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Driver in drug-induced crash from 2014 was sentenced

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### Airing it out

Opponents to a gas line proposed to run through town, spoke to Town Board

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## TOP STORY

# A village makeover

A preview of Delaware Avenue's improvements

By **TRICIA CREMO**  
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**BETHLEHEM** — Details are out on the Delaware Avenue Improvement project after nearly a decade of planning.

A full report on the improvements will be announced at a public meeting next week, Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium in Town Hall, but, from the mouth of Bethlehem Planning Director Rob Leslie himself, *SpotlightNews* has obtained a preview.

"Improvements include new sidewalks, crosswalks, curbing, better defined on-street parking

and decorative standing lighting fixtures replacing standard style street lamps, to give a more traditional decorative style," said Leslie. "We're trying to make the main street appearance of Delaware Ave. that this town deserves."

Overall, the project aims to "enhance the main street corridor" of Delmar, by making small changes to beautify the Delaware to make it more walk-able, shopper-friendly and biker-friendly, though there is no word yet on whether bike lanes will be introduced.

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An artist's rendering of what could be ...



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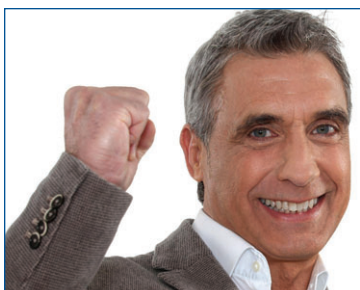
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## ■ COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

# Grady sentenced for 2014 crash

Mother, grandmother of accident victims believes punishment is far too lenient

By **TRICIA CREMO**

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**BETHLEHEM** – A mother is speaking out after the sentencing announced for Kevin Grady, the man responsible for a drug-induced car crash, was a six-month stay in jail.

“The judge in our opinion was a coward he really could have made a change,” said Kirsten Blanchard, mother of one of the crash victims. Her son Charles, his seven girlfriend Claire Falese, who was seven months pregnant at the time, and their two year old child, Merrick Blanchard, were all sent to the hospital with varying degrees of injuries after Grady hit them while traveling on Route 32 in New Scotland on June 18, 2014, around 3:10 p.m.

More than year later, the family is still dealing with the effects of the crash, with further recovery surgeries planned.

According to Kirsten Blanchard, Merrick was in a half body cast for eight weeks

and had facial fractures; Claire received broken ribs, a lacerated spleen and shoulder injuries; while Charles received the worst injuries of the three and was in Albany Medical Center for ten weeks, then came home to live with her for three months while he was in rehab.

“We screamed and hollered for him not to leave us, not to give up. Shortly thereafter they got a heartbeat and our son began the fight of his life. He was in the ICU for 2 weeks and then remained in Albany Medical Center for 8 more weeks,” said Blanchard of Charles.

“They are all recovered now and the baby was born in late September of that year thankfully healthy. Our son will have several surgeries over the next few years due to his lingering injuries but is here and alive.”

All three underwent several months of rehab following their discharge from the hospital.

Blanchard said on top of that the family has also dealt with a

great deal of anxiety since the crash.

On Wednesday, Jan. 27, District Attorney David Soares announced that Grady, 57, of Feura Bush, was sentenced to six months in Albany County Jail and a five year term of felony probation, after causing a drug impairment-related vehicle crash in New Scotland. A blood analysis uncovered presence of hydrocodone and alprazolam in his bloodstream at the time of the crash. He reportedly admitted to ingesting four doses of each within a nine hour timespan earlier that day.

Grady was charged with aggravated vehicular assault, vehicular assault in the first degree, and three counts of assault in the second degree, all felonies, along with driving while ability impaired by drugs and, reckless driving, both misdemeanors.

Grady was offered a plea bargain that called for three and 1/3 to ten years in state prison,



Kevin Grady

which he rejected. He exercised his right to plead guilty at indictment instead.

According to Kirsten Blanchard, the case was then supposed to go to trial, but Soares did not want the family to go through a trial knowing that a state prison stay was put on the table.

While the state prison sentence was recommended, the judge in the case sentenced Grady to six months in Albany

County Jail and a five year term of probation, in addition to five years of mandatory ignition interlock device, six months of license revocation and a \$5,000 fine by the court.

“This is yet another tragic case that illustrates why we take vehicular crimes so seriously in Albany County,” commented Soares.

“When you drive impaired by drugs, you pose a danger to everyone on the road. I feel strongly about this issue, and we will continue to seek tough penalties for impaired drivers when appropriate, especially when an innocent pregnant mother, a two year old child, and a father just driving his family to the store end up with serious physical injuries because a person impaired by drugs makes the choice to get behind the wheel.

This is out of our control now. I’m just happy that all still with us and this chapter is all behind us and move forward,” said Blanchard.

## Homeless man arrested for burglary

**BETHLEHEM**—Bethlehem Police arrested Shane J. F. Young, who listed his address as homeless, with a last known address of New Hampshire, for allegedly burgling a residence in Glenmont on Sunday, Jan. 24.

Young allegedly stole food and other property from inside the residence after entering the residence through a rear door.

The next day, police responded to a report of a suspicious person on River

Road in Glenmont, whose appearance matched the description of the burglary suspect from the previous day. Neighbors had reportedly seen the same man acting suspiciously in the area of the home at the time it was broken into.

Upon police arrival, police said Young fled into a wooded area with rugged terrain near the Hudson River. Police said their investigations determined Young had been residing in the wooded area on River Road for an unknown

period of time.

The suspect was located and arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to Albany County Jail without bail. He is scheduled to reappear in court on Jan. 27.

Bethlehem Police were assisted by Albany County Sheriff’s Department K-9 unit in this investigation. Anyone who has recently had contact with Young or observed him in the area is asked to contact Bethlehem Police at (518) 439-9973.

## Woman charged with welfare fraud

**VOORHEESVILLE** — Albany County Sheriffs arrested Amanda Dray, 38, of Guilderland, on Friday, Jan. 22, for allegedly fraudulently collecting DSS benefits since March of 2013 after failing to report her income from her employment by the Schenectady City School District. Additionally, police said she failed to report to the Department of Social Services the income of her

children’s father who she resides with. The total amount of benefits fraudulently received was reportedly \$31,448.21.

Dray was charged with one count of grand larceny in the third degree, one count of welfare fraud and three counts of offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree, all felonies. She was arraigned in City of Albany Court and released on her own recognizance.

### Correction

In last week’s story, “Lock out at Bethlehem Central,” the lock out at Bethlehem Central High School was the result of a phone threat made towards a school administrator. It was initially reported that the threat was made towards a resource officer at the high school.

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# Town to pass resolution on contested pipeline

Board members hope measure will spur state, federal government officials to take steps to prevent project from becoming reality

By TRICIA CREMO

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**BETHLEHEM** – Town Board members are promising to do what they can, given their small amount of legal power, to prevent Kinder Morgan's latest pipeline from travelling through town.

During its Wednesday, Jan. 27 meeting, the board promised to pass a resolution against the proposed Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline, which would travel through Bethlehem. Approximately 30 residents approached the board to air their grievances on the project, in what Councilwoman Julie Sasso remarked as the most public comment she has ever seen in her two years on town board.

Though the board has little power in preventing the pipeline, given the decision on the approval or disapproval of the pipeline will be made in Washington by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the town's resolution aims to put pressure on higher governing boards to take a stand.

"This is a fight we are not going to win with the best argument, but with the loudest roar," said Councilman David VanLuven. "We need every county on board, every town, in order for us to get noticed."

As well, the town plans to file for



A town of Bethlehem resident voices his opposition to the Northeast Direct Pipeline project during the Town Board's meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Tricia Cremo/Spotlight

official intervener status against the pipeline to Kinder Morgan, and plans to provide more details about the pipeline on the town website.

The Northeast Energy Direct (NED) pipeline comes from Texas-based Kinder Morgan, the country's largest pipeline company. A 350-mile pipeline spanning five states, and carrying gas from Pennsylvania to Massachusetts, NED would travel directly through privately owned property in North Bethlehem and Selkirk, and through the towns of New

Scotland and Berne.

With so many resident voices heard at the Bethlehem Town Board meeting, all in opposition, the board promised to present and pass a resolution at the next Town Board meeting, on Wednesday, Feb. 10. The resolution will formally oppose the proposed pipeline and instruct state and federal legislators to take action to disallow the project.

## Explosions feared

While Kinder Morgan cites its record of having no past explosions on any of its pipelines, several residents spoke about their fear of potential explosions occurring along the pipeline, especially because the town does not have a map of where pipelines lie, which would help first responders in the event of such an incident.

"We don't have the info on where the pipelines are. If it was a subdivision application, it would show where the gas pipelines were, but we don't have a map," said Rob Leslie, planning director for the town of Bethlehem. Supervisor John Clarkson promised to make that happen.

Three pipelines are installed in town. One dates back to the early 1950s, one to the 1980s, and one, the Connecticut pipeline, also owned by Kinder Morgan, is in the process of construction, after being approved by FERC several months ago. While this newest proposed pipeline is not the first to run through town, the opposition to it has been the strongest yet. While no voices were heard in support of the pipeline at the most recent Town Board meeting, when the Connecticut, several union workers spoke on behalf of Kinder Morgan, and the care with which pipelines are installed.

According to Supervisor John Clarkson, people have been calling Town Hall to ask whether the new pipeline would be going through their property, but the town simply does not know that information, as it would need to create its own comprehensive map of all of these pipelines. The NED pipeline map itself has also gone through numerous hard to track incarcerations since its initial application was made to the FERC in September, further complicating matters. But, as of now, the best resource about the pipeline's route is from Kinder Morgan directly.

## Trespassing

Under eminent domain, should the pipeline be approved by the FERC, Kinder Morgan would be allowed to take privately owned land where the pipeline would run through. Those whose land would be affected should have already received mailed notice of this from Kinder Morgan, and may have seen land surveyors from the company come by. During a meeting held by the anti-pipeline group Stop New York Fracked Gas Pipeline (SNYFGP) many spoke of their run-ins with land surveyors who did not have permission to be on their land, and similar stories were told during the Town Board meeting. There,

residents heard of the first documented instance of this happening in town. Keith Walsky, of Jericho Road in Glenmont, filed a police report after surveyors came to his property and trespassed without his permission. Kinder Morgan has denied such claims in the past.

"Anyone who observes someone trespassing should by all means call Bethlehem Police and they will respond," instructed Supervisor John Clarkson.

No such incidents have been reported in the Town of New Scotland, where Supervisor Doug LaGrange said there have not been many opposed to the pipeline yet.

## Health concerns

Supporters of natural gas note that burning natural gas emits about half the carbon-dioxide that burning coal does, potentially curtailing U.S. emissions, and buying the U.S. time to make the transition to cleaner forms of energy like wind and solar. Many homes today run on natural gas rather than oil, especially after a federal tax credit was offered until 2011 for upgrading to high-efficiency gas-burning furnaces.

Opponents, however, argue that the methane emitted by fracking for natural gas more than make up for that, as increased methane exposure has been linked to cancer and other health risks. Those opposed would also rather see the transition to solar energy be made sooner, rather than later, and the construction of the pipeline halted until a comprehensive health study is completed by the state, a view held by Albany County Executive Dan McCoy.

## Historic First Reformed Church of Bethlehem

Among the strongest opponents to the pipeline are members of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem on Church Road in Selkirk, whose property the proposed pipeline will go through.

"One thing that has to be considered is the history of that property," said Glenn Asher, a member of the church. "I was one of the young whippersnappers who planted the trees there. It's taken a long time to get to the height they are now." Given to the church by the Van Rensselaer family, the property is historically significant, and the church itself is over 220 years old. The pipeline would cross the church's property bordering its cemetery. As such, the church leaders have become advocates against the pipeline, holding an oppositional meeting with the group Stop New York Fracked Gas Pipeline on Saturday, Jan. 23.

The next Town Board meeting, where the referendum against the pipeline will be discussed, will be Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m.

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## ■ COMMUNITY

# Ice fishing contest cancelled

Lack of winter weather forces officials to cancel event

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**VOORHEESVILLE** — The Thompson's Lake Ice Fishing Contest, a long-standing tradition in Voorheesville set to take place next weekend, was cancelled thanks to extremely warm winter weather.

"People usually really look forward to this," said Joy Schism, a Thompson Lake State Park official, who organizes the annual event, as she shared her dismay over the many people who would be disappointed at news of its cancellation. The Thompson's Lake Ice Fishing Contest has drawn crowds averaging between 100 and 150 people for over 20 years now, providing a community tradition at the State Park in East Berne.

"Basically, because the temperature is so warm, the ice is about 5 inches

and just not thick enough. They usually require about 8 inches because it's too dangerous [on thinner ice] when someone goes out their on vehicles, especially once you get to the middle," she said. Drilling holes into the ice for fishing would have made the ice even more unstable, so the decision was made to cancel the competition this year.

The warmest in 40 years, this winter has made us question everything previously known about winter. Skating, snowball fights, sledding: all have been absent this season. Now, among that list, ice fishing.

The event had been in the planning for months, and was scheduled to be held next week, on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Organizers were all set to go, but with weather reports forecasting temperatures of 40 degrees and higher, the event was

cancelled on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

"Last year was absolutely freezing – four degrees. It was awful. We had a lot less people, and I thought, 'This is insane; You people are insane,'" said Schism. Her comments make clear just how dedicated to the competition ice fishers have been in the past.

Generally, temperatures are at least slightly warmer than last year, sitting in the teens or 20s, and fires along the shoreline help lookers-on keep warm. Participants to the event would have paid \$15 to compete, and the winners in the competition's three categories – perch, pickerels and trout – would split the profits. Given high participation, these could amount to hefty sums of around \$750 each.

People usually bring food, share in donuts, coffee and chili provided by the park and bring their

own skates and snowshoes, for what Schism described as a really fun day.

Reflecting on years past, Schism recalled a time when the competition used to be held between four of the larger state parks in the area: Thacher, Saratoga, Monroe and Thompson's Lake. "But that was back in the day," said Schism. "One year we showed how to do a cold water rescue, so that was interesting," she said brightly.

This year is not the first time the event has been cancelled, but Schism estimates this has only happened once or twice in the 15 years she has helped put on the event.

The park has no plans to reschedule the event, as forecasts like this have been the norm all season. Ice fishing contests such as the one at Thompson's Lake have also been cancelled at Grafton Lake State Park, where officials there plan to reschedule for later in the



An angler from last year's Thompson's Lake Ice Fishing Contest shows off the day's catch.

Photo provided

winter, when hopefully, the weather will be colder.

Not one to fret over spilled milk, Schism assured that there are plenty more events scheduled at the park. "We have a big art contest in

March and plenty of events and hikes at our nature center all the time; And if we ever have enough snow you can snow shoe," she said. "It's just too bad the ice fishing couldn't happen this year."

# Donations sought for new Middle School pavilion

PTO's crowdfunding campaign hopes to raise remaining \$46K for construction

**BETHLEHEM** — In a process similar to the large outreach efforts seen at the elementary schools to fund construction of new playgrounds, the Bethlehem Central Middle School is looking to crowd fund for construction of a new pavilion.

"By a scheduling standpoint, we're looking for some aggressive fundraising in hopes that we'll get approval by possibly May so that we can get the building ordered, and possibly get it constructed by the summertime," said Greg Nolte, director of operations and maintenance for Bethlehem Central Middle School District, at the Jan. 20 School Board meeting. Though, Nolte said it would not be the end of the world if construction date was pushed back into the school year.

Offering middle school clubs and sports teams shaded respite and a

meeting point after school, which could also be used by students during lunch periods and by those who walk the middle school track, the proposed pavilion will be built in the back of the school, bordering its garden.

Similar to pavilions at the town park on Elm Avenue, the proposed 10-foot high 36- by 48-foot structure will have a metal roof, wooden beams and a concrete base.

With an anticipated cost of \$58,000.00, and a seed donation of \$12,000.00 from the Bethlehem Central Middle School Parent Teacher Organization, the school seeks to raise the remaining \$46,000 through donations. "It's not quite as big an ask as the playgrounds, but it is a somewhat shorter time frame," said David Cooper, president of the Bethlehem Central Middle School Parent Teacher Organization, referencing the \$100,000 Elmsere and

Glenmont Elementary schools both sought in 2013 for reconstruction of their playgrounds.

According to Mark Warford, assistant principal at the Bethlehem Central Middle School, "We've talked for a long time about how great it would be to provide an area that would bring shade and a place for people to congregate, and we feel like now is a great time to move forward."

Raising the money will mean seeking out donations from parents whose students will directly benefit from the pavilion. "The plan is to go out to the parents, and that will include middle school parents and going down to the fourth and fifth grade parents," said Cooper.

Businesses donations will also be sought, similar to fundraising efforts conducted by the elementary schools, and a coordinator on that fundraising project will

assist with the middle school's pavilion fundraiser.

The new structure will not require a building permit and the school did contact their insurance carrier, who assured them that no additional costs or liabilities would be added, according to Interim Superintendent Jody Monroe. As well, the structure will be visible by

the street, providing easy surveillance for police, and will also be visible by the school's outdoor camera.

"Way to go PTO," said Joanne Dawson, a member of the Bethlehem Central School Board and an Albany County legislator, also noting that she hopes the fields at the middle school will be improved like the high school ones

were. "I really enjoy that it's this sort of bigger long-term goal, so really impressive that you've put this together."

BCMS is seeking out volunteers to help coordinate and fund the project. Those interested should email dmcrider@yahoo.com. To make a donation, visit www.bcmspto.org.

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## ■ COMMUNITY

# Winter music features talented trio

Bethlehem Public Library's winter concert series "A Little Sunday Music" continues its 2015-16 season Sunday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m. with a performance by The River Trio: flutist Pamela Sklar, violinist Linda Finegan Lott, and cellist Jay Shulman.

Flutist Pamela Sklar has worked with Dave Brubeck and Pulitzer Prize-winner Karel Husa. With Alan Hovhaness, she was a featured performer in a program of the composer's works at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. She performs for various groups at Avery Fisher Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and Madison Square Garden, and has played in the JVC Jazz Festival Orchestra at Carnegie Hall. Pamela performed twice for the Grammy Awards Orchestra, the Songwriter's Hall of Fame Awards, and can be heard on dozens of recordings for



artists including Luciano Pavarotti, Tony Bennett, Harry Connick, Jr. and Chaka Khan.

Linda Finegan Lott attended Indiana University, where she received a bachelor of music degree in violin performance, and West Virginia University, where she was the first violin of the Graduate String Quartet and concertmaster of the orchestra, and received her master of music degree in violin performance. After graduating, she came home to the greater New York area and began teaching violin and freelancing. Some of the highlights of Linda's performing career include doing all of the Verdi operas in Central Park, playing in Broadway shows, playing in the

orchestra for the Olympics in Seoul, Korea, and concerts in Carnegie Hall.

Jay Shulman is a cellist with the Long Island Philharmonic. He also performs with the River Ensemble. He has made recordings with the Bronx Arts Ensemble and performs on the soundtrack of the PBS documentary "Josef and Anni Albers." He has produced CD reissues of the Stuyvesant String Quartet and the music of his late father, composer and cellist Alan Shulman. He attended Syracuse University and Colby College, and studied with Frederick Miller and the Hungarian String Quartet. He teaches and performs throughout the Hudson Valley.

A Little Sunday Music is generously underwritten by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. The library is located at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

## STEM at the library

In recent years, young people have been increasingly encouraged to explore the many opportunities offered by science, technology, engineering and math — often referred to as STEM. They've been told that STEM learning promotes critical thinking and can provide a path to a successful future. At this point, many children and parents are well aware how important those skills are, but they might not realize this: STEM learning is also fun!

At the library, we offer a number of STEM programs for preschoolers and up, and our Lego programs often incorporate the technology kits that can bring a brick masterpiece to the next level using — you guessed it — science, technology,

engineering and math.

Coming up on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the library, we'll be holding another one of our engaging Afterschool STEM programs. In this one, participants will even get to eat the results — and that's a promise, not a threat! Kids in grades K-5 can come by at 4 p.m. to discover the science behind butter, make their own, and taste test the results on crackers provided by the library.

Younger siblings don't have to miss out on all the excitement. On Friday, Feb. 12, they can stop by with a caregiver at 10 a.m. for the preschool version of the same program. Everything's better with butter!

## Board meets

On Monday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m., library's board will meet. This meeting is open to the public.

## Upcoming events

### Saturday, Feb. 6

#### Time Out for Tales

Stories and fun for children up to age 6 and families. 11 a.m.

### Monday, Feb. 8

#### Tiny Tots

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

#### DayBooks

Discuss "In the Heart of the Sea" by Nathaniel Philbrick. Copies are available at the information desk. Audio and downloadable copies may be available. 1:30 p.m.

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— Kristen Roberts

# Albany Civic Theater trip

Join us for "Ain't Misbehavin'" at the Albany Civic Theater on Friday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15. The musical is a humorous presentation of the various moods of the 1920s and 30s Harlem Renaissance era. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation.

The health and wellness program on Friday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m. at Town Hall will feature Janna Nietzel, MS, Cornell Cooperative, who will present "Downsizing Your Menu" — an efficient way to prepare nutritious and affordable meals for one or two. Cooking and samples will be included. You can join us for lunch before the program at the Windowbox Café, cost on your own. No reservations are needed to attend just



the program alone. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a lunch reservation.

Legal services for Albany County residents aged 60 and older will be available at no cost on Thursday, Feb. 11, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, for an appointment.

The Second Milers Club for retired men will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at Normanside Country Club for lunch and a short program or speaker. Call Bob Mulligan, at 439-3802 for more information.

Enjoy a Mardi Gras

pancake supper with us at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Dinner will include pancakes, breakfast meat, applesauce and coffee or tea. A \$10 goodwill offering will be taken to benefit the Youth Group Ministry. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation.

Get out of the house and go to the library. We will take you to the library on Friday, Feb. 9 and 23. Pickups begin at 12:30 p.m. You will have about one-and-a-half hours to enjoy the library resources. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Federal funding (HEAP) is available for income eligible people who need assistance with home heating costs. Outreach Workers are available to

assist with counseling on HEAP, as well as health insurance, housing issues, food stamps, and health and income related programs. Make an appointment by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service provides rides to medical, dental, therapy, and clinic appointments, grocery stores, and a variety of social and recreational programs. Come to the Senior Office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at townofbethlehem.org.

The Bethlehem Food Pantry offers assistance to those in need and accepts donations of non-perishable food, as well as paper and household products.

— Wilma DeLucco

## ■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### Bingo night at Pine Bush Elementary School Friday

**GUILDERLAND** — The first Pine Bush Elementary School Bingo Night takes place Friday, Feb. 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The cost is \$2 per game sheet for unlimited games. Popcorn and cookies will be served, and drinks are available for purchase.

The event is open to people of all ages. For more information, email giordanokerr@yahoo.com.

### Onesquethaw Fish and Game Club offers monthly breakfast Sunday

**NEW SCOTLAND** — The Onesquethaw Fish and Game Club, 2032 Tarrytown Road, is holding its monthly breakfast Sunday, Feb. 7, from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

The menu includes regular, blueberry, and whole wheat pancakes, eggs, bacon, home fries, toast, sausage and sausage gravy.

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-10 and free for children five and under. Takeouts are available by calling 526-8721 the day of the event.

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## ■ COMMUNITY

# GPL Trustees to hold special meeting

The Trustees of the Guilderland Public Library will hold a special board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m., in the library's Tawasentha Room. This meeting is open to the public.

## Weekend concerts

The Mother Goose Jazz Band kicks off GPL's concert weekend with a performance on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. The band's repertoire is sure to please families with tiny tots and jazz enthusiasts alike.

Composer, musician, and educator Josh Greenberg created The Mother Goose Jazz Band because of his experience as a parent and as an elementary band teacher for 20 years. "I have seen how children instinctively respond to the Blues and to jazzy rhythms. They move and sing. ... their response is uninhibited." Greenberg and co-writer/



keyboardist, Bill Vitek, (Professor of Philosophy at Clarkson University), have created a body of work that respects this natural spirit of playfulness in children, and through it, they nurture an appreciation for a variety of musical styles.

The Electric City Chorus — a men's a cappella group — caps the weekend with a free concert on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m.

The chorus's repertoire draws from Broadway musicals, pop music, big band standards, and includes love songs, toe-tappers, and hits from across the decades, all sung in its unique four-part, a cappella, style. As part of the concert, a couple of quartets break off to add their own special sound to the performance.

The chorus has a long

tradition of top-notch performances throughout the state. It's recently sung at numerous locales including Schenectady's Tree Lighting and Holiday Parade, Tawasentha Park in Guilderland, the Bethlehem Library's Evening on the Green series, and it's even been featured on the Schenectady Today program.

This will be a very popular concert, so you're encouraged to come early.

## Deadline extended

Entries for GPL's Teen Winter Writing Contest are due Friday, Feb. 12, before 9 p.m. This is a great opportunity to win amazing prizes and publication.

Submit your entries by

emailing GPLTeenWrites@guilpl.org; don't forget to complete the submission form, available at [www.guilpl.org/teens/teenwriting](http://www.guilpl.org/teens/teenwriting).

A reception will be held on March 11 for all participants, where honorable mentions will be announced and winners will read from their work.

## Drop-in genealogy

Professional genealogist and Guilderland resident Lisa Dougherty will be available for free family-history consultations at GPL on Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m., so bring your questions about how to find out about your ancestry.

This is the first of a regular series. Dougherty will be available to you from 6 to 8 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Bring your questions and "brick walls" for help finding solutions.

Lisa is a former

volunteer at the National Archives in Pittsfield, Mass. She devotes her time to lecturing on family history, and assisting family researchers monthly at other area libraries and the Irish-American Heritage Museum in Albany, where she is the genealogist-in-residence. A whiz at Ancestry.com, she specializes in online research and the effective use of websites to investigate family history. Visit her website at [www.upstatenygenealogy.com](http://www.upstatenygenealogy.com).

## Is that a library in the mall?

GPL's Pop-Up Library is where you are! You'll find us at the Crossgates Mall on Thursday, Feb. 11, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Stop by — the big banner makes us easy to find — and get a library card, borrow books and DVDs, download the latest eBooks and register for programs. We'll see you there.

## Be Mine, Valentine

Celebrate Valentine's Day at GPL. On Friday, Feb. 12, at 4 p.m., join us as we read books, sing songs, make a special Valentine craft and enjoy a sweet treat. This program is best suited for children ages 3-7 with an adult caregiver. Siblings are always welcome.

## Holiday closure

The library will be closed Saturday, Feb. 13; Sunday, Feb. 14; and Monday, Feb. 15, for Presidents' Day Weekend. You can still download eBooks, renew materials, sign up for programs, search databases and take advantage of a wealth of other online services by visiting our website at [www.guilpl.org](http://www.guilpl.org).

— Mark Curiale

# AARP Tax Aide program

Beginning Monday, Feb. 1, through Monday, April 13, free income tax preparation and e-mail filing will be provided Mondays and Saturdays at the Guilderland Library by the all-volunteer AARP Tax Aide Program.

Volunteers are trained and certified in cooperation with the IRS, and prepare personal federal and state income tax returns for taxpayers of all ages with low and moderate incomes. Appointments are necessary; a separate appointment is required for each taxpayer.

Bring a copy of last year's return, Social Security cards, photo ID, all 2015 W-2's, 1099 statements, sold investments with purchase dates and cost basis, and supporting documents if itemizing deductions. Also, if these apply, bring supporting documents for any gambling winnings, medical insurance coverage, payments for any

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child care, payments for education, contributions to an IRA and estimated tax payments you made during 2015. Bring your checkbook if you want a direct deposit of your refund.

Tax aide volunteers can't do estate or partnership returns, returns with rental income or returns requiring Schedule C (business returns with a net loss, inventory, employees, or expenses over \$10,000). Both taxpayers must be present if filing a joint return, except in case of illness or infirmity.

For appointments, call 211.

## HEAP program

People with monthly incomes under \$2,244 for one person or \$2,935 for two people are eligible for the Home Energy Assistance Program

(HEAP). This grant can be received each heating season and goes directly to the heating company. The amount of the payment to each person is determined by income, living expenses and type of fuel used. Applications to the program are available in the Senior Office, and if you need assistance, please call to set up an appointment.

## Spring musical

The Guilderland Players' next musical will be "42nd Street."

Senior Citizen Night will be Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m., and tickets will be available at a cost of \$5 each (cash only) in the Senior Office in late February (call 356-1980 to check on ticket availability).

"42nd Street" tells the story of a humble, naïve young actress named Peggy Sawyer, who has come to audition for a new Broadway musical. Unfortunately, due to her nervousness, Peggy arrives

to the audition late and misses her chance to join the chorus. Luckily, Peggy soon catches the eye of the famous director, Julian Marsh, and he gives Peggy her big break. However, the show's aging leading lady, Dorothy Brock, quickly grows to dislike Peggy. On opening night, Ms. Brock falls and breaks her ankle. Panic spreads through the company, as the show is doomed for closure, until it is suggested that Peggy take the roll. In only thirty-six hours, Peggy learns 25 pages, six songs and 10 dance numbers, and becomes a star.

Two signature numbers will be "We're in the Money" and "Lullaby of Broadway."

Transportation service will be provided to this event.

## Weather reminders

When the Guilderland Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all

scheduled shopping trips and scheduled medical appointments will be cancelled. You will now find the listing on the local television stations. It will read: "Guilderland Senior Programs — No Transportation."

When the Guilderland Schools are listed as delayed in opening, we will still provide transportation, but may be delayed due to road conditions.

When the Guilderland Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all of our programs/classes are cancelled.

## Thursday, Feb. 4

Scheduled shopping  
9 a.m. Strong Bones Plus  
12:30 p.m. Mahjong  
12:30 p.m. Pinochle

## Friday, Feb. 5

Scheduled shopping  
10 a.m. Painting  
10 a.m. Bridge  
1 p.m. Quilting

1 p.m. Intermediate Bingo

## Monday, Feb. 8

Scheduled shopping  
9 a.m. Aerobics  
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones Plus  
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones Plus

## Tuesday, Feb. 9

Food pantry raffle  
9 a.m. Strong Bones Plus  
11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Salisbury steak or cold plate  
12:30 p.m. Bingo/Rummikub

## Wednesday, Feb. 10

Scheduled shopping  
9 a.m. 20-20-20 Fitness  
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones Plus  
10:30 a.m. Senior Fitness  
1 p.m. Needlecraft  
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones Plus



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**PICK OF THE WEEK**



**Umpfrey's McGee**

The experimental jam band is touring in support of its new album, "The London Sessions." It performs with special guest Taub on the Albany Palace Theatre stage on Saturday, Feb. 6.

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Check out our expanded calendar of events at [www.spotlightnews.com/events](http://www.spotlightnews.com/events).



**ENTERTAINMENT**



# Need a miracle

State Attorney General puts ticket industry on notice, demands changes

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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ALBANY — It's long been suspected, but now it's been quantified — there truly is a method behind the madness of acquiring that hot concert ticket.

New York state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman released details of a multi-year probe into the ticket industry after receiving complaints from residents. The probe allegedly uncovered "practices and abuses" which prevented consumers from obtaining tickets at affordable prices.

The probe confirmed how many tickets are placed on hold before having the opportunity to be sold to the general public. These tickets are held or reserved for various parties that include venues, artists and promoters. Other tickets are reserved for "pre-sale" to consumers

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## Obstructed View:

What's Blocking New Yorkers from Getting Tickets



From the Office of:  
New York State Attorney General  
**Eric T. Schneiderman**

New York state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman issued a 44-page report last week, demanding changes to a ticket industry that has music fans feeling cheated.

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## ■ CHOWDERFEST 2016

# Cure for the common cold day

Spa City hosts annual ode to chowder

**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — Saratoga Chowderfest is for the dogs, too.

Anyone familiar with the Spa City knows how dog friendly the city can be. So, with the 18th annual Saratoga Chowderfest slated for Saturday, Feb. 6, it really is no surprise that vendors will make something available for our canine friends.

More 80 vendors from throughout the Capital District are participating in this year's festival, some of whom will pit themselves up against one another for best doggy chowder in the Dog Chow Down Competition at the Saratoga Downtowner Motel at 1 p.m.

Not all will serve chowder per se. Ice cream giant Ben & Jerry's will offer something in the spirit of the festivities, a "Dessert Chowder" complete with Phish food ice cream, seafoam (whipped cream) and croutons made of M&M's, can be sampled. It's a thing, and don't allow anyone else stop you from bouncing around the room.

And, if you can excuse the Phishy segue, it allows for a smooth transition to mention the live music and family-friendly entertainment expected to be on hand, as one would expect to see in Saratoga Springs. Naturally, when you think of Saratoga, you think of live music; and when you think of live music, you think of concert tees. There are official Chowderfest long-sleeve t-shirts available for \$10 (\$12 for XXL) that can be purchased at Saratoga Springs Heritage Area Visitor Center and at the Saratoga Hilton.

In all, festival-goers are encouraged to pick-up a ballot and vote for their favorite as they sample each 3 oz. serving for a \$1 a piece. A paper ballot is available at participating establishments, or visitors can vote online at [DiscoverSaratoga.org](http://DiscoverSaratoga.org).

Festivities begin at approximately 11 a.m. and run through 4 p.m. For more information, including an interactive map to guide you to your favorite vendors, go to <http://discoversaratoga.org/chowderfest>.

— Michael Hallisey



Saratoga Springs will bubble over with chowder this Saturday. Photos courtesy of Discover Saratoga

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### For the love of music

Violin virtuoso Charles Yang visited area schools on Friday, Jan. 29 to introduce the magic of music. Known for his versatility to play various genres, and his ability mimic other instruments, Yang showed children that by not limiting themselves, they can accomplish many things.

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## ■ BUSINESS

# Local coffee biz lands Super Bowl slot

Death Wish Coffee wins national competition for free commercial

By PETE DeMOLA  
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**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — A local small business is set to gain some major national exposure during this year's Super Bowl.

Saratoga County-based Death Wish Coffee won a competition sponsored by software company Intuit, who offered small businesses around the country a chance at a free 30-second commercial during the big game. The advertisement is valued at more than \$5 million.

Death Wish beat out more than 15,000 small businesses to win the 30-second spot which is slated to run in the third quarter.

The decision was made by Intuit employees and

voting from the general public.

Anticipation grew as the brand learned they made the Top 10, then the top 3, and eventually, after a flurry of voting by their fans — as well as celebrities like heavy metal guitarist Zakk Wylde — the top slot.

"We were ecstatic and borderline in tears," said Marketing Director Teah Teriele.

While the team found out in August, they kept it under wraps until the announcement was made on Thursday.

Intuit linked up with CA-based marketing agency RPA, a common Super Bowl commercial creator, who created three concepts. RPA ran them by founder Mike Brown, who selected the Viking-themed spot — designed

to illustrate the brand's strong, highly-caffeinated brew — as his favorite.

Team Death Wish predicts the slot, which is set to air on Feb. 7, will put them 10 years ahead of their projected growth trajectory.

"Are we ready?" said Teriele. "We did everything we could to prepare."

A toy company called GoldieBlox won the debut installment of the contest. Following the ad, growth mushroomed by five times that year.

Death Wish Coffee, packaged in sleek black



Death Wish Coffee beat out 15,000 small businesses across the country to win a free 30-second Super Bowl commercial.

Photo provided

bags with skull and crossbones imagery, is available nationwide and ships globally. The brand was founded by Brown, a Saratoga Springs-based coffee house owner, in 2012 after customers began asking for a stronger

product.

The brand now boasts three warehouses and is the top-selling coffee on Amazon.

The team will watch the big game from Intuit's San Francisco headquarters.

"The opportunity is

amazing, insane and we're all very thankful," Teriele said.

Super Bowl 49 was watched by 114.5 million viewers, according to CBS Sports, making it the most watched television show in U.S. history.

## ■ THE NUMBERS

# Best Super Bowl commercials

1. Apple: "1984" (1984)
2. Coca Cola: "Mean Joe Greene" (1980)
3. Budweiser: "Frogs" (1995)
4. McDonald's: "The Showdown" (1993)
5. Monster.com: "When I Grow Up" (1999)
6. Volkswagen: "The Force" (2011)
7. Old Spice: "The Man Your Man Could Smell Like" (2010)
8. Snickers: "You're Not You When You're Hungry" (2010)
9. Reebok: "Terry Tate: Office Linebacker" (2003)
10. Pepsi: "Cindy Crawford" (1992)

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## LIVE MUSIC

# New look for iconic coffee house

Bonacio Construction to oversee renovations, expansion at Caffé Lena

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — At 50-plus years young, Caffé Lena is getting a facelift.

The coffee house on Phila Street boasts as being the longest continuously run coffee house in the United States. But, its contribution to the arts is where its impact has been felt most. Caffé Lena has long been a destination for music lovers, hosting numerous acoustic acts of all types since it first opened in 1960.

The cozy surroundings have provided for an intimate environment for artists and audience members alike, but those same characteristics have lent to some drawbacks for night-life seekers.

That's about to change.

Plans were announced Tuesday, Jan. 26 to renovate the coffee house, including a new, 1,200-foot addition that will include an elevator and expanded stairwell.

The news sparked praise from Todd Shimkus, president of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce.

"Good Folk since 1960! So glad Caffé Lena will be able to sustain their mission in Saratoga for many more years now,"

Shimkus tweeted on his Twitter account.

The two-story floor plan's redesign was spearheaded by Frost Hurff Architects. Bonacio Construction, the Saratoga Springs-based developer, will be responsible for the projected \$1.5 million renovation.

To assist with the costs, a fundraising campaign has been promoted on Caffé Lena's website at <http://www.caffelena.org/campaignforcaffelena/>.

The first steps towards this renovation project were taken back in 2010, when members of the non-for-profit first approached Frost Hurff to develop a proposed schematic. Renovations have taken place in piecemeal efforts since 2013. The fundraising campaign launched in earnest last year.

The floor plan is said to focus on retaining its "familiar and intimate atmosphere," expanding the listening area enough to allow for another 20 seats. An additional sound room, which appears to be the size of a closet, will improve sight lines for patrons.

The renovation also includes an improvement to the overall traffic pattern through the entire venue. The relocation of the coffee houses' Green Room, kitchen, restrooms and office spaces are all a part of

an overall efficient use of the floor plan.

Originally, the Green Room served a dual purpose as both office space and an area for artists to warm-up before performances. The room was updated last year, stripping away the office space and allowing it to remain exclusive to artists.

With the expansion of the listening area, developers see the opportunity to improve service traffic and add additional seating, while still adding more comfort to what is presently a crowded seating arrangement.

Bonacio Construction has had its hands on highly visible renovation projects in recent years. It played a major role in bringing back the Universal Preservation Hall, the conference center at Longfellow's Hotel and undertook restoration efforts on The Algonquin. The developer has also partnered with Caffé Lena, establishing a \$500,000 philanthropic partnership to aid towards constructing a mixed-use building, to be built at the site of Caffé Lena's parking lot at Phila and Henry streets. That contribution boosted funds to \$825,000.

According to the developer, the renovations are expected to be completed by the end of 2017.

Caffé Lena has been the jumping



An artist's rendering of Caffé Lena's new entryway.

Courtesy of Frost Hurff Architects

off point for many aspiring musicians. Lena Spencer, the Caffé's late founder, name dropped a few in a letter to Life Magazine's editor. Tom Paxton, Dave Van Ronk, Arlo Guthrie, Rosalie Sorrels, Hedy West, Frank Wakefield, Loudon Wainwright III, and Bob Dylan were all named. As was Don McLean, who, up until recently, was thought to have penned his 1971 hit song "American Pie" at the Spa City. It was confirmed in a 2011 interview with local journalist Thomas Dimopoulos that he did not write the song in Saratoga Springs.

## One night, two shows for Umphrey's

**ALBANY** — Umphrey's McGee may be one of the busiest bands around, playing more than a 100 shows each year since it started up nearly 20 years ago.

Umphrey's McGee takes to the Palace Theatre stage Saturday, Feb. 6, with special guest Tauk at 7:15 p.m.

Its sound is described as "improg," a combination of improvisation and progressive rock. Hailing from South Bend, Indiana, UM is one of those jam bands that sticks with you. And, stick around in one place long enough, you may catch them at a venue near you. As a matter of fact, after the band

performs at the Palace, it will play at an aftershow with Mister F that evening at The Hollow at 11:30 p.m. If you're unfamiliar with UM, check out [umphreys.com](http://umphreys.com).

Tauk brands its sound as "cerebral funk" that is ideal for both private headphone listening to jubilant dancing. The band credits funk, fusion, hip hop, progressive rock, ambient, classic rock and jazz as inspiration for its eclectic style of music.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [www.palacealbany.com](http://www.palacealbany.com).

— Michael Hallisey

## Festival features more than cars, guitars

**SCHAGHTICOKE** — Come May, it's going to get very loud in Schaghticoke.

From Friday, May 20 to Sunday, May 22, the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds hosts a playbill full of leading heavy metal acts for Rock 'n Derby, a three-day music festival that also promises demolition derbies and wrestling matches.

Headlining acts include Five Finger Death Punch, Megadeth, Halestorm, Lamb of God, Clutch, Anthrax, Sevendust, Dokken, Pop Evil, Ghost and Trivium.

SLP Concerts and GameLoud markets the festival as a "unique" concert experience with a robust line-up of automobiles — cars, short buses, tractors — prepared for

destruction all for the tune of more than \$10,000 worth of prizes.

The festival also features GameChanger Wrestling in the Wrestlin' Shack, showcasing battle royales, tag team, State Pro championship matches, and mud wrestling.

Concert goers will be able to camp in tents, cars or in special pre-designated packages for camping options. Guests will have access to electricity, showers and running water. Space for campers and recreational vehicles will be available, too.

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— Michael Hallisey

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## ARTS



Comedian Dave Coulier

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# Night & Day

Our top picks for the upcoming week

## Night

**ALBANY** — Veteran funnyman Dave Coulier will take the stage at the Albany Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant at Crossgates Mall in Guildeland for four exclusive shows, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5 and 6, with a 7:30 and 10 p.m. showing on each night.

Coulier is best known to mainstream audiences from the hit ABC television series, “Full House,” in which he portrayed the loveable Uncle Joey through eight seasons.

Coulier’s resume reads off with a ton of family-friendly material. He followed his success from “Full House” by hosting his second prime-time hit series, “America’s Funniest People,” which ran on ABC for four seasons. He also hosted ABC’s “World’s Funniest Videos,” and “Animal Kidding” on the Animal Planet Network, along with his own series, “Out of Control” for Nickelodeon. Recently, Coulier guest-starred on CBS’ “How I

Met Your Mother.”

The Funny Bone, however, bills its shows for audiences aged 21 and over, so don’t expect to hear any of his voice work from The Muppet Babies.

According to imdb.com, Coulier is scheduled to appear in at least one episode of “Fuller House,” Netflix’s sequel to the original show, which aired from 1987 to 1995.

Tickets, which cost \$22, are still available for both of Friday’s night performances and Saturday’s 10 p.m. show and can be purchased at albany.funnybone.com, or by calling (518) 313-7484. Please call ahead for availability.

For more information about this and upcoming acts, visit albany.funnybone.com.

— Michael Hallisey

## Day

**ALBANY** — The iconic Harlem Globetrotters will return to Albany on Sunday, Feb. 7, for one performance of their 2016

World Tour at the Times Union Center beginning at 1 p.m. Doors will open at noon.

The world famous team is currently on its most epic global tour ever to mark its 90th anniversary. Its star-studded roster will have and keep fans on the edge of their seats as they witness the team’s ball handling wizardry. Enjoy rim-rattling dunks, trick shots, hilarious comedy and the Globetrotters’ one-of-a-kind fan interaction. Don’t miss this season’s must see family event!

Ticket prices range from \$26 to \$106 and are available for purchase at the Times Union Center Box Office, Ticketmaster charge by phone (1-800-745-3000) or online at ticketmaster.com.

For more information about the Harlem Globetrotters, visit www.harlemglobetrotters.com. For additional details about the Times Union Center, visit www.timesunioncenter-albany.com.

— Lianne Webster-Kim

## MOVIES

# Coming soon to Netflix

## Armageddon

Director: Michael Bay  
Stars: Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis, Liv Tyler, Billy Bob Thornton  
Year Released: 1998  
Rated: PG-13

Maybe it was the “Y2K” scare, but something about the end of the 20th century led Hollywood to produce some bombastic end-of-the-world features. This was one of them. Audiences were treated to Aerosmith, and a sugary-sweet romance between Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler, as the world faced the threat of a meteor impact. A team of misfits led by Bruce Willis, including Affleck, Steve Buscemi, Michael Clarke Duncan and more, go up to head the rock up at the pass. Michael Bay, as always, puts audiences on a roller coaster ride to the very end.

## Cruel Intentions

Director: Roger Kumble  
Stars: Sarah Michelle Gellar, Reese Witherspoon, Ryan Phillippe  
Year Released: 1999  
Rated: R

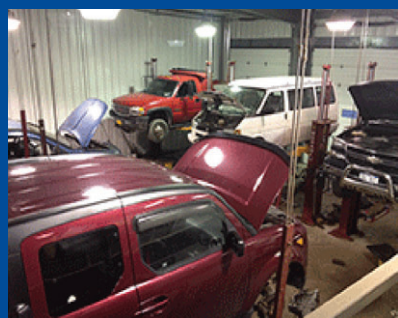
Sarah Michelle Gellar breaks away from her popular vampire-killing television role in the most scandalous of ways. “Cruel Intentions” takes what Stephen Frears did in “Dangerous Liaisons” 11 years before and packages the story for a Generation X crowd at a private high school setting in 20th century New York. Gellar and Phillippe play privileged teenagers who enjoy manipulating the lives of others. Ultimately, the two place a bet with each other that places Witherspoon’s chased teen as a pawn in their cheese game of sexual deviousness.

## Better Call Saul

Stars: Bob Odenkirk, Jonathan Banks, Rhea Seehorn, Michael McKean  
Year Released: 2015  
Rated: TV-MA

The spin-off to AMC’s ultra-popular television series Breaking Bad, Better Call Saul takes a look at retrospective look at Saul Goodman before he became the slick attorney for science teacher/meth dealer Walter White. The series started last year, and it’s picking up where Breaking Bad left off once that series came to and end. Last year the series earned Primetime Emmys for best drama, lead (Bob Odenkirk) and supporting actor (Jonathan Banks). Feel free to start with this show, but you may want to binge watch Breaking Bad to full appreciate the story material.

— Michael Hallisey



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CLUB LISTINGS

**9 Maple Avenue**  
9 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs. www.9mapleave.com  
Fri: **Arch Stanton Quartet** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Keith Pray Quartet** | 9 p.m.

**Castle Street Café**  
10 Castle St., Great Barrington, MA. 413-528-5244  
Fri: **Rob & Rob Quartet** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Wee-B3** | 8 p.m.

**Cafe NOLA**  
617 Union St., Schenectady. 357-8628  
Thur: Open Mic | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **Frank Jaklitsch** | 6:30 p.m.  
Sat: **Misty Jazz Trio** | 6:30 p.m.  
Tue: **Big Creek** | 6 p.m.

**Caffe Lena**  
Phila St., Saratoga Springs. 225-0882  
Thur: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Ariana Gillis** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Basically Beatles** | 8 p.m.

**Carney's Tavern**  
17 Main Street, Ballston Lake. 518 280-7959  
Thur: **Matty Finn** | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **Pat Gioia** | 7:30 p.m.  
Sat: **Jeff Brisbin** | 7:30 p.m.

**City Beer Hall**  
42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2337  
Every Sat: **90s Dance Party** | 11 p.m.

**Club Helsinki**  
405 Columbia St., Hudson. 828-4800 or helsinkiHUDSON.com  
Thur: **Donna the Buffalo** | 8 p.m.

**Crown Grill**  
390 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. 583-1105  
Fri: **Jeanine Ouderkirk Duo** | 7 p.m.

**Emack & Bolio's**  
366 Delaware Ave. 512-5100  
Fri: **Rick Sacchetti and the Anonymous Figg Leafs** | 7 p.m.  
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Tue: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

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ARTSCALENDAR



Coming home

Capital District native Charles Blandy will perform with his group, Exsultemus, in a Friends of Chamber Music concert Sunday, Feb. 14, at Emma Willard in Troy. See Page 9 for details.

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Fri: **Harsh by Harsh West 2: Bat Country** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Murmur, Lauren Valentine, Black Daddy, Ryujin, Y2J, Trollz** | 8 p.m.

**Ginger Man**  
234 Western Ave., Albany. 427-5963  
Fri: **Geo Doody** | 8 p.m.  
**Grappa '72**

818 Central Ave., Albany. 482-7200  
Wed & Thur: **Hamilton Street Jazz Company** | 6:30 p.m.  
Fri: **Paul Borrello & Michael Roach** | 6:30 p.m.

**The Half Moon**  
48 S. Front St., Hudson. thehalfmoon-hudson.com  
Sat: **Botanica, DJ Ephraim Asili**

**The Hollow Bar + Kitchen**  
79 N. Pearl St., Albany. 426-8550  
Fri: **Normal Instruments** | 9:30 p.m. | \$15  
Sat: **Mister F** | 11 p.m. | \$15

**The Low Beat**  
335 Central Ave., 432-6572  
Every Wed: **The Deadbeats** | 10 p.m. | \$5

Fri: **The Record Company** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **The Damaged, Full Sails Ahead, Vacate the Scene, Gilead, Wandering Monsters** | 8 p.m.  
**Hill Haints, Neutron Rats, Throat Culture, Gay Mayor** | 9 p.m.

**Madison Theater**  
1036 Madison Ave., Albany. 438-2094  
Fri: **Buffalo Stack** | 8 p.m.

**McGeary's**  
4 Clinton Square, Albany. 463-1455  
Wed: **Best Damn Open Mic Ever with MotherJudge** | 7:30 p.m.

**Mouzon House**  
1 York St., Saratoga Springs. 226-0014  
Wed: **Joe Gitto & Dan Wancyk** | 6:30 p.m.  
Thur: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 7 p.m.

**Oh Bar**  
304 Lark St., Albany. 463-9004  
Thur: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

**One Caroline Street**  
1 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs. 587-2026  
Wed: **The Masters of Nostalgia** | 8:30 p.m.  
Sat: **Cliff Brucker** | 6 p.m.

**Parish Public House**  
388 Broadway, Albany. 365-0444  
Fri: **Morris Code, Hasty Page** | 9 p.m.

**Pauly's Hotel**  
337 Central Ave., Albany. paulyshotel.com  
Every Tue: **Open Mic** | 9 p.m.

**Platinum Pub**  
795 3rd Ave., Watervliet. 270-9907  
Every Tue: **Open Mic**

**Prime at Saratoga National**  
458 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs. 583-4653  
Sun: **Joe Sorrentino Trio (Jazz brunch)** | 10:30 a.m.

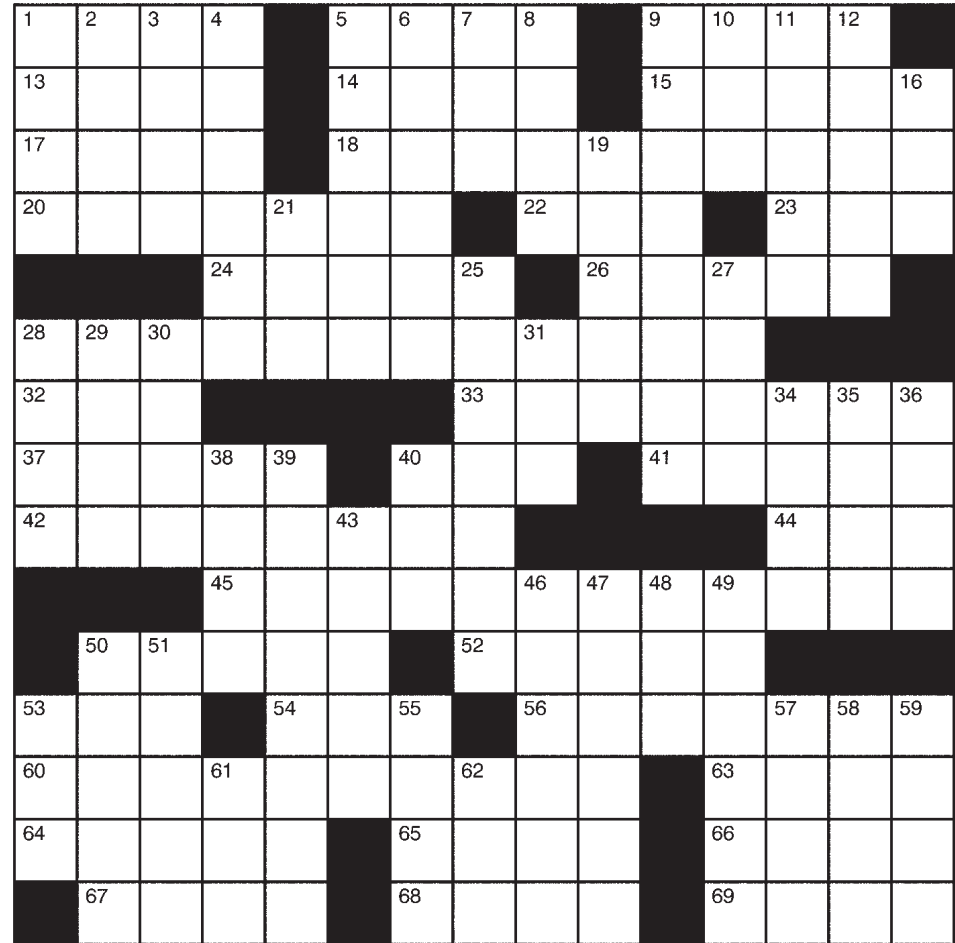
**Putnam Den**  
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs. 584-8066  
Fri: **Gratefully Yours** | 9:30 p.m. | \$12  
Sat: **Half Step** | 5 p.m. | Free

**Rustic Barn Pub**  
150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. 235-5858  
Thur: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m.  
Fri: **The Lustre Kings** | 8 p.m.

**Sake Japanese Steakhouse**  
611 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham. 785-7215  
Sat: **One-Eyed Cat** | 7:30 p.m.

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## ARTS CALENDAR

### Scrimshaw Tavern

Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany Shaker Rd.,  
Colonie. 869-8100

Fri & Sat: **Ruth Hellcamp**

### Speakeasy 518

42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2332

Wed: **Shaun McCarthy** | 8 p.m.

Thurs: **Bryan Brundige Duo** | 9 p.m.

Fri: **George Muscatello Trio** | 9 p.m.

Sat: **Phil Chow Trio** | 9 p.m.

Mon: **Joe Finn** | 8 p.m.

Tues: **Jam session** | 8 p.m.

### Stockade Inn

1 North Church St., Schenectady.

346-3400

Thur: **Tommy Verrigni Trio** | 7 p.m.

Fri: **Pete Van Keuren & Lew Petteys**

| 7 p.m.

### Twisted Vine

384 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. 439-3241

Thur: **Skip Parsons' Clarinet**

**Marmalade Trio** | 7 p.m.

### Upstate Concert Hall

1208 New York 146, Clifton Park. 371-

0012 or upstateconcerthall.com

Wed: **Cherub** | 8 p.m. | \$19

### The Van Dyck

237 Union St., Schenectady. 348-7999

Fri: **Flood Road** | 6:30 p.m. | Free

### Waterworks Pub

76 Central Ave., Albany. 465-9079

Thur: **DJ Shawn Gillie** | 11 p.m.

Fri: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

Sat: **DJ David Barna** | 10 p.m.

Mon: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

### Yono's

25 Chapel St., Albany. 436-7747

Fri: **Hamilton Street Jazz Duo** |

6:30 p.m.

Sat: **Frank Mastan Jazz Duo** |

6:30 p.m.



## A little Sunday concert

The River Trio — from left Linda Finegan Lott, Jay Shulman and Pamela Sklar — perform as part of Bethlehem Public Library's A Little Sunday Music concert series Feb. 7 at 2 p.m.

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## CONCERTS

### The Harlem Quartet

Classically-trained quartet that performs a wide range of styles, including works by minority composers. Feb. 4,

7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: adults \$20-\$30, students \$15. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

### Hey Marseilles

Chamber pop band, with special guest

Bad Bad Hats. Feb. 4, 8 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$18. Information: 465-5233 or thelinda.org.

### Mardi Gras Festival

Featuring performances by Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys and Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole. Feb. 5, 8 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$40. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

### Mark and Maggie O'Connor — American Classics

The O'Connors perform a collection of American music through violin solos and duos. Feb. 5, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$24-\$29. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

### Musicians of Ma'alwyck

Guest artist Joel Brown joins Anne-Marie Baker Schwartz and Andre O'Neil for an afternoon of music for two guitars and strings. Feb. 6, 3 p.m., First Reformed Church, 8 North Church St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$25, students \$10. Information: www.musiciansofmaalwyck.org.

### Umphey's McGee

Experimental jam band touring in support of its new album, "The London Session," with special guest Tark. Feb. 6, 7:15 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$27.50. Information: 465-4663 or palacealbany.com.

### The Dean Martin Valentines Tribute

Andy DiMino performs an evening of Dean Martin classics, with special guest Al Bruno performing the best of Frank Sinatra. Feb. 6, 8 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$27.50-\$64.50. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

### The River Trio

Flutist Pamela Sklar, violinist Linda Finegan Lott and cellist Jay Shulman perform as part of A Little Sunday Music concert series. Feb. 7, 2 p.m., Bethlehem

Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Bethlehem. Information: 439-9314.

### O.A.R.

Hugely successful indie rock band tours in support of "The Rockville EP" Feb. 11, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$29.75-\$59.75. Information: 465-4663 or palacealbany.com.

### Jackie Greene

Former member of the Black Crowes, the Phil Lesh Band and other groups performs his own original roots rock songs. The Fairground Saints are the opening act. Feb. 12, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$29.50. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

### Get the Led Out: The American Led Zeppelin

Tribute band focuses on the early years of the iconic British hard rock band. Feb. 12, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: advance \$29.50, day of show \$32.50. Information: 465-4663 or palacealbany.com.

### The Ellington Effect: A Centennial Tribute to Billy Strayhorn

Feb. 12 at 8 p.m., the LUMA Theater at Bard College. Tickets: \$40.

### Ladysmith Black Mambazo

World-famous a cappella group from South Africa. Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$26-\$36. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

### Sonny Landreth & Cindy Cashdollar

An evening in slide guitar heaven with two masters — Sonny Landreth on electric guitar and Cindy Cashdollar on Dobro and lap-steel — performing together. Saturday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$29.50. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

### The Orchestra Now: Concert 3

Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 14 at 3 p.m., the Sosnoff Theater at Bard College. Tickets \$25-35.

### The Friends of Chamber Music

Presents Exsultemus with Newton Baroque, Sunday, Feb. 14, at 3 p.m., Kiggins Hall, Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave. (Route 66), Troy. Tickets: \$25 adults, \$15 students. Call 833-1874 for tickets or information.

### Monty Alexander & Frank Vignola with special guest Caterina Zapponi

Monty will be joined by guitar virtuoso Frank Vignola and bassist extraordinaire Hassan "J.J. Wiggins" Shakur, along with special guest vocalist Caterina Zapponi, who will perform songs from her new recording "Romantica" for this special Valentine's Day concert. Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets \$29.50. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

## THEATRE

### Naked Influence

Suzanne Bradbeer's story of a stripper who gets involved with a congressman, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Feb. 14. Information and tickets: 445-7469 or www.capitalrep.org.

### Sleuth

Mystery and comedy blend in this classic thriller written by Anthony Shaffer about two men who battle for the love of a woman. Presented by Curtin Call Theatre, through Feb. 6, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., and Sundays 3 p.m. Special Jan. 16 matinee performance at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtincalltheatre.com.

### The Explorers Club

By Nell Benjamin, directed by Marl Stephens. Feb. 3-7. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Schenectady Civic Players, 12 S. Church St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$17.

### The Weir

Conor McPherson's play about a group of locals who tell tales of their Irish village to a newcomer. Presented by the Ghent Playhouse, 6 Town Hall Place, Ghent, through Feb. 7. Shows: Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$20, Friends of the Playhouse \$17, students with ID \$10. Information: (800) 838-3006 or www.ghentplayhouse.org.

### Freedom Train

Park Playhouse presents the story of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad through dramatic scenes and music of the 1800s. Feb. 7, 2 p.m., and Feb. 8, 10 a.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: adults \$20, children 12 and under free. Information: 465-4663 or palacealbany.com.

## COMEDY

### MopCo

Presenting "Theatresports," an improvisation competition featuring teams of comedians competing in a variety of scenes, songs and stories based on the audience's suggestions. Fridays through Feb. 26, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$14, children and seniors \$6. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

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Feb. 5 and 6, Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue, Guilderland. Shows: 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tickets: \$22. Information: 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com.

**The Comedy Works — Albany**  
WWE Hall of Fame wrestler "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan performs his one-man show, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. Patty Rosborough headlines. Feb. 5 and 6, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., 500 Northern Blvd., Albany. Tickets and information: 512-4075 or thecomedyworks.com.

**The Comedy Works — Saratoga**  
Dave Cooperman headlines, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. Nathan MacIntosh headlines, Feb. 6, 8 and 10 p.m. 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Tickets and information: 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com.

## DANCE

**Single Squares of Albany**  
Modern western square dancing featuring caller Cliff Brodeur and cuer Esther Mindin. Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m., Colonie Elks Club, Watervliet Shaker Road, Latham. Tickets: \$7. Information: 674-2076.

**Albany Swing Dance with the El Dorados**  
Friday, Feb. 5, 8 p.m., Albany Elks Club, 25 South Allen St., Albany. Admission including lesson: \$15 general; \$12 Dance Flurry members; \$10 students and seniors.

**Old Songs Community Dance**  
Quickstep is the featured band for this month's event. John Kirk and Trish Miller are the callers. Saturday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: \$8.

**Gerard & Kelly**  
Modern dance duo work within an interdisciplinary framework in "Reusable Parts/Endless Love," which transmits and transforms the instructions for a kiss into unscripted representations of intimacy. Feb. 12, 7 and 8:15 p.m., University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$15. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

**Country dance line lessons and open dancing**  
Instructor: Kevin Richards from 100.9 FM — "The Cat." Mondays in February from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Schenectady Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna. \$8 per person per class.

**Albany Shindig!**  
Featuring live music from George Wilson and Selma Kaplan. Paul Rosenberg will serve as the event's caller. This event is a unique chance for Capital Region residents to partake in simple, traditional dances including square dances, hoedowns and more. Feb. 19, 7 p.m., at The First Congregational Church, 405 Quail St., Albany, \$7 suggested donation; \$5 DanceFlurry Organization members. \$2 children under 12.



## Playing in the elevator

Tang Teaching Museum patrons can play these musical instruments in the museum's elevator as part of its spring exhibits debuting Saturday, Feb. 6. See Page 10 for more information.

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## FILM

**The Killing of a Chinese Bookie**  
Directed by John Cassavetes (United States, 1976, 135 minutes). Feb. 5 film screening at 7:30 p.m. at Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., downtown UAlbany campus.

**Jewish Film Festival Presents 'Mr. Kaplan'**  
Comedy (Uruguay, Spain, Germany/2014/ 98min/ Spanish with subtitles) Saturday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m., Schenectady Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna.

**Molly Ringwald Revisits the Club**  
Popular actress will discuss the iconic 1980s film "The Breakfast Club" following a screening of the movie. Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets and information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

**The Notorious Mr. Bout**  
Documentary about the events leading up to the arrest of arms dealer and war profiteer Viktor Bout. Feb. 11, 5:30 p.m., Opalka Gallery at Sage College, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information: 292-8607.

**La Ronde**  
Directed by Max Ophuls (France, 1950, 97 minutes, b/w, in French with English subtitles), film screening Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m., Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., downtown UAlbany campus.

## LITERARY

**Poetry readings by Alan Casline and Stephen Lewandowski**  
On Feb. 3 at Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, at 7:30 p.m. The host for the event will be Carol Graser, and the cost is \$5.

**Jennifer Verdolin: animal**

**behavior scientist reading**  
Verdolin is a behavioral scientist who wrote the book "Wild Connection" (2014). Feb. 4 reading and discussion of her work at 8 p.m., University at Albany Campus Center Room 375.

**New York State Author and Poet Awards and Reading**  
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**Poets Randall Horton and Jacqueline Jones LaMon**

Feb. 16 seminar at 4:15 p.m., Standish Room, Science Library at University at Albany. Reading at 7 p.m. at the UAlbany Art Museum, Fine Arts Building.

**Poet Sherwin Bitsui**

Feb. 18 reading at 4:15 p.m. in the Standish Room, University at Albany Science Library.

**Poetry reading by Brian Dorn**

Brian Dorn maintains an active presence on the Albany poetry scene. He has written a vast array of poems, many of which can be found in his new book, "From My Poems To Yours (The Live Versions)." Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Social Justice Center, 33 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30p.m. The suggested donation is \$3.

**Makin Taken: The 27th Infantry Division's Baptism by Fire**

Pat Chaisson, author and retired New York Army National Guard officer, will trace the course of the four-day Battle of Makin, the first clash between US Army troops and their Japanese opponents in the Central Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II. Feb. 20 at New York State Military Museum, Saratoga Springs, at 2 p.m.

## FAMILY/YOUTH

**Family Happening: Valentine's Day Edition**

Families will design and carve their own print block for making personalized cards, and they'll each make one special card using new-found technological skills to make it light up. They will also make sweet treats in the kitchen and

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**Holiday art camps**

Week-long camps for developing arts skills for teens, designing video games (pre-teens) and a basic arts camp for kids in grades 1-5. Feb. 15-19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., The Arts Center of the Capital Region, 265 River St., Troy. Information: 273-0552.

## EDUCATION

**Gallery Talks**

Enjoy a docent-led tour of the museum's exhibitions. Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m. (Schedule subject to change, please call to confirm.) Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Info: 463-4478 or membership@albanyinstitute.org.

**Home Made Theater**

Offering acting classes for children ages 6-12 on four consecutive Saturdays, beginning Feb. 13, at the Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park. "Discovering Theater" for children ages 6-8, 9:30 a.m.; cost is \$65. "Elements of Acting" for children ages 9-12, 10:45 a.m.; cost is \$80. Class sizes are limited to 12 students, and reservations are accepted in the order they are received. Information and registrations: 587-4427 or www.homemadetheater.org.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**A Night With Oscar**

Come see the iconic Oscar statue from 1932, learn about its recipient writer Edwin Burke, and then enjoy a

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## ARTS CALENDAR

screening of the winning movie *Bad Girl* (1931). Register online. Feb. 10, 6 p.m., Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. \$10 per person; food and drink on your own.

### Geeks Who Drink

A quiz show with eight rounds of eight questions each, including a music round, an audio round and a picture round. Free to play, with prizes for the top two teams and bonus prizes throughout the game. Sundays, 7 p.m., Lionheart Pub, 448 Madison Ave., Albany.

### Color Between Wines

Adult coloring program. Library supplies the art materials, but adults must bring their own beverages. Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Brunswick Community Library, 4118 State Highway 2, Troy. Information: 279-4023.

### LaBlast classes

Join Patty Brown, a LaBlast Fitness Ambassador instructor, for a month-long series of classes on Wednesdays beginning Feb. 3. Classes run from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the National Museum of Dance, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: lablast1@gmail.com.

### Chowderfest

Annual competition for the best chowder in Saratoga Springs, plus family activities at the Saratoga Hilton. Feb. 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., downtown Saratoga Springs. Part of the city's annual Winterfest Feb. 5-14. Information: 584-1531 or DiscoverSaratoga.org/Chowderfest.

### LaBlast Master class

"Dancing with the Stars" pro dancer Louis Van Amstel teaches the steps people see on the show. Dance to all music genres. No experience or partner is necessary, and all ability levels are welcome. Feb. 7, 9 a.m., National Museum of Dance, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Admission: \$35. Register: lablastmuseumofdance.eventbrite.com.

## EXHIBITS

### Albany Institute of History and Art

"The Capital Region in 50 Objects," through April 2016; plus "A Gather of Glass: Selections from the Museum's Collection," "Ancient Egypt" and more.



## New exhibit at Schenectady JCC

"The Artwork of Tim Dobert" is now on display at the Schenectady Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Road in Niskayuna. An artist's reception takes place Monday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m.

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125 Washington Ave., Albany. Info: 463-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

### Albany Public Library

"Through the Looking Glass," featuring whimsical and imaginative works by Zach Austin, JoAnne Carson, Emily Dorr and Ingrid Ludt, through March 26. Pine Hills Branch, 517 Western Ave., Albany. Info: 482-7911.

### Arts Center of the Capital Region

"Monica Bill Hughes: Artist in Residence," "Here + Away: Still Lifes + Landscapes," "Traces: Mary Pat Wager and Rachel Baxter" and "Centered: Our Journeys." 265 River St., Troy. Info: artscenteronline.org.

### The Hyde Collection

"Norman Rockwell in the 1960s," featuring 21 illustrations and original magazine covers by the artist, through

April 3; "60 from the 60s: Selections from the George Eastman Museum," through April 3. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information: 792-1761 or www.hydecollection.org.

### Lower Adirondack Arts Council

Presenting "Nurture by Nature," featuring works by Anne Havel, Treha Myth Downey, Jeanne Noordsy and Colleen O'Hara. Through Feb. 12, Lapham Gallery, 7 Lapham Place, Glens Falls. A gallery talk with the artists takes place Jan. 15 at 5 p.m., followed by an opening reception. Information: 798-1144, ext. 5, or www.larac.org.

### Mabee Farm Historic Site

"Local Eats! What Does Your Food Say About You?" Featuring original artwork, artifacts and documents from the Schenectady County Historical Society, as well as pieces from the Iroquois

Indian Museum, the USS Slater, Hanford Mills Museum, miSci and the City Mission, through April 8. 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Info: 887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org.

### miSci

"Earth Exposed: Discover Our Planet's Hidden Secrets." Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Info: 382-7890 or 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 30. 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Info: 584-2225 or www.dance-museum.org.

### New York State Museum

The Coast and the Sea: Marine and

Maritime Art in America," through Feb. 21; plus "Binghamton University Paleobotany Collection," "The Passenger Pigeon: From Billions to Zero" and "Habitable Sculpture." Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Info: 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.

### Opalka Gallery at Sage College

"Kate Teale: The Housed," an exhibition of atmospheric paintings and large-scale drawings of waves and bedsheets that float between figuration and abstraction, plus a site-specific wall drawing, through April 10. 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information: 292-8607.

### Schenectady Jewish Community Center

"The Artwork of Tim Dobert," through March 31. Artist reception: Feb. 8, 7 p.m. 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna.

Information: 377-8803 or www.schenectadyjcc.org.

### Tang Teaching Museum

"No Place to Hide," a collection of works about the impact of surveillance. Through Feb. 21; "Alma Thomas," a collection of artwork spanning her career, Feb. 6 through June 5; "Borrowed Light: Selections from the Jack Shear Gift," Feb. 6 through Aug. 14; "Elevator Music 30: Critter & Guitari," where visitors are invited to play unique musical instruments designed by Critter and Guitari in the museum's elevator, Feb. 6 through June 5; and "Liz Collins — Energy Field," Feb. 6 through May 31. Artists' reception for new exhibits: Feb. 6, 5 p.m. Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: tang.skidmore.edu.

### Union College

"Recurrence," featuring artists Kira Nam Greene, Juan Hinojosa, Simone Meltesen, Karen Schiff, Sam Vernon and Rachael Wren, Mandeville Gallery, Nott Memorial second floor, through April 10; "Slippery Slope by Georgie Friedman," Peter Irving Wold Center, College Atrium, second floor, through Nov. 30; "LIFE as Art: Digital Prints by Arielle Singer," Wikoff Student Gallery, Nott Memorial, third floor, through March 20. Information: 388-6318 or www.union.edu/gallery.

### University Art Museum

"Keltie Ferris: Body Prints and Paintings," "Race, Love, and Labor: New Work from the Center for Photography at Woodstock's Artist-in-Residency Program" and "Gerard 7 Kelly: Performance Documents," through April 2. Artists' reception: Feb. 12, 5 p.m. University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum.

### Upstate Artists Guild

"Remembrance of Russia," an exhibit featuring works by Olga Aleksandrova, kicking off the eighth annual Russian Winter Festival, through Feb. 26, 247 Lark St., Albany. The exhibit will relocate to the Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Ave. Extension, on Feb. 27 to be part of the Russian Winter Festival's grand finale. Opening reception: Friday, Feb. 5, at the gallery, from 6 to 9 p.m. Information: www.newrussiacenter.org/russian-winter-festival.

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### Q: When should my child be evaluated by an orthodontist?

**A:** The American Association of Orthodontists recommends children have an initial screening by the age of seven, when permanent teeth begin to erupt. An orthodontist will be able to assess space needs and evaluate the patient's jaw alignment. For many children, it may be an optimal time to begin treatment. Early intervention can ensure better results, lessen the need for extraction of permanent teeth and ultimately shorten the time in braces or clear aligners (Invisalign®). It is important

that the assessment and planning be done by a well trained orthodontist.

### Q: How can I be sure my provider has adequate training?

**A:** Dentists may choose to provide orthodontic care, but they are not specialists in orthodontics. An orthodontist is a dentist that has pursued an additional 2-3 years of orthodontic education beyond dental school in an accredited orthodontic specialty program. It is not unreasonable to ask for an orthodontist to provide your care. You may also check with the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) to see if your provider is an orthodontist. Another distinction to look for is board certification. To become a certified member of the American Board of Orthodontists an orthodontist must pass a rigorous exam where actual patients' treatment results are critically evaluated to determine if the orthodontist possesses the judgment, technical skills and knowledge necessary to provide the highest level of orthodontic care.

### Q: What are some of the newest advancements in orthodontics?

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who hold particular credit cards, for example. What the Attorney General's probe found was that, on average, more than half of all tickets — 54 percent — were reserved to such insiders, never available to the general public.

"I just assumed they were raping us," said local musician Matt Willey. "Glad someone is poking into it. I mean it's been pretty obvious that it's always happened."

Exacerbating the limited supply available to consumers buying tickets from box offices and online, is the practice of some third-party brokers using illegal "ticket bots," buying tickets at bulk to be turned around and sold through sites like StubHub and TicketsNow at an average profit margin of 49 percent above the ticket's

face value.

The report highlighted one example involving a U2 concert at New York City's Madison Square Garden last year. One broker successfully purchased more than a 1,000 tickets within the first minute. When compared to the 20,000 seats available for concerts at Madison Square Garden, that broker impacted 5 percent of total sales. But, to factor in that usually 46 percent, or only 9,200 seats, are available to the general public, that same broker took away 11 percent of seats hopeful fans were looking to buy by camping outside or sitting at their computers.

"Ticketing is a fixed game," said Schneiderman in a statement released Thursday, Jan. 28. "My office will continue to crack

**The state attorney general is suggesting, among other things, reintroducing caps on resell profits. In his multi-year investigation, some tickets sold on the secondary market at 1,000 percent more than face value.**

Photo courtesy of New York state Attorney General's office

down on those who break our laws, prey on ordinary consumers, and deny New Yorkers affordable access to the concerts and sporting events they love.

This investigation is just the beginning of our efforts to create a level playing field in the ticket industry."

Two such ticket brokers, MSMSS, LLC and Extra Base Tickets, LLC, each reached settlement agreements with the Attorney General's office after illegally operating without a ticket reseller license. The settlements require each company, and its principals, to maintain ticket reseller licenses, and pay penalties for past transgressions. MSMSS will pay \$80,000 in penalties, while Extra Base Tickets is to pay \$65,000.

The penalties associated with MSMSS and Extra Base Tickets would be a mere slap on the wrist compared to profits earned by larger brokers. Schneiderman's report shared figures, but concealed the names of three brokers used as examples to identify the current ticket broker environment.

Up until 2007, New York state had a long standing practice of outlawing the resale of tickets at outlandish prices. A cap limit of 20 to 45 percent profit existed, but a similar investigation from the state's attorney general's office revealed the cap was too difficult to enforce. By 2007, caps were lifted and the resale market was treated like a regulated industry based on the familiar premise of supply and demand.

At face value, the ticket industry looks similar in structure to the New York Stock Exchange. Ticket vendors, such as Ticketmaster, offer tickets to a primary market. Fans and brokers alike rush to purchase the best seats available. Tickets purchased by brokers are done so to resell at a profit within a secondary market. In stocks, that secondary market would be Wall Street. With tickets, that market is maintained through websites like StubHub, Vivid Seats and TicketsNow — which is owned by Ticketmaster.

Over the years, ticket vendors have developed

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safeguards to prevent bots from purchasing tickets. CAPTCHA programs used at the time of purchase require a user to type in a keyword displayed within a picture before proceeding on to the actual purchase. Hiding a keyword within an image is meant to prevent bots from being able to read the keyword, thus keeping them from continuing towards the next step. Savvy brokers use employees and hire software developers to program bots to thwart this effort.

As an example of a

broker operating under the letter of the law, one broker reported \$25.4 million in revenue in 2013. That broker employed 25 full-time employees, each with the task of purchasing tickets. Unlike MSMSS and Extra Base Tickets, this broker maintained its state license and remained compliant with state regulations. In doing so, it reported a gross profit of \$4.8 million that year.

On the other hand, a broker with an unabashed policy of illegal bot use, raked in \$42 million in revenue in 2013, according to the attorney general's

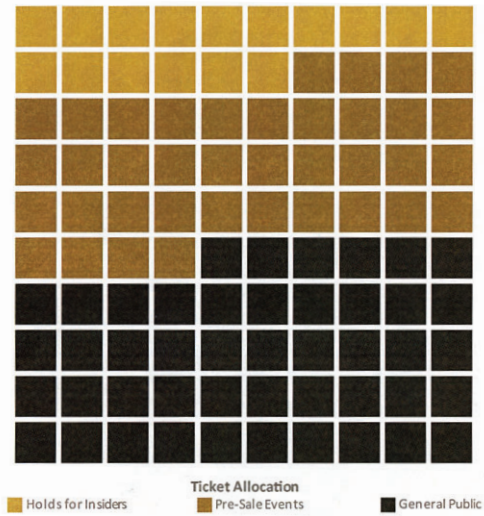
report. The broker was not licensed, outsourced typing duties to employees overseas and hired a software developer to bypass CAPTCHA programs. That developer, Schneiderman reports, later bought a \$4 million home and a Bentley.

"Maybe reselling tickets should just not be a thing," added Willey. "It's not like they are providing any valuable service. [As a] matter of fact, they make it more difficult to buy the tickets."

Within Schneiderman's 44-page report lie recommendations, putting

much of the onus on ticket vendors to comply with present-day laws. Vendors need to insure they are not selling tickets to bots, and must require that brokers provide the license number to confirm a lawful transaction. The state attorney general also calls for an increase in overall transparency.

The State also stands to impose criminal charges on those brokers who use illegal bots. Schneiderman also suggests going back to placing caps on resell profits, as was the practice prior to 2007.



The graphic above illustrates how the average show has more than half of its tickets held before they go on sale.

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From left: David Baecker, David Girard and David Bunce in "Art."

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Mellencamp will perform songs from last year's highly praised "Plain Spoken," his 22nd full-length studio album, along with selections from his catalog of fan favorites. Carter, daughter of June Carter Cash, will open the concert.

During Mellencamp's 40 year career in music, he has transitioned from pop star to one of the most highly regarded songwriters of a generation. "The Voice of the Heartland" continues to evolve artistically with "Plain Spoken," the artist's first new music since his

2010 critically-acclaimed album "No Better Than This."

Mellencamp is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and the winner of a Grammy Award, The John Steinbeck Award, the ASCAP Foundation's Champion Award, The Woody Guthrie Award, and the Americana Music Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

He is also one of the most successful live concert performers in the world. The social activism reflected in his songs helped catalyze Farm Aid, the concert series and organization that has addressed the struggle of American family farmers for more than 25 years. The unique instrumentation of his band and his

poignant songs about everyday life in the American heartland, are widely credited with being the forerunner of the Americana/No Depression genre of rural-inflected music.

Tickets for Mellencamp's concert at The Palace cost between \$39.50 and \$115 and are now available for purchase at the Palace Theatre Box Office, via Ticketmaster Charge by Phone at (800)-745-3000, all Ticketmaster outlets, local Wal-Mart Ticketmaster Centers, or online at ticketmaster.com. Regular box office hours are weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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CULINARY ARTS

Dairy-free Cream of Mushroom Soup

By STACEY MORRIS  
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Seven years ago, I embarked on a new way of living and being. After battling the scale for most of my life, I finally decided to accept the unattractive truth that diets only encouraged weight gain. I'd been on them in one form or another since the age of 10, when my well-meaning father drove me from our home in Lake George to Albany for an appointment at the stately Madison Avenue offices of "The Diet Doctor." I'll spare you the details with this simple spoiler alert: the food plan was so strict, the Marquis de Sade would have been proud. The end result: it made me more obsessed with food...which caused more weight gain...which fueled self-loathing.

So by the time I stepped on the scale that fateful day of January 5, 2009, and watched in horror as the digits registered 345, I knew it was time to take some action. I also knew it could not in any way resemble a diet. Instead, I embarked on a self-devised prescription that included tuning into to my hunger cues, paying attention to feelings (something every emotional eater must do), and being more aware of the nutrients that went into my body. I was also very careful not to let

things get too out of hand in terms of severity. I wanted habits that could be lived with long-term, so pleasure was an immutable part of the deal. When I really want something decadent (and I'm not misusing it as an escape) I have it in moderation, enjoy it thoroughly, and then move on.

One of my favorite things from the 'old days' was cream of mushroom soup. Though non-descript in color and pasty in texture as it plopped out of the can and into the saucepan, I was somehow enchanted with the concoction, made soup-like by filling the empty tin can with milk and whisking over low heat. Today, I can't imagine ingesting all that dairy and white flour (or whatever was used as a thickener). These past 7 years have been filled with all kinds of self-discovery. And two of the biggest revelations are I don't function well on cow dairy and gluten. Avoiding these two staples of the American diet has required commitment and imagination. But it has paid off because through them, I've discovered viable replications of some of my old favorites, including cream of mushroom soup – minus the bloating and dairy cramps! This recipe is not only simple, it's perfect for winter.

Stacey Morris is a Loudonville-based author, blogger, and health coach. Her website is [www.staceymorris.com](http://www.staceymorris.com)



Dairy-free Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Submitted photo

Ingredients:

- 6 cups chicken broth or stock
- 1 1/2 pounds mushroom, washed and sliced
- 1/2 stick unsalted butter or 3 tablespoons oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 6 ounces of high-quality, room temperature whipped chevre, such as the Chavre brand

Instructions:

Sautee all mushrooms in butter or oil over medium heat for about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Spoon out approximately 1/4 of the mushrooms and set aside in a bowl.

Add approximately 1 ladle of chicken stock to pan with remaining mushrooms and bring to a boil.

Simmer for two minutes, uncovered.

Take the mushrooms from the skillet and pulverize in a blender or Vitamix, adding more stock if necessary until mushrooms become a creamy mixture.

In a large saucepan, add entire mushroom mixture to the remainder of the chicken stock and simmer gently.

Whisk in chevre until completely blended with the soup.

Stir in remaining sliced mushrooms, thyme and pepper, gently simmering for approximately three minutes over medium-low heat.

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## FASHION

# Cross fit those sneaks into your attire

Sneakers are not just for basketball anymore, they can be a serious contender for serious fashion

By **DENISE BENNETT**

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Normally, I am a slave to fashion. To the point where I cinch it in, belt it on and teeter on peep toes. This January however, I happened to stumble upon the cutest pair of sneakers at the local mall and wondered, can I make a case for sneakers? Can I use the sneaker as an everyday shoe with every outfit I can think of?

Well I experimented, and sure as snakeskin, you can! So how did I do it you ask? Well read on and find out.

The shoes I am obsessing over are a wool pair of Keds in charcoal gray. Now mind you, they are just regular old tennis shoes, nothing athletic or fancy, but that is the beauty of it! Since they aren't type cast a special way, they can lend themselves to so much. This pair even came with an additional pair of laces to change up the color scheme from chocolate laces and gray body to navy laces and gray body. I love options. As a side note, I don't like to wear socks. So unless noted, I went sock free.

The first look I paired them with was cuffed boyfriend jeans and a sweatshirt. Sure, this outfit is super casual as it is, but



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the tidy look of the shoe really made it look gamine. I wasn't trying too hard with a pair of heels. I wasn't adding a masculine touch with boots. Just a girl with her boyfriend jeans and tennis shoes.

The second look I attempted was a skater dress (fitted bodice and flared skirt) with leg warmers pulled down around the Keds. The skater dress is black with a retro bird print done in white. The leg warmers are white and you couldn't get any more classically cool than this. I love leg warmers with skirts and the shoes,

they just add a school kid's twist to the whole outfit

On Wednesday, I went with black leggings and a mushroom colored poncho. I wasn't sure how the gray was going to go with the mushroom color (mushroom is a gray/natural/pale brown shade) but the distance worked since my leggings separated the colors. It was another casual take, but took me back to my high school/college days.

My fourth look brought me to a black

maxi dress with a black cardigan sweater and the Keds. Very simple, very cute, and the sneakers added a playful touch. It was unexpected because since we are still in winter, boots are the norm. Not for this gal.

Friday finally came and of course I had to wear my yoga pants with the Keds. I think it would be a crime against my closet not to. Black yoga pants, a printed tee and an oversized boyfriend style cardigan. This look was so athleisure inspired it made me think of exercise. But I was at work and running around. So, I quasi got some exercise accomplished.

There you have it. A look of stylish sneaker wearing at no cost to sore feet! Now, for a little bit of history thanks to Factmonster.com on the sneaker. I thought it was interesting to know the origin of this versatile fashion item. Sneakers first originated in the late 18th century. Folks first started wearing rubber soled footwear and called them plimsolls. Keds were created by the U.S. Rubber Company around 1892. By 1917 the shoes were being produced on a large scale and got the name sneakers because folks could sneak up on each other since they were quieter than the traditional footwear of the day. But sneakers have come a long way from those days and now have left and right foot distinction and are made of synthetic materials.

*Denise Bennett is our fashion and lifestyle columnist.*

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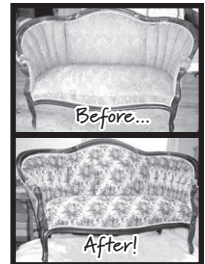
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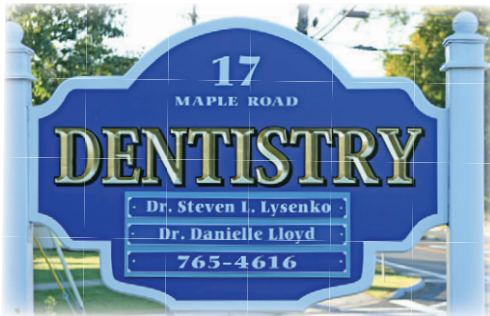




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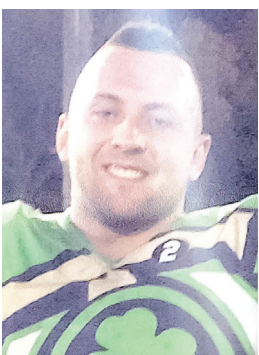
### THOMAS LIEBOLD

Bethlehem's Thomas Liebold is the Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, Jan. 31. Liebold scored two goals and added three assists in a pair of Bethlehem wins last week, including the game-winning goal in a 4-3 victory over CBA Saturday, Jan. 30.

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## ■ IN BRIEF



### MVP

Ravena graduate Zack Deering rushed for more than 150 yards and a touchdown to lead the Troy Fighting Irish to the Sunshine Bowl title.

## ■ BETHLEHEM



The lights were turned down at the Bethlehem Area YMCA for the Bethlehem hockey team's Autism Awareness Night Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Gabrielle Dungan/Spotlight

# Hockey team gives back

Bethlehem hosts Autism Awareness night; creates different atmosphere for home game

By **ROB JONAS**

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**BETHLEHEM** — The lights were turned down, and the music was turned off for the Bethlehem hockey team's home game against Niskayuna/Schenectady Wednesday, Jan. 27.

The purpose wasn't to throw off the visiting Mohawks by making it more difficult to see the puck, but rather to raise awareness for autism.

First-year Bethlehem head coach Dylan Lappe and his assistant, Dylan Carter, have experience working with autistic children. Both volunteer to help at Wildwood School, which works with autistic children and adults.

"We wanted to give back to Wildwood by hosting an autism awareness game," said Lappe. "There's not a lot of opportunities for autistic kids to go to high school events, so we wanted to provide them that experience."

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Bethlehem's Tyler Huff skates around a Niskayuna/Schenectady player during the Eagles 4-3 victory over the Mohawks.

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## ■ BOYS SWIMMING

# BC beats Nisky

Taber, Cartwright and Doyle all win two events for the Eagles

By **ROB JONAS**  
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**ALBANY COUNTY** — Bethlehem defeated Niskayuna 96-88 in Delmar in a Suburban Council boys swim meet Thursday, Jan. 28.

The Eagles built a 20-point lead going into the final event of the meet to pull off their first win over the Silver Warriors in six years.

Alex Taber (200-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke), Brendan

Cartwright (50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle) and Connor Doyle (200-yard individual medley, 100-yard breaststroke) all won a pair of events for Bethlehem. Jacob Rosenblum added a victory in the 500-yard freestyle.

Jack Newton (diving) and Ethan Bachert (100-yard butterfly) posted victories for Niskayuna.

Saratoga Springs pulled away for a 96-87 victory over Gunderland-

Voorheesville in Voorheesville.

The meet was close until the 400-yard freestyle relay, when Saratoga placed its three relay teams first, third and fourth to collect 10 points. Guilderville's two relay teams finished second and fifth for a total of four points.

Zach Zwijacz won the 500-yard freestyle and the 100-yard breaststroke for Saratoga. Ethan Morrison (diving) and Nate Marron (100-yard backstroke) also earned individual victories.

## ■ INDOOR TRACK

### DeMaria wins two events at Suburban Council meet

**ALBANY** — Bethlehem's Tedi DeMaria won the girls pole vault and triple jump titles at the Suburban Council Indoor Track and Field Championships Sunday, Jan. 31, at the University at Albany.

DeMaria cleared the bar at 11 feet, 6

inches to win the pole vault, and she had a distance of 35 feet, 6 inches to take first place in the triple jump.

Guilderland's Zaviir Berry won the boys high jump by clearing the bar at 6 feet, 4 inches, and the Bethlehem boys 1,600-meter relay team claimed the league title with a winning time of 3:38.16. Bethlehem's Malick Diamonde was second to Berry in the high jump.

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### Hockey team gives back

The way to do that was to keep the lighting lower than normal and reduce the sound as much as possible, since people in the autism spectrum can be overstimulated by loud noise and bright lights. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute does a similar thing with its autism awareness hockey game every season.

The atmosphere did get more intense than what Lappe had intended, but only because the game itself turned out to be a barn burner. Bethlehem rallied on a pair of Michael Lemieux goals late in the third period to defeat Niskayuna/Schenectady 4-3.

"The game was a little loud for what we wanted,

but overall we thought it was a well-planned, well-thought out game," said Lappe.

Niskayuna/Schenectady goaltender James Blanchfield made 45 saves to give the Mohawks a chance to win, but Lemieux made certain the Bethlehem fans went home happy by beating Blanchfield twice in the final five minutes.

"I worked with James Blanchfield last year as an assistant coach at Niskayuna/Schenectady. James Blanchfield, in my eyes, is an all-star and will always be an all-star," said Lappe.

Andrew Kopplin and Kellen Hagen also tallied for the Eagles, and

goaltender Alex Breiner made 17 saves.

Bethlehem followed up that victory with another come-from-behind win — a 4-3 victory over Christian Brothers Academy Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Albany County Hockey Facility.

Hayes Meredith scored the tying goal early in the third period, and Thomas Liebold tallied the game winner with 1:32 left in regulation to give the Eagles their seventh consecutive victory. Liebold finished the night with a pair of goals, and Breiner made 21 saves.

"I am blown away by the way these players have finally decided to click together as a team," said Lappe. "We had trouble doing that early on in the season, and it showed in our performance. But these guys have really come together."

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Glen Messier of Slingerlands

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Brian Malsan, of Slingerlands, was named to the president's achievement list for the fall 2015 semester at SUNY Polytechnic Institute.

Alexis Willey, of Schenectady, was named to the dean's list for the fall

2015 semester at Hofstra University.

Casey McGraw, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Castleton University.

Dominic Caputo, of Schenectady, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at the University of New England.

Kendra Laurens, of Selkirk, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Sage College of Albany.

Dana Donnelly, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Nazareth College.

Danielle Miller, of Schenectady, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Nazareth College.

Faith Cunningham, of Slingerlands, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at the University of New Haven.

Taryne Ross, of Slingerlands, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at the University of New Haven.

Jason Clas, of Delmar, was named to the "A" dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Wagner College.

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The following students were named to the provost's list for the fall

2015 semester at SUNY Oneonta:

Ryan Clayton of Selkirk  
Liana D'Elia of Schenectady

Shauna McDonald of Schenectady

Evan Sanders of Slingerlands

Melanie Schmitt of Selkirk

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The following students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at SUNY Potsdam:

Anna Campanella of Voorheesville

Anna Lin of Slingerlands

Elijah Smith of Schenectady

Geoffrey Snow of Schenectady

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The following students were named to the president's list for the fall 2015 semester at SUNY Potsdam:

Abigail Cowan of Selkirk

Jacqueline Cunningham of Voorheesville

Chenya D'Arcangelis of Schenectady

Alexis Donnelly of Altamont

Aislinn Elmore of Schenectady

Mark Guido of Slingerlands

Morganne McClement of Voorheesville

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ABILITY COMPANY  
(LLC).  
Name: GREENER TO-  
MORROWS LAWN  
CARE, LLC. Articles of  
Organization filed with  
NY Secretary of State,  
December 3, 2015. Pur-  
pose: to engage in any  
lawful act or activity.  
Office: in Albany Coun-  
ty. Secretary of State is  
agent for process  
against LLC and shall  
mail copy to 75 Esp-  
lande Street, Selkirk, NY  
12158.  
Ad#106097  
LEGAL NOTICE

GRHWG GROUP, LLC  
Notice of formation of  
GRHWG Group, LLC, a  
limited liability company  
the "LLC"). Articles of  
Organization filed with  
the Secretary of State of  
NY (the "SSNY") on  
12/9/15. Office location:  
Albany County. The  
SSNY has been desig-  
nated as agent of the  
LLC, upon whom pro-  
cess against it may be  
served. The SSNY shall  
mail a copy of any pro-  
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British American Boul-  
evard, Latham, New York  
12110. Purposes: any  
lawful activity.

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HANCEMENT PROJECT  
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TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, PA

town of Bethlehem will hold a Public Information Meeting to discuss the proposed design of the Delaware Avenue Hamlet Streetscape Enhancement Project. The meeting will be held at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to present proposed design improvements that will help to strengthen Delaware Avenue's Main Street character and provide safe and convenient corridor travel ac-

cess for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users. The project involves the implementation of multimodal and streetscape enhancements along Delaware Avenue, from Elsmere Avenue to Adams Street, as well as portions of Kenwood Avenue and Adams Street. The meeting will seek to receive comments on the proposed project from individuals, groups, officials, and local agencies. This Public Information Meeting is part of the continuing efforts by the involved local, state, and federal agencies to encourage public input into the development of transportation projects.

Ad#108069

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of:  
HART STREET 255 LLC  
Art of Org filed w/ SSNY  
on 2/14/2014 in AL-  
BANY County. SSNY is  
designated Agent of LLC

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to whom process may be served. SSNY may mail copy of any process to HART STREET 255 LLC, 85 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn NY 11206 Latest date to dissolve: indefinite Purpose: any lawful activity Ad#107488  
LEGAL NOTICE

Home & Business Insurance Agency LLC Notice of Qualification - LLC was filed with the SSNY on December 22, 2015. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Home & Business Insurance Agency LLC, 443 Crown Point Circle, Ste. A, Grass Valley, CA 95945. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#105970  
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LLC-J&Z 8, LLC has filed an Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on 12/11/2015. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any process shall be mailed to 2050 Western Ave., Guilderland, NY 12084. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. Ad#105175  
LEGAL NOTICE

JPIRT 81 MERCER, LLC. Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/22/15. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Pep Real Estate, 25 Howard St., 2nd Fl, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#106562  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)  
The name of the LLC Klowl9 Vape, LLC. The filing date of the Articles of Organization is December 17, 2015. The purpose of the LLC is to manufacture E-Juice and sell to retail stores or directly to consumer. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. SSNY is the designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which SSNY shall mail a copy of any process is 5 Harmony Hill Rd, Albany NY 12203. Ad#107186  
LEGAL NOTICE

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LA CASA DEL MOFONGO 207 LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 11/3/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY

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12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105150  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: LDFT II LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, January 8, 2016. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. Ad#106575  
LEGAL NOTICE

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of MATERIALS & SERVICES for the Town of Bethlehem, for the year 2016. The Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to allow all municipal and not for profit organizations authorized under the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York, to purchase any goods and/or services awarded as a result of this bid in accordance with the latest amendments to NYS GML 100 through 104. However, it is understood that the extension of such contracts are at the discretion of the vendor and the vendor is only bound to any contract between the Town of Bethlehem and the vendor. Additionally, the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to purchase any goods or services included as part of this bid from any means legally available to it at any time. Bids will be received up to 10:00 a.m. on February 16, 2016 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Nanci Moquin Town Clerk of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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Nanci Moquin TOWN CLERK Dated: February 03, 2016 Ad#108077  
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MCV INVESTORS LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on December 17, 2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Suite 500, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#105499  
LEGAL NOTICE

NAMASTE NUGGETS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/13/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 84 W Broadway 3N, NY, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#108102  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
NAME: NEW SCOTLAND HOLDINGS LLC  
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 19, 2016. Office location: The Mailing Address of the limited liability company's office is 791 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 791 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. For any lawful purpose. Ad#107386  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)  
Name: NICKOLL CR LLC. Certificate of Formation filed with Delaware Secretary of State, December 15, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Department of State, December 23, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106038  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)  
Name: NICKOLL VP LLC. Certificate of Formation filed with Delaware Secretary of State, December 15, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Department of State, December 23, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or

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activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106032  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Water Meters for the Bethlehem Department of Public Works and other Town departments, as and when needed. The Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to allow all municipal and not for profit organizations authorized under the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York, to purchase any goods and/or services awarded as a result of this bid in accordance with the latest amendments to NYS GML 100 through 104. However, it is understood that the extension of such contracts are at the discretion of the vendor and the vendor is only bound to any contract between the Town of Bethlehem and the vendor. Additionally, the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to purchase any goods or services included as part of this bid from any means legally available to it at any time. Bids will be received up to 11:00 a.m. on the 16 th. Day of February, 2016 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER AND SUBJECT OF THE BID. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM NANCY MOQUIN TOWN CLERK Dated: February 03, 2016 Ad#108079

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OLIB REALTY, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 11/13/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105142  
LEGAL NOTICE

Petrecky Enterprises, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/28/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Dreyer Boyajian LLP, 75 Columbia St., Albany, NY 12210. General purpose. Ad#106927  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)  
Name: PINE RIDGE CR LLC. Certificate of Formation filed with Delaware Secretary of State, December 15, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Department of State, December 23, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106037  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)  
Name: PINE RIDGE VP LLC. Certificate of Formation filed with Delaware Secretary of State, December 15, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Department of State, December 23, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106030  
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)  
Name: POLLOCK CR LLC. Certificate of Formation filed with Delaware Secretary of State, December 15, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Department of State, December 23, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Dawn

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Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106035  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)  
Name: POLLOCK VP LLC. Certificate of Formation filed with Delaware Secretary of State, December 15, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Department of State, December 23, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106029  
LEGAL NOTICE

POMP&CLOUD LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 12/2/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105139  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for Rental of Portable Toilets. Bids will be received up to 10:00a.m. on February 29, 2016 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER AND SUBJECT OF THE BID. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all bids. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Nancy Moquin TOWN CLERK Dated: February 3, 2016 Ad#108072  
LEGAL NOTICE

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: Quail Holdings LLC, Articles of

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Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/04/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O Quail Holdings LLC, 159 Homestead Av # 2, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. Ad#104699  
LEGAL NOTICE

## RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 27th day of January 2016, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows: **WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to fund the purchase of a replacement van for transportation of ambulatory and wheelchair bound seniors, and **WHEREAS**, it is estimated that the costs of said vehicle will not exceed \$55,000; and **WHEREAS**, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that it is in the public interest to complete the purchase of the vehicle as described above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the operating funds to a maximum of \$20,500 and reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$34,500 and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$34,500 in said reserve fund; and This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law. The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilwoman Becker, was seconded by Councilwoman David and duly adopted by the following vote: AYES: Supervisor Clarkson, Councilwoman Becker, Councilwoman David, Councilwoman Sasso, Councilman VanLoven NOES: none ABSENT: none DATED: January 27, 2016 Ad#108084  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP)  
The name of the LP is Ridgehill DJC L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership of the LP was filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 23, 2015.

Sierra Investigative Group LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/15/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 98 New York Ave., Smithtown, NY 11787. General purpose. Ad#105173

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The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is c/o ADC, L.L.C., 435 Ridgehill Road, Schenectady, New York 12303. The names and business addresses of each general partner is available from the Secretary of State. The latest date on which the LP is to dissolve is January 31, 2115. The character or purpose of the LP is real estate. Ad#105542  
LEGAL NOTICE

RIMKUNAS ENGINEERING, PLLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 10/27/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: Professional Engineering. Ad#105160  
LEGAL NOTICE

Rose & Rex, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 1/4/16. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Michael A. Tognino, Esq., 84 Business Park Dr., Ste. 211, Armonk, NY 10536. General purpose. Ad#106198  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
1.The name of the Limited Liability Company is Safe Home Delmar, LLC  
2. The Article of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on December 14, 2015 with the New York Secretary of State.  
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.  
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.  
5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 14 Westphal Drive, Delmar, N.Y. 12054  
6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.  
7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. Ad#105245  
LEGAL NOTICE

Sierra Investigative Group LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/15/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 98 New York Ave., Smithtown, NY 11787. General purpose. Ad#105173



■ COMMUNITY

# Pedaling for Parkinson's

How did a bike trip across Iowa 13 years ago lead to a very special wellness class at the Bethlehem YMCA that provides a vital form of physical and spiritual relief among a close-knit group of participants dealing with a challenging disease? I'm glad you asked.

In 2003, Dr. Jay Alberts, a neuroscientist at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute and avid cyclist, rode a tandem bicycle across Iowa with a Parkinson's disease patient to raise awareness of the disease. At the end of the ride, he noticed that the patient had experienced improvements in her symptoms. Intrigued by her progress, Dr. Alberts began clinical trials and discovered the benefits



of cycling for Parkinson's patients.

Parkinson's disease is caused by a breakdown in the nerve cells in the brain. Tremors, stiff muscles, slow movement and trouble with balance or walking are all symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

Three times a week, a small group of people come together for the Pedaling with Parkinson's cycling program at the Bethlehem YMCA. They are seeking relief from the symptoms and taking an active role in managing the disease.

I recently spent time with the people in the class and found that their enthusiasm for the program, their determination to challenge the disease, and their dedication to one another is impressive.

"The exercise is critical for Parkinson's," one participant said. "It keeps me doing something on a routine basis. Parkinson's is strange; it's harder to walk sometimes than to do something like biking. The steady motion keeps you going. It's a great program in terms of keeping you exercising, and the camaraderie of having a group to talk to about your problems or good things that are happening. It's like another kind of support group."

The class instructor,

Mary Rutnik, said, "One of the great things about the pedaling program is that it has built a community. They really care about each other. I've taught a lot of exercise classes, and I've never had such fulfillment coming out of a class."

Research conducted at the Cleveland Clinic showed a 35 percent reduction in symptoms by pedaling a bicycle at a rapid pace. Fast pedaling is not a cure of Parkinson's disease, but there is compelling evidence that it can make a real difference for many who try it.

"I can see when someone comes in with a lot of tremors, and they get into a rhythm when they get on the bike and it starts to smooth out. It's really a neat thing," Rutnik said.

Pedaling for Parkinson's has been active at the Bethlehem YMCA for about three years. A gentleman who has been part of it since the beginning said the benefits of the program aren't just physical.

"For me, it's a good way to socialize, but it's also helped me reduce some of my symptoms. It's a very positive way to deal with my disease, and it helps, too, on a rainy day. I feel depressed, but I know if I have this class, it helps with the depression. It helps with the brain — emotionally, spiritually and physically."

Another participant in the program praised Rutnik for leading the class. "She cares for us and takes care of us. She does a good job. It's the first time I rode a bike since my youth. It

makes you feel active when you never would be. You have a tendency to curl up and stay at home. This activates the gears. It's a very good program."

The Bethlehem Y's Pedaling for Parkinson's program has made a positive impact on the quality of life for the participants, and there is plenty of room for more. If you know someone suffering from Parkinson's, let them know about the benefit of this program and reach out to the Y at 439-4394 for more information.

It doesn't always take a bike trip across the state to change someone's life. Sometimes, it just takes a trip across town to the YMCA.

— Mark Hansen

## Kids' library day

Saturday, Feb. 6, is Take Your Child to the Library Day. Introduce your child (and maybe yourself, too) to all the library has to offer — you may be surprised.

Stop by anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and see our 3D printer at work, complete a scavenger hunt, create an edible robot, play with Legos and the marble runs. Sign up for a library card while you are in the library. You can take your library card home the same day if you bring

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proof of your residency (a driver's license, rental agreement, or postmarked piece of U.S. Mail).

Many studies show that reading to children early and often is strongly related to success in school. Give your child the best start possible with a library card.

### Tax assistance

It's that time again ...

time to file your tax returns.

Through a partnership with the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance, volunteers will be at the library Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through April 14 to guide you through the process of filing your own return. You may e-file your tax returns for a faster tax refund with no filing fees.

Schedule an appointment with a volunteer by calling 756-2053 or emailing the library.

— Carol Melewski

## Nimblefingers open house

February is Nimblefingers month at the library.

Whether you do crafts yourself or just have an appreciation for textile arts, come for an afternoon of fun and friendship on Feb. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. Buy a ticket for the raffle quilt, and vote for your favorite design in the table-runner challenge.

Even if you can't come for the afternoon, be sure to drop in at some point during February to stroll



through the gallery and community room to enjoy the wonderful crafts these ladies have displayed for your pleasure.

If you are interested in joining the group, everyone is welcome. They meet every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Voorheesville library to discuss textile arts, work on projects, get helpful advice from fellow crafters and enjoy some delicious snacks.

### Soup night

Bring your favorite soup, soup-friendly side or dessert to share on Monday, Feb. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Include a recipe card to display. For inspiration, explore our library foodies page on Pinterest or check out one of the library's cookbooks.

Please register online and let us know what kind of dish you are bringing. Take home containers are welcome.

— Lynn Kohler

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### ■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

## Thanks, but, we've got this

Public relation firms have blossomed over the years, at least from the perception of our newsroom. There was a time where press relations — or spin doctors — were only hired by politicians and large corporations in order to paint themselves in a better light. But, it seems everyone has a press relations officer, or uses a press relations firm. It's the way businesses market themselves in the 21st century. Of course, it is also how special interest groups reach out to get their voices heard.

We commonly receive phone calls advocating for stories, and in rare occasion, editorial topics. The New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) board recently proposed that public relation consultants register as lobbyists should they speak with newspaper editorial boards, editorial writers or if they write an op-ed piece about public policy issues. Its mission is to oversee government, and to insure that those in public service understand their ethical obligations. The commission's latest act looks to establish a new definition for lobbying, one that is intended to lend

more transparency in the acts of paid media consultants.

We cry foul.

As the embodiment of the Fourth Estate, members of the press take our responsibilities seriously. We are your watchdogs. Our purpose is to report on the happenings and actions of elected officials and big business, and how their actions affect the public, our readers. We present the news in a fair and objective manner, so that our readers have the opportunity to educate themselves on the issues, and form their own opinions. — In turn, our editorial topics are our own opinions.

We are not an island. We depend on informative people to share information. Sometimes, they approach us before we know to approach them. It is our ethical obligation to investigate, approach all sides and breakdown the facts behind the story. That's what we do. That's what we have done since we were bestowed this responsibility in 1791.

The First Amendment guarantees freedom of the press, which alone carries

the responsibility of maintaining the trust of the people. We have our code of ethics. We've learned it. We've practiced it. And, as a reminder to all who walk into our newsroom, it hangs prominently upon our wall. Press relation consultants are not new to us. We know to keep them at arm's length just as much as we do with the persistent politician looking to steer our content in his favor.

This proposal is a hindrance to our jobs, which leads us to question whether or not that was the intent. To intimidate consultants into registering as lobbyists prevents them from approaching us at all. A political lobbyist is the person in front of your local politician, attempting to shape public policy without pretense. The person approaching our local newspaper to inform our newsroom of something that needs attention, is just one of the tools our reporters depends upon to educate the public in a fair manner.

Government has no place in our homes, no place in our bedrooms or our churches. It sure as hell has no place in our newsrooms.

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### ■ GET TO KNOW ...



**Nancy Hallock**

**Owner/Trainer**

**The Kettlebell Fitness Center**

*Hometown: Cazenovia, N.Y.*

*Residence: Delmar, N.Y.*

#### What have you been listening to lately?

Donna the Buffalo (a band we're going to see at Club Helsinki in Hudson next month), The Beatles, Eric Clapton and other blasts from my teenage past. I love the searchability of Spotify.

#### What have you been reading?

Lots of "light" reading this month: "Brave Enough" by Cheryl Strayed, "Can You Go?" by Dan John, and "Yes, Please" by Amy Poehler.

#### What is your favorite show on TV?

It's a tie: "Fixer Upper" and "Modern Family."

#### What was the last movie you saw?

"The Big Short."

#### Could you describe what your dream vacation would be?

I'd love to go with a small group of friends and family to Barcelona (Spain) or Provence (France) or any city in Italy, take cooking classes from a local chef, and hike and bike all over the city and countryside. I'd spend the entire summer and stay in a home vs. hotel, to experience life as a local.

#### What are some of your hobbies?

Hiking in the Adirondacks. I've been slowly working toward climbing all 46 High Peak. Initially I'd hoped to finish before I turned 50, now my goal is "before I die". I love going to concerts in small venues, spending time with friends and playing with my three grandchildren. I also love training with kettlebells. And now that I read this, I think I need more interesting hobbies.

#### What would your last meal be?

I'm not sure I'd be able to eat knowing it was going to be my last meal, but if I could, it would probably include steak, guacamole, queso, and ice cream. Not necessarily in that order.

#### Who is the one person (dead or alive) that you would most like to meet?

I'd like to meet my paternal great great aunt who was one of the first females to graduate from medical school (Syracuse University) in the mid-1800s, as a forty year old widow and mother.

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

My husband, some way of listening to music, and sunblock.

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## From page 1 ... A village makeover

Details are not yet finalized, and public comments are encouraged at the meeting, so that changes can be made before the project moves to its construction phase in early 2017. Comments from affected business owners were also cultivated at a meeting Monday, Feb. 1, organized by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

The total project cost is estimated at \$3.1 million. The town will provide \$1.9 million – after applying for and failing to receive a New York State Energy and Research Development Agency (NYSERDA) cleaner, greener communities grant – and the remaining \$1.2 million has been secured by a grant from the New York State Department of Transportation. CHA Companies is working with the town as their design and engineering consultant.

In areas where the sidewalks on Delaware Avenue seem to flood into the street themselves and cars tend to park on sidewalks, separations will be made using curbing and painted lines to create better definition of parking spaces, particularly in the area of Delaware Avenue leading to Four Corners.

“Where parking will go, sidewalks will go,” said Leslie. “We’re trying to maintain the amount of on-street parking that currently exists.”

Additional areas included in the project are in front of Saint Thomas Church the Apostle Church on Adams Place, to clearly identify the pedestrian sidewalk from the street, as the area now is ambiguous, and dangerous given the amount of people who cross the street in the area to get to church.

Areas of Delaware Avenue along Adam Street to Elsmere Avenue, and sections of Kenwood Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Adams Street and Kenwood Avenue and Hudson Avenue will also be affected. The Town is pursuing a study of the section of Delaware Avenue from Elsmere to the Albany City line to address traffic flow and

other issues, and working with Albany County on additional improvements and connections to the Rail Trail, according to Supervisor John Clarkson. “All of these efforts tie together, and offer a way to capitalize on existing assets,” he said.

“With O’Slaterry’s Twisted Vine, a new business coming at 308 Delaware Ave. [Wildbird Junction, a “backyard nature shop”] we’re seeing this renewed interest in Delaware Ave. that will hopefully only help attract people to the area,” noted Rob Leslie.

Sidewalks will be added on Adams Street from Kenwood to Hudson Avenues, and a cross walk will be added across Adams Street connecting the public parking lot there to the Albany County rail trail, and another rail trail crosswalk at the Veterans Memorial Park on Delaware Avenue.

For the new lamp posts, residents need not look any further than Albany, where their Delaware Avenue improvements were recently finished, and feature lamp posts similar to the ones that will be seen in Delmar. In 2001, streetscape improvement of the Four Corners area were completed in Delmar, but those improvements end at the Key Bank on Delaware Avenue, so the new improvements will see improvements extended even further.

Landscaping along Delaware Avenue will come, mostly, courtesy of the Bethlehem Garden Club’s Street Tree Planting Program, which businesses can apply for using a form found on the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce’s webpage. Last year alone, 20 trees were planted along Delaware Avenue, courtesy of the tree planting program. The project will later be expanded to other areas of town, as well.

The Chamber has promoted partnerships between businesses in town, and many now provide discounts for completing their own improvement projects on outside of their stores.

“Phillips Hardware, for example, offers

discount on paint, planting materials for businesses,” said Jennifer Kilcoyne, president of the Chamber of Commerce. “It doesn’t have to be a huge investment to spruce things up, and the completion of small scale, inexpensive projects can be a cost effective way to make your business more attractive to new customers.”

Nine businesses total are participating to offer their products or services, including H2O Pressure Washing, Delmar Signs, Kleinke Associates, Curtis Lumber, Price Greenleaf, Phillips Hardware, Geurtze Builders, Mark Joseph Kelly business consulting and the Garden Club for the Bethlehem Business to Business program, and there is still time for more to participate, by contacting the Chamber of Commerce.

Since March 2014, a panel of Town Board-selected citizens, business owners and community group members were chosen to form the Delaware Avenue Improvement Project Group. Since then, the group, which includes members of the Bethlehem Garden Club, Chamber of Commerce, the town supervisor, planning director, and 20 other business owners, civic leaders and town officials, has been meeting to discuss possible improvements to the street “for commercial, social and civic benefit of the town,” as reads the project’s formal goal.

Three public meetings on the project have been held thus far, in this year alone, but even more meetings were held before that, when the project was first proposed in 2007. “Unfortunately, when the plan was rolled out in 2008, despite a positive public reception, the recession and resulting local fiscal difficulties forestalled the effort,” said Supervisor John Clarkson. “Today, with the Town’s finances in very good shape and the awarding of a grant from New York State, it is a great time for the project to move forward,” he described. The first plan was made under former Supervisor Sheila Fuller, and some of the items discussed were modified to fit today’s revamp.

“I’m looking forward to continued flourishing of the business environment

in Delmar,” said Kilcoyne. “It’s always been great location for people, and this will make sure these businesses continue to grow, and we have the great quality of life that we have enjoyed for years.”

## Glenmont Abbey opens

**BETHLEHEM** — A senior living facility in Glenmont for those 55 and older aims to keep the fun going.

Glenmont Abbey Village is a new housing living complex that offers older adults a ritzy mix of amenities, including a heated pool, small theater, fitness center and salon

Troy-based developer The United Group brings the project to 17 Thomas Cole Drive in Glenmont with an investment of \$23 million. Sprawled across 15 acres are two large buildings housing 148 apartments in nine apartment and condo styles ranging in price from \$1,215 to \$1,952 per month.

— Tricia Cremo

## Six saved from burning home

**GUILDERLAND** — An early morning fire on Sunday, Jan. 24, sent six to the hospital. Officials say the fire happened around 3:30 a.m. on Ayre Drive. Rescuers reportedly received a call from a neighbor, appeared at the home in minutes, and found it completely engulfed in flames. Two people were on the front lawn and are reportedly doing well, while four victims rescued from inside are recovering from severe smoke inhalation.

The home was occupied by Daniel Morrissey, 40; his two sons Aidan, 6, and Tyler, 5; Morrissey’s sister Christine Sawyer, 51; and her grandchildren Michael, 6, and Giovanni, 4. Morrissey reportedly helped his two sons outside and the brothers are now recovering at Albany Medical Center.

The father then went back into the house to help his remaining family members, who were found

unconscious by rescuers. All four were transported to the burn unit at SUNY Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. All are expected to survive.

Several fire departments – Westmere, North Bethlehem, Guilderland, Guilderland Center, Fort Hunter and Slingerlands – worked until around 7 a.m. to get the fire under control, with assistance from Guilderland Police. Rescuers said that while a cause will be difficult to determine given the amount of damage, the fire does not appear to be suspicious.

The family has suffered a series of tragedies in recent years, including the death of Aidan and Tyler’s mother, Trisha Morrissey, who died in 2014 at the age of 36. Donations for the family are being accepted at the McKnownville Fire Department, 1250 Western Ave. in Guilderland.

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