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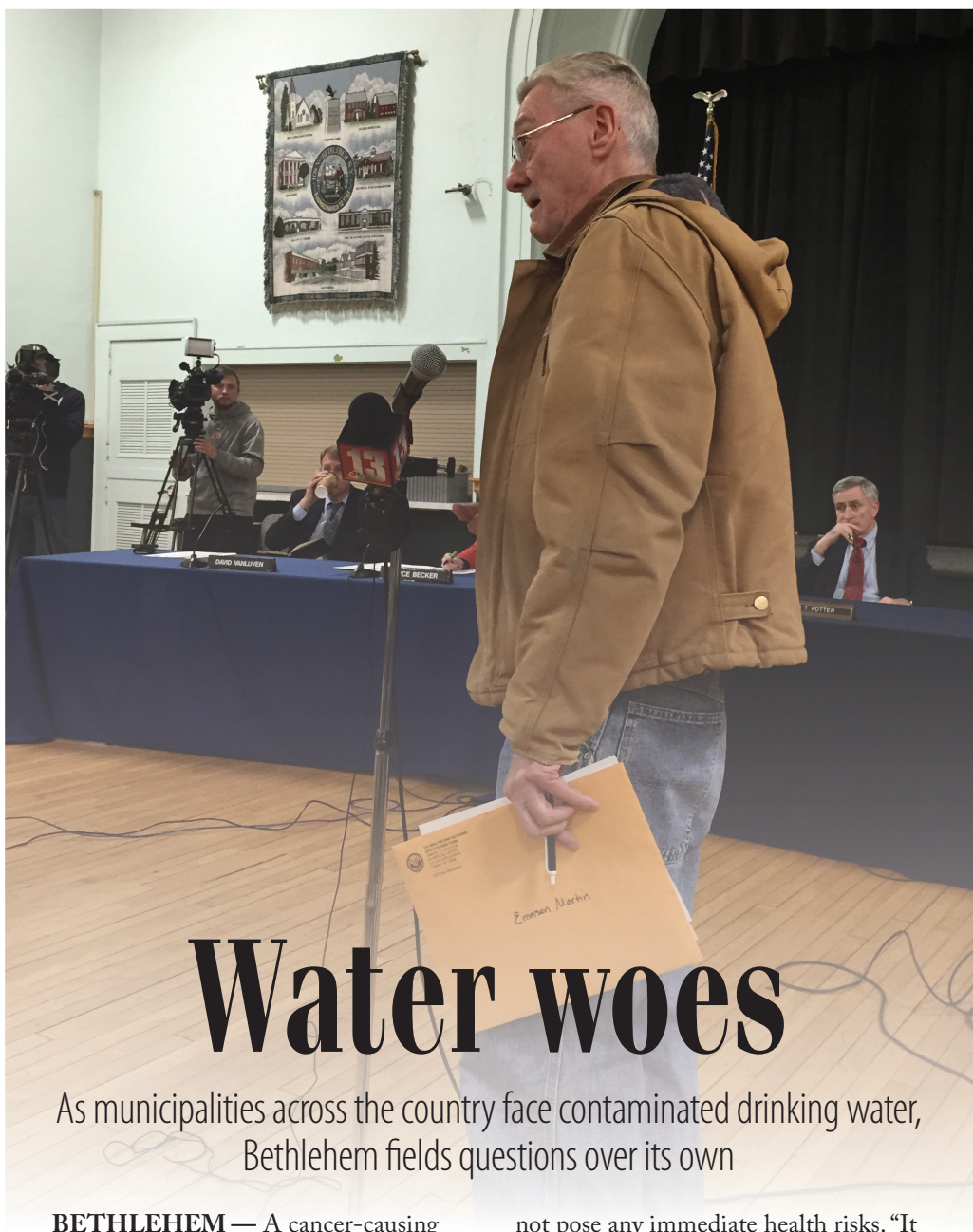
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Whatcha got brewing there?

Indian Ladder Farmstand and Brewery opens for business, now a part of a growing craft brewing industry.

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Water woes

As municipalities across the country face contaminated drinking water, Bethlehem fields questions over its own

BETHLEHEM — A cancer-causing chemical was found present in the town's water supply, but town officials warn residents not to overreact.

Trihalomethane (THM), a chemical that has been linked to cancer, was recently found to be at elevated levels at the Clapper Road plant, one of the town's two water plants.

All of Bethlehem's water supply is interconnected. This means every person in town theoretically receives the same infected water, as do those who live in municipalities that buy Bethlehem water, such as in the Town of New Scotland.

According to Department of Public Works (DPW) Commissioner George Kansas, those who live close to Wemple Road are most at risk, as this is where the violation was found.

But, he said, drinking the chemical does

not pose any immediate health risks. "It would take drinking two liters, or a half gallon, of water with 100 parts per billion of THM [more than found in town] every day for 70 years to have three additional cancer cases out of 10,000 people," said the DPW Commissioner. This statistic from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which sets limits on amount of chemicals allowed in municipal water supplies.

News of THMs in Bethlehem water is nothing new, said Town Supervisor John Clarkson at the Wednesday, Feb. 24, Town Board meeting.

"It is not a matter of great concern," stated the supervisor. "Here in Bethlehem we've been looking at this issue for quite some time, and we are slightly above the

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ENTERTAINMENT



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Solar Panel law passed

By TRICIA CREMO

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BETHLEHEM — An amendment passed easing the process of approving solar panels.

At the Wednesday, Feb. 24, Town Board meeting, the board moved unanimously to pass an amendment to the town's zoning code to facilitate the construction of photovoltaic systems, after a public hearing.

"We feel it's better to create a new code to better define ground-mounted systems, roof-mounted systems and integrated systems, where they can go," and more qualifying questions, as Planning Director Rob Leslie described at last month's January Town Board meeting.

"It defines what type of system a person is using and provides regulations on when and where it can occur," he said.

Currently, applicants needed only to apply for a permit from the building department, but with the growth of solar use, the law places guidelines on approval.

The law comes from the Bethlehem Planning Board, and special approval for solar panels, and streamlines the process of solar panel approval for projects that fall beneath specific size and energy output limits.

Solar panel arrays below 12 kilowatts in output size are easily approvable. This equals about a 25- to 30-panel display. Each individual panel is about 8 feet high and 3 feet wide on average. In residential lots, panels are usually mounted on roofs. Additional considerations include town code on accessory structure limit, which include structures like garages and sheds, and now, solar panels.

Projects that exceed the new size guidelines of the ordinance could still be approved through a special use permit from the Planning Board. This process requires letters of notice be sent to neighbors and a public hearing, and applicants must pay a fee. Permits are ultimately given by the building department.

Prior to this point three large solar panel projects have been approved for the town and at least one home solar panel plan has been approved by the town every year for the past five years.

After the state released their 2015 energy plan, calling for a 40 percent reduction in gas emissions by 2023, large incentives have been placed for adopting solar panels.

The solar tax exemption, approved by state legislature, is now triggered with the passing of the local law easing the solar panel approval process. A 15-year exemption on property taxes for assessed solar panels both residentially and commercially is now available locally.

A separate state 30 percent tax credit for solar panel installation ends at the end of this year.



◀ The Voorheesville school board passes a tax exemption for U.S. military veterans, falling in line with the state's Veteran's Tax Exemption law.

Photo by Tricia Cremo/Spotlight

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

'Incredibly stupid'

Voorheesville passes state mandated tax exemption for U.S. veterans with one opponent

By TRICIA CREMO

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NEW SCOTLAND — The Voorheesville school district has passed the state's Veteran's Tax Exemption.

At the Monday, Feb. 22, School Board meeting, the board voted to adopt the exemption at the lowest of three levels given. The Alternative Veterans Tax Exemption (AVE) is generally available to wartime veterans who served during eligible periods and has been available through local municipalities since the 1980s, but was only extended to state school districts in 2013.

The average taxpayer will pay an additional \$18.71 per year for school taxes and \$1.21 per year for library taxes for the 2015-2016 season. Savings for district veterans, based on a \$250,000 home assessment, will be \$116 for wartime service, \$193 for combat service, or a range for disabled veterans of \$329 to \$327, said Superintendent Brian Hunt. Roughly 270 people, or 10 percent of residents, are now eligible for the exemption.

Veterans young and old attended the meeting. Many veterans from World War II, the Korean War

and the War in Vietnam thanked the board for their consideration of veterans, as did veterans of the War in Iraq.

"I'm on a fixed income," said Richard Krumney of Slingerlands, "I could still live where I'm at," if it weren't for increased taxes, "But if these taxes don't stop, I could lose all I served to have. And we don't get some kind of consideration after serving 13 years, I could lose all I have. And I think other veterans feel the same way."

Yet, board members were torn on whether the exemption would place an undue burden on their lower-income residents, especially as the exemption, proposed by the state, was given without any additional funding.

"The idea was to recognize veterans," said school board President Timothy Blow, who was the sole board member to vote against the bill. Veterans should already be receiving exemption from local governments, and no additional forms need be filed, unless the veteran chooses not to receive the exemption, as is their prerogative.

"The state is incredibly stupid. This whole process was wrong," said Blow. Blow said the district will have to re-allocate lost taxes from the veterans' exemptions to other district residents.

"I support the veterans, I really do," said Board Member James Coffin. "I never served. I lost two close

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■ COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Harassment lawsuit heading to State

Former town police officer seeks
\$500K in lawsuit

By **TRICIA CREMO**

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BETHLEHEM — A police officer has been named in the sexual discrimination, harassment lawsuit against the town.

In the suit, Caitlin Dole, 25, of Glenmont, alleges that Craig Sleurs, 49, of Delmar, repeatedly sent harassing and threatening emails and voicemails to Dole, and supervisors did nothing about it after Dole reported it.

The persistent harassment interfered with her ability to do her job, says the lawsuit, filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). She is seeking \$250,000 in compensatory damages and another \$250,000 in punitive damages.

Her charges were initially dismissed by the EEOC, but she is seeking further litigation in state court.

Caitlin Dole, only the third female police officer ever to serve for the Bethlehem Police Department, resigned and filed the lawsuit in May. Dole was hired in January 2014, completed police academy and additional Bethlehem Police training, and then ultimately served as an officer for three months.

The status of her relationship with Sleurs during that time is currently unknown.

Dole now works for a police research association associated with University at Albany. Dole grew up in Glenmont and graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 2009 after a successful basketball career. She attended the University at Albany and has a bachelor's and master's degree in criminal justice.

Sleurs, also the assistant chief of the Slingerlands Fire Department, has been on sick leave from the police force since last April. "Caitlin Dole was always a very young, articulate, educated police officer that did her job in utmost capacity. When she left it was a surprise to everyone. I would have liked her to stay a police



Former Bethlehem Police officer Caitlin Dole alleges her supervisors did nothing after reporting she was harassed by fellow officer Craig Sleurs through e-mails and voice mails.

Spotlight file photo

officer for her whole career," said Mike Berben, president of the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Society (PBA), the union representing the department's 28 officers.

As well, "Investigator Sleurs is now, and was then, in good standing with the union, and Officer Dole was in good standing with the union at the time of her departure," he said. The PBA has not been contacted to represent either party in regards to the suit, and Berben said the lawsuit is a non-union event, and could not speak on the matter specifically, as the lawsuit is still in litigation.

"The Town of Bethlehem cares very much about ensuring a non-hostile workplace environment that supports a highly effective and diverse workforce," said Supervisor John Clarkson, who also chose to not speak on the lawsuit, given that the matter is in litigation.

"When we received Officer Dole's resignation in May 2015, Bethlehem Police command staff and our Director

of Human Resources discussed with her the reasons expressed for leaving and tried to address those concerns. We asked her to consider remaining on the Force." Berben, as well, said the union asked her to reconsider.

"At that time, we decided to take additional steps, beyond our regular annual training to make sure that all BPD supervisors are aware of their responsibilities to help ensure that employees do not face a hostile work environment," said Clarkson. "I said at that time that we would look into any areas we need to, and take all steps necessary if there are problems that need addressing, because we need to be absolutely sure that our workplace environment supports a diverse and highly effective workforce. That remains the town's goal."

Since Dole's resignation, the town has taken on recruitment efforts to attract female police officers. As of today, there are three women police officers

in the employ of the Bethlehem Police Department. In addition to Detective Sergeant Gina Cocchiara (promoted in October 2015), two women were hired as Police Officers in January: Kristen Spinnato, 25, of Watervliet and Yekaterina (Kate) Dickerson, 28, of Slingerlands. Spinnato and Dickerson were hired in December, alongside Michael Walsh, 26, of Wynantskill. The new hires brought the police force to 39 officials.

"In the recent decision the EEOC determined that there was insufficient evidence to conclude that the Town Police Department violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. While a claim could still be pursued in state or federal court, all of the information we have received shows that the town responded appropriately when Ms. Dole first raised an issue about interactions with a fellow officer. Accordingly, we do not believe there is a basis for further legal action. That said, we will continue to focus on recruitment and ensuring that our workplace environment supports a highly effective and diverse workforce."

As police officers are town employees, their non-harassment policy is the same as every town employee's. "The Town will not tolerate misconduct, and any employee or official violating this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, including discharge. Any employee or official who receives a complaint and does not act on it under the procedures of this policy will also be subject to discipline, including dismissal," reads the policy.

Procedure dictates that the individual state their objection to the person harassing them, then complain to either a supervisor or the town's human resources department.

Contractually, after a year of sick leave, the police chief reevaluates an officer's ability to continue on the force at an officer capacity, and Sleurs could be reassigned to a desk position. Sleurs graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1985.

Dole and her lawyer Daniel Maloy, of the De Lorenzo Law Firm in Schenectady, declined to comment for this story.

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A chain-reaction occurred in front of Glenmont Elementary on Monday, Feb. 29, causing undisclosed injuries and a visit to Albany Medical Center for one driver (above). A two-car collision occurred in front of Akira Chinese Restaurant on Friday, Feb. 26. Four teenagers were reportedly sent to the hospital with undisclosed injuries.



Photos by Thomas Heffernan, Sr.

COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Child in car of alleged DWI

GUILDERLAND — Town Police arrested Isiah R. Folds, on Friday, Feb. 19, around 6 p.m. and charged him with DWI with a child in the vehicle, also known as Leandra's Law.

Police stopped Folds on NY State Route 20 in Guilderland near Stuyvesant Plaza for allegedly failing to indicate numerous lane changes. Upon attempts to stop the vehicle, Folds continued to drive for roughly a half mile, said police. Folds reportedly displayed signs

of intoxication and had his ten-year-old boy with him in the car. As such, he was additionally charged with endangering the welfare of a child, failure to comply with a lawful order and failure to indicate a lane change.

Folds also had a suspended drivers license at the time of the stop. He had a BAC of 0.10 percent, according to police and was scheduled to appear in Guilderland Town Court on Feb. 25.

Weapon charges in New Scotland

Douglas P. Brundige Jr., 37, of Troy, was arrested on Sunday, Feb. 25, for multiple criminal weapon charges.

Police stopped Brundige on Indian Fields Road in New Scotland for an alleged traffic violation and reportedly detected a strong odor of marijuana emanating from his vehicle. During a search of his vehicle, police reportedly found a loaded .22 caliber Smith & Wesson semi-automatic handgun, a wooden baton, metal knuckles, lead filled gloves and a flap jack.

Deputies also reportedly located a digital scale, large plastic bag containing a quantity of marijuana and three small plastic bags containing pills that were controlled substances.

Brundige was charged with criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, four counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fifth degree, felonies, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, criminal possession of marijuana, misdemeanors, and a traffic violation. He was arraigned in New Scotland Town Court and remanded to Albany County Correctional Facility with no bail.

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■ AGRICULTURE

Brewing something new

Long-standing apple orchard is getting into the craft beverage biz

By **TRICIA CREMO**

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NEW SCOTLAND — Four years in preparation and growing have led to the next brewery and cidery unveil.

Indian Ladder Farmstead and Brewery officially opened last Tuesday, March 1.

Located at 342 Altamont Road in Altamont, in the re-purposed former gas station that houses the farm's market, the new tap room will offer tastings and growlers for sale.

Two of the farm's own ciders, made from Indian Ladder apples, and two of their own six varieties of beers, made seasonally to coincide with the farm's harvests and made using ingredients sourced from the farm itself will be served. Distribution of the cider has begun in a select number of restaurants and bars, while their beers will be sold exclusively on the farm.

The project comes from friends Stuart Morris, a wine distributor, who mentioned blueberry, pumpkin and strawberry as a few of their upcoming beers, and Dietrich Gehring. Gehring is an award-winning home brewer and husband of Laura Ten Eyck, the great-granddaughter of Peter Ten Eyck, who started the farm in 1915.

"We put the hops in about 5 years ago, then farm brewery law was passed a few years ago so it made sense to us. We already had the customer base and it's a younger customer base, so this adds another feature to the farm," said Gehring, who also credited their part-time brewer David VanHout.

This process, however, was not easy, as described in "The Hop Grower's Handbook: The Essential Guide for Sustainable, Small-Scale Production for Home and Market" by Laura Ten Eyck and Dietrich Gehring.

"In the book we talk about how we got into growing hops on Indian Ladder Farms and ended up starting the Indian Ladder Farmstead Brewery & Cidery, while providing a lot of information on the history of hops and how to grow and process them," said Laura Ten Eyck.

After a series of bad crops left the project at a halt for its first two years, and the process of extracting the hops from the vine turned out to be much more difficult than originally imagined, the team at Indian Ladder had to do some investing.

Just this past summer the Ten Eycks purchased a mechanical harvester to extract hops from the vine. The year before, pickers had hand-picked each hop, which took over an hour for each vine.

"There's an expression among start-up hop growers outside of the commercial hop yards of the Northwest: 'In the first couple years of growing hops, you and your friends can handpick all your hops, but in your third year you won't have any friends left. (FYI due to circumstances beyond our control, we did end up calling on friends to hand harvest our crop in our third year of commercial production, and all these people are still our friends.)'" wrote Dietrich in a blog he writes for the brewery and cidery.

Now, the brewery and cidery's new Wolf 140 Hop Harvester — a mechanical hop picking machine from Germany, made in the 1970s — picks about 120 vines each hour. Graciously, the purchase has been shared with other local growers.

Two additional ciders and two additional beers from other New York breweries and ciderys will also be served. Ciders like Nine Pin, a locally-made, sweeter hard cider will be served along side Indian Ladder Farmstead's own dryer cider, served "farm to glass" style.

"They've been helpful," said Gehring of



Brewers Dietrich Gehring (left) and Stuart Morris (right) are brewing something new at Indian Ladder Farms, now Indian Ladder Farmstead and Brewery. The long-standing farm stand in New Scotland is now officially a part of the craft brewing industry that has been blossoming in New York State in recent years.

Submitted photo

the Nine Pin team. "The industry is pretty friendly. It's positive competition - people looking to produce the best thing."

New York State brewery laws allow Indian Ladder to sell ciders and beers made under the same local brewing license in their tasting room. These laws also require 90 percent of ingredients be sourced in-state, which of course was no problem for the Indian Ladder team.

"It's spreading the wealth, but reinforces the whole community. It's nice having a variety besides what someone is selling. It's the spirit of the whole farm brewery, it's very cool to be pouring our brews next to the ones we respect," described Morris.

"Our distribution will be purely cider in the beginning because I don't think we'll be able to make enough beer," he said. "The real brewery will start this summer."

"The brewery is really tiny and the cidery is much larger, so we're trying to use the cidery to get the capital to launch with that, but we want to do both side by side," said Gehring.

"There are some projections years and years ahead from now," he said, when asked what he saw in the business' future. For now, the focus is on the busyness of opening. "Our phone is ringing all the time. It's best to pay attention to our social media - rather than calling - and we promise we'll be better about updating."

To learn more about Indian Ladder Farmstead Brewery and Cidery, visit their Facebook page or visit ilfcb.com.

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■ COMMUNITY

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Concert series ends on a floral note

Bethlehem Public Library's winter concert series "A Little Sunday Music" wraps up its 2015-16 season Sunday, March 6, at 2 p.m. with a recital by soprano Bien Baez, accompanied by pianist

Michael Clement. The performance, titled "A Bouquet of Song," brings together a selection of art songs, arias and popular music with a floral theme.

Baez has been a chorister at Glimmerglass Opera and with what is now known as Opera Saratoga. She is also a frequent recitalist in the Capital District, and serves as choir member and soloist at Emmanuel Baptist Church. She studies voice with noted singing coach and accompanist Michael Clement, who will accompany her in this program.

A Little Sunday Music is generously underwritten by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Packets available for interested board candidates

Nominating petition forms and informational packets are available at the library information desk for one open seat on the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees. The seat holds a full term of five years. Petitions must contain at least 64 signatures of voters residing in Central School

District No. 6 of the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar by 4:30 p.m. on April 18.

Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 17, from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School.

Reminder

The Bethlehem Library Board of Trustees' March meeting has been moved up to March 7 to accommodate a scheduling conflict. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are always open to the public.

Upcoming events Saturday, March 5

Create Printable 3D Designs, Part One

Learn how to make and print your own 3D designs with Marc Edgar in conjunction with the BCSD 3D Printing Competition. Discuss software tools, the design process and common pitfalls. For caregivers and children in grades 3-5 to attend together. Sign up online or call 439-9314. 1 to 2 p.m.



The library held a Seuss-style celebration on Friday, Feb. 19, featuring crafts, games, stories and more.

Kristen Roberts

Create Printable 3D Designs, Part Two

Learn how to make and print your own 3D designs with Marc Edgar in conjunction with the BCSD 3D Printing Competition. Discuss software tools, the design process and common pitfalls. Parents are welcome to attend. Sign up online or call 439-9314. For grade 6 and up. 3 to 4 p.m.

Monday, March 7 DayBooks

Discuss "Vanessa and Her Sister" by Priya Parmar. Copies are available at the

information desk. Audio and downloadable copies may be available. 1:30 p.m.

Tabletop Gaming

We provide Dominion, Munchkin, and Ticket to Ride with its USA 1910 Expansion Pack. Bring your own favorites. Snacks will be served. 6:30 p.m. For adults and teens age 16 and older.

Tuesday, March 8

Afterschool STEM: Strawbees

Create cool geometric shapes with Strawbees. For grades K-5. 4 to 4:30 p.m.

— Kristen Roberts

■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Farmers market seeks new manager

BETHLEHEM — The Delmar Farmers Market board of directors is seeking candidates for the position of market manager.

In this part-time role, the market manager's primary role will be the weekly organization and operation of the farmers market. This entails organizing and collaborating with vendors to sell their products each week during market season, and being present at the market each Saturday. The market's hours of operation are from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from

early May into December.

The market manager will also work with the board of directors to represent the market to vendors, consumers and the community at large.

For more information, email board president Mark Warford at barbsqi7@aol.com.

Onesquethaw monthly breakfast

NEW SCOTLAND — The Onesquethaw Fish and Game Club on Tarrytown Road is hosting its monthly breakfast Sunday, March 6, 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. Take-out meals are available by calling 526-8721 the morning of the meal.

Bethlehem Grange monthly dinner

BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Grange is hosting a corned beef and cabbage dinner Saturday, March 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 24

Bridge St., Selkirk.

The dinner includes beverage and dessert. Take-out meals are also available.

Visitors are welcome to attend monthly meetings at the Bethlehem Grange. Meetings take place the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 22.

For more information, call Carol Carpenter at 438-8862 or Caroline Wirth at 439-9417.

Fifth grade carnival at Altamont Elementary

ALTAMONT — Altamont

Elementary School's fifth grade carnival takes place Friday, March 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the school, 117 Grand St.

Enjoy food, games and friends. There will be prize drawings and raffles throughout the event. Game tickets are being sold for 25 cents.

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■ COMMUNITY

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The Bethlehem YMCA is much more than a gym. It is a charitable, not-for-profit organization, as well as a thriving community center for our entire town and beyond. It is our mission to build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all by emphasizing youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

"It's about making my community better."

Through the Y's Annual Campaign, we have helped thousands of families and individuals in need to use the programs and service of the Y. Every dollar stays in Bethlehem to help kids go to summer camp; enable families with children facing life threatening illnesses to participate in our Circle of Champs program that provides respite, support and fun; use our child care while looking for employment ... and much more. At the Y, no one is ever turned away due to an inability to pay.

Also, the Bethlehem Y makes our community better through our Togetherhood Program, which reaches out beyond our walls to involve others in town to come together for special projects to help seniors, young mothers, students and others.

"Living a healthier life."

Personal training, aquatics, wellness and exercise classes, basketball, skating, treadmills and spin bikes, cybex machines and free weights, boxing and yoga, Pickleball, golf, tennis, volleyball, boot camp and zumba, karate, tabata and



TRX ... 'nuff said.

"Spending more time together as a family."

The Bethlehem YMCA is committed to building stronger families, and it's a great place for family fun time. Whether its mom, dad and kids jumping and splashing in the pool, enjoying the ice rink, playing in the gym or going to our family movie night, the Y brings families together and helps them make memories.

"It's where I go to learn and play after school."

The YMCA is the number one provider of childcare in the Capital District. We have pre-school and before and after school care, as well as prime time that enables parents to bring their kids to the Y so they can have fun while mom and/or dad have an opportunity to work out.

"The Y strengthens communities by helping kids reach their full potential."

The Bethlehem YMCA's Youth In Government program engages teens to learn first-hand about government and public service. Guest speakers, traveling to other states and mock sessions at the State Capitol gives these bright students first-hand knowledge and experience.

The Y's Black and Latino Achievers program is a college readiness and career exploration program that provides teens with the essential tools to develop leadership skills, pursue higher education and identify career opportunities.

"Encouraging healthy living."

In addition to the wellness classes and facilities mentioned above, the Bethlehem Y has a Pedaling for Parkinson's program to help people deal with the unique challenges of Parkinson's; and the Y has conducted

diabetes prevention programs to help people at risk of diabetes live a healthier lifestyle. The YMCA helps people reduce their health risks and reclaim their health.

"Inspiring social responsibility."

The Y listens and responds to the needs of our community. We partner with Bethlehem businesses, town government, other not-for-profit organizations, our schools, our police and fire departments, and others that share our vision of a healthy, thriving, caring and diverse community.

"Find a Y near you."

Stop by the Y and get a tour of our state-of-the-art facilities at 900 Delaware Ave, just past Bethlehem High School; Call us at 439-4394; visit our Facebook page — Capital District YMCA-Bethlehem Branch — or go to CDYMCA.org and click on locations.

— Mark Hansen

Shopping trip

Go shopping with us on Monday, March 7, at Wal-Mart and Glenmont Plaza. Call 439-5770 to arrange transportation.

The health and wellness program on Friday, March 11, at 1 p.m. at Town Hall will feature Jennifer LaPort, Brookdale Senior Living Solutions, who will present "Aging Well Through Social Connections." Learn how to feel connected and make older years a time of growth and renewal with new friends and renewed relationships. 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 and/or arrange transportation.

Income eligible people

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can get free help with filing New York State and federal income tax returns at the Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through April 12. Appointments must be made in person at the library.

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.

— Wilma DeLucco

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■ COMMUNITY

Jim Snack's magical programs

Jim Snack is returning to GPL on Sunday, March 6, for two exciting, magical events.

The first—"You Can Do Magic!"—is a registered workshop that starts at 2 p.m. Jim will let children age 8 and older in on some of the secrets behind his magic tricks. To register for this workshop, please call 456-2400, ext. 4.

And then at 3 p.m., Jim presents his wonderful "Magic Show" for children of all ages. Packed with audience participation and full of fun, it's a family-friendly event not to be missed. No registration required for the show; just walk in and witness the wonder in your children's eyes.

Your vegetable garden

Join us for the second part of our gardening series—this one on vegetable gardens on Saturday, March 5, at 10:30 a.m.—by the great folks from Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Do you want to have a vegetable garden, but don't know where to start? Join CCE horticulture educator Sue Pezzolla for a class on all the



basics to get you started in growing vegetables. This class will also be a good review for seasoned gardeners with questions about best practices for the home gardener regarding an organic approach to cultivating great veggies.

Please call 456-2400, ext. 2 to let us know you're attending. And save the date—March 12—for CCE's "The Nitty Gritty of Soil."

Drop-in genealogy

Professional genealogist and Guilderland resident Lisa Dougherty is available for free family-history consultations on a drop-in basis at GPL on Wednesday, March 9, from 6 to 8 p.m.

This is a regular program. Ms. Dougherty will be at GPL the second Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring your questions and "brick walls" for help finding solutions.

Lisa is a former volunteer at the National Archives in Pittsfield, and now devotes her time to lecturing around the area

on family history, and assisting family researchers. 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

Be a community leader

If you want to have a voice in how the Guilderland Public Library serves its community, running for office to become one of the eleven Library Trustees who oversee library policy is the way to go.

Incumbents and new candidates may run for a Board seat by obtaining an information packet at the library. Everyone picking up a packet must sign their names, addresses and phone numbers. This information is required by the school district.

The election will be held on Tuesday, May 17; this election is concurrent with votes on the library budget, school district budget and election of members of the School Board.

Please call library



Magician Jim Snack will present two programs at GPL on Sunday, March 6.

Submitted photo

director Tim Wiles at 456-2400, ext. 113, or the Guilderland Central School District clerk at 456-6200 with any questions.

Teen Winter Writing reception

All participants in the Teen Winter Writing Contest are invited to a reception on Friday, March 11, at 6 p.m. Winners will read selections

from their entries, and honorable mentions will be announced.

Welcome spring

Kids, welcome spring at GPL on Saturday, March 12, at 10:30 a.m. with "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," and watch as he eats his way through lots of yummy foods. Act out the story, make a caterpillar hat, and get your very own copy of the book to take home. Please

call 456-2400, ext. 4 to let the caterpillar know you're coming.

Board meets

GPL's Board of Trustees will hold its monthly business meeting on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. Among the items to be discussed is the proposed budget for GPL's 2016-17 fiscal year. The public is encouraged to attend.

— Mark Curiale

Soup swap

On Monday, March 7, at 1 p.m., enjoy a warm lunch with fellow community members at a soup potluck. Just make and bring enough soup to share. We'll provide the utensils and the bowls.

Disney 101

Make your next vacation to Walt Disney World magical with tips and tricks from veteran Disney traveler and Dream Maker/Travel agent Eileen Brandt from Magic of Mickey Travel.

On Saturday, March

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12, at 2 p.m., Eileen will discuss best times to visit the parks, best accommodations to fit the needs of your family and budget, what FASTPASS is and how to use it, magic bands, how to navigate the new My Disney Experience app, why making dining reservations is important and much more. Please register.

Felted eggs

Donna Hamilton

returns on Tuesday, March 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m. to get you ready for spring with felted eggs.

Needle felting is the art of shaping wool into designs by poking it with a needle. Check out the samples at the library. Registration is required.

Light it up

Teens create a one of a kind light box by completing a circuit. For ages 12 and up on an early dismissal day, Thursday, March 10, at 1 p.m.

— Carol Melewski

Personal digital archiving

Our photo albums, letters and paper documents are a vital link to the past. Personal information we create today has the same value. The only difference is that much of it is now digital.

Chances are that you want to keep some digital photos, email and other files so that you—and your family—can look at them in the future. But preserving digital information is a new concept that most people have little experience with.



On Saturday, March 5, at 10 a.m., you are invited to learn some tips to help make your personal "born digital" information last. Registration is requested.

Adult Coloring Book Club

Join us on Wednesday, March 16, at 6 p.m. for our Adult Coloring Book Club. Each month, we will provide different coloring

sheets with multiple pages to choose from, as well as a large selection of colored pencils, markers, and crayons. The library community room will provide a welcoming environment with soothing music to help you relax and enjoy some "you time."

Supplies will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. Please register.

— Lynn Kohler



Sundance Kid

Local's directorial debut showcased at famed film festival

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Candy Ambulance

The alternative grunge band out of Saratoga Springs takes to the stage on Friday, March 4, along with Eternal Crimes, Sleeping In and Apartment 3 at Pauly's Hotel in Albany, starting at 8 p.m.

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Gold record

Once on a plane to hit rock bottom, Jeremy Gold now finds himself riding a high from following his dream

By ALI HIBBS

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Jeremy Gold may have just busted onto the local scene, but the jazz-sax-player-turned-electronic-pop-musician has been shaping his musical trajectory ever since his personal life hit a wall two years ago and he wound up spending six months at a working rehab facility out of state. Now, just 24 months later, he has released his first recording, is in the process of establishing a label and has plans to hit the road this summer.

"It was the best thing that ever happened to me," said Gold of his time in rehab. "I was able to both work and make money, but also focus on my music and really hone my production skills. I had the time to sit down and just be away from everything else and be in a sober state; I even took an online course by Point Blank, a London-based music school, and really got my hands on mixing and creating EDM music. I now am able to produce and mix my own and other people's music, which is something I always dreamed of doing. And, ever since then, I've been really busy."

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Albany musician Jeremy Gold has a lot to celebrate with the drop of his debut EP, but it's the journey that got him to this point that gives him a message to share.

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Jeremy Gold

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Welcome to The Spot

It's been a few months since you've seen something like this hit the newsstands in the Capital District. We know, because we've missed it, too.

Let's be honest, the Capital District has too much going for it to be without a weekly that can shine the spotlight on the local scene.

If you're in the habit of calling this place *Smallbany*, we wish to disagree with you. Sure, the Capital District used to market itself solely on the convenience of its residents being able to travel to New York, Boston or Montreal — to apologetically imply you could sleep here, and within a few hours, find a lively culture that only big cities could provide.

Excuse us if we don't see it that way.

So, now that we've got your attention, let us introduce ourselves. In short, *The Spot* is what you want to make of it. Our goal is to enhance your experience in the local arts. We focus upon the arts, entertainment and culture. And, we've kinda been doing it for a little while.

We may come across as the new kid on the block, but that's not entirely true. *The Spot* is the creative property of *SpotlightNews*, a news outlet that has operated locally for more than 50 years. This isn't a bragging point, though we're kinda proud of that fact. No. We'd like to establish a healthy relationship with you here. Oh, yeah. We're not commitment-phobes. In all seriousness, we see it necessary to explain that we're not a fly-by-night organization.

Our staff has 30 years of collective experience in covering the Capital District. In the coming months, you will start recognizing some of our names.

Rob Jonas, our associate editor, has 15 years in the newspaper trade. He's been on both ends of the reporter's notebook. He's played local gigs, as well as covered a number of acts over the years.

Ali Hibbs joined our staff just a few months ago, after five years at *The Metroland*, where she was most recently its assistant editor.

Michael Hallisey has covered arts and entertainment for *SpotlightNews* since coming on board in 2014, after serving the

responsibilities of news editor for NYSMusic.com (previously UpstateLIVE.com).

And, staff reporter Tricia Cremo has been on staff since graduating SUNY Geneseo last May.

In addition to our experienced staff, much of the strength behind this publication comes from our contributors. We tap the shoulders of local residents who are experts in their given field: Music, health, fashion, culinary arts, theatre and more.

We encourage our readers to share with us. Whether they wish to enlighten us with their knowledge on a particular subject, or just share a picture they captured while taking part in the magic that is the Capital District nightlife. (See also #thespot518 or #spotlightliving on social media.)

So, what you have in your hands right now is our hat. We just threw it into the ring, because we're up to the challenge of being *the spot* you choose to turn to each week.

— Michael Hallisey
Managing Editor



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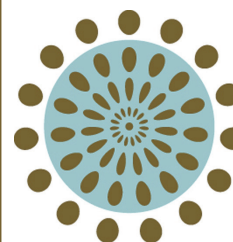
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ZIKA VIRUS

Pregnant women should not travel to Zika areas.
Here's what you need to know if you *must* travel.



Before You Travel

Talk to your healthcare provider about the risks of Zika virus.
Learn how to protect yourself from mosquito bites.

When Traveling

Avoid travel to places where Zika is present.
Otherwise, use an insect repellent and wear protective clothes.

If You Have Traveled

If you are pregnant you can get tested.
Talk to your healthcare provider about Zika symptoms and your need for a test for the virus.

Get the FAQs on Zika Virus:

www.health.ny.gov/diseases/zika_virus/
Hotline: 1-888-364-4723



State and local authorities are busy spreading information on Zika virus to educate the public and encourage people to take precautions.
NYS Dept. of Health



HEALTH & FITNESS

Knowing Zika

Concern virus could spread once seasons change

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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ALBANY COUNTY — Last week, the offices of Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy released digital posters to spread the facts about Zika virus.

The response comes within weeks of President Barack Obama's call to the nation for the rapid development of tools to combat against a mosquito-carrying virus that could spread into the United States once the seasons change.

As of date, three Albany County residents have tested positive for the virus, and another seven have been reported state-wide. According to the New York State Department of Health, the three individuals in Albany County contracted the virus after having traveled outside the country where it is prevalent.

"There is virtually no risk of acquiring Zika virus in New York State at this time as the virus cannot be spread by casual contact with an infected person and mosquitoes are not active in cold winter months," said DOH Commissioner Howard Zucker. "But since this is a time of year when people travel to warmer climates and countries where Zika virus is found, we are urging residents, especially pregnant women, to check all health advisories before traveling and take preventive measures when traveling to affected countries."

Only one in five people infected with Zika virus will get sick, with the most common symptoms being fever, rash, joint pain, or conjunctivitis (red eyes). Symptoms typically begin two to seven days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. There is currently no vaccine to prevent infection or medicine to treat Zika virus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a travel alert (Level 2-Practice Enhanced Precautions) for people traveling to regions and certain countries where Zika virus transmission is ongoing (www.cdc.gov/travel). Adverse birth outcomes of infected women have been

reported and studies are planned to learn more about the risks of Zika virus infection during pregnancy.

Pregnant women in any trimester should consider postponing travel to the areas where Zika virus transmission is ongoing. Pregnant women who do travel to one of these areas should talk to their doctor or other healthcare provider first and strictly follow steps to avoid mosquito bites during the trip.

See your healthcare provider if you are pregnant and develop a fever, rash, joint pain, or red eyes within 2 weeks after traveling to a country where Zika virus cases have been reported. Be sure to tell your health care provider where you traveled.

Because specific areas where Zika virus transmission is ongoing are difficult to determine and likely to change over time, CDC will update their travel notices as information becomes available. Travelers should check the CDC travel website frequently for the most up-to-date recommendations.

The Department of Health's Wadsworth Laboratory has the capacity to test for Zika virus and other mosquito-borne diseases. The Department has shared information with providers across the state, alerting them to signs and symptoms of Zika virus, as well as the instructions on what samples are required to test for the virus. The Department will expand mosquito surveillance in the spring, to closely monitor *Aedes albopictus*, which is the one species of mosquito that can transmit Zika virus that is present in some parts of New York State.

The Wadsworth Center is one of only a few state public health laboratories, outside of the CDC, that can test for Zika virus.

Interim guidelines for care for pregnant women, including recommendations for screening, testing, and management of returning travelers is available from the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/pregnancy/>.

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Police see falsehoods in reported bus fight

Reported racial incident turns to alleged false report, assault

ALBANY — The University Police Department (UPD) will be arresting three persons in connection with a reported assault that took place on a CDTA bus on the University at Albany campus just after 1 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30.

Specifically, the defendants will face the following charges:

Ariel Agudio, 20, of Huntington, NY, assault in the third degree, falsely reporting an incident in the third degree, attempted assault in the third degree, attempted criminal mischief in the fourth degree, Alexis Briggs, 20, of Elmira Heights, NY, assault in the third degree. Asha Burwell, 20, of Huntington Station, NY, assault in the third degree and falsely reporting an incident in the third degree.

Each defendant will receive an appearance ticket that directs them to appear for arraignment at Albany City Police Court at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 29.

The assault charges are based on evidence which shows that the three defendants physically assaulted another passenger on the bus, a 19-year-old woman from Congers, NY.

The false reporting charge stems from evidence which shows that the initial complaints Ms. Burwell and Ms. Agudio made, alleging that they

were victimized, were false. The defendants made these allegations during 911 calls from their cell phones early on the morning of Jan. 30.

The charges are supported by evidence gathered during a three-week investigation that included interviewing 35 passengers on the bus, reviewing videotape from 12 security camera videos on the bus, reviewing four videos taken by passengers on their mobile phones, reviewing videotape from the university's surveillance system, examining UAlbany building access records, and reviewing audio recordings.

The video and audio evidence and the statement of every witness demonstrate that no male struck the three women. The evidence indicates they were actually the aggressors in the physical altercation, and that they continued to assault the victim despite the efforts of several passengers to stop them.

Investigators also found no evidence to support the initial allegations that these three women were targeted in any manner due to their race, and no evidence that racial slurs were directed toward them. All of the audio recordings examined by police were enhanced by the New York State Police crime lab to assist in hearing what was said on the bus.

"We took this incident very seriously and did a

"The evidence shows that, contrary to how the defendants originally portrayed things, these three individuals were not the victims of a crime. Rather, we allege that they are the perpetrators."

— J. Frank Wiley
Police Chief
University Police
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thorough and careful investigation," said UPD Chief J. Frank Wiley. "The evidence shows that, contrary to how the defendants originally portrayed things, these three individuals were not the victims of a crime. Rather, we allege that they are the perpetrators."

"I especially want to point out that what happened on the bus was not a 'hate crime.' We spent a great deal of time carefully reviewing the audio recordings to determine whether any racial slurs were used. The only person we heard uttering racial epithets was one of the defendants. And it is important to note that no witness reported hearing any racial slurs directed at the defendants. And those witnesses were people from a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds."

Wiley thanked the

SUNY to breathe new life into old Albany High

Local leaders urge \$20M be allocated into state budget

ALBANY — Capital District community, business, education and government leaders announced unified support for the University at Albany's plan to transform a century-old former public school building into a home for its new College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS), and requested \$20 million in the state budget to start the project.

"The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences is at the center of our vision for UAlbany as we create the largest—and most strategic—academic expansion in fifty years," said UAlbany President Robert J. Jones. "This is the most significant component of our expansion to date, and with its location in the heart of Albany, this college will be highly visible and deeply engaged with the community."

The capital funding would finance the first phase of the project, which will turn the one-time Albany High School building adjacent to UAlbany's downtown campus into a state-of-the-art engineering school building.

Locating CEAS in the middle of the City of Albany marks the next phase in a deepening partnership between the Capital Region's comprehensive public research university, its home city, and the larger region.

All told, the \$60 million project will create 127,000 square feet of classroom, research and office space with capacity for more than 1,000 students and 180 faculty and researchers. It will also create a dynamic new community resource, including a 1,000-seat auditorium, space for new collaborations with local schools and community organizations, including a "Summer Science Saturday" program, and other opportunities.

In all, the new CEAS is part of a comprehensive vision that includes expanding UAlbany's capacity to prepare students for tackling environmental issues, cyber-security; AND provide opportunities for cutting-edge research and creating new partnerships within the surrounding community.

"UAlbany's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences will be a wonderful new addition to the downtown campus and the entire downtown community," Albany Mayor Kathy M. Sheehan said. "By rebuilding this historic old building, UAlbany is helping to restore its beauty but more importantly is creating an important economic engine as part of its much-needed engineering school. This will bring the University and the City even closer together as partners and it will be a resource and driver of economic development, sustained job and career creation, and community activity."

— University at Albany

New York State Police Forensic Investigation Unit, the Albany Police Department's Detective Office, the CDTA, and the Office of the Albany County District Attorney for their assistance with this investigation.

"Given the attention

that this case has received, it was very important to do a thorough job. More than 300 investigative hours were spent, and I am very grateful for the good work of the investigation team and for the assistance we received from our partners in law enforcement. "I also want to thank the

many witnesses who stepped forward to assist us, and I appreciate the patience of the community as we took the time to do this right," Wiley said. "I also would like to remind everybody that there is a presumption of innocence in the criminal justice system."

— University at Albany

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Area native makes directoral debut

Joris-Peyrafitte's movie among those shown during the Sundance Film Festival

By **ALLISON FRY**

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ALBANY — Upstate New York is home to a long list of people who have expanded and improved upon the world of film and entertainment; a list which now includes the name Miles Joris-Peyrafitte.

Joris-Peyrafitte, an Albany native, made his directoral debut at this year's Sundance Film Festival with the highly relatable and sufficiently, but not excessively angsty "As You Are," a film which he describes as a story "about young people trying to define themselves inside a culture which wants to do it for them."

A film any creature of the nineties and/or Capital District native can appreciate, three plaid-backed teens seat themselves against the local landscape, as Joris-Peyrafitte cites upstate New York's scenery among his biggest influences.

While he admits there is no motive or ethical agenda behind this film, he and co-writer Madison Harrison did seek to express the idea that "we as a



Miles Joris-Peyrafitte

culture invalidate the emotional experiences of young people."

Joris-Peyrafitte also stresses the importance placed on the emotion of this film, with that being the most autobiographical aspect. "You present things a-morally, without judgement, and let the audience be moved or touched, or pissed off or sleepy or whatever it is they feel as a reaction to characters in the story as opposed to an 'idea' or 'feeling' you want them to have." He states his desire for people to go into the film with an open mind, and hopes that the film might speak for itself upon doing so.

The director also draws inspiration from the community

he grew up in, which included being the son of a poet and a performance artist. Having also been influenced by his fellow up-and-coming directors, Joris-Peyrafitte claims that they are "young filmmakers that have such a clear voice and such a command of their stories that I feel pushed to do the same."

On his appearance at Sundance, Joris-Peyrafitte still struggled to completely absorb the experience. "It was surreal to say the least," said the director, who jokes that he might have blacked out upon receiving the US Dramatic Special Jury Award. He claims that the validation from winning such an award "gives me the confidence to tell the stories I want to tell the way I want to tell them."

While he is uncertain about the future of "As You Are" and when it will be released to a wider audience, Joris-Peyrafitte is already beginning his newest venture into the noir-thriller genre, with his film "Mother's Milk" set to begin filming this fall.

Creative, business professionals sought

ALBANY — The Barn seeks presenters, speakers, and facilitators for workshops, panel discussions, and one-on-one mentoring as part of its upcoming Careers Created series. If you have skills that have helped you navigate your own career in the creative sector, or experience helping others launch and direct their own small business or freelance career, the Barn wants to hear from you.

Topics of interest include brand development and management, web design and maintenance, blogging and social media marketing for working artists, establishing and maintaining a disciplined studio practice, turning your social network into a client list, networking for results, preparing your portfolio, bookkeeping and income reporting for freelancers and start-ups, contract development and negotiation and copyright protection of intellectual property.

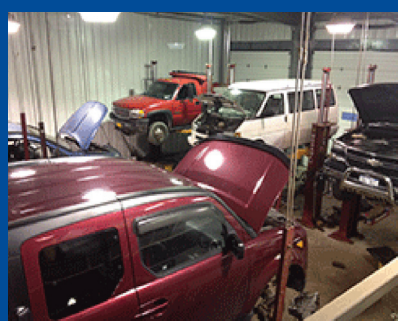
Albany Barn, the Albany Housing Authority and the City of Albany partnered to redevelop the St. Joseph's Academy building into 22 low-cost live/work residences for artists, and 13,500-plus square feet of multi-tenant creative arts incubator, enterprise and program space including work and rehearsal suites, a dance studio, and digital media lab. The project is called "The Barn," a name that originates from the age-old practice of barn raising, when a community united to build a barn — crucial to a family's livelihood — for one of its households. In turn, that household would contribute to the overall vitality of the community.

The Barn project is informed by the success of similar projects in Providence, R.I., San Francisco, Calif. and Lynchburg, Va., along with the well documented need for quality and affordable living and working spaces for artists.

The Barn project has been made possible through the efforts and contributions of Albany Barn, the Albany Housing Authority, The City of Albany and Mayor Gerald Jennings, Norstar Development, Capitalize Albany Corporation, Empire State Development, Dave Sadowsky, Architect, P.C., TAP Inc., Bishop Beaudry Construction and Plumb Excel Group.

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LIVE MUSIC

What happens in Vegas comes here

Local gem offers unique, old-school entertainment

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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SCHENECTADY — The tired sales pitch that warns you of what happens in Vegas isn't necessarily true. Not in the case of Randy Loren's Dolce Vita Ristorante.

Loren is an accomplished musician with songs that had received constant air play on radio, before the restaurant, as a dedicated performer. "I lived in Vegas for 35 years. I traveled the world. I was a recording artist. That was my profession. ... We were selling 50,000 CDs. I was on Video Jukebox, MTV, VH1. Everywhere," he said. An opportunity arose that would have had him touring Japan and Southeast Asia. However, familial obligations anchored him stateside and the record label cut him loose. It's what ultimately lead him to establish roots here.

"Cornell [University] did a study," said Loren. "During wartime, recession [or] economic depression; food, beverage, hair styling and gambling never falter. Everything else falls apart, those four industries never falter. People will always go eat. They'll always go drink.

They'll always get their hair done, and they'll always gamble."

Dolce Vita translates from Italian as "sweet life." The marriage between live music and good food makes for a sweet evening of entertainment.

Loren took his years in the music industry while living in Las Vegas and later applied it towards a life here in the Capital District. There's no gambling, but what you do have at Dolce Vita is a traditional Italian restaurant, with his white piano and dance floor as focal points in an expansive dining room charged with an energy you'd expect in a desert casino. "It's a romantic atmosphere," he said.

"There's no where... I've had people from everywhere, Saratoga, all surrounding regions, there's nowhere with the atmosphere that we have. Our happy-hour is the most generous: from five to

Schenectady's Dolce Vita has patrons walking in hungry and leaving like they just walked out of the Copacabana.

Photo by: Michael Hallisey/
Spotlight



seven, Tuesday through Friday, \$3 well drinks, \$2.50 beers, \$5 martinis or Manhattans) and \$4 house wines. Then we have a \$5, wonderful, generous bar menu."

Loren also offers a Parmesan special every Tuesday and Wednesday, followed by a prime rib offering every Thursday.

Off the menu, Loren provides the entertainment, singing and playing piano every Friday and Saturday night. Once a month, he hosts a popular Las Vegas night.

"Last night, we had two kids who had never, ever been here before," said Loren. "They came from Queensbury, and they

were on Facebook. They came here and drove all that way. They sat in that booth over there, and said, 'Oh my god. We feel like we're in a Las Vegas showroom.'"

Loren said every touch in his showroom he learned from interior designers and restaurateurs, alike. "These lights give off a pink glow, which gives the white linen under the black lights an effect. See, I learned the room has to be alive [even] with no one in it."

Dolce Vita is located at 1727 State Street in Schenectady. For more information, call 357-3324 or visit www.theprovensystem.com for details on its menu.



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Night & Day

Night: Capitol Steps: Mock the Vote Tour

Now that Super Tuesday has come and gone, the official 2016 Presidential Election season is in full sling... and swing. Take a break from the news and debates and enjoy the lighter side of politics with The Capitol Steps. The Washington-DC based comedy troupe will perform songs based on its latest album, *Mock the Vote*, at Proctors on Saturday, March 5, beginning at 8 p.m.

The Capitol Steps have been providing audiences with a unique blend of musical and political for more than 30 years. Each show consists of tasteful lampooning, guaranteed to leave folks on both sides of the aisle laughing. The troupe has appeared on *The Today Show*, *Nightline*, *CBS Evening News* and in specials for National Public Radio.

Their show is constantly changing and includes songs about everything in the news, such as "How Do You Solve a Problem like Crimea?" and "Ain't No Pipeline, Now It's Gone."

Ticket prices for The Capitol Steps range from \$20 to \$45 and are available at the Proctors Box Office, by phone at 518.346.6204 and online at proctors.org.

Day: Hannaford Kidz Expo at the Plaza

Cabin fever setting in at your home? Head on over to the Empire State Plaza Convention Center and Concourse on Saturday, March 5, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the Hannaford Kidz Expo, a jam-packed day of entertainment and activities designed with your kids in mind! Best of all, admission is free!

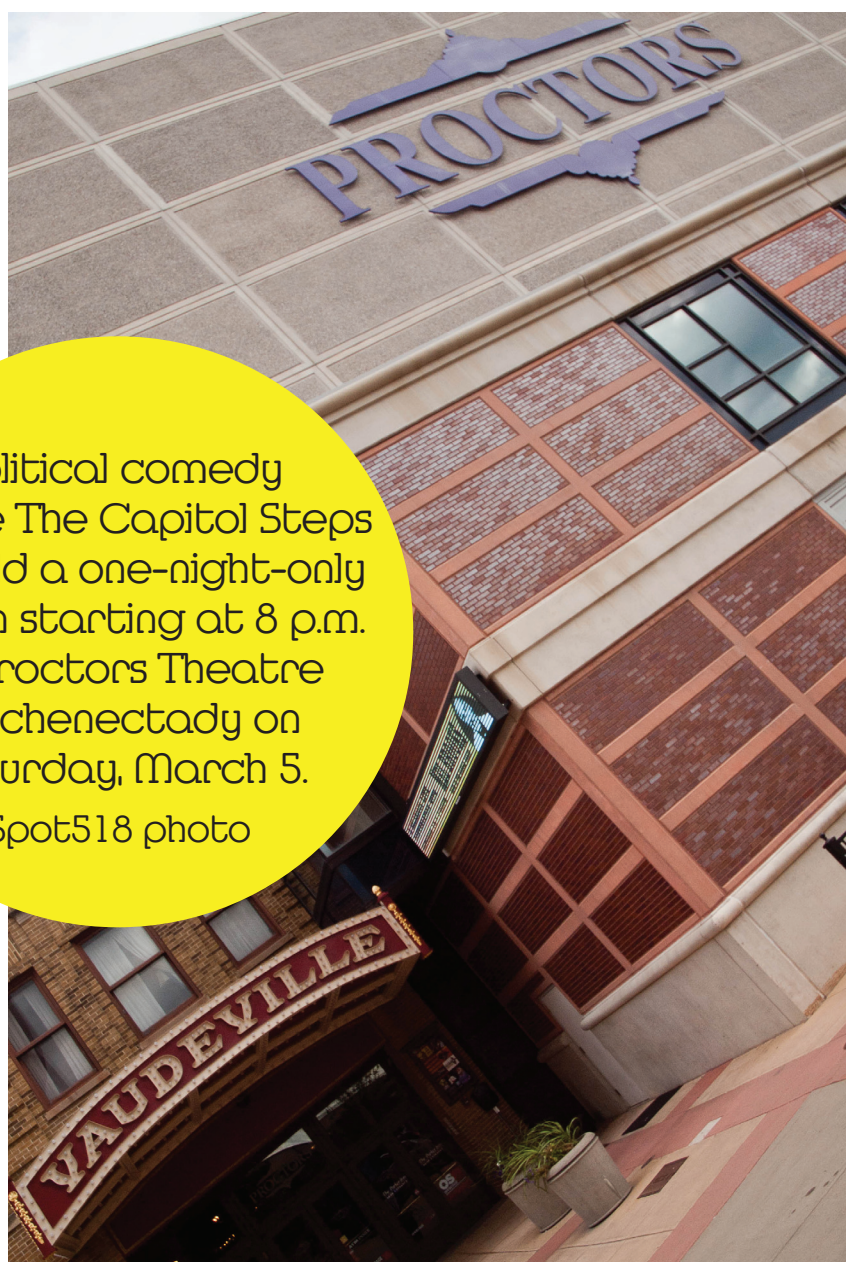
Children can enjoy a variety of programs, such as meet and greets with Marvel Super Heroes, live theater and musical performances, bounce rides, hands-on science seminars, face painting and more!

Parents will be able to obtain the latest information about a wide variety of subjects pertaining to children, such as education, health care, and extracurricular activities in one, convenient location.

For more information about the event, including a map, a schedule of events and a list of participating vendors, along with details about visitor parking at the Plaza, visit winter.empirestateplaza.org/ and click on Hannaford Kidz Expo.

Political comedy troupe The Capitol Steps will hold a one-night-only session starting at 8 p.m. at Proctors Theatre in Schenectady on Saturday, March 5.

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Fri: Bryan Brundige & His Piggly Wiggles (Swing dance) | 8 p.m.

Arthur's Market
35 N. Ferry St., Schenectady. 382-1938
Every Thur: Edith's Amazing Jam | 6 p.m.

Athos
1814 Western Ave., Albany. 608-6400
Thur: Brone Roman Jazz Ensemble | 6:30 p.m.
Fri: Brian Patneaude & Ron Lindquist | 7 p.m.

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

Caffe Lena
47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. 225-0882
Every Thur: Open Mic | 7 p.m.
Fri: Kate Taylor | 8 p.m.
Sat: Bovine Social Club | 8 p.m.
Sun: Garnet Rogers | 7 p.m.

Carney's Tavern
17 Main Street, Ballston Lake. 518 280-7959
Every Thur: Matty Finn | 6 p.m.
Fri: In Spite of Ourselves | 8 p.m.
Sat: New Shoes — Don Hoffman & Sean Cohan | 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
Fri: The Wood Brothers | 8 p.m.
Sat: Sister Sparrow & The Dirty Birds | 9 p.m.
Sun: Dust Bowl Faeries | 8 p.m.

ARTSCALENDAR▶



Sounds of the world

New York City-based world music collective Matuto performs Saturday, March 5, at Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. See page 10 for more information.

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

The Eighth Step
Proctors (Underground) 432 State St., Schenectady. 434-1703
Sat: Suede | 7:30 p.m.

Emack & Bolio's

366 Delaware Ave. 512-5100
Fri: Rick Sacchetti | 7 p.m.
Sat: Emerald Dawn | 7 p.m.
Every Tue: Open Mic | 7 p.m.

Grappa '72
818 Central Ave., Albany. 482-7200
Wed & Thur: Hamilton Street Jazz Company | 6:30 p.m.
Fri: Syracuse/Seigel Duo | 6:30 p.m.

The Half Moon
48 S. Front St., Hudson. thehalfmoonhudson.com
Tue: Cian Nugent / Nap Eyes / Alexander Turnquist | 8 p.m.

The Hollow Bar + Kitchen
79 N. Pearl St., Albany. 426-8550
Wed: Ra Ra Riot | 9 p.m. | \$17
Fri: French Horn Rebellion, Mystery Skulls | 9 p.m. | \$18

Sat: Paul Green's Rock Academy w/ Ed Mann: Playing Zappa | 9 p.m. | \$18
Sun: Banners | 9 p.m. | \$12

Lark Tavern
453 Madison Ave., Albany. 463-9779
Thur: Phill Allen / Michael Benedict Concert Jazz Band | 7 p.m.

The Low Beat
335 Central Ave., 432-6572

Every Wed: The Deadbeats | 10 p.m. | \$5
Thur: The Lazy Suns, Marc Delgado of Wounded Knee | 8 p.m.
Fri: Disco Funk Happy Hour | 4 p.m.
Hidden Cabins, Andrew Wheeler, John Pinder & Crookedtoe, Yankee Holler | 8 p.m.
Sat: Hammer Hawk, Ritz Carlton, Bare Mattress, DJ TruMastr | 10 a.m. | Free voter registration show
The Wheel | 8 p.m.

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

Moon & River Café
115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady. 377-5100
Every Sun: Open Mic | 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.
Thur: Chris Carey & Mike O'Donnell | 8 p.m.
Fri: Steve Candlen Band | 9 p.m.
Sat: Dustin DeLuke | 6 p.m.
Hot Club of Saratoga | 9 p.m.

Pauly's Hotel
337 Central Ave., Albany. paulyshotel.com
Fri: Candy Ambulance, Eternal Crimes, Sleeping In, Apartment 3 | 8 p.m.
Sat: Elphnix, The Black Kennedys, Winter Kickball, Michael Knoll | 8 p.m.
Mon: Blue Monday Blues Jam | 8 p.m.

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Prime at Saratoga National

458 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs.
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Sun: Joe Sorrentino Trio (Jazz brunch) |
10:30 a.m.

Putnam Den

63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.
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Thur: Knot Dead | 9:30 p.m. | \$10 under 21
Fri: Strange Machines, Brian LaPoint &
The Joints | 9:30 p.m. | \$10
Sat: Rustic Overtones, Swale |
9:30 p.m. | \$13

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10-01 Vista Blvd., Slingerlands. 487-4358
Fri: Tim Williams | 6 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub

150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. 235-5858
Thur: Acoustic-Bluegrass Open Jam
with Alan Epstein | 8 p.m.
Fri: The Black Fox River Band,
Tumbleweed Highway | 8 p.m.
Sat: Road to Galway | 7 p.m.

Sake Japanese Steakhouse

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

Speakeasy 518

42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2332
Mon: Joe Finn | 8 p.m.

Stockade Inn

1 North Church St., Schenectady.
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Thur: Tommy Verrigni Trio | 7 p.m.
Fri: Completely Different | 7 p.m.

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Thur: Skip Parsons | 7 p.m.
Sat: MP3 Trio | 7 p.m.

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The Van Dyck

237 Union St., Schenectady. 348-7999
Fri: Jeremy Gold (EP release) | 6:30 p.m. | \$10

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: Hamilton Street Jazz Duo | 6:30 p.m.

MUSIC

David Broza

Israeli superstar singer-songwriter comes to the region in a show co-sponsored by Congregation Berith Sholom. March 3, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$27-\$36. Information: 372-0038 or troymusicall.org.

Steven Wilson

Acclaimed guitarist returns in support of his new album, "41/2." March 3, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$35-\$45. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

R5

Tween-favored pop rock band touring in support of their second album, "Sometime Last Night." March 4, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$29.50-\$49.50. Information: palacealbany.com.

Matuto

Touring world music collective from New York City featuring guitarist

Clay Ross and accordion player Rob Curto. March 4, 7:30 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: adults \$23, children 12 and under \$5. Information: 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

Suede

Pop, blues and jazz singer performs with her band. March 5, 7:30 p.m., Eighth Step at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$26-\$50. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Neko Case

Singer-songwriter returns to the region. March 5, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$35. Information: 273-0038 or troymusicall.org.

New York Folk Music Legacy Exhibit Opening and Concert

Opening of special exhibit of George Pickow's photographs and memorabilia donated by the estate of folk music legend Jean Ritchie. Performances by guitarist Peter Pickow and mountain dulcimer players David Massengill and Susan Trump. March 6, 2 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Free. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Beat the Snow concert series

Schenectady Light Opera gives a preview of its upcoming season. March 6, 2:30 p.m., McChesney Room, Schenectady County Public Library downtown branch, 99 Clinton St. Extension, Schenectady. Information: Janice Walz, 346-8081.

University Symphony Orchestra

Performing Morton Gould's "American Salute" and Howard Hanson's "Sympho-

ny No. 2 "Romantic." March 6, 3 p.m., University at Albany Performing Arts Center, uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Tickets: general public \$6, students/seniors/UAlbany staff \$3. Information: 442-3997 or www.albany.edu/pac.

Voices of Hope

Fundraiser for the Children's Program at Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, featuring the world premiere of a special anthem commissioned in honor of Joseph Farrell, the church's music director. March 6, 3 p.m., First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave. Free will offerings accepted.

Schenectady Symphony Orchestra

Performing three works by Mozart and featuring soloist Michael Emery. March 6, 3 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$15, children under 18 free. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Wellington International Ukulele Orchestra

New Zealand-based group performs its versions of rock and pop classics with irreverence and ukuleles. March 6, 3 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: adults \$17.50-\$37.50, children and students \$15. Information: palacealbany.com.

Festival of Contemporary Music

Annual event features the premiere of "Mutagenesis," written by Brandon Zhou and performed by the Empire State Youth Percussion Ensemble. March 7, 7 p.m., University at Albany Performing Arts Center, uptown cam-

pus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Tickets: general public \$6, students/seniors/UAlbany staff \$3. Information: 442-3997 or www.albany.edu/pac.

The Pink Floyd Experience

Tribute band performs the psychedelic rock popularized by the British band. March 7, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$35. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Patty Griffin, Sara Watkins and Anais Mitchell

Legendary singer-songwriter teams up with two contemporary artists for an evening of modern American folk music. March 9, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$35-\$40. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

THEATRE

Glengarry Glen Ross

David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about the cutthroat world of real estate salesmen. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through March 19. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

Bloody Bloody

Andrew Jackson

A new, irreverent rock musical that explores the life of America's seventh president. Presented by the Theatre Program of the University at Albany, UAlbany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, through March 5. Shows: Wednesday through Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 2 p.m. Informa-

tion: 442-3997 or www.albany.edu/pac.

Measure for Measure

William Shakespeare's comedy, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, March 11-20. Shows: Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$17. Information: 382-2081 or www.civicplayers.org.

Hair

Classic 1960s counterculture musical, presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company, 427 Franklin St., Schenectady, March 11-20. Information: www.slocheater.org.

COMEDY

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Presenting "Real Life: The Improv," where celebrities are interviewed about their lives, and improvisors react to their stories in spontaneous and unpredictable ways. Fridays through April 29, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$14, children and seniors \$6. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

The Funny Bone

Drew Lynch headlines, March 3, 7:30 p.m., \$10. Steve Rannazzisi headlines, March 4 and 5. Aaron David Ward headlines March 6. Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue, Guilderland. Information: 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com.

The Comedy Works — Albany

Johnny Rizzo headlines March 4. Ross Bennett headlines March 5. Shows: 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., 500 Northern Blvd.,



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Albany. Tickets and information: 512-4075 or thecomedyworks.com.

The Comedy Works —

Saratoga

Mike Gaffney headlines, March 4, 7:30 p.m., and March 5, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Tickets and information: 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com.

Jerry Seinfeld

Comic legend steps out of his car to perform his stand-up routine. March 3, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$48-\$150. Information: palacealbany.com.

Irish Comedy Tour

A night of comedy and music straight out of an Irish pub. March 4, 7:30 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$35. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Capitol Steps

Politically-charged comedy troupe performs as part of its "Mock the Vote Tour." March 5, 8 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$20-\$45. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

DANCE

Single Squares of Albany

Modern Western square dancing with caller Ken Ritucci and cuer Maureen Wall. March 2, 7:30 p.m., Colonie Elks Club, Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham. Admission: \$7. Information: 674-2076.

Albany First Friday

Swing Dance

Includes an hour-long dance lesson and music by Bryan Brundige and his Piggly Wiggles. March 4, 7 p.m., Albany Elks Club, 25 South Allen St., Albany. Admis-



Modern take on an early President

The Theatre Program at the University at Albany presents "Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson," a rock musical about the life of an American President, through March 5.

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sion: general public \$15, Dance Flurry members \$12, students/seniors \$10.

FAMILY/YOUTH

The Little Mermaid Jr.

The Disney movie based on Hans Chris-

tian Andersen's children's story is brought to the stage. March 3 at 7 p.m. and March 6 at 1 p.m., Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, 54 Sand Creek Road, Colonie. Information: 482-0464.

The Tale of

the Traveling Spectacles

Original musical written and directed by Lester Betor, presented by the Slingerlands Elementary School fifth grade class. March 10 and 11, 7 p.m., Slingerlands Elementary School, 25 Union Ave., Bethlehem. Tickets: \$3.

FILM

On Screen/Sound film series

Screening of Godfrey Reggio's documentary "Koyaanisqatsi," featuring a score by Philip Glass, plus movies by Ephraim Asili, Christian Marclay, Lucy

Raven and Charles Atlas. March 3, 7 p.m., EMPAC, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy. Tickets: \$6. Information: empac.rpi.edu.

The Other Son

Two young men discover that they were switched at birth, as one prepares to enter the Israeli army. Part of the Schenectady Jewish Community Center's Jewish Film Festival, March 5, 7 p.m., SJCC, 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna. Tickets: general public \$10, SJCC and Hadassah members \$5, students \$3. Information: 377-8803.

Midnight Cowboy

Dustin Hoffman and Jon Voight star in this classic movie. Part of the Kinderhook Bank Movie Series, March 7, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$5. Information: palacealbany.com.

LITERARY

Rodney Parrot

Local poet reads from his work, including from his new collection, "Flying." An open reading follows the presentation. March 2, 7 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Admission: \$5. Information: 583-0022 or www.caffelena.org.

Stephen Adly Guirgis

Graduate of the University at Albany's theatre department and 2015 Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright will read from and discuss his work. March 3, 8 p.m., Recital Hall, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

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■ **ARTS CALENDAR**

Robert Dowling
Author will discuss his recent biography, "Eugene O'Neill: A Life in Four Acts." March 10, 8 p.m., Huxley Theatre, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Co-sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute and Friends of the New York State Library. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

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.

Synagogue Scholars
David Liebschutz will discuss his insights on how Judaism's ancient texts can inform our modern notions of what effective leadership is. March 11, 8 p.m., B'nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany. Information: 482-5283 or email office@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us.

MISCELLANEOUS
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 sup-

plies 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.

Family Fun Ceramics
Weekly 90-minute class taught by Catie Singer on Sundays, 2 p.m., Schenectady Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna. Cost: members \$8, guests \$12; all materials are included. Information: 377-8803 or www.schenectadyjcc.org.

Weekly ceramics
Two-hour Thursday class taught by Chris Singer, 1 to 3 p.m., Schenectady Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna. Cost: members \$8, guests \$12; all materials are included. Information: 377-8803 or www.schenectadyjcc.org.

One Big Roof
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Faithfully Feminist: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Women on Why We Stay
A luncheon and interfaith program

featuring Reverend Sara Baron from Schenectady's First United Methodist Church, Dr. Mussarat Chaudhry of the Islamic Center of the Capital District and Latham's Al-Hadiya Center, Sister Carol Davis of the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center and Rabbi Debora Gordon of Troy's Congregation Berith Sholom. March 13, 1 p.m., Congregation Agudat Achim, 2117 Union St., Niskayuna. Luncheon tickets: adults \$18, students \$10. The discussion is free. Reservations required by March 7. Information: Ruth Fraster at fraster@nycap.rr.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. 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.

Carrie Haddad Gallery
"Photography," featuring a variety of in-

novative photo techniques. 622 Warren St., Hudson. Information: 828-1915 or carriedaddadgallery.com.

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.

Laffer Gallery
"Space + Volume," an exhibit featuring artists Robert Guille and Gyula Varosy, through April 3. 96 Broad St., Schuylerville.

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
"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.

Saratoga Arts
"Showcasing Saratoga Arts' Teaching Artists," featuring works by 23 faculty members. March 4 through April 30, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Opening reception: March 4, 6-8 p.m. Information: www.saratoga-arts.org.

Tang Teaching Museum
"Alma Thomas," a collection of artwork spanning her career, through June 5; "Borrowed Light: Selections from the Jack Shear Gift," 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, through June 5; and "Liz Collins — Energy Field," through May 31. 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. University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum.

CALL FOR ARTISTS
First United Methodist Church of Schenectady
Seeking entries for a Lenten photo

show series. There is a new theme each week: Joy (March 6-12) and New (March 13-19). The church will accept 1-3 photos that reflect these weekly themes. People may submit photos they've taken, vote for the photos that they feel best reflect each theme and visit the show on Easter Sunday, March 27. Information: 374-4403 or www.fumcschenectady.org.

HMT Youth Musical Theater Conservatory
Offering open registration for spring production of "Into the Woods Jr." for children ages 8-18. All students who register will be cast in the production, which is scheduled for May 13 and 14. Rehearsals begin March 19, and registration is limited. Information: 587-4427 or www.homemadetheater.org.

Autism Information Expo Art Exhibit
Seeking artists with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities to submit their works for display at the annual expo April 10 at the Saratoga Springs City Center. Bring artwork to Saratoga Bridges, 16 Saratoga Bridges Blvd., Ballston Spa on March 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. All artwork must be picked up at 3 p.m. on April 10 at the expo. Entry forms must be postmarked by March 10. Information: www.facebook.com/ParentNetrowkCapitalRegion.

Saratoga Performing Arts Center
Holding auditions for children interested in dancing with the New York City Ballet for its July performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Auditions take place March 13 at the School of the Arts, National Museum of Dance, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs at 10 a.m. Audition forms are available online at dancemuseum.org and spac.org.

Malta Spotlighter's Theatre Troupe
Holding auditions for "Groovy," a musical comedy tribute to the 1960s. Parts for teens and adults. March 20 and 21, Malta Community Center. Appointments required. Information: Elyse Young, 899-4411, ext. 305 or theater@malta-town.org.

Upper Union Street BID
Seeking artists for its annual Strawberry Fest & Art Show, which will be held Saturday, June 18. Individual artist fee is \$30. The fee is waived for students. Registration forms and information: Madelyn Thorne, 727-6689 or www.upperunionstreet.com.

Thursday Musical Club
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CULINARY ARTS

Food & Vino

Salmon with Balsamic Rosemary Glaze

By **ANN LINDA CIOTOLI**

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As Lent continues on for some of our readers, here is a dinner idea for your Friday evening.

Ingredients

1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
1/4 cup dry white wine
2 Tbs. honey
1 Tbs. dijon mustard
1 Tbs. fresh chopped rosemary, divided
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
4 - 6 ounce portion salmon fillets
salt and fresh ground black pepper
2 tsp. olive oil divided

Preparation

Allow salmon to rest ten minutes to room temperature. Meanwhile in a medium saucepan, combine balsamic vinegar, wine, honey, dijon mustard, 1/2 tsp. of chopped rosemary, and garlic. Heat over medium high heat, and bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer over medium-low heat until sauce has thickened and reduced to 1/3 cup (about 13-15 minutes), stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat, and pour into a heat proof dish (using a rubber spatula to get it all out) and allow to cool. Season both sides of the salmon with salt and pepper. Add 1 tsp. of olive oil. Once the

olive oil is heated in the pan, add two salmon fillets, and cook, without moving until salmon has nicely browned on the bottom. about three to five minutes. Carefully flip the salmon to the other side and cook another three to five minutes longer, until it's cooked through. Rest in a warm oven, until you cook the other two pieces. Make sure the oven is low and not too hot, so the salmon does not continue cooking. If you have a larger pan, you can cook all 4 pieces at once. Serve warm, and drizzle or cover with the glaze. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 tsp. of rosemary.

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Ann Linda Ciotoli owns a catering business called Good Enough to Eat. She is also a frequent contributor to SpotlightNews where she is one of our culinary arts columnists. For questions and information, e-mail sodeliciousalc@yahoo.com.

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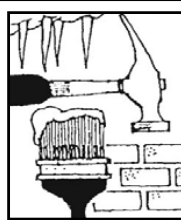
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Fourth Annual Irish Soda Bread Competition

ALBANY — For the first time in the storied history of the Irish American Heritage Museum's Maureen Farrell McCarthy Irish Soda Bread Competition, professional pub and restaurant chefs will join amateurs in a separate category competing for bragging rights to the best Irish soda bread.

The fourth annual competition will begin with judging of the Professional Pub/Restaurant Competition on Friday, Mar. 4 and culminate in the Family Amateur Competition on Saturday, Mar. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Hogarty Family Exhibit Hall and The Trustco Bank Gallery at the Museum, 370 Broadway in Albany.

This year, professional pub and restaurant chefs will compete separately from amateur bakers as both groups seek recognition in multiple categories. In the amateur competition judges will be sampling both traditional Irish soda bread and non-traditional, family Irish soda bread. The professional competition will include the categories traditional white, traditional wheat, and non-traditional, family Irish soda bread. Chefs will judge both the amateur and professional entrants separately with awards being given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category.

This year a "People's Best Award" will be featured as well when visitors and families will "taste" the bread and vote for their favorites.

The annual Irish soda bread baking competition has attracted entrants from all over the northeast — New York's Capital District, the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys, The North Country — and New England. The Museum's staff and Board of Trustees are excited to welcome both amateur and professional entrants to a wonderful cultural event and hope this competition inspires people to learn about a very unique part of Irish culture and life, especially as we approach St. Patrick's Day when interest in all things Irish peaks.

Official rules, judging criteria and an entry form can be obtained at the Museum's Web site at <http://www.irish-us.org> or by calling the Museum at 427-1916.

The Irish Soda Bread Competition is named in the memory of the late Maureen Farrell McCarthy, Crookhaven, Ireland, a Museum Trustee and original judge at the 2013 inaugural competition. The competition to celebrate Irish heritage and culture in March around St. Patrick's Day is the creation of retired Irish American Chef Harold Qualters.

Irish Soda Bread

"The Museum is dedicated to the mission of telling the stories of the contributions of the Irish people and their culture in America and inspiring individuals to examine their own Irish heritage," said Harold Qualters, former owner and chef of Qualters Restaurant in Albany, who developed the competition and serves on the Museum's Board of Trustees. "We heartily welcome both amateur and professional entrants to a wonderful cultural event and hope this competition inspires people to learn about a very unique part of Irish culture and life, especially as we approach St. Patrick's Day when interest in all things Irish peaks here in America."

According to the Society for the Preservation of Irish Soda Bread (<http://www.sodabread.info>), the first known and written recipe for Irish soda bread was published in the November 1836 issue of the *Farmer's Magazine* (London), page 328, referenced in the Irish newspaper from County Down, Ireland. This recipe of white flour, salt, bread soda (baking soda) and an acid such as sour milk or buttermilk established the traditional Irish soda bread. So if a recipe contains anything more than the original four ingredients cited in the County Down recipe, such as additional ingredients like raisins, eggs, currants,



butter, caraway seeds, sugar and other ingredients, the baker is not about to make a traditional Irish soda bread! Rather, the baker is making what is called "spotted dog" or "railway cake," which has become, over the past one hundred and seventy plus years, non-traditional soda breads and wonderful, sacred "family improved breads."

"The Rising"

In the United States, almost 36 million people claim Irish ancestry. The Museum is committed to the tenet that preserving one's heritage is vital to providing a cultural and historical foundation to future generations of Americans. The museum provides year-round access, especially by school groups, to exhibits, the Paul O'Dwyer Library (endowed by the family of the "great champion of the common man" — the NY Times), lectures, presentations, film screenings, book signings and readings and other special educational programs.

This year marks the Centenary Commemoration of "The Rising" on Easter Monday 1916 that eventually led to Ireland's independence. Visitors to

the Museum will experience "Walking with Ireland into the Sun: Women Revolutionaries and the Easter Rising," a new exhibit developed by the Museum recognizing the role of women in The Rising.

In addition to its educational programs at the Museum, the Museum was an integral force in requiring instruction in New York State's public schools about the Irish Famine of 1845-1852 and separately has developed lesson plans for required teaching of the Erie Canal in the state's schools to accompany its exhibit "The Irish and the Erie Canal." Further, it is the first Museum of its kind here in America to have exhibited at the National Library in Dublin.

The Museum's mission is to preserve and tell the story of the contributions of the Irish people and their culture in America, inspiring individuals to examine the importance of their own heritage as part of the American cultural mosaic.

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■ JUST ANNOUNCED

Line up set for Disc Jam Fest

Jam-heavy lineup includes Dopapod, Electron, Kung Fu, Tauk, Pink Talking Fish

STEPHENTOWN — Disc Jam Music Festival recently announced its line-up for this year's music festival.

This year marks the sixth annual Disc Jam Music Festival, returning to Gardner's Farm in Stephentown, Thursday, June 9 through Sunday, June 12.

The list of acts include:

Dopapod, Electron, Kung Fu, Tauk, Pink Talking Fish, Pigeons Playing Ping Pong, Consider the Source, Gubbilidis, Govinda, Cappadonna, Space

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Tickets are on sale at <http://discjamtickets.com>.

"I feel this year's line up is by far our best yet," said Tony Scavone, owner of Disc Jam Presents. "We pride ourselves on the quality of music we put out each year which has gained Disc Jam the reputation of being one of the more sought after 'little' festivals to play in the Northeast."

Disc Jam embodies what is all aspects of a memorable music experience and is truly the best small-scale festival you will find in the Northeast.

"We really are blessed to be at Gardner's Farm in Stephentown once again," said Scavone. "From the VIP campsites located inside the backstage areas to the freshly mowed lawn that the community campground is set, you are surrounded by nature and picturesque views. The layout of this venue is truly something special and makes for a perfect setting for Disc Jam."

Disc Jam covers all musical bases with a wooded late-night stage this year, along with two main stages. In addition to the musical talent

promised, there will be some creative activities added to this year's festival.

A foam dome will be on site for some memorable soapy dance parties, as well as a large theme game tent with a dunk tank, carnival games and a pool table.

As in past years, daily yoga will be on hand, as well as some surprise interactive art amidst the festival grounds.

This year the Woods stage and camping will be expanding into the forest with the usual car camping available. Disc Jam attendees are always within earshot of the funky sounds of the main stages and have the freedom to roam the beautiful event or play some disc golf on the 18 hole wooded course.

This year's VIP experience will include hotel rooms and shuttles to and from the show, as well as wireless headphones with sets streamed live via the soundboard feed for a truly unique listening experience.

Staying true to the festival's name and roots, disc golf tournaments for men and women with prizes from Innova and Vibram Disc Golf will be held during the weekend.

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This group is comprised of several Irish social and cultural organizations from the Tri-City area. Within the Irish American community, this year's parade has a special focus, and important significance. 2016 marks the 100 year anniversary of Ireland's "Declaration of Independence"

from England, generally referred to as The Easter Rising in 1916.

Additional events are being developed to commemorate the historical significance, and promote the day as a family-friendly celebration of Irish culture and heritage. In conjunction, with the Irish American Heritage Museum, a family festival with food trucks, craft booths, and amusements, is being organized in University Plaza at the foot of State Street.

While planning the public events for the area's oldest, and largest parade, organizers are also addressing the agreement to assist the City of Albany in defraying the costs associated with holding the event. Sponsorships and assistance are being solicited from local businesses, with an advertising journal, and sale of Parade Supporter signs. In addition, an attractive green T-shirt has been designed commemorating the 66th

anniversary of the Parade, and the Centennial of the Easter Rising, for sale to the general public.

Information on purchasing the shirts for \$15 each is available by contacting Marie Glavin of the Celtic Hall in Schodack, at mpglavin@aol.com, or (518) 732-2258. Information about ads and sponsorships is available at (518) 542-4949 or albanyparadejournal@gmail.com.

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SCHENECTADY — Following his wildly successful 2015 tour, four-time Grammy-winning artist “Weird Al” Yankovic has announced the continuation of his Mandatory World Tour in 2016. Also announced was a flyaway contest where winning fans will choose an all-expenses-paid trip to Los Angeles to see one of two performances at the Hollywood Bowl or to New York City for his show at Radio City Music Hall. Complete contest info can be found at weirdal.com.

Tickets for Yankovic’s Mandatory World Tour at Proctors, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, \$30-\$75, are on sale at the Box Office at Proctors, 432 State Street, Schenectady; by phone at 346-6204; and online at proctors.org.

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■ LIVE MUSIC

Benefit concert at Revolution Hall

TROY — Brown's Revolution Hall will host the 3rd Annual Dustin Mele Memorial Concert on Saturday, Mar. 5, at 6 p.m.

The first two annual concerts have been credited as top musical events of the year and drew more than 1,200 people, including Congressman Paul Tonko and several city officials.

Featured this year are top local bands and more than 50 musicians — a who's who of area headliners. Proceeds will

benefit four local programs: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Rensco Hero's at Home Project, Companion Animal Placement Program (CAPP), and the Troy Music Academy Scholarship Program.

Live music will be provided by Emerald City, Ernie Williams Band, Super 400, The Eldorados, The Daley Brothers, Tony Perrino's Killer B, Roland Gredron, Jeff Dooley and Jack Casey.

The concert will also feature Joe

Mele, Johnny Rabb, Todd Hanhurst of The Refrigerators, Jack, Frank and Joe Daley, Gary Brooks, Chris Busone, Matt Mirabile, Dave Macks of Jocamo, Trish Anderson, Tommy Murphy and many more.

Joe Mele lost his son Dustin to suicide in 2012. A veteran of more than 40 years on the local music circuit, Joe rallied the area's elite to raise awareness of the growing suicide problem. Previous concerts raised a total of \$22,000 to

benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's (AFSP) suicide awareness and prevention programs.

The 3rd Annual Dustin Mele Memorial Concert takes place at Brown's Revolution Hall, 417 River St. in Troy, on Saturday, Mar. 5, at 6 p.m.

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Maher takes the Albany Palace Theatre stage on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m.

First on “Politically Incorrect” (Comedy Central, ABC, 1993-2002), and for the last thirteen years on HBO’s “Real Time,” Maher’s combination of unflinching honesty and big laughs have

garnered him 34 Emmy nominations.

Maher won his first Emmy in 2014 as executive producer for HBO series, “VICE.” In October of 2008, this same combination was on display in Maher’s uproarious and unprecedented swipe at organized religion, “Religulous,” directed by Larry Charles (“Borat”). The documentary has gone on to become the 8th Highest Grossing Documentary ever.

In addition to his television program

— which has featured such regular visitors as Howard Dean, Ben Affleck, Robin Williams, Arianna Huffington, Cory Booker and Michael Moore — Maher has written five bestsellers: “True Story,” “Does Anybody Have a Problem with That? Politically Incorrect’s Greatest Hits,” “When You Ride Alone, You Ride with Bin Laden,” “New Rules: Polite Musings from a Timid Observer,” and most recently, “The New New Rules: A Funny Look at How Everybody But Me

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Tickets are \$95, \$69.50, \$55.50, \$49.50 and \$39.50 and on sale at the Palace Theatre Box Office, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets are also available for purchase via Ticketmaster Charge-by-Phone at 800-745-3000, all Ticketmaster outlets, local Wal-Mart Ticketmaster Centers or online at ticketmaster.com.

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"It's taken me a while to find my place," said Gold. "My zone or whatever, where I'm sober but still doing what I love and being productive. I knew, after all my struggles, that I needed to reinvent myself. I am now on the other side of the tunnel I had to crawl through and I am proud that I am getting some major recognition."

— Jeremy Gold



From page B1 ... Gold record

Prior to the six-month hiatus in 2014—a recovery mandated by doctors after his concerned parents had him admitted to the hospital following an argument that resulted in Gold impulsively jumping on a plane to London where he says he “tried desperately to hit rock bottom”—the 29-year-old from Niskayuna said he had been foundering ever since his first attempt at college in 2006 ended abruptly. At SUNY Purchase on scholarship for their jazz studies program, Gold said that he used to smoke marijuana with a fellow saxophone player who received large shipments of the drug on campus;

unbeknownst to Gold however, those shipments were laced with the drug PCP. Over the course of about three months, he said he ingested a significant amount of the Schedule II “dissociative hallucinogen,” which has been known to cause schizophrenia-like symptoms in humans.

“It would cause my brain to hallucinate when not using it,” he said. “I had become paranoid and, overall, a different person than I was striving to become. I had to leave college and spent about six months on my parents couch, healing my mind and getting much-needed help from doctors and therapists.” A desire to understand what was going on with his own mind caused Gold to return to

school at SUNY Albany and get a degree in psychology; and a subsequent desire to return to music caused him to feel unsatisfied in that profession after graduation. In 2011, a cousin aired an unreleased track—“Light of Day,” the first Gold ever produced—on his Myrtle Beach radio station, and Gold said that’s when he knew he wanted to pursue as a career but that it’s taken him the last five years to shape his musical style.

“I like to say it’s like a cross somewhere between Calvin Harris—just, like, very pop-oriented electronically-based music—but with a Thom Yorke kinda vibe,” he said. “I’m heavily influenced by his solo stuff. I mean, like that song Eraser: as a jazz musician, just the syncopated rhythm on that track. It just blew my mind. My song “Run” is sort of influenced by that.”

“Normally my creative process is kind of sporadic and it just kind of appears,” Gold explained. “It’s just like, oh, I have this melody and I better go write it down or record it.” He doesn’t play the saxophone on any of his recordings; he says the sound doesn’t fit, but that he’s looking at finding creative ways to incorporate the instrument in future endeavors. He works with a Casio keyboard and uses computer software in his home studio on Washington Park in Albany to write, record and master songs.

Gold released his debut EP in late January and will be celebrating the event this Friday night at an EP release party at The Van Dyck in Schenectady. “It’s super exciting and totally overwhelming all at once,” he said. “I held off putting out a formal release for quite a while. I was working on getting to the point where I felt comfortable representing my music.”

Now, he said, he’s filed a trademark application for Gold Records, has been doing production work for other local musicians and has begun hosting events. He’s been invited to play at Canadian Music Week in Toronto in early May and was also selected as a finalist

Gold sits behind his Casio keyboard at his home studio on Washington Park in Albany.

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"... I was working on getting to the point where I felt comfortable representing my music."

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to potentially join The Extreme Tour, a non-profit music and sports event aimed at reaching at-risk youth. Gold, who was recommended by a tour organizer who heard his music on the Sonicbids website, will be attending an invite-only event in Nashville in late May to meet with the tour's selection panel and other potential tour musicians.

"The tour," he said, "believes that popular, or 'extreme,' music and sports are usually promoted in a way that emphasizes alcoholism, drug abuse, and violence, and they want to use them to combat those things instead. Since I have my own personal history with drugs, I'm delighted to have the opportunity to be involved."

"It's taken me a while to find my place," said Gold. "My zone or whatever,

where I'm sober but still doing what I love and being productive. I knew, after all my struggles, that I needed to reinvent myself. I am now on the other side of the tunnel I had to crawl through and I am proud that I am getting some major recognition. The title track on my EP, "Your Skin," definitely refers to the fact that I have been striving to escape from my past and find the new me, while remaining true to myself and the reasons I fell in love with music in the first place." Later this year, he said he hopes to release a longer album of 10-14 tracks. "I want to be sure they're absolutely right before I share them with the world."

His EP release party this weekend will be a solo performance, but Gold has found musicians he is excited to work

with. "We haven't had many chances to rehearse together yet and so there's a lot of work to do, but they're all really quality musicians." Currently, his live shows consist of himself, a keyboard, a laptop, and a couple of machines through which he routes samples and synchronizes beats. "It all basically allows me to do an improvisational DJ set of my own music," he explained.

"If there's anything I've learned," he said of the last ten years, "possibly the most important is to never give up. Patience is a virtue and means that good things come to those who wait, but more importantly, good things come to those who work hard and don't give up."



Swedish silent film at Page Hall

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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



RACHEL BLOW

Voorheesville's Rachel Blow is The Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, Feb. 28. Blow scored a team-high 12 points for the Blackbirds in a 54-45 loss to Hoosick Falls Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the Section 2 Class B girls basketball semifinals.

■ INSIDE



Stuffed

Green Tech limited Guilderland's Andrew Sischo to eight points as the Eagles prevailed 57-37 in the Section 2 Class AA semifinals Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

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■ SOFTBALL



Getting a head start

Bethlehem Softball Booster Club
organizes a preseason clinic

By **ROB JONAS**
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BETHLEHEM — With the first day of high school softball practices starting in less than a week, the Bethlehem Softball Booster Club held a clinic to prepare area players for tryouts.

Approximately 40 players participated in the two-hour evening clinic Saturday, Feb. 27, at Bethlehem Central High School. Coaches from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and The College of Saint Rose were among those who worked with the players on fielding, pitching, hitting and agility.

"All the credit goes to Antoinette Rarick, our booster club president," said Bethlehem varsity coach Karen Gentile. "She has a lot of connections throughout softball because her daughter, Kaitlyn, travels around and plays for different teams."

MCLA coach Jamie Trudeau guided the

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▲ The College of Saint Rose assistant softball coach Kara Faraone watches as Sophia Miranda pitches during a softball clinic Saturday, Feb. 27, at Bethlehem Central High School. The clinic attracted approximately 40 players from across northern Albany County.

MCLA softball coach Jamie Trudeau, left, breaks down one of the fundamentals of a good swing to a group of young players.

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players through the mechanics of hitting — an aspect of the sport that is being emphasized more these days to offset the dominance pitchers have had in softball for the last couple of decades.

"We're breaking down the mechanics of the swing so that when all of those drills come together, they can develop a solid swing," said Trudeau.

Pat Blum used a series of drills to help players improve their footwork. Players hopped over small cones, ran sideways through a fabric ladder and practiced running backwards.

"Agility-wise, pretty much the biggest thing is quick feet," said Blum. "And the girls who think they're too slow, they're not. They just have to be quicker with their feet."

Gentile said timing the clinic close to when spring sports practices begin gives the players a head start.

"We want to get these girls ready for tryouts,"

said Gentile. "And, it's a good fundraiser for our softball booster club."

Having college coaches teach the players those fundamentals also helps, as some of them are getting ready for playing at the next level.

"Any time you can get young girls involved to prepare them for college softball, you have to reach out and help," said Blum.

And it can also give the coaches an idea of what talent exists in Bethlehem and surrounding communities such as Albany, Colonie and Guilderland.

"It's a good experience, especially for the younger girls who need to be exposed to this level of softball," said Gentile.

Ultimately, said Trudeau, it's about giving young softball players the tools they need to be successful.

"I do it more for the players and their development. It's an opportunity for me to give back to the sport," said Trudeau.

BASKETBALL

Green Tech advances to final

Guilderland can't overcome a slow start in a semifinal loss to the Eagles

By **ROB JONAS**

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GLENS FALLS —

The Guilderland boys basketball team's dream of reaching a third straight Section 2 Class AA championship game ended with a 57-37 loss to Green Tech in the semifinals Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

The Dutchmen — seeded second in the playoffs — fell behind 11-4 in the first quarter. And with No. 3 Green Tech double-teaming leading scorer Andrew Sisco, Guilderland couldn't find anyone to pick up the slack.

Neftali Lind scored 16 points to lead Green Tech, which avenged last year's semifinal loss to Guilderland. Michael Wine paced the Dutchmen with 10 points, but Sisco — who averaged more than 20 points per game — was

limited to eight points by the Eagles' stingy defense.

Green Tech advanced to the Class AA final for the second time in three years. The Eagles met top-seeded Shenendehowa Tuesday, March 1, at Albany's Times Union Center.

Girls basketball

The second quarter proved to be the difference for top-seeded Hoosick Falls in its 54-45 semifinal victory over No. 4 Voorheesville in the Section 2 Class B girls basketball playoffs Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Averill Park High School.

Hoosick Falls outscored Voorheesville 23-6 in the second quarter to build a 30-14 halftime lead. The Blackbirds rallied in the second half, but couldn't get close enough to pull out a victory.



Guilderland's Andrew Sisco (55) and Antonio Lia (34) try to stop a Green Tech player from driving to the basket in a Section 2 Class AA semifinal game Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

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Hailey Bulman, of Slingerlands, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Loyola University of Maryland.

Natalie Squillace, of Slingerlands, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at St. Lawrence University.

Samantha Taillon, of Glenmont, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at St. Lawrence University.

Kimberly Weinberg, of Schenectady, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at St. Lawrence University.

Katherine Day, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at MCPHS University.

Talia Zisman, of Slingerlands, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Bates College.

Lauren Thomas, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Lafayette College.

Michael Eglow, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Clark University.

Jillian Cummings, of Slingerlands, was named to the president's list for the fall 2015 semester at Pratt Institute.

Amanda Crowley, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Pratt Institute.

Philip Scott, of Selkirk, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at St. Lawrence University.

Molly Sloan, of Schenectady, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Emmanuel College.

David Wilsey, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Emmanuel College.

Zachary Rockmore, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Bucknell University.

Mikayla Shade, of Glenmont, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at SUNY

Cortland.

Hannah Icuspit, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Simmons College.

Casey Halle, of Slingerlands, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Simmons College.

Thomas Straut, of Voorheesville, was named to the honors list for the fall 2015 semester at Farleigh Dickinson University.

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Kerrie Thiele

Delmar

Rebekah Green, Jennifer Bub, William Polverelli, Brooke Plotzker, Vladimir Longwell, Asan Anarkulov, Arcangela Mele-Chapman, Michael Caruso, Peter Kaulfuss, William Swift, Danielle Ruf, Andrew Lennox, Richard Melendez, Megan Bettinger, Stephen Figge, Roland Genaway, Debra Kolberg, Jerri Miller, Joshua Sanchez, Sean Pauquette, Christopher Orzeszek, Seanan Herrick, Gregory Bucher, David Considine, Genevieve LaMay, Elizabeth Rosenthal, Daniel Scicchitano, Christopher Spinoso, Jane Drake, Randall Vanwie, Isaiah Moccole, Sajipriya Vaasan, Rocco Marciano, Molly Livingston and Parker Tangora

Feura Bush

Rebecca Miller, Daniel Morrell, Vanessa Hannay and Jennifer Celella

Glenmont

Louis Coplin, Rebecca Inglis, Amy Daub, Brielle Frank, Danielle Whatley,

Christopher Caswell, Michael McCurdy, Laura Pierson, Steven Pierson, Kayla Pellman, Sean Sontz, Courtney Carter, Alison Nickford, Michael Knott, Caterina Giglio, Michelle Williams, Ryan Partain, Frank Hughes, Shannon Tindall and Samantha Karian

Guilderland/Schenectady

Kathryn Barber, Veronica Cano, Bartosz Murawski, Alyssa Vestal, Joshua Maxwell-Tew, Kyle Tucker, Julia Manobianco, Patricia Bentley, Alaynah Harlow, JoAnn Mulligan, Jessica Favata, Austin Kelly, Divya Pitamber, Sarah Bartz, Elizabeth Christian, Racheal Robert, Stephanie Dunckley, Alexis Golden, David Bowers, Melanie McNamara, Leakhena Wilber, Jordan Traficante, Michael Barton, Madeline DelSignore, McKenzie Ryan, Keyshon Atkins, Shawn Mack, Alexandra Rojas, William Ronan, Erin Jackson, Emily Romano, Matthew Zelezniak, Vanessa Roberts, Kacey Grubb-Robinson, Jonathan Davis, Marisa Cunsolo, Kaitlin Klink, Alexis Ochs, Claudia Alferez-Walden, Courtney Chludzinski, Eric Bowers, Sherrae Staring, Andrew Klug, Daniel Rhoades and Karissa West

Selkirk

Kathryn Legg, Tori Doran, Sean Whitman, Kohlton Barkman, Jessica Seaburg, Krysti Margic, Lucas Maddalena, Sean Kibbey, Brianna Reed, Nicholas Graveline, Alexander Hazelton, Jessica Gruss, Michael Grandy, Kristene Ballard, Sara Lasher, Sarah Promutico, John Whalen and Brenden Coluccio

Slingerlands

Stephen Meyer, Kyle Henderson, Erin Clark, Araglin Kite, Nathan Dreher, Heath Ellerup, Aumir Roberson, Joshua Carman, Nathan Swyer, Michael Talone, Jennifer Peters, Sarah Hooper and Candace Race

Voorheesville

Donna Vogel, Chanel McMillen, Jordan Fuller, Charles Millson, Derek

Cacciotti, Susan Mielke, Michelle Lisboa, Ellen Sandman-Young, Victoria Bestle, Hannah Migliaro, Lauren Meixner, Katina Wallace, Colleen Burke, Joseph Dollard, Melanie Dykstra, Anthony Weeks, Corinne Manasse, Samantha Longton and Austin Phillips

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

Sarah Bone of Schenectady
Shannon Cookfair of Delmar
Colton Dlugolecki of Voorheesville
Ryan Hanley of Glenmont
Jessica Leavitt of Delmar
Jenna Marcal of Delmar
Gabriella Marino of Schenectady
Matthew McKenna of Glenmont
Hannah Morier of Guilderland
Kelly Muncil of Slingerlands
Amanda Pentak of Delmar
Michael Perkins of Schenectady
Parker Ruetz of Delmar
Alyssa Ryder of Delmar
Arthur Shade of Glenmont
Kevin Swintek of Altamont
Bethany Tesch of Voorheesville
Megan Usher of Glenmont

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The following students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at the University of Hartford:

Deirdre Buckley of Delmar
Philip McNaughton of Selkirk
Sara Buckley of Slingerlands
James Gavin of Slingerlands

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The following students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at the University of Delaware:

Brian Crupi of Sligerlands
Brett Kaplan of Glenmont
Maya Kassoff of Delmar

Andrew Kemp of Schenectady
Maeve Montesi of Schenectady
Nora Reynolds of Selkirk
Emily Slingerland of Glenmont

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The following students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Western New England University:

Taylor Dubose of Altamont
Samantha Scherer of Voorheesville
Adison Vanina of Guilderland
Jordan Vanina of Guilderland

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

Luke Caton of Delmar
Karen Segerberg of Feura Bush
Tuan Nguyen of Glenmont
Elena Musteata of Slingerlands
Terry Kallner of Voorheesville

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

Erin Abriel of Slingerlands
Anna Bango of Delmar
Kasey Brock of Glenmont
Adrian Bryant of Delmar

Victoria Burnham of Slingerlands
Robert Christenson of Clarksville
Jesse Deisinger of Schenectady
Madeleine Del Cano of Schenectady
Joseph Drake of Delmar
Claire Forsyth of Slingerlands

Erin Landy of Glenmont
Korey LeClair of Altamont

Samuel Levitt of Delmar
Katherine Mattison of Selkirk

Casey Morris of Schenectady
Andrew Napierski of Delmar
Hannah Schaming of

Delmar
Daniel Schutten of Schenectady
Jessica Sternlicht of Glenmont
Emily Viscuso of Delmar
Jacob Zyskowski of Altamont

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

Jessica Capone of Schenectady
Elizabeth Cultrara of Delmar
Megan D'Andrea of Slingerlands
Clare Ladd of Altamont
Joseph Polito of Slingerlands
Hannah Taranto of Slingerlands

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The following students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at The College of Saint Rose:

Altamont

Shelby Amato, Hannah Conroy, Jodi White, Caroline Bablin and Michael Hitt

Delmar

Sean Gunner, Leticia Monroe, Matthew Rees, Jordan Crandall, Jennifer O'Keefe, Samantha Zonca, Michael Berger and Christopher O'Brien

Glenmont

Ryan Kilgallon, Rachel Inglis and Olivia Harmon

Schenectady

Lily Meyers, Mackenzie Seeley, Christopher Johnson, Cierra Paul, Lauren Ward, Brittany Countryman, Hannah Parker, Nadia Rubino, Dominique Nardacci, Peter New and Kristen Pohl

Selkirk

Joseph Rissacher, Sabrina Bonaiuto and Christina Vasto

Slingerlands

Lacy Palmiotto, Maria Ragonese, John Graham and Alexis Matherly

Voorheesville

Kelly Donegan, Shawna Brown, Kristen Carroll, Eric Conde and Danielle Vogel

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is 1256 CENTRAL OF ALBANY, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 27, 2016. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Schuyler Companies, 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. Ad#108098

LEGAL NOTICE

1491 Saratoga Road LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/4/2015. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Joseph W. Zappone, Esq., 6 Century Hill Dr., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#109993

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Of a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Under Section 203 of The Limited Liability Company Law The name of the LLC is 208 MORRIS ROAD, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 13, 2016. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1716 Central Avenue, Albany, New York, 12205. Ad#107964

LEGAL NOTICE

562 7St, LLC. Arts. of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/04/16. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 303 Forest Drive South, Short Hills, NJ 07078. Purpose: General. Ad#107104

LEGAL NOTICE

574 7St, LLC. Arts. of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/04/16. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 303 Forest Drive South, Short Hills, NJ 07078. Purpose: General. Ad#107103

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A PROFESSIONAL

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Name: Alexander S. Choe, DDS, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 1/27/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 42 Princess Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#108101

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: BeltTalk LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY 12/18/15. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: In Albany county. SSNY is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 28 Comely Ln, Latham, NY 12110. Ad#107134

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**

The name of the LLC is Bob's Appliance Repair, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 1/27/2016. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 28 Kenwood Ave, Glenmont, NY 12077. Ad#107877

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**

Name: Cannon Equipment, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 15, 2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to The LLC, 5 Veteran's Memorial Drive, Green Island, NY 12183. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. Ad#108411

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**

The name of the LLC is Capital Creation Consulting, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 12/1/2015. The purpose of the LLC is to provide consulting services, and also to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of

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State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 17 Reynolds Ct, Delmar, NY 12054. Ad#108066

LEGAL NOTICE

Catalyst Chilmark LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/6/15. 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, 3 E. 28th St., 6th Fl., NY, NY 10016. General purpose. Ad#107699

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DAVOS ADVISORY GROUP, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/16. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 421 New Karner Road, Suite 11 Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#107880

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ECOLONG LLC: Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 23, 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 the LLC at 42 Stonebriar Drive Slingerlands, NY 12159. For any lawful purpose. Ad#107746

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: EdComm NY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 2/22/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 27 Aspinwall Road, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#110081

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of fix it for you LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/30/15 . Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon process against it may be served. SSNY Shell Mail process to: PARACORP INCORPORATED, ONE COMMERCE PLAZA, 99 WASHINGTON AVE #805A, ALBANY, NY 12210-2822. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#107431

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of fix it for you LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/30/15 . Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon process against it may be served. SSNY Shell Mail process to: PARACORP INCORPORATED, ONE COMMERCE PLAZA, 99 WASHINGTON AVE #805A, ALBANY, NY 12210-2822. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#107431

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**

The name of the limited liability company is Fixation Technology LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed on February 9, 2016 with the

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NYS Department of State. The County within the State in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this State to which the Secretary of State will mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is c/o 17 Bethwood Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211. There is no specific date upon which the LLC is to dissolve. The purpose of the business of the LLC is any lawful purpose permitted of a limited liability company in the State of New York /s/Stephen M. Farrell, Organizer Ad#109409

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**

The name of the LLC is GGM Solutions, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 1/26/2016. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is PO Box 155, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Ad#107700

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF H&W Consulting LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is H&W Consulting LLC SECOND: Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity THIRD: The County within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located in Albany County. FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: H&W Consulting LLC 19 Fairview Rd Albany, NY 12211

FIFTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by: ONE OR MORE MEMBERS. SIXTH: The existence of the limited liability company shall begin on JANUARY 1, 2016. SEVENTH: The limited liability company shall

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have a perpetual existence. Xiaokum Wang, ORGANIZER Ad#109491

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of: HART STREET 255 LLC Art of Org filed w/ SSNY on 2/14/2014 in ALBANY County. SSNY is designated Agent of LLC 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**NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Name: Integra R&D Holding Company II, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 2/4/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 745 Albany Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#108504

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KCTCAL, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/5/2016. Office located in ALBANY County. SSNY designated as Agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 62 Brookview Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose is any lawful activity Ad#108701

LEGAL NOTICE**KENNETH G. SIPPERLY LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 25, 2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC to Kenneth G. Sipperly LLC, 81 Latham Ridge Road, Latham, New York 12110. No registered agent. Purpose: for all legal purposes. Ad#110300

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**

The name of the LLC Kloud9 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

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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**Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC).**

Name: L. Teator, LLC- Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 2, 2016. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY Designated as Agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 29 Hartman Road, Glenmont, New York 12077. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#109493

LEGAL NOTICE

MAF Realty Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/03/16. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o Jason Rando, 20 Kirkland Dr., Greenlawn, NY 11740. Purpose: General. Ad#108980

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Name: MerQuies, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 2/24/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 80 State Street, 2nd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#110082

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: Middleburgh Meadows, LLC

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 27, 2016. Office location is in Albany County. The 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 494 Western Turnpike, Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Ad#109961

LEGAL NOTICE**MIFIT HOLDINGS LLC**

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/28/2012. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the Northwest Registered Agent, L.L.C., 90 State St., Ste. 700, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#108893

LEGAL NOTICE

NAMASTE NUGGETS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/13/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design.

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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

NAVR PROPERTIES, LLC, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on January 4, 2011, Office in Schenectady Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Audra M. Passonno, 9423 Western Turnpike, Delanson, NY 12053. Purpose: General Ad#108684

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 FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Articles of Organization of P63, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 18, 2015, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at United States Corporation Agents, INC, 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#109986

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.**

Name: Peaceful Place Doula Services LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/28/16. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 19 Squire Road, Schenectady, New York 12304. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#108880

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**

The name of the LLC is PRIMERTY HOLDINGS LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on December 23, 2015. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is to the Law Office of Stephen Buckley, P.O. BOX 11627, Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106541

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**

The name of the LLC is PRIMERTY HOLDINGS LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on

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with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 23, 2015. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is to the Law Office of Stephen Buckley, P.O. BOX 11627, Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106541

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Name: Proscenium Data Solutions LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of New York (SSNY) on 04/29/2015. 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 the process the LLC to: C/O Proscenium Data Solutions LLC, PO Box 12641, Albany, 12212. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#108708

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Articles of Organization for RAPP ROAD PROPERTIES OF ALBANY, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on January 27, 2016. The office of the company is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at Lombardi, Walsh, Davenport & Amodeo, P.C., 187 Wolf Road, Suite 211, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. Ad#108894

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RENAL VENTURE GROUP, LLC**

On 2/17/16, Articles of Organization of Renal Venture Group, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The SSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is Renal Venture Group, LLC, 62 Hackett Blvd., Albany, NY 12209. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#109736

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company: Security & Technology Solutions LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on



Trihalomethane was detected in Bethlehem's Clapper Road water treatment plant. The compound often appears when chlorine is added to water with algae, river weeds or decaying leaves. Though often present, higher volumes of the compound has been linked to cause cancer.

Photo by Tricia Cremo/Spotlight

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evolving federal standards on [THMs], which are disinfection byproducts,” he explained.

THMs are created when disinfectants like chlorine are added to water. When added too early in the filtration process, THMs are created when the disinfectant interacts with organic materials (like leaves and algae). About 70 percent of municipalities including Bethlehem use chlorine to disinfect water, said Kansas.

Since updated EPA regulations on water were released in 2013, the town has been saving for the estimated \$10 million cost of upgrading water and sewer facilities in town. Improvements have already been made at the New Salem Water plant, the town’s second water plant, located in the Town of New Scotland. Now, the town is in the process of executing plans for improvements at the Clapper Road plant, where the water violation was located.

“Three years ago an engineering firm was contracted. Pilot studies have been done to figure out what the best way to make repairs. And, total completion of the design should be completed by this fall, so that that town can

start construction in the spring,” said Kansas. This plan has been approved by the EPA and the county and state health departments.

However, some in town strongly object to the slow pace at which these improvements are being made.

“I’ve been aware of the situation with this water. I know that the water department has sent notice of this, and I know that it’s been put in our bills, but I have a few concerns,” began resident Emerson Martin, of Selkirk, a former engineer. “I don’t trust the New York State Health Department and I’m not sure I trust all the information you’re giving us. They have not told the truth with the chemicals in Petersburg. They held that from the public,” he said in calmed anger.

“This chemical is dangerous. If you really research this chemical, you’ll find that in some cases it has caused miscarriages in women. It’s a volatile chemical, and a lot of people don’t know this, but when you take a shower, this chemical is precipitated in your air. It can cause various kinds of cancer, including liver and kidney. People with compromised immune systems, it can cause them major, major problems.”

“This is something that the town should have put out and it was not put out probably because of scare tactics. It’s been two years and they have just come up with a

plan to solve this problem now. They say it’s going to be another two or three years to complete a plan that will solve this problem. Why does it take five years to put our citizens here in this town in jeopardy with our children – my grandchildren – in jeopardy?” he said angrily, at one point pointing to each board member individually. “That totally ticks me off.”

“There isn’t a short term imminent threat or danger to the public because of this situation,” replied Kansas. “The regulation was set because there is a long term or lifetime increased risk of developing certain forms of cancer and other health risks because of this water.”

“As regard to how long solving the problem will take, the Town Board has made commitments,” said Clarkson. “We made commitments in 2012 and 2013. We have already made major repairs at the New Salem plant, and we have been figuring out with engineering studies how to make the improvements at Clapper Road and how to make them quickly.”

“You can’t make major repairs to a water treatment facility overnight,” added Kansas.

Yet, even though the town has been preparing to address the issue for some years now, with recent water crisis in Hoosick Falls and Flint, Mich., this recent EPA violation at Clapper Road, which revealed the high THM content has caused quite a stir.

“Frankly, some people have called here with the events in Hoosick Falls and Petersburg and Flint, Michigan,” said Clarkson, while Kansas also admitted that his department has also received its share of calls.

However, one should not compare the THMs found in Bethlehem to the chemicals found elsewhere. In the case of Hoosick Falls, factory byproducts released into public water supply are at the root of the town’s rise in cancer diagnosis and subsequent class action lawsuit.

“It’s like comparing apples to oranges,” said Commissioner Kansas, of comparing Bethlehem to Hoosick Falls.

In Bethlehem, new EPA guidelines are the root of the issue. “These laws were more stringent and look at the sites themselves, as opposed a system-wide average,” said Kansas, adding that the town is not and was not opposed to the update, and that the problem should not be seen as a failure on the part of the water department.

“We test at areas where risks are more likely, as EPA regulations dictate, and plans for improvements to filtration target these areas,” said Kansas.

At Wemple Road, “That stretch there has large pipes but pretty low water demand, so that water tends to sit there [longer]” before looping back up River Road and to onto the Clapper Road facility.

Again repeating that this is a serious issue and his department is trying to address the issue, Clarkson said, “We do take this very seriously, which is why we’ve been working on it and we have an investment plan of over \$10 million for the water plants, including Clapper Road.”

F.A.Q.s on THMs and Clapper Road improvements are available on the town website.

DPW Commissioner George Kansas will be giving a presentation on water system upgrades and the issue of THMs next week, Wednesday, March 9, at 7 p.m.

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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Transparency a must

In midst of the headlines coming out of Flint, Mich., and now out of Hoosick Falls, communities are scrutinizing over their public water systems, and residents are showing a lack of trust.

Water is a valuable commodity in today's world. It's a trade that goes beyond the bottled water in your refrigerator. Large corporations are buying up the rights to freshwater lakes, and water starved countries like India are brokering deals to obtain more. Ironical, considering more than 70 percent of this planet is covered in water. Unfortunately, less than one percent is available for human consumption.

That less than one percent of water should be enough, experts say, but some communities in the world have established homes where water is scarce or polluted, or find themselves on the wrong end of a political battle that keeps them from it.

In the United States, outside of drought, we should be fine. Emphasis

on should be. We've been a heavily industrialized society since the mid-1800s. It established this country as the embodiment of wealth and luxury it is today. Unfortunately, in what we're seeing in Hoosick Falls, industry and the consumer-driven need for ease of life, is the culprit behind a poisoned water supply.

In Michigan, they are talking about a different animal all together — something likely to end up in courts for many years to come. What was a government body's intent to save money has turned into a logistical and health concern nightmare. The community has been drinking water contaminated by decaying lead pipes, at a level that has created a national emergency. And, if it couldn't get worse, the checks and balances in place to evaluate the water's safety appears to have failed the people at a level of negligence people call on the side of criminal.

Flint serves as a benchmark of how community leaders should not act. Our local town boards have brought

transparency to the forefront. It's discussed every political season while we see candidates run for office, and we read it in our letters to the editor. Now, as we look to our water supplies, the need for transparency is an absolute must.

Unfortunately, somewhere down the line, some government leaders have lost sight as to what his or her role is in our communities. You serve the rights and needs of the people. When it comes to an infrastructure that facilitates the supply of life sustaining water, there is no higher level of absolute trust than when a mother turns the faucet on to give her child a glass of water. When your responsibility is to oversee this service, you can't lose sight of this fact.

Bethlehem town officials have been addressing these needs, but in light of what is happening other communities, it is easy to jump towards anger. As fellow members of this community, we ask that Town Hall continues to remain as transparent as it has been. Now, more than ever.

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TALK BACK

The Spotlight welcomes feedback on this editorial or any other hot topics in the news. Email us at news@spotlightnews.com.

■ GET TO KNOW ...



Heather Culnan
Assistant Principal
Bethlehem Central High
School

HOMETOWN: Albany, NY

What have you been listening to lately?

I listen to the radio mostly (102.3) and I enjoy Pink, Adele and Katy Perry.

What have you been reading?

I am in a book club with some girlfriends and we are currently reading "Furiously Happy."

What is your favorite show on TV?

I love watching "Modern Family," "Grey's Anatomy" and "Real Housewives."

What was the last movie you saw?

"Star Wars"

Could you describe what your dream vacation would be?

My dream vacation would be in Turks and Caicos and having the opportunity to swim with dolphins.

What are some of your hobbies?

I love to run, play golf and chase my 2-year-old son, Logan.

What would your last meal be?

Chicken parmesan at Ferrari's

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

I would like to meet my paternal grandfather.

What is your favorite local moment?

My favorite moment was being a part of organizing the Bethlehem Hall of Fame on our new football field last year.

What is something you think most people would be surprised to learn about you?

I think people would be surprised to know I played rugby in college.

What three things would you bring to a desert island?

I would bring my family, sunscreen and a boat.

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◀ One local veteran shares his perspective on the need for passed tax exemption.

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disabled veterans are eligible for an additional \$20,000.

According to the state Department of Taxation, veterans are eligible for the exemption if they served in the Persian Gulf conflict, from 1990 to the present; the Vietnam War, from 1961 to 1975; the Korean War, from 1950 to 1955; or World War II, from 1941 to 1946.

The exemption is available per household, and will carry on to the spouse and children of the veteran.

Veterans are also eligible if they received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, a Navy, Marine Corps, or Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; if they served in World War II in the United States Merchant Marine;



Water hazard

The area was served with a one-two punch Wednesday, Feb. 24, as unseasonably warm weather followed torrential rain. The combination helped melt what remained of winter snow in the hilltowns, allowing local creeks and streams to flood. Coeymans Creek near the town line of Coeymans and Bethlehem flooded its banks the next morning. Rte 9W, which runs above the creek went unscathed, but neighboring Miller Road resembled a quiet lake.

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From page 2 ...

'Incredibly stupid'

friends in war, I had two uncles that served. My concern is that it will impact the district's cash. When we give these grants, what happens is that money has to be replaced... My concern is that there are many others in the

community who struggle."

Wartime veterans are now eligible for a \$6,000 exemption limit on taxes; combat zone veterans are eligible for an additional \$4,000 exemption, for a total of \$10,000; and

if they served as a civilian during World War II in the American Field Service under U. S. Armies and the U.S. Army Groups; or as a flight crew and aviation ground support employee of Pan American Airlines' contract with the Air Transport Command;

or if they are a member of the reserve component of the Armed Forces who received an honorable discharge from active duty, but are still a member of the reserves.

Of the six towns represented in the Voorheesville Central

School District, the towns of New Scotland, Guilderland, Bethlehem, Berne-Knox-Westerlo, and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk had previously adopted resolutions to grant the exemption, but Greenville and the Village of Voorheesville had not.

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— Sal P., Albany

"Robert's kindness and his wanting to please his patients is outstanding. 5-Stars for Robert."

— Claudia P., Albany

"He focused on my needs rather than him telling me what I need."

— Rose W., Glenmont

"I was attending a meeting in a small room with air conditioning blasting through the vents above. A soft-spoken lady was explaining a problem and I was not hearing what she was saying until I turned my aid to its second setting. From that point, I was able to hear what she was saying crystal clear."

— Rick B., Glenmont

"Many thanks for all you've given our family. My husband hears our son's beautiful voice clearly and easily. I'm so proud of him. Thank you for the amazing service and care!"

— Jessica B., Glenmont

"Bob has been an amazing person in pinpointing my needs in terms of my hearing issues. His diagnostic search is ongoing and his patience is overwhelming. He has been working with me relentlessly."

— A. S., Delmar

"Doing real good, comfortable and no problems putting them in and out. T.V. is great."

— Robert W., Selkirk

"I heard T.V. at #3 instead of 50! Heard the phone very good and I hardly knew they were in my ears."

— Dorothy S., Glenmont

"Hearing better in the news room where I work and at home has been delightful. I love the way the new hearing aids fit and look."

— Rob B., Catskill

"I'm not aware of wearing them."

— Marie D., Coxsackie

"One of the things that fascinates me about the new hearing aids is how everyone sounds so normal compared to my old hearing aids. And these molds fit perfectly... very, very good!"

— Marge B., Glenmont



Robert J. LaCosta

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Au.D., CC-A

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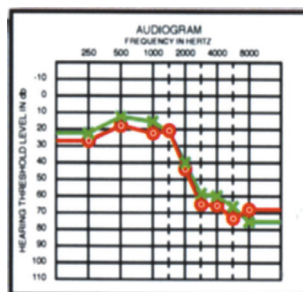
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