Ken Bailey, Knight of the Legion of Honor.

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## ■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

# Collaboration works

The hard work from a number of non-for-profit organizations have earned headlines of late, sometimes networking with one another to tackle what years ago would have been a local problem, and has in turn, been spun into a global opportunity.

This week alone, our Living section showcases projects with an impact that stretch throughout the Capital District. In one aspect, there is the focus of the Universal Preservation Hall in Saratoga Springs, where a Victorian Aged church has been saved from the wrecking ball, and will soon be converted to a 900-seat entertainment venue, with the help of those who market Proctors Theatre in Schenectady.

The partnership between Proctors and UPH seems to be a natural fit. Proctors went through its own renovation efforts a few years back. The Electric City has seen

a drastic metamorphosis the past five years that have surrounding communities taking notice. Proctors has had its hand with the revitalization effort in Schenectady, and a three years ago, UPH asked for help.

In another aspect, there's the effort to garner fund money from Bloomberg Philanthropists — up to \$1 million, to be exact, and the attention was spread throughout the nation as to who would receive some of that sum. It would correctly be assumed that the competition would be fierce, but herein lies another collaborative effort that involved Albany, Schenectady and Troy. In the end, the three cities won out. The grant money will help fund a project that hopes to attract real estate investors back to area properties that have fallen to urban blight.

Whether it is true or not, it seems that community leaders are more willing to reach over borders to seek out solutions

to shared problems. Was it competition or self-pride that prevented this teamwork from happening in the past? In likelihood, there may have been political boundaries that slowed such cooperation down. But, today, the efforts to improve our neighborhoods are coming from neighbors in the form of non-for-profits, a grassroots effort to stimulate change from the ground up.

It's great to see neighboring communities working together and identifying with each other, instead of by the city or zip code in which they reside. We are the Capital District. A place Phillip Morris described as a "suburb surrounded by cities, instead of a city surrounded by suburbs." That way of thinking helps bridge all of us together, and through such as association, future challenges are likely to be overcome more frequently.

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## ■ GET TO KNOW ...



**Jeff Coyle**  
**President, Colonie Little League**  
*Residence: Niskayuna*

### What type of music do you listen to?

I actually listen to a wide variety of music. My kids have gotten me into pop culture, but I also love classic rock.

### What are you watching on TV?

We watch a lot of sports. We're all huge (New York) Yankees fans. But, we also watch a lot of reality shows. We watch the History Channel a lot. And when the New York Giants are on in the fall, we watch them, too.

### What are you reading?

I'm reading a James Patterson book — his latest one, "The Return of Alex Cross: Hope to Die." I got into Patterson a few years ago. His Alex Cross series is about this detective and all the crazy people he runs into in this town. I can usually read them in a day. I'll just sit down for a couple of hours and read about 250 pages.

### What was the last movie you saw?

We saw the Spongebob (Squarepants) movie. That's a couple of hours of my life that I'll never get back. My kids wanted

to see the movie.

### What is your favorite hobby?

It used to be golf, but when my kids came along, I stopped playing golf. I'd probably have to say reading is more of a hobby for me.

### Who is one person, dead or alive, you would want to talk to, and why?

If there was one person I could talk to, it would be my father. He passed away 11 years ago. I'd like to have a couple more hours to talk with him.

### What would be your last meal?

For my last meal — this is how simplistic I am — I would want a pizza with mushrooms and peppers.

### What is your favorite local memory?

Two years ago, my son Brandon pitched a perfect game in an all-star (Little League) game.

### What three things would you bring to a deserted island?

My family would definitely be there. I'd

probably bring a pizza. The smart answer would be a boat, right? I'd bring a boat so I could get out of there if I had to.

### Tell us a fact about you that would be surprising to others.

I think most of the people who know me don't realize how emotional I am. Anything my kids do usually brings a tear to my eye.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Berben is always there

Editor, *The Spotlight*;  
I would like to thank officer Berben for his monthly updates to the public on the police contract issue. The politicians in this town tell us that everything is transparent and don't even

return our phone calls, whereas officer Berben not only returns our phone calls, they show up at our houses.

We need more than two police officers. We can do with less flowers at the Four Corners and more

policemen on the street.

Thank you, officer Berben and officer Long, for making this a safe town to live in and to all the kindness you spread throughout the community.

Marie Capone  
Bethlehem

# Benefit was a success

Editor, *The Spotlight*;  
On behalf of the Rotary Club of Delmar, I would like to extend my thanks to the many individuals and local businesses who supported the club's successful "Teeing for Charity" golf outing at the Normanside Country Club

held in June.

The event raised more than \$7,000, which will benefit local charities and Rotary humanitarian efforts. We appreciate the continued and overwhelming support of our regional community.

Those interested in

learning more about Rotary and our club's work can find us on Facebook at Rotary Club of Delmar, New York.

Again, our sincere thanks to those who gave so generously.

Margaret A. Vella  
President

## GRADUATES

• David Egan, of Delmar, graduated from Boston College May 18 with a bachelor's degree in economics.

• Christine Spindler, of Glenmont, graduated from

Boston College May 18 with a bachelor's degree in art history.

• Peter Drucker, of Glenmont, graduated magna cum laude from Norwich University May 9

with a bachelor's degree in international studies, Chinese.

• Jiacheng Zheng, of Glenmont, graduated magna cum laude from Norwich University May 9 with a bachelor's degree in

## COMMUNITY

# Fun with energy

Jeff Boyer demonstrates how energy is what makes our world work in a lively and entertaining program on Wednesday, July 22, at 10 a.m., at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School. Kids will participate in activities illustrating the laws and forces governing the world around them. Open to the public, no need to register.

## Smarter job searching

Are you applying for jobs online? Join us for a session with Deanna Cooper, PhD and learn how to optimize your resume and cover letter for job applications that are filtered through a

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software program. She'll provide practical tips to make your job search more effective, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions after the session. Tuesday, July 28, at 7 p.m. Registration requested.

## Oil painting for beginners

Join Ravena artist Duane Todman for a hands-on class that introduces the alla prima technique of oil painting Wednesday and Thursday, July 29 and 30, at 6:30

p.m. No prior experience necessary. Registration is required, and a \$10 materials fee will be charged.

## Be heroic at the library

Afternoons at the library will be filled with epic activities for kids. Drop in at 3 p.m. each week on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and discover a new super power.

Tuesday, July 21: visit with a military veteran.

Wednesday, July 22: create a wobble ninja.

Thursday, July 23: build a catapult and launch marshmallows.

— Carol Melewski

accounting.

• Julia Baldwin, of Delmar, graduated from SUNY Oswego with a masters degree.

• Vanessa Patry, of Delmar, graduated from Springfield

College with a doctor of physical therapy degree.

• Kaitlin Ayres, of Glenmont, graduated from Hofstra University in May with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

• Danielle Heath, of Schenectady, graduated magna cum laude from the University of Rhode Island in May with a bachelor's degree in public relations, writing and rhetoric.



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