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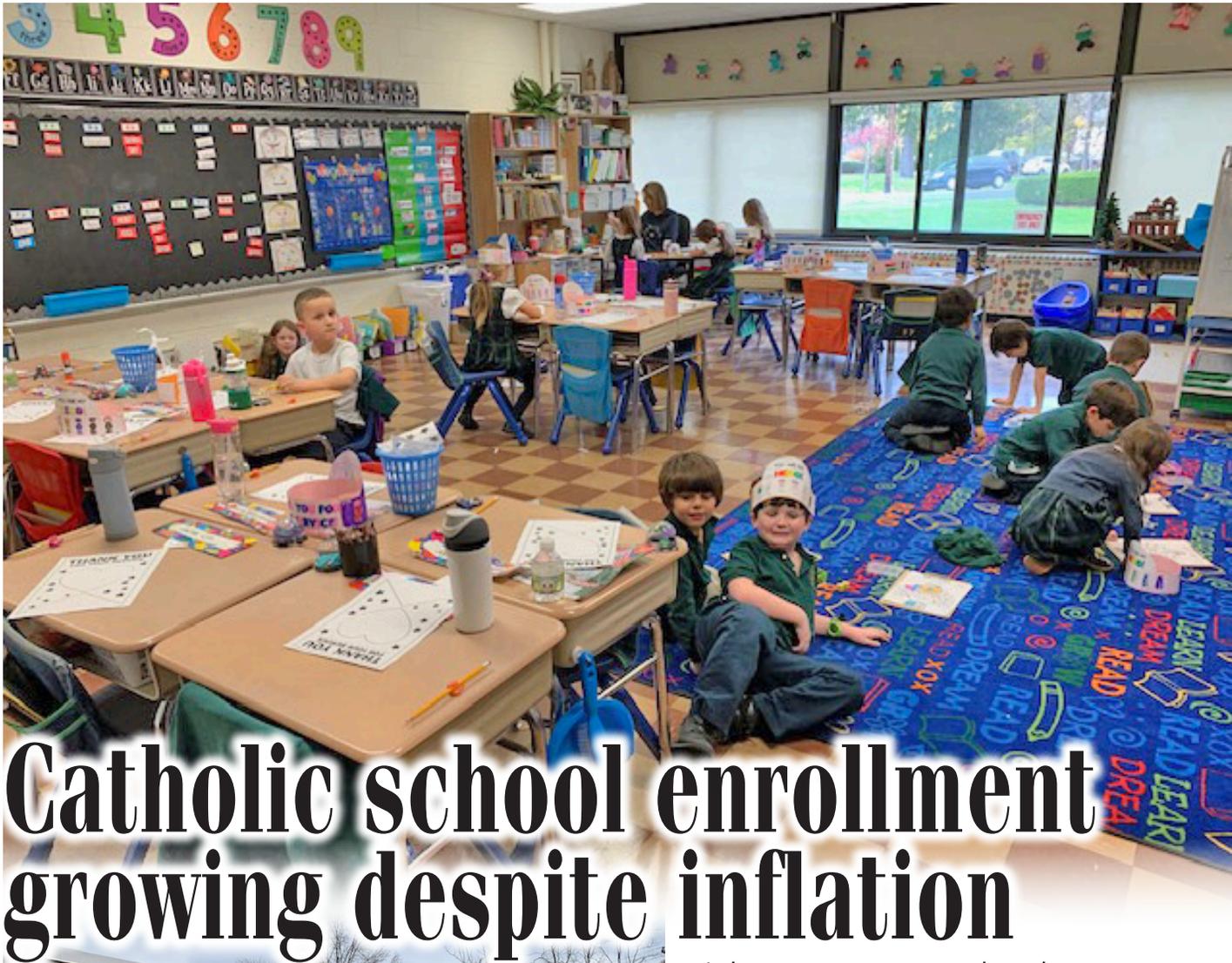
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Catholic school enrollment growing despite inflation



Administrators say they have conversations public schools can't

By **MEREDITH SAVITT**
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LATHAM and DELMAR – Why pay thousands when an education at a local public school is free? Area Catholic schools say families are spending for a smaller, safer environment as they experience rebounding enrollments.

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Tony N Tina's Wedding

Producers cast local actors for the Broadway show at UPH.

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Girls HS wrestling

The first-ever girls high school wrestling match for Bethlehem and Colonie took place on Wed., Nov. 29.

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SPOTLIGHT ON FINANCE

Practical Steps to Make Saving Money Easier

By FRAN O'ROURKE,
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Everyone's financial picture is different – but one thing many Americans have in common is a desire to increase their savings. Research has consistently shown that a majority of consumers consider saving more money among their top financial goals and it's the most common financial priority by a wide margin across a varied range of consumers.

Those attitudes aren't surprising when you consider that the median amount of savings for American households is \$3,500 – meaning half the households have less than that, and half have more – and more than two-thirds of adult Americans have less than \$1,000 in a savings account. Additionally, there's a startling gender gap: More than 50% of women have no savings at all, according to findings from GOBankingRates.

Day-to-day, it can feel difficult to know where to begin increasing your savings – or even simply where to get started. The good news is, no matter where you are on your savings journey, these realistic, manageable and practical steps from KeyBank can help make saving money easier.

Start with the end in mind

The first step is to set a realistic goal and create some scenarios

for how to reach it. For example, if you want to save \$500, then consider saving \$5 per day for 100 days – just a little over three months. Or save \$2.50 per day for 200 days – you'll reach \$500 in a little more than half a year.

Free up cash

Take a good look at what you pay and why, make changes where you can, and add the difference to your savings:

- **Evaluate your household utility costs** and budget: Can you save on water or electricity by using less? Are you consolidating trips by car to spend less on gas? How often do you eat out per week?
- **Monitor regular subscriptions and fees** to make sure you haven't forgotten to cancel a free trial of an app or service.
- **Consolidating your debt** may allow you to get lower interest rates or a shorter payoff time.

Have a plan for extra income

It's tempting to look at a bonus check from work or an annual tax refund as a chance to splurge. And while it's fine to use some of it to treat yourself and your family to something special, planning ahead to put most – or all – of it in your savings account can be a big step toward meeting your savings goals.

You could also use incremental income to pay off debt, add it to a retirement account or college fund, prepay your mortgage or make an investment in your home or a Health Savings Account. There are a lot of possibilities, but the important thing is to have a plan for these influxes and to stick to it when the cash arrives.

Save automatically, a little bit at a time

There are a couple of ways to set aside money without thinking (much) about it. If you have a paycheck direct deposited into a checking account, you can adjust it so that a small amount goes into a savings account each pay period.

There are also banking apps and options that can place small amounts in your savings account when you make purchases. For example, KeyBank's EasyUp® allows you to set an amount – anywhere between 10 cents and 5 dollars – that will be transferred from your checking account to your savings every time you make a debit card purchase.

What difference can that make? The average EasyUp user saves \$415 in one year, and 18% of EasyUp users save \$700 in one year.

Check progress and make adjustments

Achieving your savings goals requires regularly checking on your progress. Did you stay on track last week to hit your monthly target? If something unexpected meant lowering your savings contribution last month, what can you do this month to make it up?

Thinking in terms of maintaining progress over time helps establish the financial habits needed to build up the savings you're aiming for.

Your Financial Future

Remember that goals can change. There are a multitude of approaches to saving money, so be open to learning about new and different methods of building for a stronger financial future. They often revolve around the key savings contributors of setting goals, planning how to allocate incoming funds

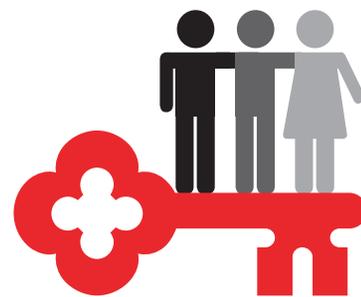
– such as tax refunds – and committing to a plan.

The KeyBank team is always available to assist you and help you get started with a Key Financial Wellness Review – so bring us your questions, ideas and goals, and together we'll get you moving in the right direction.

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Skip Using an ATM and Purchase Directly from Your Debit Card

Ever heard of the cash-only tip for managing your spending? If you try this strategy, you might find yourself using an ATM more often to withdraw your weekly or monthly cash "allowance."

In theory, this is a great idea because it should limit how much you can spend to how much cash you have on hand. But it might not be the most effective way to manage your money and you might want to skip using an ATM and rely on your debit card instead.

Why Plastic Might Provide a Better Way to Spend

If you want to better manage your cash flow without worrying about overspending, your debit card can be a useful tool. Unless you keep all of your receipts, you can't track cash easily. With a debit card, you simply need to log into your online account with your bank to quickly get a list of all of your recent transactions.

Not only can you pull up your statements and go through them, but if you spend on a debit card you have the option to link your bank account with a budgeting software or system. That may make it even easier to track and understand your spending, without worrying about the risk of overspending that can come with a credit card. With a debit card, you can't spend more than you actually have.

Debit cards also provide much more security than cash. If cash is lost or stolen, there's little to no recourse for you — that money is likely gone. On the other hand, if your debit card is lost or stolen, your bank offers levels of consumer protection that can help you recover those funds — even if someone fraudulently takes money from your account using your card. Plus, it's easier than ever to lock or unlock your card if it gets lost or stolen by going online or using your smartphone.

■ HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



AND THE GIRLS NOW HAVE IT - WRESTLING

DELMAR – The first-ever girls High School Wrestling match for both Bethlehem and Colonie took place on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Bethlehem High School. Colonie had one female wrestler who wrestled with Shaker last year and two Bethlehem girls competed in tournaments, but this is the first team competition. Last season, girls Wrestling made its debut in Section 2 and the Section has dramatically expanded the number of teams this season.

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LETTERS

Thanks to all voters in last election

To the Editor,

During this season of giving, I want to give my deepest thanks to the voters of the 25th Legislative District in Albany County. Thanks to the support of a Republican, Conservative, Democrat and Independent coalition placing their trust in me, we won our campaign by one percent – proof that every vote really does count.

Since Election Day, I've had much time to think and reflect on our campaign. Words cannot describe the gratitude I feel for earning your support this year. There are too many people to thank, but I'll try anyway.

I am thankful for the chance to have met many of my neighbors for the first time, then a second, and some three or more times. I know many of you were fatigued by the non stop barrage of ringing doorbells, buzzing phones and campaign signs. I was too, but I am still thankful for the conversations we shared, the friendships we formed, and the memories we made.

I am thankful for my team of friends, supporters and volunteers that rallied behind me from day one of our campaign. Your grassroots help on the ground, and your words of encouragement helped carry

me through this herculean task.

I am also thankful to my Democratic opponent in this race. Though we don't know each other well, I believe we both ran good and fair campaigns with our community's best interests at heart. In an era full of deep partisan divisions, I think we should be proud of that rare but positive accomplishment.

Most of all, I am thankful for my family, starting with my wife, my three children and my parents. You are the reason I ran in the first place. I couldn't have done it without you.

With the Election behind us, it is time to put aside the politics and get to work. Thank you to the residents of Loudonville, West Albany and Colonie for your confidence in me. It doesn't matter if you're a Democrat or Republican, or whether you voted for me or not. I am ready to listen and govern in your best interests. I am thankful to serve you!

Thank you!

Ryan Conway
Albany County Legislator-Elect -
District 25

LIBRARIES

What's happening in December?

We know December is a busy time of year, but we guarantee you won't want to miss some of the great events we and our community partners have scheduled for the month. Get creative at a craft class, enjoy a classic film, and learn more about the moon – all at the library!

Fragrant décor

Spice up your home for the winter with décor that looks as good as it smells. Join us Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2:30 p.m. for our Cinnamon Stick Stars crafts class for teens and adults. Registration for this event will close Dec. 7. Visit bethlehem.librarycalendar.com to sign up.

Light the way

Holiday Lights in the Park is a time for the library to shine! Look for us as you drive through Elm Avenue Park with family and friends to experience the sights and sounds of the holiday season Saturday, Dec. 9. This free family event is sponsored by the Town of Bethlehem Police Department and takes place from 5-9 p.m. Donations of unwrapped toys,



non-perishable food items, and pet care items will be accepted.

Catch a classic

Sit back and enjoy a classic film at the library with our Monday Matinee. This month, we'll continue our focus on Hitchcock with a screening of "To Catch a Thief" on Monday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. Starring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly, the film features the story of a retired jewel thief who will be arrested unless he can trap the copycat burglar who has taken up serial-stealing on the French Riviera.

Sharing is caring

Get in to the spirit of the season by sharing your favorite seasonal recipes at our Recipe Swap Thursday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m. You can bring samples of your recipes to share, but it is not required. If you are able to, please send the recipe(s) you plan to share to erin@bethpl.org before the day of the program. That way,

copies for sharing can be printed out before the program begins.

Luna love

In "Look to the Skies: Introduction to the Moon," the fourth entry of our astronomy series, Dr. Mindy Townsend helps us examine our moon. It has inspired generations of would-be astronauts and is an essential part of our own little corner of the cosmos. What secrets does it hold? This program takes place Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. Registration is required. Visit bethlehem.librarycalendar.com to sign up.

Weather delays and closings

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

Connect through Play

The Colonie Library is partnering with "Inclusible" (Inclusible means suitable for inclusion) to host a series of game events for adults of all ages and abilities. Diane Guendel, founder and CEO of Inclusible, LLC, wants to build community through play and games. She believes when we provide spaces, activities and supports, all community members can be included to the benefit of the entire, diverse community.

On Thursday, December 7 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM, you are invited to come play with friends (new and old) or be a partner to someone who needs support. Card games, board games, puzzles and more will be provided. Beginners welcome. This is a disability/neuro-diverse friendly event.

Stay and Stitch

On Sunday, December 10 from 1:00-2:30, stay, stitch and socialize with fellow fiber art lovers. Bring your own project to work on while you relax and chat.

Library notes



William K. Sanford Town Library

Be Prepared

Lydia Gerardi, a member of the Air National Guard and presenter of Emergency Preparedness, will show you how to best prepare, respond, and recover from a natural or man-made disaster. Join her at the library on Tuesday, December 12 from 1:00-2:00 PM for this very important topic.

Life Saving Skills for Everyone

Learn how to save lives from a Colonie EMT-Paramedic on Thursday, December 14 from 6:30-7:30 PM. This informational course will cover Hands Only CPR, the use of an Automated External Defibrillator, and the use of Narcan, which is used in the reversal of opioid overdoses. Narcan kits and testing strips are available for anyone, at no cost, at the library.

Registration for all events can be done at colonielibrary.libcal.com/ or by calling 518-458-9274.

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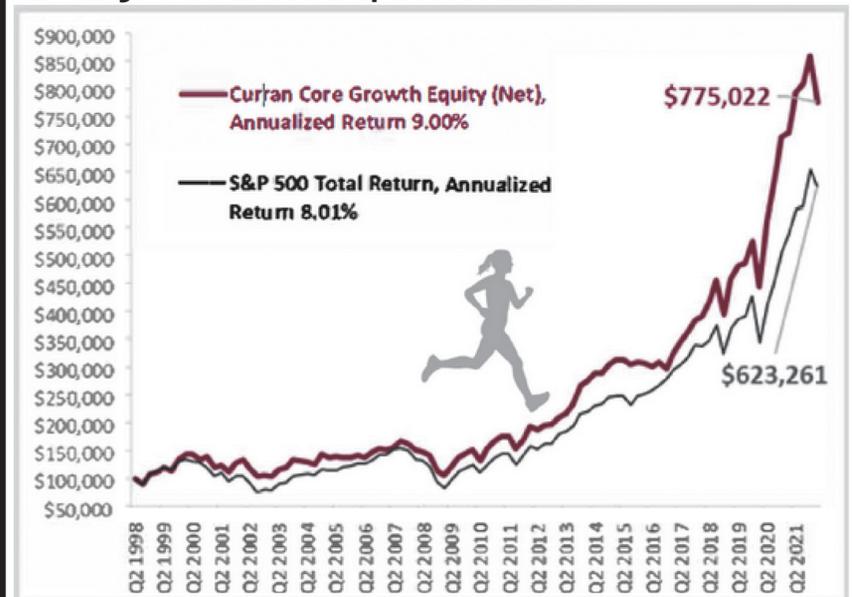
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COMMUNITY

Town awarded \$195,000 for forest protection

DEC conservation grant buys 68 acres in Selkirk

By MEREDITH SAVITT
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DELMAR –The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation awarded \$195,000 to the Town of Bethlehem to go toward creating a 68-acre conservation area in Selkirk. The town was just one of four towns in eastern New York to receive the grant.

The town announced the award last week, telling the community that the grant will be used to purchase the property of Betty Nolan and Marilyn Stangle. Upon transfer to the town, the land's fields and woodlands will remain undeveloped in perpetuity and will be used for passive recreation.

The funds were made available through the environmental conservation department's Community Forest Conservation Grant program. According to a statement released by the Town, the DEC grant will cover 80% of the project's anticipated \$247,000 cost. Bethlehem will pay for the remaining 20% (\$52,000), drawn from the Farms & Forests Fund, subject to Town Board approval. Project costs include the land's purchase price of approximately \$190,000, closing costs and hiring a certified arborist to create a land management plan. According to the Town's Open Space Coordinator Lauren Axford, based on an initial assessment, the 68-acre tract's fair market value is \$190,000.

The parcel, located in Selkirk adjacent to Route 396 and between Route 9W and the New York State thruway is currently 80% forested.

Axford said the opportunity to buy the land was serendipitous. Nolan called her a couple of weeks before the state announced the grant. She told Axford that her family wanted to sell the land but they did not want to sell it to become a solar development."

"I told her about the grant opportunity and our vision for long term public access, and they thought the idea was wonderful," Axford said. The Nolan family will retain a portion of the property where their house is located.

According to Axford, the land's

location was also fortuitous because of its proximity to other preserves and conserved lands, including the Heath Farm properties that the town bought last year as part of its

conservation program.

"Habitat fragmentation is an issue," said Axford. "We have been exploring opportunities as they come up and when we put all the areas on a map, a distinct corridor is taking shape."

The town is working with the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, a local not for profit land trust, to develop "an informal recreation plan, including public access points, a trail loop and possible access for students from nearby A.W. Becker Elementary School for educational purposes.

In a release, the town reported that it has already protected 559 acres of open

"If the property was developed, the cost to the town to provide services exceeds any tax revenue lost. If it remains undeveloped, we are holding costs down."

— Town Supervisor David VanLuven



Local students win with recycling art

Congrats to Bethlehem's Student Recycling Artists. Glenmont Elementary students Dylan Delia and Emily Rosenblat, were among the winners of the 2024 New York Recycles Calendar contest held by the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling at the NYSAR3 Conference Awards Luncheon in Cooperstown on November 16 along with Town of Bethlehem Recycling & Composting Department Head, Dan Lilkas-Rain. Emily's art won second place in the K-3 category, and is featured in the printed calendar for December 2024. Dylan's art was among the four honorable mentions chosen, and is featured mid-way through the printed calendar. The students both feel strongly about helping prevent plastic waste and pollution through reduction, reuse, and recycling.

Photo credit MeiLin K. Luzadis

spaces and farmlands over the last six years. With this latest acquisition, that number will be boosted to 627 acres. While Axford acknowledged that removing property from the town's tax rolls for conservation purposes may be a "concern" for some people, she said the Town Comptroller would determine where the tipping point is.

Axford said, "I would argue for the services to the community that come out of such a community oriented project. ... If we try to evaluate that in perpetuity, it's priceless."

Town Supervisor David VanLuven said that the amount of property involved here is "a drop in the town of 52 square miles", adding that "the argument that we are killing the tax base is preposterous"

and a "specious argument." In this case the family will retain that portion of the property upon which the house is situated, so the tax impact is even less significant.

"If the property was developed, the cost to the town to provide services exceeds any tax revenue lost," VanLuven said. "If it remains undeveloped, we are holding costs down."

"If we want green spaces in town, we have to work with interested landowners to have them keep it that way," VanLuven said. "We can't just become heartbroken when we see land fill up with houses and other buildings."

We are at a critical juncture," Axford said. "Once the land is gone, it's gone forever."

Heath Barn advisory group meets for first time

Committee will recommend vision for town to consider

By MEREDITH SAVITT
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DELMAR – On Nov. 29, the Town of Bethlehem kicked off its first meeting of the Historic Heath Farm Advisory Committee. Town Supervisor David VanLuven opened the meeting by advising the committee on its goal for the 30-acre Heath Farm property purchased by the town last year.

"You will help develop a vision and a strategy for the property and a path for how to achieve it," he said before directing committee members to "focus on how the land can continue to grow food and not

apartments and warehouses."

The town board appointed the nine committee members this fall after conducting candidate interviews over the summer.

The meeting, led by Town Open Space Coordinator Lauren Axford, was attended by committee members Roberta "Bobbie" Lukasiewicz, Stuart Lyman, Zan McKenna, Dale Richter, Gabby Sant'Angelo, Tom Seymour, David Vigoda and Mark Warford. (Kristen Yourno, the ninth committee member, could not attend.)

Bethlehem Director of Planning Rob Leslie reminded the committee that it should "look at what we are going to do with the whole 300 acres and not just the barn." He said the committee will work

"to develop individual goals and objectives for each parcel area."

Axford then explained that the committee process would involve three phases. Phase 1 is for information gathering. During Phase 2, the committee will identify needs and opportunities, including funding, partnerships and "the ways we can have the most impact," said Axford. Phase 3 will involve "creating an overall mission" for the property and "recommending a vision for each focus area" as a guide to the board.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to reviewing the report summarizing the comments received by the town through its interactive "story map" feedback survey that was posted online.

Axford said several themes – environment, agriculture and community development – were evident from the feedback. VanLuven described the story map feedback as "insight into what the community members are thinking" but the "committee is not bound by it."

Axford noted the community interest in maintaining much of the land with agricultural easements so it is not developed and can be available for farming.

"We need folks in town to support farms, and we need to make that connection," said Axford. "This project can help that and create educational opportunities."

"To the extent you want the land in the hands of farmers, that's easier said than

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Mon. Nov 20	@ Watervliet	4 p.m.
Mon. Nov 27	Schalmont	5:15 p.m.
Tue. Nov 28	Voorheesville	5:15 p.m.
Sat. Dec 2	New Hartford	12:30 p.m.
Tue. Dec 5	Columbia	7 p.m.
Fri. Dec 8	Albany	7 p.m.
Sun. Dec 10	Tamarac	4:30 p.m.
Tue. Dec 12	@ Schenectady	6:15 p.m.
Fri. Dec 15	CBA	7 p.m.
Tue. Dec 19	@ Colonie	7 p.m.
Fri. Dec 22	Hoosic Valley	7 p.m.
Wed. Dec 27	LaSalle Institute	5:30 p.m.
Fri. Jan 5	@ Ballston Spa	7 p.m.
Tue. Jan 9	@ Shaker	7 p.m.
Fri. Jan 12	BH-BL	7 p.m.
Sun. Jan 14	Shaker	12 p.m.
Tue. Jan 16	@ Averill Park	6 p.m.
Fri. Jan 19	Niskayuna	7 p.m.
Fri. Jan 26	@ Troy	7 p.m.
Fri. Feb 2	@ Shenendehowa	7 p.m.
Tue. Feb 6	Saratoga Springs	7 p.m.
Fri. Feb 9	Guilderland	7 p.m.

Boys Bowling

Tue. Dec 5	Columbia	4:30 p.m.
Tue. Dec 12	Albany	4:30 p.m.
Thu. Dec 14	@ Schenectady	4:30 p.m.
Tue. Dec 19	CBA	4:30 p.m.
Thu. Dec 21	@ Colonie	4:30 p.m.
Fri. Jan 5	@ Ballston Spa	4:30 p.m.
Tue. Jan 9	@ Shaker	4:30 p.m.
Thu. Jan 11	BH-BL	4:30 p.m.
Tue. Jan 16	@ Averill Park	4:15 p.m.
Thu. Jan 18	Niskayuna	4:30 p.m.
Tue. Jan 30	@ Troy	TBD
Tue. Feb 6	@ Shenendehowa	4:30 p.m.
Thu. Feb 8	Saratoga Springs	4:30 p.m.
Tue. Feb 13	Guilderland	4:30 p.m.
Wed. Feb 14	Albany, Averill Park, Ballston Spa, CBA, Colonie, Columbia, Niskayuna, Guilderland, Shenendehowa, Shaker, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, Troy @ BH-BL	3 p.m.

Boys Ice Hockey

Fri. Dec 1	@ Fayetteville-Manlius	8 p.m.
Sat. Dec 16	@ CBA	TBD
Fri. Jan 5	@ Shenendehowa	8:15 p.m.
Fri. Jan 26	@ Queensbury (QBY/LG)	7:40 p.m.
Fri. Feb 2	Glens Falls (Rivermen)	7 p.m.

Boys Swimming

Tue. Nov 28	@ Shenendehowa	4:30 p.m.
Tue. Dec 5	Troy (Troy/CBA)	4:30 p.m.
Tue. Dec 12	@ Niskayuna	4:30 p.m.
Tue. Dec 19	Albany	4:30 p.m.
Thu. Jan 4	Shaker	4:30 p.m.
Tue. Jan 9	@ Schenectady	4:30 p.m.
Tue. Jan 9	@ Colonie	4:30 p.m.
Tue. Jan 16	@ Saratoga Springs	4:30 p.m.
Tue. Jan 30	Guilderland (Guilderville)	4:30 p.m.

Boys Winter Track

Sat., Dec. 9	League Meet #1	8 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 16	League Meet #2	3 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 23	League Meet #3	8 a.m.
Thu., Dec. 28	League Meet #4	3 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 14	League Meet #5	8 a.m.
Sat., Jan. 27	Freshman Championships	8 a.m.
Sun., Feb. 4	Post-Season (Suburban Council Championships)	TBD
Fri., Mar. 1	Post-Season (State Championships)	TBD

Boys Wrestling

Wed. Nov 29	Schenectady	6 p.m.
Sat. Dec 2	Vs. Multiple	8 a.m.
Sun. Dec 3	Vs. Multiple	8 a.m.
Wed. Dec 6	BH-BL	6 p.m.
Wed. Dec 13	@ Averill Park	6 p.m.
Wed. Dec 20	Columbia	6 p.m.
Wed. Jan 3	@ Colonie	6 p.m.
Wed. Jan 10	@ Ballston Spa	6 p.m.
Wed. Jan 17	Shaker	6 p.m.
Tue. Jan 23	@ Guilderland	5:30 p.m.

Girls Basket Ball

Tue. Nov 21	Albany Academies	5:15 p.m.
Mon. Nov 27	@ Shaker	4 p.m.
Fri. Dec 1	@ Columbia	7 p.m.
Tue. Dec 5	@ Columbia	7 p.m.
Fri. Dec 8	@ Albany	7 p.m.
Tue. Dec 12	Schenectady	7 p.m.
Tue. Dec 19	Colonie	7 p.m.
Wed. Dec 27	TBD	6:30 p.m.
Fri. Dec 29	Webster Schroeder	3:30 p.m.
Fri. Jan 5	Ballston Spa	7 p.m.
Tue. Jan 9	Shaker	7 p.m.
Sat. Jan 13	Bishop Kearney	2 p.m.
Sun. Jan 14	@ Cicero-North Syracuse	12:45 p.m.
Tue. Jan 16	Averill Park	7 p.m.
Fri. Jan 19	@ Niskayuna	7 p.m.
Tue. Jan 23	@ BH-BL	6 p.m.
Fri. Jan 26	Troy	7 p.m.
Fri. Feb 2	Shenendehowa	7 p.m.
Tue. Feb 6	@ Saratoga Springs	7 p.m.
Thu. Feb 8	@ Queensbury	7 p.m.
Fri. Feb 9	@ Guilderland	7 p.m.

Girls Bowling

Mon. Dec 4	@ Niskayuna	4:15 p.m.
Wed. Dec 6	@ Schenectady	4:15 p.m.
Mon. Dec 11	Shaker	4:15 p.m.
Wed. Dec 13	@ Saratoga Springs	4:15 p.m.
Mon. Dec 18	Colonie	4:15 p.m.
Wed. Dec 20	@ Ballston Spa	4:15 p.m.
Mon. Jan 8	Columbia	TBD
Wed. Jan 10	Averill Park	4:15 p.m.
Tue. Jan 16	@ Averill Park	4:15 p.m.
Wed. Jan 17	Niskayuna	4:15 p.m.
Mon. Jan 22	Schenectady	4:15 p.m.
Wed. Jan 24	@ Shaker	4:15 p.m.
Thu. Jan 25	@ Columbia	4:15 p.m.
Mon. Jan 29	Saratoga Springs	4:15 p.m.
Wed. Jan 31	@ Colonie	4:15 p.m.
Mon. Feb 5	Ballston Spa	4:15 p.m.
Tue. Feb 6	Ballston Spa, Averill Park, Schenectady, Colonie, Columbia, Saratoga Springs @ Niskayuna	3 p.m.

Girls Gymnastics

Wed. Dec 13	@ Shaker	6 p.m.
Thu. Dec 21	Guilderland	6 p.m.
Thu. Jan 4	Saratoga Springs	6 p.m.
Fri. Jan 19	@ Guilderland	6 p.m.
Tue. Jan 23	@ Saratoga Springs	6 p.m.
Wed. Jan 31	Shaker	6 p.m.
Fri. Feb 2	Vs. Multiple	4:30 p.m.
Thu. Feb 8	Guilderland, Shaker @ Saratoga Springs	4:30 p.m.

Girls Winter Track

Sat., Dec. 9	League Meet #1	8 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 16	League Meet #2	3 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 23	League Meet #3	8 a.m.
Thu., Dec. 28	League Meet #4	3 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 14	League Meet #5	8 a.m.
Sat., Jan. 27	Freshman Championships	8 a.m.
Sun., Feb. 4	Post-Season (Suburban Council Championships)	TBD
Fri., Mar. 1	Post-Season (State Championships)	TBD

Girls Wrestling

Wed. Dec 6	BH-BL	5 p.m.
Wed. Dec 20	Columbia	5 p.m.
Wed. Jan 3	Colonie @ Shenendehowa	5 p.m.
Wed. Jan 17	Shaker	5 p.m.
Tue. Jan 23	@ Guilderland	5 p.m.
Thu. Jan 25	@ Niskayuna (Niskayuna/Schenectady)	4 p.m.
Thu. Jan 25	@ Schenectady (Niskayuna/Schenectady)	5 p.m.



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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

1339 BROOKLYN AVENUE REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/12/22. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2052. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Virginia Cook, 159-23 81st Street, Howard Beach, NY 11414. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321391

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

1636 HYLAN BLVD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/16/23. 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, 65 Purdy Place, Staten Island, NY 10309. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321488

1637 HANCOCK LLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/24/23. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 59 Maryland Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal Business loc: 1637 Hancock St., Ridgewood, NY 11385. D-321865

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

1775 EAST REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Alma Realty, 31-10 37th Avenue, Suite 500, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321102

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

18 BRIGHTON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/17/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 18 Brighton 8th Place, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-322155

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

20 HANCOCK STREET HEIRLOOM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/15/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY des-

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ignated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 115-38 204th Street, St. Albans, NY 11412. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321451

Notice of Formation

of 3 Foodies and Deb, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 21, 2023. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 350 Consaul Road, Schenectady, NY 12304. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-321044

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

3061 BUTLER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Donna L. Simendinger P.C., 172 Matthews Road, Oakdale, NY 11769. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321107

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

The name of the LLC is 324 STATE STREET MM, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 11, 2023. 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 363 Ontario Street, Ste. 2, Albany, New York 12208. D-319858

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

3311 AVENUE N LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/14/23. 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, 2772 Rosebud Avenue, Merrick, NY 11566. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321392

Notice of formation

of 401 CoWorks, LLC, a domestic limited liability company, the purpose of which is to engage in any lawful activity. Articles of Org. were filed with NY Secretary of State ("NYSS") on October 23, 2023. Offices are located in Albany County. NYSS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS shall mail service of process to 401 CoWorks, LLC, c/o Morgan S. Ruthman, Esq., 1

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Juniper Drive, Delmar, NY 12054. The LLC shall exist in perpetuity unless dissolved by its member (s). D-320004

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

438-440 WEST 45TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/05/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 400 East 148th Street, 3rd Floor, Bronx, NY 10455. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-319996

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

4634 CARPENTER AVE. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/23/23. 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, 4634 Carpenter Avenue, Bronx, NY 10470. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320070

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

49 EAST 21 STREET 4A LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/31/23. 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, 49 East 21st Street, Unit 4A, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320512

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

54 JAMES STREET REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/08/23. 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, 857 First Street, Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321068

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

559 FLUSHING 2L, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Leah Wasilski, 185 Clymer Street, #317, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321103

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

563 Broadway LLC
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 25, 2023. Office location: County of Albany, State of New York. 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, 19

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British American Blvd, Latham, New York 12110. For any lawful purpose. D-320151

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

59 Parkwood Drive Property LLC
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 27, 2023. Office location: County of Albany, State of New York. 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, 14 Corporate Woods Blvd Albany NY 12211. For any lawful purpose. D-320730

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

6 TERRY COURT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/01/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Laurie Luizzi, 12 Kenjack Terrace, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320592

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

611W56TH STREET 24A LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/19/23. 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, 303 Perimeter Center North, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30346. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-319847

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

656 UNDERHILL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/31/23. 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, 1876 Seward Avenue, Suite #1, Bronx, NY 10473. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320513

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

68 Central LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/20/23. Off. Loc.: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC 68 Central Ave, Albany NY 12206. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act. D-321742

Notice of formation of 71 Sand Creek Road, LLC.

Art. Of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/02/23. Office in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 71 Sand

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Creek Road, LLC, P.O. Box 11250, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321363

80 B LLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/24/23. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 59 Maryland Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 80 Broad St., Staten Island, NY 10304. D-321864

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

88 CEDAR LANE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/27/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Diane Ruth Katzin, 110 Riverside Drive, Apartment 16F, New York, NY 10024. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-322025

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Formation of A.A.R.E. LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/2023. Office loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to c/o David Muenzer, 6231 PGA Blvd., Ste. 104-395, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418. Purpose: Any lawful activity. D-321549

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

AGATKINS HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/10/23. 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, 114-69 197th Street, St. Albans, NY 11412. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320885

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Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Name: AHA South End I LP, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York ("SSNY") on September 21, 2023. N.Y. office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to AHA South End I LP, LLC, 200 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12202. Purpose/character of LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. D-320737

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

AKIMORI BROADWAY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1315 Avenue J, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321309

ARUN DELIVERY SERVICE LLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/15/23. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 304 W Old Country Rd., Hicksville, NY 11801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321449

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BEACH STREET HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/01/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Van Leer & Greenberg, 11 Broadway, Suite 1051, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321193

BEDARDWINS136 LLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/24/23. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 35 Eastern Ave., Watervliet, NY 12189, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320068

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BEDFORD AVE LAUNDRY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/04/23. 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, 116 W. 118th Street, New York, NY 10026. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321893

Notice of Formation

of Blackstone Health, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/12/22. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State St Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-320295

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BMRV LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/23. 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, 270 Madison Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321097

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Notice of Formation of BON NYC LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/11/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State St Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-320294

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BUD HAVEN NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/23. Latest date to dissolve: 10/01/2099. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Van Leer & Greenberg, 11 Broadway, Suite 1051, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320845

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CAFE LOLAS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/23/23. 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, 861 55th Street, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320395

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CHANGE & FLOW LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/23. 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, 393 Stanhope Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320860

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CITARELLA PURVEYING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2135 Broadway, New York NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321026

Notice of Formation

of Cloud Gazers Studio LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/22/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State St Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-319979

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

The name of the LLC is CREBLE FARM LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 22, 2023. 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 117 Gullane Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. D-322010

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DEBT AWAY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/22/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Elliot Elo, Esq., 42 West 48th Street, Second Floor, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-322000

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DESIGN TEC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/23. 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, 231 20th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320657

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DMKM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/11/23. 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, 1486 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321444

Notice of formation of DRN Consulting Services, LLC.

Articles of Organization filed with New York State Dept. of State on 11/16/2023. The County within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is located in is Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is to the limited liability company at 24 Heather Lane, Delmar, NY 12054. Company is organized for any lawful purpose. D-321469

Notice of Formation

of DRY ICE BLASTING SERVICES, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/10/2023. Office loca-

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tion: County of ALBANY. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 270 COUNTY ROUTE 409, GREENVILLE NY 12083. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-321154

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DS FAMILY MANAGEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/28/23. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2122. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 250 East 40th Street, Apartment 48A, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320522

ECHO RACING, LLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/17/23. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 13 Green Mountain Dr., Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320317

Notice of Formation of Elm Ridge Timber Harvesting LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/19/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-322030

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ERIGO BUILDING TEK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/16/23. 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, 1 Rockefeller Plaza, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10020. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321485

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ETM CONSTRUCTION LLC FILED W/ SSNY 07/14/2023. OFF. IN ALBANY CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGT. OF LLC WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED AND SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO 16 RIDGE TERRACE, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12205. ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. D-320485

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FA PROPERTIES OF ALBANY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/19/23. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2123. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-

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cess to the LLC, 524 Sir Charles Way, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320100

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FAMPROP BK ONE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/10/23. 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, 114-69 197th Street, St. Albans, NY 11412. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320886

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FIFTH AND BROADWAY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/20/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Eisenberg Margolis & Maldonado, PLLC, 1 Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 4S01, Melville, NY 11747. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-322168

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FIFTH AVENUE COACHING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/26/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 13 Vestry Street, #3, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320318

Notice of Formation of Fluid Core Ventures LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/31/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State St Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-320470

Notice of Formation of Frankie & Gio's LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/06/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-319977

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FREEDOM VOLKSWAGEN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/27/23. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2122. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 5226

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Kings Highway, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320831

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FT LITE ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/03/23. 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, 40 Wall Street, 49th Floor, New York, NY 10005. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320913

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GLIN398 RE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/02/23. 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, 575 Grand Street, Apartment E1205, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320063

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GREENPARK VILLA PROPERTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/12/23. 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, 216 Davenport Drive, Stamford, CT 06902. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-319991

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

The name of the LLC is GROWIN LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 22, 2023. 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 117 Gullane Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. D-322013

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Formation of H.R.E. LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/2023. Office loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to c/o David Muenzer, 6231 PGA Blvd., Ste. 104-395, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418. Purpose: Any lawful activity. D-321548

Notice of Formation of Hair by Ellie Garcia LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/01/23. Office location: County of

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Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State St Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-320537

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HAMLET CUSTOMS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/23. 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, 230 East 44th Street, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321117

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company.

Name: Haven at Latham, LLC ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York ("SSNY") on October 31, 2023. NY office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose/character of LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. D-320605

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company.

Name: HL Managing Member, LLC ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York ("SSNY") on October 31, 2023. NY office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose/character of LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. D-320606

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HOWLING ADVISORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/23. 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, Attention: John Breen, 14 Meadowbrook Road, Syosset, NY 11791. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321929

Notice of Formation of In Natura Hospitality LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/24/20. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-

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cess to: REGISTERED AGENTS INC. 418 BROADWAY, STE R, ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-321740

Notice of Formation

of J & EASLEY DONE LOGISTICS LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/27/2023. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: UnitedStates Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228 USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-321403

J. P. LAURENZO & CO. LLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/13/23. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 4 Executive Park Dr., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321373

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JAY SCHNEIDER COMPANY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/28/23. 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, 16 West 75th Street, #4A, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-322041

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JIM ROI CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/09/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Law Offices of Thomas C. York, P.C., 85 Broad Street, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321384

Notice of Formation

of JumpStart Now LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/17/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-319851

Notice of Formation of Karson Housing II LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/13/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is design-

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ated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Ivan Diaz 445 East Tremont Avenue, The Bronx, NY 10457. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-321395

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KLK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/23. 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, 5 Carmen Court, Huntington Station, NY 11746. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321027

Notice of formation of KRC Consultation LLC.

Art. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/12/23. Office in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Kane Conery, 15 Wetherby Court, Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320064

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KREM REALTY LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 10/26/23 under the fictitious name KREM REALTY III LLC. Originally filed with the Secretary of State of New Mexico on 11/28/2022. 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, 60 East 42nd Street, 46th Floor, New York, NY 10165. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320847

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KVANT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/27/23. 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, P.O. Box 50, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-322009

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LAKSHMI DONUT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/18/23. 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, 35-30 36th Street, Long Island City, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-319850

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

LONG ISLAND SMILE DENTISTRY, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/10/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-

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cess to the PLLC, 120 Glen Cove Road, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry. D-320118

Notice of Formation

of M313WISHES LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/15/2023. Office location: County of ALBANY. SSNY is designated as an agent of LLC upon whom the process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: 911 CENTRAL AVE, STE 24, ALBANY NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-319613

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Malta Route 67 Apts LLC,

Art. of Org filed with Secy of State (SSNY) on 11/10/2023. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 560 Madison Ave, Apt 3PH, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful act/activity. D-321108

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MASS HYSTERIA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/03/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 99 Tulip Avenue, Suite 308, Floral Park, NY 11001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320738

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MATTHEW BROWN LOS ANGELES LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 11/06/23. Originally filed with the Secretary of State of California on 10/25/2018. 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, 390 Broadway, Ground Floor, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320784

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MAX HOFFMANN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/23. 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, 12 E 22nd Street, Apartment 8G New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320727

Notice of Formation

of Mia Albany LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/05/2018. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY

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shall mail copy of process to: Mohammad I. Memon, 11 Limerich Ct., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-321001

Notice of Formation

of MK Copywriting LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/26/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State St Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-320658

Notice of Formation

of ModelStochastic Lab LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/31/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State St Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320469

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

MOLLY LIEBERZ LCSW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/19/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 1 Fox Hollow Court, Dix Hills, NY 11746. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Licensed Clinical Social Work. D-319932

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MONVISO NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/17/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Marc Paley, Esq., 801 Second Avenue, Suite 2100, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320891

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SCORPION ELITE CONSTRUCTION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/14/23. 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, 154-15 Roosevelt Avenue, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321383

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ONE DAG GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/01/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it

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may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 E 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320589

PARAGON PROCESSING GROUP, LLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/27/23. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 457 Oyster Bay Rd., Mill Neck, NY 11765, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320385

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

PARK SLOPE DENTAL NORTH, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/21/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 506 Third Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry. D-321993

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PE 61 MAIN ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/24/23. 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, 35 Pinelawn Road, Suite 214E, Melville, NY 11747. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320149

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PECONIC HOSPITALITY OF NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/17/23. 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, 35 Pinelawn Road, Suite 214E, Melville, NY 11747. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321955

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

POTENTIALSCAPE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/26/23. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2123. 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, 129 Prospect Place, #1, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321151

Notice of Formation of Premier pmc llc, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/13/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness

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Inc. 41 State St Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-321230

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PSC 191 E 7 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/01/23. 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, 41 Madison Avenue, 31st Floor, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320123

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PSC OE7 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/01/23. 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, 41 Madison Avenue, 31st Floor, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320120

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PSCM OE7 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/01/23. 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, 41 Madison Avenue, 31st Floor, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320125

Notice of Formation of purppupmarket LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/27/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State St Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-320321

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

R FUCHSIA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Law Office of Ruth L. Yang, 488 Madison Avenue, Suite 1120, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321118

Notice of formation of Redefine Style Edit LLC.

Art. Of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/06/23. Office in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Redefine

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Style Edit LLC, 1 Turner Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321352

Notice of Formation of Remba LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/14/2023. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Republic Registered Agent Services INC., 54 STATE STREET, STE 804, ALBANY, NY 12207 USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-320396

NOTICE TO BIDDERS TOWN OF COLONIE OFFICE OF PURCHASING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

TAKE NOTICE that sealed bids shall be received at the Office of Purchasing, Memorial Town Hall, 534 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110 no later than 12/19/2023 11:00 AM local time at which time they shall be opened and read aloud for RFB ReChassis TSU-2 EMS Utility Vehicle 2024. Specifications and General Information will be available at the Office of Purchasing after the date of this notice. Complete Bid documents may be available for download from the Empire State Purchasing Group Internet web site at <http://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york>. William Jenkins Purchasing and General Services Director DATED: 12/6/2023 D-321741

RM SOLANO LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/17/23. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1107 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321490

NOTICE TO BIDDERS TOWN OF COLONIE OFFICE OF PURCHASING PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that sealed bids shall be received at the Office of Purchasing, Memorial Town Hall, 534 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110 no later than 12/20/2023 11:00 AM local time at which time they shall be opened and read aloud for RFB Turf Products 2024. Specifications and General Information will be available at the Office of Purchasing after the date of this notice. Complete Bid documents may be available for download from the Empire State Purchasing Group Internet web site at <http://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york>. William Jenkins Purchasing and General Services Director DATED: 12/6/2023 D-322113

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SAI DONUT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/30/23. 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, 35-30 36th Street, Long Island City, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320461

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION SAINT LOUIS RESTAURANT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/19/23. 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,

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than 12/20/2023 2:00 PM local time at which time they shall be opened and read aloud for RFB Vibration Analysis, Predictive Maintenance, and Balancing 2024. Specifications and General Information will be available at the Office of Purchasing after the date of this notice. Complete Bid documents may be available for download from the Empire State Purchasing Group Internet web site at <http://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york>. William Jenkins Purchasing and General Services Director DATED: 12/6/2023 D-321969

Notice of Formation of RHK YY LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/20/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-321741

RM SOLANO LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/17/23. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1107 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321490

Notice of Formation of Rockstar Shipping LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/30/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State St Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-320255

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SAI DONUT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/30/23. 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, 35-30 36th Street, Long Island City, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320461

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SUNSET HERO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/01/23. 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, 235 E.

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1990 Lexington Avenue, Unit 19C, New York, NY 10035. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-319848

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SD FAMILY MANAGEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/28/23. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2122. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 250 East 40th Street, Apartment 48A, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320523

TOWN OF BERNE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following town roads have been designated as seasonal limited use highways and the Town of Berne will temporarily discontinue snow and ice removal and maintenance thereof from December 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024. Duck Hill Rd. from 300' east of Gulf Hill to Town of New Scotland line. Gulf Hill Rd. from one-quarter mile south of NYS Route 443 (Helderberg Trail) and NYS Route 85 (Delaware Turnpike) to one-half mile north of Duck Hill Rd.

West Woodstock Rd. from County Route 2 (Cole Hill Rd.) to one-half mile north of Switzkill Rd. Beaver Rd. from one-quarter mile north of Bradt Hollow Rd. to County Route 13 (Sickle Hill Rd.) Shultes Rd. from Cook Hill Rd. to one-half mile north of Peasley Rd. Partridge Run Rd. from one quarter mile west of County Route 1 Switzkill Rd.) to County Route 6 (Ravine Rd.) Smokey Hollow Rd. from one-quarter mile west of NYS Route 85 (Delaware Turnpike) to one-half mile east of Joslyn School Road. Wood Rd. from intersection of Peasley Rd. to the Town of Rensselaerville line. Dyer Rd. Cook Hill Rd. from two miles west of Bradt Hollow Rd. to 500' east of County Route 10 (Huntersland Rd.) Stage Rd. from 182 Stage Rd. west to the intersection of 1490 Helderberg Trail. DATED: November 28, 2023 Kristin De Oliveira Town Clerk D-321987

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
SUDS N SPARKLE LAUNDRY LAUNDROMAT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/27/23. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2122. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Louie Gerosavas, 144 Erika Loop, Staten Island, NY 10312. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320832

Notice of Formation of SunFlare L.L.C., a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/28/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-320729

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SIMON SAYS CHICKEN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/23. 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, 270 Madison Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. CR-321098

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SPICY AFTER FIFTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/23. 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, 3843 Oceanic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11224. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-322183

Notice of Formation of Starlight Trimmings LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/25/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Beidi Wang 36-04 28th Avenue 5R Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-319978

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

STECKIEWICZ HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/11/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Andrzej and Jolanta Steckiewicz, 19-30 Bleecker Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Registered agent address c/o Jolanta Steckiewicz, 19-30 Bleecker Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321028

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

THAT BEAUTY GUY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/27/23. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 911 Central Ave., Ste. 24 #252, Albany, NY 12206, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320381

Notice of Formation of The Generations Gazette LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/28/23. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZenBusiness Inc. 41 State St Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-320729

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

THREADS 4 LIFE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/10/23. 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, 235 E.

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shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 78-03 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320591

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SUNSHINE 13 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/28/23. 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, 40-16 Morgan Street, Little Neck, NY 11363. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-322048

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SVA VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/27/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 25 Lafayette Drive, Woodmere, New York 11598. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-322018

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TAG APPAREL PRINTING AND EMBROIDERY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/13/23. 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, 49 Griffin Drive, Mount Sinai, NY 11766. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320062

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

UWS CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/27/23. 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, 111 West 67th Street, 22L, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-322028

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

VAN LEEUWEN HUDSON YARDS LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 11/06/23. Originally filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware on 11/02/23. 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, 119 North 11th Street, Suite 1A, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320862

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

VINELAND NJ HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/08/23. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 Daniel Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321152

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22nd Street, Unit # 1N, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-321163

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TRINITY HERON GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/22/18. 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, 545 Midland Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320150

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

UTSUWA BOTANICAL DESIGN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/24/23. 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, 80 West 86th Street, New York, NY 10024. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-320144

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

UWS CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/27/23. 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, 111 West 67th Street, 22L, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-322028

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Catholic school enrollment growing

For years, Catholic schools locally and across the country faced declining enrollment. Bishop Maginn High School in Albany closed its doors in 2022. LaSalle Institute in Troy, an all-boys school for 170 years, began admitting girls in 2021 ostensibly to boost enrollment. In the Capital Region, Catholic Central High School, once located in Troy, opened its doors in 1923 with a class of 525 students. Today, 315 students attend the school. Joseph Catalano, a St. Thomas the Apostle school graduate, current teacher and board member, remembered when he attended St. Thomas in Delmar in the 1960s, there were 50 students in a class. Now each grade level ranges from 11-20 students.

But since its nadir in 2021, local Catholic School enrollment is on the rise. In the midst of COVID, in 2021 the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany saw about a 4% increase in enrollment across the diocese.

The most significant expansion occurred through the 2022 merger of 100-year-old Catholic Central High School of Troy and St. Ambrose Elementary School to form a regional educational center in Latham. The merger produced a one-stop Catholic education from pre-K to high school graduation on St. Ambrose's 19-acre campus. Last summer, the newly formed Catholic Central completed a \$2 million renovation to the St. Ambrose campus to prepare it for the influx of middle and high school students.

Catholic Central also just announced a two-year capital campaign with a

\$15 million goal to add new classrooms to grow its high school.

Lily Spera, Catholic Central School co-principal, said student population growth is already being felt at the elementary level. She said the second-grade class stands at 17 students, the highest number since 2014.

"We would love to hit capacity and growing to a place where we are adding wait lists," said Spera. "That's in our future – eventually."

Until then, Spera said that growth is also measured by the retention rate, which is increasing.

"This was the first year of almost 100% retention rate in grades 1-6," said Spera, noting that "many fifth-graders stayed and moved to sixth grade here. Retention is growth."

Two other local diocesan schools – St. Thomas and St. Pius X School in Loudonville – have also seen growth. At St. Thomas, Principal Adam Biggs reported that its K-8 school currently has 189 students enrolled, with a capacity for 250. But, some classes – fifth and eighth grade and pre-K and kindergarten are full. Biggs, who expects to have 200 students by June, explained that growth at St. Thomas is also happening through retention numbers it sees at transition phases of education.

"Our retention at the pre-K level is as high as 50-60%," said Biggs, calling that "a great retention level."

Biggs noted that St. Thomas faces the challenge of its location in the Bethlehem Central School District, which he called "a very good school district." Only 20% of St.

Thomas students come from Bethlehem, and the remainder arrive from Albany, Voorheesville, Guilderland, Ravena, Selkirk, Catskill and Greenville.

St. Pius, a pre-K-8 program with students from 30 school districts, has seen growth at all grade levels, also with pre-K leading the way. Its enrollment increased this year to 520 from 500 and it has seen steady growth for three years.

Christian Brothers Academy, a private boys' Catholic junior and senior high school located in Colonie, has also seen steady growth, having increased its annual enrollment over the past 10 years from 350 students to 570 currently.

Similarly, Academy of the Holy Names, a private girls' Catholic grades 6-12 school in Albany saw a 10% increase in enrollment this school year and a 37% increase in its Fall 2023 Open House attendance.

All of the Catholic school representatives viewed academic achievement as just the baseline for attracting students to Catholic schools. They attribute the initial enrollment increase to their greater nimbleness during COVID.

"When COVID hit, we never shut down and were fully open, which was very attractive to families," said Biggs.

"During the pandemic, we could report back in person more quickly and stay in person longer," said Spera. "We could personalize instruction more and be flexible so families experienced what it was like working with a school versus working according to what the school says, and while this is something we have always done, it became more evident to parents."

Principals also say

this bounce back is not just a COVID-related blip. Tuition at these area Catholic schools ranges from \$6,000 to \$19,500, depending on the school and grade level. Catholic Central co-principal Richard Harrigan attributed the increased enrollment, even in face of tuition costs, to families being attracted to "community" and "a safe alternative to public schools."

"We have families who experienced going to Catholic school, and many families are alumni," said Spera. "They believe in the sacrifice in giving the kids an experience they had themselves and as an alternative to public school. We have small class sizes, know what students need and have the freedom to teach, assess and give our students experiences they need and not just driven by a test."

Christian Brothers Academy Director of Admissions Brian O'Connell and St. Pius X School Principal Matt Rucinski both described the tuition as an investment.

"If you want your son to be a great man in the eyes of God, a service leader and get into a good college, the investment you make now, you will get back in the end," said O'Connell.

Rucinski called a Catholic education "the best investment a parent can make."

"It plants that mustard seed at developing a moral foundation, moral compass, that the child will use for the rest of their lives," he added.

All the schools interviewed said that financial aid is available for their qualifying students, but not all students receive aid and the amounts vary. Biggs explained the reasons why parents will pay for a Catholic school education.

"Parents want to be

involved in their kid's education, and that is not always happening in the public sector, and they have a desire to know we are teaching children how to be a good person," said Biggs.

He said St. Thomas achieves this through small class size and having monthly service projects, like food drives, reading to the elderly at nursing homes and other opportunities, to try to invest the students in helping others.

Spera said parents are willing to pay for an education that allows students to "have different conversations and more well-rounded conversations about morality and behavior."

Also underlying families' willingness to pay for a Catholic school education is that "we are going to mass/prayer and giving students an opportunity to explore their faith and engage in conversations that can't happen in the public schools – for good reason – there are laws against it," said Biggs.

Parent issues with public schools also drive enrollment, according to Rucinski. He said St. Pius X receives "a lot of inquiries from public school families because of concern about topics being taught in public schools and questions not being answered. Topics like family life, sexuality and racially related topics."

Biggs concurred.

"Parents look to see what's going on in the public schools, like vaping, and there is an expectation it doesn't happen here," he said. "We have to in a school where a family pays something to come here because all families want to make sure their child is getting the best experience."

And, according to these administrators, it's not just Catholic families who seek out the Catholic school environment. All these

schools reported having students from outside the Catholic faith, such as Protestants, Hindus, Jews and Muslims, as well as non-observant Catholic families.

"There are probably a top five reasons parents pick Catholic schools and Catholic identity is maybe number five on that list," said Rucinski.

Catholic Central at grades 6-12 is only 65% Catholic, and with the exception of four students, the remainder is Christian non-Catholics.

"We are rooted in the Catholic faith, but it's the morality that attracts them," said Harrigan.

"We pride ourselves on being a Catholic school, but other aspects have strengths so we have well rounded programs for our students," said Spera.

"Nobody leaves because we're Catholic. If anything, I believe that helps with our retention," said Biggs.

Is this a permanent trend and will retention rates hold? Spera disputed that the increases seen by Catholic Central is just a COVID bump.

"No, it's a new wave," she said. "If it was just a COVID bump, we wouldn't see this kind of retention – there has been a change in conversation about Catholic school."

Much of the growth at St. Thomas and Catholic Central is at the younger grades, which represent the future of the schools.

"Our pre-school has a waiting list," said Catalano. "We could give over the whole school to the pre-K."

"They come here for the love of the experience and want something more," said Harrigan. "It's why people pay more money to shop at a food co-op versus a chain grocery store."

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Stolen information and credit cards lead to arrests

Three men arrested for crimes in Albany, Bethlehem, Colonie and Guilderland

BY JOHN MCINTYRE
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COLONIE - On November 5, State Police received a complaint from an Albany resident reporting that his information and credit cards had been stolen and used without his permission.

After an investigation, police determined three local men reportedly worked together to steal the victim's credit card, vehicle ownership documents and identifying information.

That information was then used to open multiple credit cards without the victim's permission in September and October.

In addition, the stolen credit was used multiple times without authorization. The total of unauthorized charges resulted in the theft of over \$50,000.00 These crimes occurred in Albany, Bethlehem and Guilderland by Mazene D. Lacy, 43, and Russell A. Yates, 52, both of Albany and Robert E. Campbell, 59 of Latham.

Lacy was located at a car dealership in Colonie on November 14 and taken in custody there.

Lacy was charged with, grand larceny-3(Guilderland), two counts of criminal possession of stolen property -4 (Albany x2), grand larceny-4 (Albany), three counts of Scheme to Defraud- 1 (Guilderland, Albany x2), three counts of conspiracy-5 (Guilderland, Albany x2) and two counts of petit larceny (Albany x2).

He was transported to the Latham barracks for processing where he was issued appearance tickets returnable to the Albany City Court and Guilderland Town Court on a later date.

Yates was located at a hotel in Latham where a

search warrant of the hotel room revealed Yates was in possession of a stolen handgun.

Yates was arrested on November 15 and transported to SP Latham for processing. Yates was charged with two counts of criminal possession of a weapon-2 (Colonie), criminal possession of a weapon-3 (Colonie), two counts of criminal possession of stolen property-4 (Albany & Colonie), two counts of scheme to defraud-1 (Albany), and conspiracy-5 (Albany).

He was arraigned in the Colonie Town Court and sent to the Albany County jail in lieu of \$15,000 cash, \$30,000 bond or a \$45,000 partially secured bond . Yates was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the Albany City Court on a later date.

Campbell was located at his home in Latham on November 24 where he was arrested and transported to SP Latham for processing.

Campbell was charged with grand larceny-3(Guilderland), identity theft-1(Guilderland), identity theft-2(Bethlehem), scheme to defraud-1(Guilderland), criminal possession of stolen property-4 (Bethlehem), two counts of grand larceny-4(Guilderland, Bethlehem) and two counts of conspiracy-5(Guilderland, Bethlehem).

He was issued appearance tickets returnable to the Bethlehem and Guilderland Town courts on a later date.

Warrant for 2022 incident

DELMAR - Albany County Sheriff's Deputies transported Marquis Norwood to Bethlehem police on Tuesday, Nov. 21 for an outstanding warrant.

According to reports, Norwood, 35, and another man allegedly stole alcoholic beverages, an air fryer and tubes of toothpaste from Market 32 in Slingerlands in March 2022. He was released with

an appearance ticket at the time to be transported to the hospital by Bethlehem EMS for dizziness.

The other man had a pipe with a quantity of crack cocaine in it. Norwood pled guilty to the charge of failing to appear and was returned to Albany County jail where he was being held on other charges.

DWI in Slingerlands

SLINGERLANDS - Albany County Sheriff's Deputies stopped a 2009 Toyota Tacoma on Maher Road near the intersection of New Scotland Avenue on Thursday, Nov. 23 at approximately 12:43 a.m. for traffic violations.

According to reports, Deputies observed the driver, a 29-year-old Colonie man, had slurred speech, droopy eyes, delayed movements and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath.

The man said he had a few beers in Malta earlier and was dropping a friend off. He thought it was 10:45 p.m.

He was given and failed field sobriety tests and tested positive for breath alcohol on a pre-screening device.

At the police station, he provided a breath sample that returned a .18 percent BAC and was charged with aggravated DWI, a misdemeanor, and ticketed for no plate lamps and operating a vehicle without an inspection sticker.

The man was released with an appearance ticket for Bethlehem Town Court on December 5.

Warrant

GLENMONT - Bethlehem police stopped a black 2020 Ford Fusion on Route 9W near the intersection of Wemple Road on Thursday, Nov. 24 at for traffic violations.

A check of the identification found that James Marrott Jr., 34, of Rensselaer, a passenger in the car, had an outstanding warrant from Troy.

He was transported to meet Troy police.



Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Log November 24-30

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

Friday, Nov. 24

7:50 AM	Charlie	AUTUMN DR, 191	North Bethlehem VFD
6:02 PM	Structure Fire Alarm	NORTHWOOD CT	Slingerlands VFD
6:15 PM	Structure Fire Possible	ABIGAIL CT	Selkirk VFD

Saturday, Nov. 25

2:47 PM	Hazardous Condition	ROUTE 9W	Elsmere VFD
4:21 PM	Rescue	RIVER RD	Elsmere VFD
10:07 PM	Crash Unknown	I 87 NB	Selkirk VFD
10:11 PM	Hazardous Condition	OXFORD RD	North Bethlehem VFD

Sunday, Nov. 26

7:29 AM	Carbon Monoxide No Illness	MAGDALEN RD, 2	Slingerlands VFD
9:55 AM	Structure Fire Vulnerable LC	ROUTE 9W	Selkirk, Delmar VFD
8:34 PM	Structure Fire Alarm	HICKORY DR	North Bethlehem VFD

Tuesday, Nov. 28

6:00 PM	Hazardous Condition	VAN DYKE RD	Delmar VFD
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Wednesday, Nov. 29

1:08 AM	Crash Unknown	I 87 NB	Selkirk VFD
4:20 PM	Structure Fire Vulnerable LC	AUTUMN DR	N. Bethlehem, Slingerlands VFD
9:19 PM	Structure Fire Alarm	ROWELAND AVE	Delmar VFD

Thursday, Nov. 30

2:07 AM	Carbon Monoxide Illness	DOUGLAS RD	Delmar VFD
10:51 AM	Charlie	NORYL AVE	SABIC Fire and EMS

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Heath Barn group meets

done," said committee member David Vigoda said, suggesting that the committee "think about how to identify potential farmers and investors and address that sooner rather than later."

Dale Richter, another committee member added, "We need to figure out what kind of farming we are talking about and what kind of farming would work best for the size of the land we have."

Before concluding, Axford assigned committee members with homework due on Dec. 15. She asked each committee member to provide his or her answer to the question,

"The Historic Health Farm Initiative will" She asked committee members in their responses to think about the themes and about what they read in the feedback survey "to set up a vision for the full 300 acres, and then break it down for each focus area with its own vision."

When committee member Stuart Lyman asked whether there was any idea that should not be included, VanLuven responded, "selling the land for development."

Thirteen more meetings have been scheduled to occur between now and Dec. 11, 2024, plus site visits.

"We want to walk as many of the focus areas as we can," said Leslie.

All committee meetings are open to the public and scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Axford said the meetings were scheduled at that time out of convenience to the committee member's jobs and family responsibilities.

Axford said she is hoping the board will be able to vote on a plan in November 2024. She said a December meeting is scheduled "because if we complete this all by then, we should celebrate."

All materials will appear on the project's website www.historicheathfarm.com, and Axford said community members should contact her with any questions or concerns.





Groovin' at Hart Theatre

Groovin' Legends LIVE were rocking at The Egg Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 25. **Page B19**

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'Tony N' Tina' invite you to their wedding

Producers cast local actors for the Broadway show at UPH

By **AMARIS FORD**
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SARATOGA — The Off-Broadway sensation "Tony N'Tina's Wedding" will be arriving at Saratoga's Universal Preservation Hall Jan. 18-21, for six performances, and feature local faces.

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quote of the week

We like to use local actors. We search improvisation venues for actors. We post notices, and anyone who thinks that they can do something to our show in a positive and wonderful way is always welcome to do it. We love having them and supporting local talent.

— Anthony Patellis, Director and Actor



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Mrs. Packard to debut at Albany Barn

Harbinger Theatre to end 2023 season with play and Ladies' Gala

By **AMY MODESTI**
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ALBANY - Harbinger Theatre will close out its 2023 season on Thursday, Dec. 7 with the debut of Mrs. Packard, a play written by award-winning playwright and director Emily Mann, known for her research-driven documentary "theater of testimony".

Publicist for Harbinger Theatre, Maureen Aumand, says that Mann's theater pieces aim to make a difference and give a voice to individuals who are often not heard or recognized.

Mrs. Packard is based on the real life story of Elizabeth and Theophilus Packard, a married couple with six children living in Illinois during the Civil War era. Theophilus, a Congressionalist minister and his wife had opposing views over freedom of thought, religion, and politics. Wanting to silence Elizabeth and her views, he sent her to the Jacksonville Insane Asylum against her will.

After three years at the asylum, Elizabeth was released. She fought her

husband in a trial to prove her sanity.

The jury found her to be sane.

"I do not call people insane because they disagree with me... we need more women like her," a theologian physician who was a witness at Elizabeth's trial said

In her later years, Elizabeth became a writer and activist reformer, founding the Anti-Insane Asylum Society and eventually regained custody of her children.

Harbinger Director Chris Foster wanted to showcase Mrs. Packard because its contents that relate to women's rights are still in question and relevant in the present day. The play, Aumand noted, celebrates a woman's triumph over oppression.

"The patriarchy is still writing off female behavior and claiming jurisdiction over their autonomy," Foster stated. "Issues of basic human rights for all, the guarantee of freedom of thought and



expression, the challenges of determining truth in a 'post truth' society of maintaining hard fought and won legal precedents, provide guarantees around these issues are of great importance at the present moment."

Last year, members of the Harbinger play reading committee agreed unanimously that Mrs. Packard was the perfect play to end the season.

According to Aumand, the Harbinger production

of Mrs. Packard has a cast of 16. Several participants are new to the Harbinger family, and join other cast members who have a long and stalwart history on area stages.

The Play will feature Kathleen Carey (as Elizabeth Packard) and Richard Roe (as Theophilus Packard) with Cindy Campbell, Jean Carney, Michael Gialanella, Kerry Kazmierowicztrimm, Robin Leary, Tiffany McWilliams, JJ Paul, Sara Paupini, John Quinan, J Scala,

Michael Schaefer, Jennie Sinnott, Monet Thompson-Young, and Victoria Vine.

A new Gala

According to Harbinger founder Patrick White, the play reading committee was so inspired by the subject of Mrs. Packard that the theater family will throw a gala honoring women. Harbinger's first ever Ladies' Night event to be held Saturday, Dec. 9 at their regularly scheduled performance held at Albany Barn beginning at 6:30 p.m., an hour before the play begins. The celebration will be led by actress Laura Graver.

For \$15, women spectators will be treated to a small fare, sweets, mulled cider, and can enter to win a dozen prize packages.

Show information

Theater goers can attend a preview of Mrs. Packard on Wednesday, Dec. 6 and the play will officially open on Thursday, Dec. 7, with \$15 general admission. The play runs through December 16. Mrs. Packard will also include talkback events on December 8 and 15.

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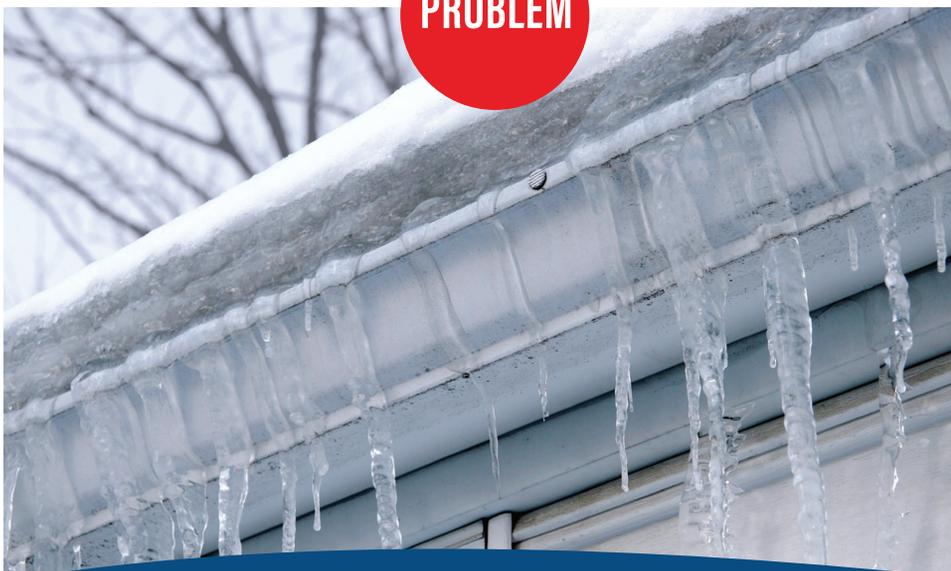
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Fundraising concert to help provide scholarships for Heldeberg Music Together Classes

By **AMY MODESTI**

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DELMAR - Deb Cavanaugh, a Petersburg resident, musician and instructor at Heldeberg Music Together, is preparing a fundraising concert to raise money for scholarships for young students to take music classes. The benefit event will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, at Delmar Reformed Church from 1-3 p.m.

Adult admission for the Winter WonderJam is \$10, and children are free. The event will feature a bake sale and music from Deb Cavanaugh and Dandelion Wine. Prior to the pandemic, the WonderJam was held at the church every March.

Cavanaugh, a musician and music instructor for almost half a century, said she never thought she'd be a teacher, but over time, she discovered how much she

loved being an educator.

Heldeberg Music Together is a franchise, with its main organization, Music Together, LLC having its beginnings in Princeton, N.J., in 1987. Music Together, an early childhood music and movement program for young children starting at birth up to 8 years old, exposes them to music and helps develop their inner musicality, according to the Music Together website.

Cavanaugh began teaching for the business in 2006, and eventually opened her own center in 2009. Deciding on a business name for her establishment was a challenge, and a woman who worked at Music Together suggested she choose a physical feature in the area that would resonate with area residents and patrons who are familiar with the Albany County area – the Helderberg Mountains.

Cavanaugh said she purposely

misspelled the landmark name on the application in order to make the business name legalized, she said. She currently has two locations for her business; Delmar Reformed Church in Delmar, and Refuge, located at 1813 Fifth Ave., Troy.

The Music Together program allows the instructor to teach caregivers the music and the activities while engaging with the children.

"Everyone is singing and dancing together, which draws even the tiniest babies into the fun," Cavanaugh said. "There is no pressure on the kids. Some of them learn best by observation while others join right in."

Learning music from the young stages in life and well into adulthood helps people improve their math skills, language and increase socialization skills, she said.

The teaching also involves parent education, so parents can learn to use songs from the 10-week session at home to help make parenting easier.

Although Deb does not have a set goal for the amount she wants to raise for her scholarship program, she knows she wants to offer the scholarships to families in need. She believes that all families, regardless of financial status should have access to a program that is life-changing

and enriching for young children. She also wants to raise additional funds for the scholarship next year and well into the future.

The scholarship money would help provide tuition assistance, as the normal tuition for a 10-week session for a child to take part in the program costs \$210.

"I feel that this work is so important, it can change lives," Cavanaugh said.

During the week of Nov. 13, Cavanaugh took part in the INK songwriting retreat at Silver Bay on Lake George with nine other local songwriters. An attendee credited Cavanaugh for his decision to take his guitar out of the closet and begin playing it again as she discussed the importance of performing at home with their children, she recalled.

"It was so heartwarming. I often hear from families from years ago thanking me and telling me what their children are doing musically now." Deb concluded. "Music helps in so many ways."

To find out more information about Cavanaugh's class and registration, go to her website at www.heldebergmusic.com. Follow Deb Cavanaugh Music on Facebook to keep up on her music and future events and on her website, www.deb-cavanaugh.com.

Singing with friends this holiday season

The Friendship Singers to host two Christmas concerts in Delmar and New Scotland

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DELMAR - Happy Holidays from Delmar's senior choir, The Friendship Singers. In a few weeks, the local choir will be spreading cheer and singing plenty of traditional seasonal songs in Delmar and New Scotland.

The Friendship Singers will be putting on two public Christmas concerts, the first being at Delmar Reformed Church Monday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m. and the latter at New Scotland Presbyterian Church Tuesday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m. Admission to both concerts are free.

When the singing group formed in 1982 as a small women's organization associated with a Methodist church in Slingerlands, the Christmas concerts originated. For many years, according to singer Terry Strasser, the group has rehearsed at Delmar Reformed Church

and have performed their shows inside their Fellowship Hall which is suited for a large audience attendance.

The Players

Three long-time performers including Strasser, music director Marie Liddle, pianist and full-time accompanist Peg Dorgan, have been involved with the Christmas concerts since joining the choir. Liddle, who joined the group 30 years ago, and has remained choir director since 1996, was a former music teacher who helped the choir on their choreography for their spring concerts. Dorgan, who's also a former music teacher and a long-time choir director for St. Thomas the Apostle Church in town, joined the fun in 2014. As for Liddle, she joined the group in 2015 as both a singer and the organization's publicist.

The 2023 holiday concerts will include the singers' traditional, familiar songs, "Do You Hear What I Hear?", "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree", "O Holy



Night", "Little Drummer Boy", "Still, Still, Still", and "We Need A Little Christmas". Spectators who attend the shows can also enjoy other lesser-known holiday pieces such as "Snow, Snow, Beautiful Snow", "Jingle Bells Through The Ages", "Christmas...In About Three Minutes", "Gaudeamus", and "What You Gonna Call Your Pretty Little Baby".

Also included in the mix will be several sing-along songs and making its repertoire debut will be the song "Believe" from Josh Groban as heard in the film, "The Polar Express".

The Friendship Singers would be open to expand their holiday concerts to other venues only if they are scheduled as part of the organization's performances at senior venues and nursing homes, done twice a year, Strasser added.

In a typical season, the singers take part in six or seven concerts, with only one or two open to the public. The remaining concerts are completed by a special arrangement with the facilities.

"We hope attendees will experience a sense of fun, hear good harmony, and be able to forget their daily concerns for an evening." Strasser said.

The Friendship Singers love to sing together for small and large audiences and by spreading a little joy in dark moments is why the group exists, Strasser concluded.

Interested singers who want to learn more information about the Friendship Singers or want to join the group can reach out to Marie Liddle at (518)-424-2798 or maliddle1@gmail.com.

■ IN BRIEF

First Ever Indoor Chanukah Celebration at the Village of Menands

MENANDS - The Colonie Chabad will host their third annual Chanukah Celebration Monday, Dec. 11, inside the Menands Firehouse Hall, located at 250 Broadway, Menands, 5:30 p.m. The event, free and fun for all ages, will include Latkes, gelt drop for children by the Menands Fire Department, entertainment, a caricaturist, and holiday refreshments will be included. Contact Rabbi Mordechai Rubin at chaicentercolonie@gmail.com or call 518.368.7886 to RSVP.

Colonie Chabad to Host Chanukah Celebration at Siena College

LOUDONVILLE - The Colonie Chabad will host its Chanukah celebration Sunday, Dec. 10 at Siena College, at SSU 241, at 6 p.m. The free event will include a menorah lighting, latkes, gelt, dreidels, and more. Siena College is located at 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville. Contact Rabbi Mordechai Rubin at chaicentercolonie@gmail.com or call (518)-368-7866 to RSVP.

Peak Music's Finding Christmas Benefitting Building On Love

ALBANY - Peak Music is putting together an event benefiting the organization, Building On Love, at the Palace Theatre, Sunday, Dec. 10, 2 p.m. This fun-filled community event will feature musicians from Peak Music Studios including Derek Defreest, Julia

Wojcik, and others, Angela Valente, a special performance by the School of the Albany Berkshire Ballet and The World of Dance, with comedian and musician Greg Aidala hosting the show. Tickets are \$27 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Honorary committee tickets are available for \$65 each with the price including an event CD and an invitation to a post event reception with the cast. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.palacealbany.org> or directly at the Box Office.

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Tony N Tina's wedding

"We like to use local actors. We search improvisation venues for actors. We post notices, and anyone who thinks that they can do something to our show in a positive and wonderful way is always welcome to do it," said director and actor Anthony Patellis. "We love having them and supporting local talent."

The lively, improvisational show will feature locally cast talent and provide audiences with a one-of-a-kind theatrical experience.

"We find that regional areas in the United States have wonderful talent that doesn't always get to do a show like this, where they get to showcase their improvisational skills," he continued.

Patellis, whom audience members may recognize from hit shows such as "The Sopranos," "Tulsa King" and "Law and Order: SVU," described his excitement about how the casting process has developed locally.

"It gives the community a chance to support their own local talent," he added.

In addition to the casting of talent from the Capital Region, the audience itself will be a character in "Tony N' Tina's Wedding," as the "guests" of the newlywed couple. This imaginative opportunity allows the audience to interact with the cast and be treated by them as if they are family and close friends. The production performs like a real wedding, with food,

dancing, conversation and even wedding cake.

"There's dancing, mingling and gathering in the bar. If you want to participate in that, you're welcome to do it," said Patellis.

The cast interactions are typically personal, comedic conversations between the actor and the "guest" audience member, where the actor will often improvisationally reveal some of the backstory of Tony, Tina or their family. By the end of the show,

learned about Tina and Tony," he explained. Audience members are not expected to perform on the stage or interact if they would prefer not to. For audience members who hesitate to attend an interactive show, Patellis noted that it's the actor who senses the comfort level of each audience member and follows their lead.

"No one in the cast wants to make anyone feel uncomfortable or participate in anything they would prefer not to," he emphasized. "If the audience just wants to sit back and enjoy the show, they can as well!"

The imaginative production of "Tony N' Tina's Wedding" has been making an impact since it first debuted in 1985.

"When it opened Off-Broadway, the style of production was so new, it had never been done before," said Patellis.

The show caught the attention of

New York City with its debut. The blurred lines of breaking down the fourth wall were revolutionary for the theater community, and the show has become an enormous hit ever since. Patellis highlighted that one of the secrets to the success of "Tony N' Tina's Wedding" is the love behind it.

"Weddings bring out a lot of love," he said. "We always say that what we're really spreading in this show, aside from entertainment, is a feeling of love, joy and celebration. That's what a wedding is. That's what we want to impart: love."

For more information, visit: <https://atuph.org>.



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Meet Me in St. Louis (Film)
Dec. 7 Proctors
Judy Garland sings "Have Yourself a Very Merry Christmas" in this delightful tale of young love and childish fears as four sisters prepare for a reluctant move from St. Louis to New York.

Pink Floyd Tribute Band Dark Sarcasm
DEC. 8 Proctors
Dark Sarcasm is a Pink Floyd tribute band based in the Albany, NY area who focuses on providing an authentic Pink Floyd experience.

Miracle on 34th Street (Classic Theater Guild)
DEC. 8 - 17 Proctors
The timeless classic about believing in the magic of Christmas.

Christmas Oratorio Tea
DEC. 10 UPH
Join Nacre Dance Group for a holiday tea with treats provided by Chocolate is Self-Care.

Holiday Affair (Film)
DEC. 14 Proctors
Janet Leigh and Robert Mitchum star in this too-rarely screened holiday movie about a young widow at Christmas.

CBS 6 Melodies of Christmas
DEC. 14 - 17 Proctors
In its 44th year this holiday extravaganza is sure to get you in the spirit!



It's a Jazzy Christmas
DEC. 15 & 16 UPH & Proctors
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DEC. 16 Proctors
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HOT SPOTS EVENTS CALENDAR

MUSIC

9 Maple Avenue

9 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs.
518-583-CLUB
Fri: **Tim Olsen Quartet** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Joe Barna Trio** | 8 p.m.

Albany Capital Center

55 Eagle St., Albany • 518-487-2155

Across The Street Pub

1238 Western Ave., Albany • 518-438-1718
Thurs: **Trivia** | 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Avalon Lounge

29 Church St, Catskill • 518-719-1640
Wed: **Open Mic Night!** | 7 p.m.
Thurs: **Grand Slam!** | 9:30 p.m.

Fri: **Bobby Previte + Fred Lonberg-Holm + Mat Maneri** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **PEST** | 8 p.m.

Sun: **Quartet A** | 8 p.m.

Mon: **h. pruz / Dead Gowns / The Fascinating Chimera Project** | 8 p.m.

Bard & Baker

Board Game Cafe Troy

501 Broadway, Suite 105, Troy
518-948-6693
Wed: **Looking for Group Night** | 6 p.m.
Thurs: **Pathfinder Society Organized Play** | 6 p.m.

Brown's Troy

Taproom & Brewery

417 River Street, Troy • 518-273-2337

Black Bear Inn

310 19th St., Watervliet • 518-272-9486

Caffè Lena

47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs • 518-583-0022
Wed: **James Schlett** | 7 p.m.
Thurs: **Peppino D'agostino** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Jocelyn & Chris** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Hot Club Of Saratoga** | 8 p.m.
Sun: **Accent** | 7 p.m.

Carson's

Woodside Tavern

57 NY-9P, Malta
518-584-9791
Thurs: **Jay Yager & Chris Dollard** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **John Stack** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **Dave Porter** | 6 p.m.

Centre Street Pub

308 Union St., Schenectady
518-393-2337
Thurs: **Carmen Lookshire** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Late Night Philosophers** | 6 p.m.

Cohoes Music Hall

58 Remsen St., Cohoes
518-434-0776
Wed: **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever** | 7 p.m.

The Comedy Works

388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs
877-565-3849

Curtain Call Theatre

1 Jeanne Jugan Lane, Latham
518-877-PLAY (7529)



Mikaela Davis

Mikaela Davis will perform her new album, "And Southern Star" at Lark Hall in Albany, Thursday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m.

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Brewing Company

1053 Broadway, Albany • (518) 650-7996

Eden Cafe

269 Osborne Road #3, Albany • 518-977-3771
Thurs: **Who's Line is it?** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Open Stage** | 7:30 p.m.

The Egg

Empire State Plaza., Albany • 518-473-1845
Fri: **Mendelssohn Holiday Concert** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **The Nutcracker** | 1:30 p.m.
Sun: **The Nutcracker** | 1 p.m.

Emack & Bolio's

366 Delaware Ave., Albany • 518-512-5100
Fri: **Duck n Du** | 7 p.m.

Empire Live/Underground

93 North Pearl St., Albany - 866-468-3399
Fri: **Millington** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Suffocation** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **Hello Mary** | 7 p.m.
Sun: **Mersiv** | 7 p.m.

Empire State Plaza

Empire State Plaza., Albany • 518-474-2418
Wed: **Empire State Plaza Farmers Market** | 10 a.m.
Sun: **NYS Tree Lighting and Fireworks Festival** | 12 p.m.
Tues: **Santa Sale** | 10 a.m.

Fort Orange Brewing

450 North Pearl St, Albany • 518-992-3103
Sat: **Thursday Night Trivia** | 6:30 p.m.

Frog Alley Brewing Co.

108 State Street, Schenectady • 518-631-4800
Sat: **Completely Unchained** | 7 p.m.

Fuze Box

12 Central Avenue Albany • 518-992-6434
Fri: **PANIC AT THE FUZE BOX** | 8 p.m.

Funny Bone

1 Crossgates Mall Rd #K-206, Albany
518-313-7484.
Fri: **Mike Vecchione** | 8 p.m.

Grappa '72

818 Central Ave., Albany • 518-482-7200
Thurs: **The Hamilton Street Jazz Trio** | 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Fri: **Earl Davis with Peg & Bill Delaney** | 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The Hangar on the Hudson

675 River St., Troy • 518-272-9740.
Fri: **The Figgs // Sarah Borges** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Reese Fulmer & The Carriage House**

Band // Hold On Honeys | 8 p.m.

The Hollow Bar + Kitchen

79 North Pearl St., Albany • 518-426-8550
Lark Hall
351 Hudson Ave, Albany • 518-599-5804
Thurs: **Mikaela Davis with special guest Maybird** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Weird Phishes** | 8 p.m.
Sun: **Andy the Music Man** | 11 a.m.

The Linda

339 Central Ave, Albany • 518-465-5233
Fri: **Melissa Ferrick** | 8 p.m.

McGeary's Irish Pub

4 Clinton Square, Albany • 518-463-1455
Tues: **Trivia Night** | 7 p.m.

Nashville Of Saratoga

39 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs
518-909-6274
Wed: **Karaoke** | 8 p.m.

Nanola

2639 Rt 9, Malta • 518-587-1300
Thurs: **Digital Underground** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Deadbeats** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Hit N' Run Christmas** | 8 p.m.

No Fun

275 River Street, Troy
Thurs: **Body of Light / Night Sins / Hellseeker DJ's** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Anime Rave - Walhalla (Anime Cover Band) / DJ Revy & Cordyceps / Live Anime** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Here Comes Success II - No Fun's 2 Year Bday Party & David Bowie Cover Show** | 8 p.m.
Sun: **Beesides Film Score: Fantastic Planet with Apostrophebeats / Griff / Russle The Leaf / Copernicus Club** | 8 p.m.

Tighe's Bistro Americain

2703 Ny Hwy 43, Averill Park,
Wed: **Open Mic** | 6:30

Other One Brewing Company

1505 Halfmoon Parkway, Halfmoon
518-807-5512

Olde English Pub

683 Broadway, Albany • 518-434-6533
The Painted Lemon
54 Clifton Country Road, Clifton Park NY
518-889-2166

The Palace Theatre

19 Clinton Ave., Albany • 518-465-4663
Thurs: **Peppa Pig's Sing-Along Party!** | 6 p.m.
Sun: **Finding Christmas** | 2 p.m.

Panza's

129 So. Broadway, Saratoga Springs
518-584-6882
Thurs: **Noreen Pratt** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Alejandro & Brian Halliday** | 6:30 p.m.
Sat: **Colleen Pratt & The Peg Delaney Duo** | 6:30 p.m.
Sun: **Sinatra & Friends** | 5:30 p.m.

The Parting Glass

40-42 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs
518-583-1916
Wed: **Celtic Session** | 8 p.m.

Paulys Hotel

337 Central Ave., Albany • 518-426-0828
Fri: **Lazy Bird, Galloway** | 8 p.m.

Proctors

432 State Street., Schenectady • 518-346-6204
Thurs: **Meet Me in St. Louis** | 7:30 p.m.
Fri: **Pink Floyd Tribute Band** | 3 p.m.
Sat: **Miracle on 34th Street Classic Theater Guild** | 7:30 p.m.

Putnam Place

63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs • 518-584-8066
Wed: **Game Night with Eric C** | 10 p.m.
Thurs: **Taylor Swift Dance Party** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Iespecial w/ Strange Machines** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Ryan Montbleau Band w/ Hayley Jane** | 9 p.m.

Sun: **Rockin' The Reins Benefit for Things of My Very Own** | 12 p.m.

Mon: **Family Tree > Sly Fox's Open Mic Jam** | 7 p.m.

Rare Form Brewing Company

90 Congress Street, Troy • (518) 326-4303
Wed: **Game Night** | 4 p.m.

Ravenswood Grill & Tavern

1021 NY 146, Clifton Park • 518-371-8771
Tues: **Trivia Night** | 6:30 p.m.

The Ruck

104 3rd St., Troy • (518) 273-1872
Wed: **Trivia** | 7 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub

150 Speigletown Rd, Troy • 518-235-5858
Thurs: **Open Mic Night** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Dr.Jah and The Love Prophets** | 7 p.m.

Sat: **Big Fez and the Surfatics "Surfin' Christmas Party"** | 8 p.m.

Sun: **Second Sunday Bluegrass Jam** | 5:30 p.m.

The Saratoga Winery

462 NY-29, Saratoga Springs

Saratoga National

458 Union Avenue Saratoga Springs
518.583.4653

Saratoga City Tavern

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

Sand Lake Center for the Arts

2880 NY 43 Averill Park • 518-674-2007

SPAC

108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs
518-584-9330

Sat: **Time for Three** | 7 p.m.

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

30 Second St., Troy • 518-273-0038.
Sat: **Time for Three** | 8 p.m.

UPH

25 Washington Street, Saratoga Springs
(518) 346-6204

Vapor

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

Van Slyck's

Rivers Casino & Resort
1 Rush St., Schenectady • 518-579-8800
Fri: **Dj Ayo** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Scars N' Stripes** | 9 p.m.

Waterworks Pub

76 Central Ave., Albany
518-465-9079

Fri: **Friday Night Dancing & Karaoke** | 10 p.m.-4 a.m.

Sat: **Saturday Night Dancing & Drag** | 10 p.m.-4 a.m.

Wicked

1602 Route 9, Clifton Park • 518-467-8900
Thurs: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

Wishing Well Restaurant

745 Saratoga Rd., Wilton
518-584-7640

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EXHIBITS

Albany Institute of History and Art
Nineteenth Century American Sculpture: Erastus Dow Palmer and His Protégés Launt Thompson, Charles Calverley, and Richard Park-
 Designed to showcase the museum's nationally known collection of mid- to late-nineteenth-century sculpture, this exhibit is currently ongoing.

Ancient Egypt- Egyptologist and Guest Curator Dr. Peter Lacovara has incorporated the research and scientific discoveries revealed in the GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies exhibition into a new exhibition about Ancient Egypt. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Reflective Impressions
 Reflective Impressions: The 19th National Exhibition of the American Society of Marine Artists features works by 113 artists who draw inspiration from water—water as a means of travel, a fragile ecosystem, a source of leisure and recreation, or pleasant scenery. The American Society of Marine Artists was founded in 1978 to preserve and promote contemporary American marine art. It came into being through the work of a small handful of representational artists and marine art enthusiasts who felt that the rich cultural heritage of marine painting was in danger of being lost. Today, Society members are a diverse and engaged group representing nearly all 50 states of the US, as well as the U.K., France, and Canada.

Tulips for Albany
 In 1947, Albany adopted the Dutch city of Nijmegen as a sister city and sent supplies to help rebuild the war-ravaged city. In gratitude, the Netherlands sent thousands of tulip bulbs to Albany, which in 1948 Mayor Erastus Corning 2nd proclaimed Albany's official flower and thus the Tulip Festival was born. Crowns and regalia worn by the Tulip Queens over the years will be displayed alongside designs for the tulip beds in Washington Park and photographs documenting the celebration.

Traders & Culture: Colonial Albany and the Formation of American Identity-
 This exhibition looks at those diverse peoples who shaped colonial Albany and



Mersiv

Producer/DJ Anderson Benoit Gallegos aka Mersiv, will bring his music to Empire Live in Albany on Sunday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m. Submitted Photo

the objects that reflect their interests: values, commercial, and social interactions. This exhibit is currently ongoing. The Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave. Albany, 518.463.4478.

Albany International Airport Souvenir

The Albany International Airport Gallery is temporarily closed due to terminal-wide construction. We look forward to resuming programming as soon as possible. Stay tuned—3rd Floor, Main Terminal, 737 Albany Shaker Rd, Albany, NY. 518-242-2241 or www.albanyairport.com/arts

Arts Center

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

The Clark Art Institute

Orade Bones- This yearlong installation in public spaces around the Clark features work in a variety of media by Elizabeth Atterbury (b. 1982, West Palm Beach, Florida lives and works in Portland, Maine). Atterbury makes vibrant geometric prints using chine collé and embossment; textured monochrome reliefs in raked mortar; and wood and stone sculptures that greatly enlarge objects of personal significance. This is ongoing until January 21, 2024. Museum hours: Daily, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission: Adults, \$20; children 18 and younger, free. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. 413-458-2303 or www.clarkart.edu.

The Jan Rutland Memorial Artists' Space

Gallery hours Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Second Floor, National Bottle Museum, 76

Milton Ave., Ballston Spa. 518-885-7589 or nationalbottlemuseum.org

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Ground to Gourmet

Ground to Gourmet: Tracing the Origins of the Food We Love takes visitors on a captivating tour through the origins of New York State's famous foods and the history that led them to our tables. Through interactive activities, displays, and historical records Ground to Gourmet traces the surprising science of culinary favorites and the place that they held in our diets yesterday and today.

Design Zone

Design Zone is an exciting interactive exhibition that highlights the importance of science and mathematical thinking in areas critical to building creativity and innovation: art, music, and engineering and presents the creative concepts

behind the processes and tools needed to create a successful design.

Space to Spoon

What does a satellite orbiting 798 km from Earth have to do with the food on our plate? Space to Spoon demonstrates how space technology benefits farmers and sustainable agriculture. Featuring interactive activities, visual stories, and hands-on models, don't miss your chance to learn about the fascinating connections between food and outer space!

A Taste of Science

Have you ever wondered why food spoils? A Taste of Science highlights the role science plays in delaying food decay and keeping food nutritious and safe for us to eat. In this engaging experience, immerse yourself in an oversized "pantry" and discover what makes food spoil, and different food preservation techniques. You'll find lots to feed your mind and imagination on the menu!

GE Comic Books: Adventures in Science

GE Comic Books: Adventures in Science showcases the impact of comic books on inspiring young people to study science and engineering. The exhibit features a collection of 26 comic books created by General Electric (GE) between 1945 and 1964, that told the story of electricity and other scientific innovations through the eyes of a fictional teenager named Johnny Powers. Visitors to the exhibit will be able to see the original comic books, as well as learn about the impact they had on inspiring a generation of students to pursue careers in science and engineering, exhibit begins May 13th. Museum hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (observatory open until 8 p.m. on Thursday); Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 15 Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Admission: Adults (13+), \$12; seniors (65+), \$10; children (3-12) \$8. Additional \$6/person for planetarium show. 518-382-7890 or www.miSci.org

New York State Museum

Unveiled: Wedding Wear in 19th-century New York

In choosing their wedding clothes, brides and grooms are influenced by fashion, economics, technology, religion, geography, celebrity, personal taste, and their role in society. This was as much the case in 19th and 20th centuries New York as it is today.

Wedding clothing holds memories, and pieces—dresses, shoes, suits, and head wear—are often preserved and passed to subsequent generations. A couple's choices reveal historical information about both the individuals who wore them and those who made them. Some garments find their way to museum collections. This exhibition will unveil stories of select New Yorkers. Exhibit is on going until March 2024.

Treasure at West Point

The Fidelity Medal: Treasure at West Point delves into Major General Benedict Arnold's betrayal of West Point during the American Revolution and British Major John André's involvement in Arnold's plot. Featured in the exhibit are important historical artifacts and information related to this aspect of the American Revolutionary War, including the rare Fidelity Medallion, the first military medal authorized and presented by the United States Congress, three links from the Great Chain constructed across the Hudson River to prevent British ships from sailing north from New York City, and images of the papers found on André when he was captured. September 29, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Indigenous Art Across the Homelands

Each One Inspired: Indigenous Art Across the Homelands examines the sources of inspiration for Indigenous artists across what is now New York. Featuring over 60 original artworks from the NYSM Contemporary Indigenous Art Collection, this thematic exhibit focuses on the connections to lands, community, the natural world, ancestors, and histories that continue to inspire Indigenous artists whose ancestral lands lie within what is now New York. September 5, 2023 to March 31, 2024

Changing New York

In 1929, after eight years in Europe, photographer Berenice Abbott (1898-1991) returned to New York City. She was inspired by its dramatic transformation. New construction was everywhere; hundreds of 19th-century buildings had been torn down to make way for dozens of skyscrapers. She was determined to capture this momentous change in photographs.

Thomas Hart Benton

In 1956 Thomas Hart Benton was commissioned by Robert Moses, chairman of the New York Power Authority, to create two murals for the powerhouse building of the state's first hydropower facility in Massena.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Mimic
- Payroll firm
- Perform in a play
- Opine: __ philosophical
- Crony
- Political action committee
- 1991 Wimbledon winner
- Affirmative
- Exclamation of disgust
- Action of connecting
- A way to calm
- Especially fine or decorative clothing
- Walked proudly
- Group of people related through male heir
- Supplemented with difficulty
- Soft touch
- Erases
- Spanish river
- A princess can detect it
- Clouds of gas
- A way to get through
- Part of a book
- Southwestern US state
- Fields where rice is grown
- Area in Ghana
- Sayings
- Involve deeply
- Compels to act
- "Ignore all rules"
- Indoor entertainment space
- Born of
- Back muscle
- Sea dweller
- Tools that resemble an axe
- Prefix denoting class or kind
- Tooth caregiver

CLUES DOWN

- Inspiring
- Put into a box
- Breathes out
- Pacify
- Patriotic society for women
- Fell down
- Clothing
- Dishwasher detergent brand
- Former French republic
- Single lens reflex
- Men's fashion accessory
- Consumed
- Marry
- __ up: intensifies
- Body of water
- People of southern Benin
- Decorate a cake with frosting
- Snag
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Records brain activity (abbr.)
- Car mechanics group
- Brought up to snuff
- __ faire: Economic approach
- Phil __, former CIA
- Affixed
- Period of adolescence
- Substance
- Danced
- Baked without its shell
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Satisfaction
- Balkans river
- Christmas carols
- Partner to tonic
- "The Godfather" character Johnny
- Swiss river

Answers on Pg. B17

They feature Jacques Cartier's explorations of the St. Lawrence River and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Alternately titled The Seneca Discover the French and Jacques Cartier Discovers the Indians, the murals depict the 16th-century encounters from two points of view.

Stonemason to Sculptor

When Henry DiSpirito (1898-1995) emigrated from Italy in 1921 he was already a trained stonemason and bricklayer. In Utica, New York, he found work in those trades but longed to devote his life to art. He found his calling in the direct-carving style of sculpture. Most of his subjects were animals or human figures, rendered in fieldstone or wood. He exhibited at the Whitney, MoMA, and SculptureCenter in New York City, and at museums and galleries across the state. Renowned for his sculpture, DiSpirito was an accomplished painter as well. In 1963, he was appointed the first artist-in-residence at Utica College, a position he held until his death. Through his art, DiSpirito developed a deep connection with students and faculty, as well as the larger community in Utica. December 23, 2019 to December 31, 2023.

museum hours: Tuesday-Sun, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free admission; suggested donation of \$5/person or \$10/family. 518-474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

Opalka Gallery

Séance: Photographs by Shannon Taggart

For the past twenty years American artist Shannon Taggart (born 1975) has documented Spiritualist practices and communities in the United States, England and Europe. The resulting body of work, Séance, examines Spiritualism's relationship with human celebrity, its connections to art, science, and technology, and its intrinsic bond with the medium of photography. This exhibition presents forty-seven haunting images from the series, revealing the emotional, psychological, and physical dimensions of Spirituality in the 21st century. October 31 through December 9, 2023

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

Saratoga Arts

Schenectady in the Early Republic
Schenectadians of the early American Republic lived through defining years of the nation's history. They were part of a growing city in a new nation, which would have to shape diverse peoples, religions, and geographical spaces into a free and prosperous republic. At the same time, Schenectady is chartered as a city, and seeks to define its own local identity. How do you set up a new city government? Is Schenectady a quiet country town or a bustling riverfront hub? What is the proper role of women in this new society? And how do Schenectadians respond to the growing shift from village farmers and craftsmen to urban factory workers? Exhibition dates: April 8, 2023 - November 2, 2024

Juried Exhibition 5

Every year Saratoga Arts sends out an Open Call to all artists across the Capital Region. This is open to both members of Saratoga Arts as well as non-members and gives all artists the opportunity to showcase their work in a professional setting. Saratoga Arts puts together a jury of arts professionals from the area to review all submissions. After review five exhibitions were created for the year, showcasing the work of four artists each.

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

Schenectady County

Historical Society

Ongoing: "Mapping Schenectady." Some of SCHS' most prominent and interesting maps are now on permanent display in the Map Gallery. Also,



Accent

The a cappella jazz singers of Accent will perform at Caffe Lena in Saratoga Springs on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. Submitted Photo

Beyond the Pines: Early Schenectady

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

Dan Sekellic

Visual Arts Gallery

Gallery hours: Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880

NY Rte. 43, Averill Park. Free admission. 518-674-2007 or slca-ctp.org

Tang Teaching Museum

Paula Wilson

Wilson's work has been exhibited throughout the United States and internationally, and is in the permanent collections of The Studio Museum in Harlem, the Albuquerque Museum, the New York Public Library, The Fabric Workshop and Museum, the Yale University Art Gallery, and the Tang Teaching Museum, among others. Born in Chicago, Wilson earned her BFA from Washington University in St. Louis and MFA from Columbia Uni-

versity in New York. She is the cofounder of the artist-run organizations Carrizozo Artist-in-Residency and MoMAZoZo.

Hyde Cabinet

Corita Kent, born Frances Elizabeth Kent, on November 20, 1918, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, was an artist, educator, and social activist. She entered the religious order Immaculate Heart of Mary at the age of 18, joining a teaching order and taking the name Sister Mary Corita. After obtaining her bachelor's degree at Immaculate Heart College and her master's degree at the University of Southern California, she returned to Immaculate Heart College to

teach and began to serve as the head of the art department in 1964.

Unset Texts

We often think of books as containers for language, narrative, and thought. But what happens when we see them as aesthetic objects as well? In the hands of artists, books can take on new and expanded meanings. Unset Texts presents sculpture, photographs, collage, painting, prints, and artist's books from the Tang collection and Scribner Library's Special Collections that explore printed material in creative and critical ways.

Elevator Music 47

Xenometok for Mutualism traces the journey of three sisters who find themselves in a space disconnected from time. There, they grapple with memories of their individual and collective pasts and try to reach a place of equilibrium. This experimental, multimedia artwork explores the tension between attachment to this world and longing for an afterlife. The score combines electronic music, Tibetan relpa drum dance, and experimental vocals, and together with the choreography, invokes the tension that can arise between the traditions of the past, the everchanging present, and countless possible futures. Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Museum hours: Tuesday - Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; Thursday until 9 p.m. Free admission; suggested donations of \$5/adult; \$3/child 13+; seniors, \$2. 518-580-8080 or tang.skidmore.edu

Union College Galleries

Permanent Collection

Union College, Mandeville Gallery, Nott Memorial, 807 Union St. Schenectady, NY 12308

University Art Museum

Barrow Parke

Operating at the intersection of craft, technology, and contemporary art, Mark Barrow and Sarah Parke explore visual systems with their collaborative weaving and painting practice. Systems and Mythologies is the first solo museum exhibition for the artist duo and will showcase newly com-

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missioned textiles and paintings, as well as site-specific wallpaper and vinyl window installations that extend their patterns throughout the space, alongside earlier series showing the arc of their fifteen-year collaboration.

August 7 – December 4, 2023

LIBROS/ARTE

Over 80 handmade books on view by small presses push the boundaries of traditional printing techniques while addressing a range of political, social, and cultural subjects. The exhibition is organized in partnership with the University at Albany's M.E. Grenander Special Collections and Archives, which has been collecting these books since 2005; the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; and the Department of Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latino Studies.

August 7 – December 4, 2023

Yelaine Rodriguez

On view in the Nancy Hyatt Liddle Gallery, Yelaine Rodriguez's film *EBBÓ* (Sacrifice) sets a 1998 Cuban chamber opera by composer Louis Aguirre among colonial ruins on the shores of the Dominican Republic. In this retelling of a tragic story of devotion and defiance, two dancers tenderly perform in resplendent costumes designed by Rodriguez. As with all of Rodriguez's meticulously researched work, which encompasses video, photography, costume design, and sculptural objects, *EBBÓ* offers new representations of Afro-Caribbean religious and aesthetic heritages. University Art Museum is located at 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany.

THEATRE

The Best

Christmas Pageant Ever

Can a cast of holy terrors be turned into little angels in time for the annual Christmas Pageant? Get ready for a musical holiday sensation like no other in The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, featuring some of the Capital Region's best young performers! This hilarious and heart-warming crowd pleaser takes the classic



lespecial

The Connecticut "power trio" Lespecial will perform their "Odd Times" album at Putnam Place in Saratoga Springs, Friday, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Submitted Photo

children's book tale of the Herdmans, the rough and rowdy kids who force their way into their town's annual Christmas pageant, and transforms the story into a toe-tapping, tuneful extravaganza. With unforgettable songs that blend rock, pop, and traditional holiday melodies, the show will have you humming all through the holiday season. The Herdman kids' unexpected journey from chaos to Christmas spirit promises an unforgettable holiday experience that will leave the whole family with a smile on their face and a song in their heart. Join us and celebrate the season in style with this laugh-out-loud, touching musical that's destined to become a holiday tradition! Catch this show starting December 1st

through the 23rd only at Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes.

COMEDY

Mike Vecchione

Mike Vecchione is a New York City based comedian who has been performing in NYC clubs and across the country for more than 20 years. Mike has multiple appearances on The Tonight Show, as well as on Netflix, Comedy Central and Hulu. Mike was also in the movie The King of Staten Island, starring Pete Davidson and was a featured podcast guest on The Joe Rogan Experience. Mike currently has a one-hour comedy special available

now on YouTube called, The Attractives, directed and produced by friend and fellow comedian, Nate Bargatze. See this show December 8th and 9th at 7:30 p.m. only at the Funny Bone, 1 Crossgates Mall Rd #K-206, Albany.

MISCELLANEOUS

Troy Farmers Market

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

Schenectady GreenMarket

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

Veterans Meet-Up

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

Social Night/Open House tours

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

MUSIC

Tim Olsen Quartet

Tim Olsen is active as composer, performer, and educator. Born in 1961 in St. Paul, Minnesota, his early training involved playing trumpet in marching, concert, and jazz bands. Olsen began writing and arranging for these groups and picked up piano by ear. Catch this show December 8th at 8 p.m. only at 9 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs.

Joe Barna Trio

Joe Barna is a composer and drummer who's music and playing span the entire jazz idiom from swing and bebop, to hard bop, soul jazz, and modern. After finishing his degree in jazz studies from The Purchase College Conservatory of Music, Joe moved back to the Capital Region to continue writing and performing. Some of the teachers that have influenced this young drummer/composer have been John Riley, Adam Nussbaum, Hal Galper, Jon Faddis, Todd Coolman and Charles Blenzig. Joe's main influences as a drummer are Roy Haynes, "Philly" Joe Jones, Elvin Jones, Max Roach, Paul Motian, Art Blakey, Idris Mohammed, and Tony Williams. Catch this show December 9th at 8 p.m. only at 9 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs.

PEST

Pest is a southeast London group whose members have varying backgrounds (techno, hip-hop, jazz, etc.), which makes for an unsurprisingly unique blend of breakbeat funk with abstract playing. Before they came together to record a 2003 record for Ninja Tune, members of the quintet worked, variously, as a hip-hop DJ, a classical cellist (who's appeared with Roots Manuva and worked as a garage producer), a techno trackmaster for the Flatline label, a trombone player (who's also into African percussion), and a guitarist who spent time at the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts. Pest is also an accomplished live band, playing out in London and beyond as Spynaworkshop. This show will be December 9th at 8 p.m. only at The Avalon Lounge, 29 Church St. Catskill.

Redshift Trio /

Tyler Wood & friends

Josh Deutsch (Grammy-award winner trumpeter) and Nico Soffiato (guitar) have been performing, recording and touring together for the past 18 years. Their third album, Redshift, includes guest appearances by highly acclaimed drummers Allison Miller and Dan Weiss, and features seven new original compositions, as well as reimagined arrangements of music by Sufjan Stevens, Big Thief and Robert Schumann. This show will be December 10th at 8 p.m. only at The Avalon Lounge, 29 Church St. Catskill.

Peppino D'Agostino

A native of Italy, Peppino D'Agostino has made his considerable international mark as a musical artist on the guitar since he arrived in America 35 years ago. In 2017, Guitar Player listed him as one of the 50 transcendent superheroes of the acoustic guitar. The album, Every Step of The Way, was awarded by Acoustic Guitar's People's Choice Awards with a Bronze medal for Best Acoustic Album of All Time. His signature Seagull acoustic guitar has been voted among the ten best signature guitars by Guitar Player magazine. This show will be

HOROSCOPES

**December 2023
Week 1**

ARIES – MAR 21/APR 20

Aries, if you work or spend time with an introvert, reach out to him or her and strike up a conversation. This person may only need a little nudge to become a good friend.

TAURUS – APR 21/MAY 21

Taurus, a friendly competition that may have started out lighthearted is now starting to transform into something a bit more competitive. Dial it back a bit.

GEMINI – MAY 22/JUN 21

Gemini, things are starting to slow down in your life, and your to-do list has gotten shorter. Expect things to ramp up again soon enough, but enjoy the break for now.

CANCER – JUN 22/JUL 22

This is a good week to begin something that you've been thinking about tackling, Cancer. You'll have pep in your step and others willing to lend a hand if it is needed.

LEO – JUL 23/AUG 23

Leo, someone may offer you some honest feedback that is a little too raw for your ego at this point in time. You will simply have to take it with dignity and lick your wounds elsewhere.

VIRGO – AUG 24/SEPT 22

You need to be the driving force on a project that will pop up, Virgo. Even though you're not sure of your readiness for this type of work, you can give it a good attempt.

LIBRA – SEPT 23/OCT 23

Whatever you tackle this week, it shouldn't revolve entirely around money, Libra. Finances may have gotten in the way of things for some time; focus now on relationships.

SCORPIO – OCT 24/NOV 22

Don't let a dream you had put you all in a tizzy, Scorpio. That was just your subconscious working through some things and not a prediction of things to come.

SAGITTARIUS – NOV 23/DEC 21

Don't be shy about receiving credit for something that you did, Sagittarius. You deserve the recognition no matter how large or small the task. Celebrate all your victories.

CAPRICORN – DEC 22/JAN 20

You may be coveting something of late, Capricorn. However, only when you stop actively wanting that thing or person will you finally get what you desire.

AQUARIUS – JAN 21/FEB 18

Aquarius, your positive attitude is an asset in life. Even as challenges come your way this week, you can prove the naysayers wrong by maintaining your rosy outlook.

PISCES – FEB 19/MAR 20

Pisces, standing up for yourself this week is challenging, but you need to do it to get your point across. Don't worry, you have many supporters in your corner cheering you on.

December 7th at 8p.m only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

Hot Club of Saratoga

Hot Club of Saratoga, upstate New York's premier gypsy swing collective, plays a repertoire that reflects the spirit and style originated by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli in The Quintet of the Hot Club of France most prominent in the 1930's and kept alive through a long line of gypsy jazz artists since that time. Most of the tunes they play were either written by, or recorded by, Django at some time in his all too brief musical life. The driving rhythms under dynamic soloing give the music a life and vibrancy sure to bring a smile and often an irresistible desire to move. This show will be December 9th at 3 p.m only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

Accent

In the increasingly popular world of a cappella singing groups, Accent has carved out its own niche. Inspired by the wizardly jazz harmonies of Take 6 and, before them, The Hi-Lo's, the six singers of Accent, all of them accomplished arrangers and instrumentalists in their own right, are taking their love of close-harmony jazz singing – the denser and more intricate the better – as far as it can go. The Manhattan Transfer's Alan Paul said, "You guys carry on the vocal group legacy." This show will be December 10th at 8 p.m only at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs.

Mendelssohn

Holiday Concert

The Mendelssohn Club of Albany will be performing at The Egg on Friday Dec 8th starting at 7.30 p.m. The theme of the Holiday Concert is Favorite Holiday Songs. Guest artists will be Vocal Point from South Glens Falls High School and Carla Fisk, Soprano. The Mendelssohn Club is composed of men with a variety of occupations and interests who live in the greater Capital District. The Club is dedicated to preserving and presenting male choral music. Since its inception in 1909, this male chorus has become the longest continuously performing arts group in

the Capital District. Catch this show December 8th at 8 p.m. at The Egg, Agency Building 1, S Mall Arterial, Albany

Millington

Founded in 2018 by Cody Okonski, Millington began as a recording project with the mission of bringing a modern sheen to a genre (Ska/Rock-With Horns/Horn-Fueled Pop-Punk) that was largely left behind by big budget labels. With the success of Millington's early releases such as Cold In The City and University, it became time to put together a live band. After a handful of shows however, the pandemic hit. During the pandemic, while live performances halted, the band continued to work on producing new music. 2020 saw the release of their latest EP, Beatdown Generation, as well as a cover album titled Brass Emo Vol. 1. Catch this show December 8th at 7 p.m. at Empire Underground, 93 N Pearl St, Albany.

Suffocation

New York death metal legends SUFFOCATION unleash their ninth full-length album, Hymns from the Apocrypha, via Nuclear Blast. The follow-up to ...of the Dark Light (2017) pushes founder Terrance Hobbs (guitars), Derek Boyer (bass), Charles Errigo (guitars), Eric Morotti (drums), and newcomer Ricky Myers (vocals) to the very edges of extremity. Standout tracks 'Seraphim Enslavement,' 'Perpetual Deception,' and 'Delusions of Mortality' are emphatically SUFFOCATION but are enhanced with what Hobbs calls "progressive melodies." The crushing title track, 'Immortal Execration,' and the re-recording of 'Ignorant Deprivation,' featuring former throat-man Frank Mullen, are brutal alms to death metal's heaving masses. Catch this show December 9th at 6 p.m. at Empire Underground, 93 N Pearl St, Albany.

Hello Mary

Although they've only been together for a short time, New York City's Hello Mary have already impressed many with their shrewd tenacity and keen ability to write dark, fuzz-filled anthems. They've found some fans in high places, earning praise from some legit indie rock powerhouses

over the last year. Tanya Donnelly of Belly, Britta Phillips of Luna, and Julia Cummings of Sunflower Bean have all raved about the trio's raw and powerful sound, with Cummings even dubbing them "the future of rock and roll." She's definitely on to something, as after listening to their debut album, Ginger, I'm convinced that the future of guitar-driven music is bright because bands like Hello Mary are carrying the torch. The group, which is made up of Helena Straight on guitar, Mikaela Oppenheimer on bass, and Stella Wave on drums, manage to put a fresh spin on the alternative rock of the 1990s, with songs that sound fierce and invigorating. Catch this show December 9th at 8 p.m. at Empire Underground, 93 N Pearl St, Albany.

Mersiv

The Mersiv Sound Project is the brainchild of Anderson Benoit Gallegos. Producer/DJ Anderson has been developing a unique pretty-dark-loud style of bass music since he started his musical journey in 2015. The intentions of this project are to bring people into the present moment through a Mersiv experience. Catch this show December 10th at 8 p.m. at Empire Underground, 93 N Pearl St, Albany.

Completely Unchained

Completely Unchained are four talented and creative musicians that re-create the ultimate Van Halen production – the attitude, sounds, excitement, energy and most of all the fun that Van Halen produced as one of the best rock bands in the world. Completely Unchained takes the concept of a tribute band and raises it to a whole new level. Not only do we recreate the music with unsurpassed skill, but the stage energy and the production at a Completely Unchained show is unmatched. No one else brings the entire package together like Completely Unchained. Come to a show and judge for yourself. See this show live December 9th at 8 p.m. only at the Frog Alley Brewing, 108 State Street, Schenectady.



Melissa Ferrick

Singer, songwriter, and professor Melissa Ferrick returns to perform at The Linda WAMC's Performing Arts Studio in Albany, Friday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. Submitted Photo

The Figs // Sarah Borges

35 years after forming in Saratoga Springs, New York, Mike Gent (guitar, vocals), Pete Donnelly (bass, vocals), and Pete Hayes (drums, vocals) are still going strong. There have been other

fourth members, but the core three - PeteMikePete - have been inseparable for over 3 decades, exploring their ever-extending reach in the Rock and Roll idiom. From New Wave and Punk Rock to Power Pop, Folk Rock and Cool RnB, the Figs

craft endless songs that defy genres. See this show live December 8th at 8 p.m. only at The Hangar on the Hudson, 675 River Street, Troy.

Reese Fulmer

& The Carriage House Band

// Hold On Honeys

Reese Fulmer & The Carriage House Band challenge the traditional relationship of a songwriter and his band, with a fluidly rotating cast of top-notch players and a flair for experimentation that combine for a unique and mesmerizing live performance. Add to that a keen lyricism that explores the human experience with a patient and poetic touch and you have the Capital Region's answer to the indie-folk/alt-Americana boundary pushed forward by Wilco and Iron & Wine. Hold On Honeys is a folk-influenced acoustic band based in Troy, NY offering tight knit harmonies to nourish the soul & invigorate the senses. Hold on Honeys is Emily Curro, Raya Malcolm, and Shannon Rafferty, Connor Armbruster & Michael Gregg. See this show live December 8th at 8 p.m. only at The Hangar on the Hudson, 675 River Street, Troy.

Leslie Mendelson

Brooklyn-based singer/songwriter Leslie Mendelson is riding a wave of acclaim for her most recent studio album 'If You Can't Say Anything Nice...' as well as a solo acoustic EP 'In The Meantime.' Described by Relix Magazine as an artist with "a loyal, cross-generational audience that hugs the hippie, hipster, coffee shop and society crowds," Leslie's timeless musicality and evocative songwriting indeed cuts a wide swath. All Music writes that Leslie evokes "1970s songwriter influences in the vein of Carole King and Carly Simon," while The Aquarian calls her "the closest thing one can get to a truly honest musical experience." See this show December 2nd at 8 p.m. only at The Linda WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Avenue, Albany.

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**Karina Rykman
w/ Coyote Island**

Karina Rykman plays bass, sings, jumps around, and laughs a lot. In doing so, she has garnered a rare attention and avid listenership. Straddling the worlds of jam rock and indie pop drenched in psychedelia, Karina's effervescent presence comes to life in musical form. With only six singles released, Karina has built a reputation as an unmissable live act. Her debut single "Plants" reached over a million streams, with the other singles not far behind. Coyote Island, the musical vision of Mike O'Hehir, explores a fresh blend of folk, reggae and pop with world music influences creating a playful global sound around stories embracing the human journey. His first single "Here Before" co-produced with trip-hop duo Dazy Park, has garnered over 2 million streams across platforms globally. The follow up EP "Origin Stories" attracted Ineffable Records (Shwayze, Surfer Girl, Anthony B). Coyote Island's highly anticipated debut full-length album "Holy Illusion" was released on June 16, 2023 with singles featuring Grammy-nominated artists Matisyahu and Blvk H3ro, as well as guest collabs with Surfer Girl, Mihali & Ghanaian singer & songwriter Abitemi dropping monthly in the lead up. See this amazing line up November 30th at 8 p.m. only at Putnam Place, 63a Putnam Street, Saratoga Springs.

Dead Man's Waltz

At its core, DMW is a celebration of the long standing tradition of crossover between The Dead, The Allmans and The Band, culminating with the legendary 1973 Summer Jam Music Festival in Watkins' Glenn, NY where the three bands performed together. DMW's arrangements are experiments, as they easily flow from the familiar to the obscure, moving from standards like "Jessica" into "Going Down The Road Felling Bad" into "Don't Do It" or "Up On Cripple Creek" into "They Love Each Other" into "Midnight Rider". The band always keeps it fresh with new and unexpected arrangements and improvisations, while



The Figgs

The 35-year-old Saratoga Springs band The Figgs will perform at The Hangar On The Hudson in Troy with opener Sarah Borges, Friday, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Submitted Photo

engaging fans in the free-spirited party and colorful, close-knit community surrounding their shows. See this amazing line up December 1st at 8 p.m. only at Putnam Place, 63a Putnam Street, Saratoga Springs.

Mikaela Davis

Five years since her debut album Delivery, Mikaela Davis has moved away from her hometown of Rochester, shared the stage with the likes of Bob Weir, Phil Lesh, Christian McBride, Bon Iver, Lake Street Dive and Circles Around the Sun and entered a new decade. But it's the ever-evolving relationships between her closest friends and bandmates that has propelled the Hudson Valley-based artist onto her new album And Southern Star—a truly collaborative effort that ruminates on the choices we make, and the people we always come back to. See this amazing line up December 7th at 8 p.m. only at Lark Hall, 351 Hudson Av-

enue Albany.

Weird Phishes

Weird Phishes is exactly what it sounds like - the iconic melancholy rock songs of Radiohead completely reborn as danceable, funky jams. With full-album performances, unexpected mashups, and gluey funk-driven improvisation, their jam-heavy take on alt-rock classics has sparked an unexpected energy in audiences across the northeast. Cleverly avoiding the "tribute" trope, Weird Phishes continues to push the envelope of what a mashup band can be, delivering performances that need to be experienced in order to believe. See this amazing line up December 9th at 8 p.m. only at Lark Hall, 351 Hudson Avenue Albany.

Andy the Music Man

Join Andy "The Music Man" with special guest "Singing Santa" on Sunday, Dec 10th at 11am for an interactive concert for families. Andy kicks off this special in-

teractive concert event at 11am playing a 1/2 hr set, a short break and then "Singing Santa" takes the stage at 11:45am! Drinks and light snacks for children and adults will be available. Bring a blanket, friends and family. We'd love to see you! Parents are free, children are \$15 each. Doors at 10:30am and show is at 11am. www.andysings.com. See this amazing line up December 10th at 11 a.m. only at Lark Hall, 351 Hudson Avenue Albany.

Melissa Ferrick

Melissa Ferrick is a Professor of the Practice at Northeastern University in the Music Department at the College of Arts Media and Design. Ferrick teaches courses on songwriting (focusing on lyric, melody, and intent), creative entrepreneurship, demo recording and production, live performance, the intersection of psychopathology and creativity, nonprofit arts management, and the music business. She's released seventeen

albums over the last twenty-five years and has won numerous awards for songwriting, production, and performance. From 2013 - to 2019, Melissa was an Associate Professor of Songwriting at Berklee College of Music. She holds an Ed.M from Harvard University. Come join us December 8th at 8 p.m. only at The Linda WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Avenue, Albany.

lespecial

w/ Strange Machines

lespecial is redefining the term "power trio". The multi-instrumentalists from Connecticut continue to push the boundaries of what a three-piece band is capable of both live and in the studio ahead of their latest album, "Odd Times". The band's signature blend of "heavy future groove" combines headbanging metal riffage and surgical rhythmic precision with bone shaking 808s, sub synths and ethereal vocal stylings for a dance floor that welcomes moshing, dancing and hip swaying alike. Listeners are taken on a journey to the musical netherworld through esoteric soundscapes punctuated by raw, primal power. Boston-born, New England based quartet Strange Machines has made a name for themselves in the East Coast jam scene over the past decade. A true melting pot of musical fusion with sounds catering to a multitude of genre's and diving into the undefinable, all while stringing their music together seamlessly to create a fluid and captivating live performance. Their original songs are nuanced by creative composition, practiced precision, and a looseness that allows them to truly explore the music they create. Catch this show December 8th at 8 p.m. Putnam Place, 63a Putnam Street, Saratoga Springs.

Ryan Montbleau Band

w/ Hayley Jane

For as long as he can remember, Ryan Montbleau's been a seeker. From the jungles of Peru to the volcanoes of Hawaii, from the beaches of Costa Rica to the streets of Brooklyn, from the backseat of a 16-passenger van to backstage

at Carnegie Hall, the acclaimed singer/songwriter has spent much of his life crisscrossing the globe on a perpetual search for meaning, purpose, and understanding. It's a quest that's guided him both personally and professionally over the years, one that's come to define not only his music, but his very sense of self. And yet, listening to Montbleau's ambitious new multi-part album, Wood, Fire, Water, and Air, there is a profound sense of satisfaction in sitting still, a recognition that perhaps all those spiritual treasures he's been chasing for so long were closer than he thought. Hayley pulls inspiration from a variety of styles, including 60s + 70s rock + pop, musical theater, folk, blues, soul, psychedelic, funk + bluegrass. Just as varied, are the many ways she can captivate an audience. Whether the concentrated potency of her solo acoustic performance, the explosive energy + movement of her full band shows, or one of her theatrical performances, she always brings the charisma, humor + passion to move an audience. Catch this show December 9th at 8 p.m. Putnam Place, 63a Putnam Street, Saratoga Springs.

Rockin' The Reins Benefit for Things of My Very Own

Come join us at Putnam Place for Rockin' The Reins Benefit Concert, featuring Positively Half Step, Soul Sky, Josh Breden and The Goldman Boys. All proceeds from the door will be donated to Things of Our Very Own, a non-profit organization in Schenectady, New York. Things of My Very Own helps children who have been abused, neglected, abandoned or are in protective custody. A spinoff of local legendary Grateful Dead tribute Half Step, Positively Half Step performs the music of the Grateful Dead and Bob Dylan, as well as Half Step originals. The group features, Juan Calzada (guitar), David Lawson (guitar), Bill Cormier (bass) and Jason Vazquez (drums). Soul Sky is a dynamic, bluesy, jammy, rock band with excellent guitars and an awesome rhythm section. Music that will move your body and soul. Featuring the talents of Jeremy Walz, Tom Dolan, Jeff Prescott, Joe Mele and Mark Emanation. Catch this show December 10th at 8 p.m. Putnam Place, 63a Putnam Street, Saratoga Springs.

Dr.Jah and

The Love Prophets

Dr.Jah and The Love Prophets are known around the region as the best reggae party band. They have become a mainstay in the jam band scene for over 30 years. The Love Prophets are pioneers in the legalization of marijuana singing anthems such as "Free The Herb" and "Legalize it". Their love of music with a positive message has enlightened so many and reflects upon their fan base. DJ & TLP have been a staple at the RyeBread Fest since the very beginning touting themselves as "Original Rye Bread". Original members Dave Geoghan and Pete Ahearn were also regulars at The Rustic Barn back in the day and were known to practice upstairs in the party room! So, "Come Down From The Mountain", We're "Smokin' Up a Big One Tonight". This is the "PARTY LIFE" RFB! Catch the Show December 8th at 8 p.m. only at The Rustic Barn, 150 Speigletown Rd, Troy.

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Craft an entire day around tree shopping



Though retailers may begin playing holiday tunes shortly after Halloween, for many people, no date on the calendar marks the beginning of the holiday season better than the day they pick up their Christmas tree.

There are many different ways to acquire a Christmas tree. Some people prefer artificial Christmas trees that can be stored and taken out each year. Others make a yearly expedition to a tree lot or a Christmas tree farm to find the perfect fir or spruce. Historians believe a man named W.V. McGallard planted 25,000 Norway spruce seedlings at his Mercer County, New Jersey farm in 1901, essentially establishing the first commercial Christmas tree farm. By 1908, customers could visit the farm and choose trees for \$1 each. McGallard helped create an entirely new industry that now accounts for 350 million trees being grown and sold in the United States every year.

Selecting a Christmas tree may not take more than an hour or two, but there are ways for families and other tree shoppers to maximize their time spent looking for a tree.

• **Bring refreshments.** Couple Christmas tree shopping with picnicking if the weather is amenable. Pack some foldable chairs into the vehicle (sitting on the ground on a blanket may be too cold) and bring along thermoses of coffee or hot cocoa. Snacks like granola bars, Christmas

cookies or other filling treats can keep everyone satisfied and energized while they shop for a tree.

• **Pair tree shopping with a trip to see lighting displays.** Find the tree lot or tree farm and then scope out potentially scenic spots to view holiday lighting displays nearby. Neighborhood Facebook or other social media groups often tout homes that put up eye-catching displays. Ask around for addresses and plan your own tours.

• **Plan a night out.** Everyone may be tired and hungry after a long day of Christmas tree hunting. Plus, it's typically a good idea to wait some time for boughs to open before decorating. Use this opportunity to dine out and return home ready to decorate. Make it a regular occurrence that Christmas tree shopping is followed by a family meal at a favorite restaurant.

• **Watch a classic film.** Many different holiday movies are broadcast this time of year and each enhances the Christmas spirit. While putting up the tree, play a favorite film in the background. What better way to enjoy decorating your own tree than by watching Charlie Brown adorn his meager evergreen at the same time?

Make a day of selecting and putting up the Christmas tree each year. Doing so can enhance the holidays and make for an entertaining way to spend time together as a couple or family.



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A guide to dining out for the holidays

For some people there is no better way to celebrate the holidays than to spend time with friends and loved ones around the dinner table. Although cooking and dining at home are popular this time of year, some celebrants may not have the time or the inclination to host the holidays at home. Preparing and serving holiday meals to guests can be time-consuming. In fact, many holiday hosts and hostesses lament that hosting duties can compromise the time they get to spend with the ones they love each year.

Dining out is one way to save time and free up more moments for interacting without the pressure of food shopping, cooking and cleanup. The following are some tips for families who opt to dine out for the holidays.

• **Confirm restaurants are open.** Many restaurants close on major holidays to enable staff to spend time with their own family members. This may be more so for Thanksgiving and Christmas than with week-long celebrations like Chanukah and Kwanzaa. Verify with restaurants if they have holiday hours, and more importantly, that they will be open on the day you will be dining out. Christmas Day falls on a Monday in 2023, which typically is a day that many restaurants are closed.

• **Make a reservation.** If you find an establishment open for the holiday, reserve a table early. Also, some restaurants may ask for a deposit on reservations to ensure you show up.

• **Expect some menu changes.** To account for

reduced staff or even ease in meal service, some restaurants may opt for a price-fixed holiday menu or a limited menu from their typical offerings. Some may showcase a seasonal menu that caters to holiday favorites they think diners will expect. There also may be fewer substitutions or customizations allowed.

• **Avoid peak dining times.** Restaurants may fill up after church services or around dinner time. Consider reserving your table for a less popular hour to reduce the propensity for long waits or being rushed out.

• **Be patient.** Kitchens can get backed up on a holiday, and it may take longer than expected for food to make it out to tables. Cut kitchen employees and servers a break as they are likely frazzled. They are trying their best to service all patrons.

• **Plan to tip generously.** It's the season of giving, and you should make sure you take care of your server. You can make the day even brighter with some words of gratitude and a nice gratuity.

• **Pace alcoholic beverages.** It's normal to enjoy some spirited drinks during holiday celebrations. It's easier to indulge a bit more at home and you do not need to get behind the wheel. When dining out, do not overdo things, and have a plan for who will be driving home.

Dining out during the holidays is a possibility with practical planning.



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Bethlehem police to host annual holiday lights in the park

Annual event created during the pandemic continues each year

DELMAR - On Saturday, December 9, the Bethlehem Police Department will be hosting the 4th Annual Holiday Lights in the Park Event from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Elm Avenue Park - 261 Elm Ave.

"This is about the true meaning of the holiday season and community partnerships," Bethlehem Police Chief Gina Cocchiara said. "This event is unique as we are able to bring residents, businesses, organizations and first responder agencies together for a fun night and in return give back to the community."

Local police, fire and EMS agencies, Town Highway Department and local businesses and organizations create displays along the park route. Santa will be there to say Hello and collect letters from children.

During the COVID 19 Pandemic the

Holiday Parade that normally occurred at the Four Corners was canceled. At that point Bethlehem police officer Amanda Mueller was inspired to create the now annual event for the community to bring people together.

Many members of the police department volunteer their time and each year the event has grown, both in the number of attendees and participating businesses and organizations.

Each vehicle will receive a box of 4 cupcakes made by Perfect Blend Bakery along with hot cocoa packets and candy canes to have at home. This is a free event made possible by community partners.

"We accept donations of unwrapped toys, nonperishable food items, and pet care items that are then distributed throughout the community before the holidays," Cocchiara said. "Attendees



often make cash donations which are then used to purchase gift cards to local grocery stores and Walmart and then donated."

Admission to the event is free and donations of unwrapped toys, pet care items, or non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated. These items will be distributed throughout the community to families in need.

Since the inception of the event, the Bethlehem Police Department, along with the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the Town

of Bethlehem Food Pantry, the Bethlehem Central School District, and other community organizations have been able to assist hundreds of families.

According to Cocchiara, so far, Perfection Roofing, Backyard Sheds Co, Advantage Tree Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Legacy Church, Masonic Lodge, JF Frankovic Trucking, Weisheit Engine Works, Redwood Landscape, Sevenzocks, Troop 5010 (Girl Scouts), Troop 75 (Boy Scouts), Delmar Bethlehem EMS will be in attendance this year.

Businesses/organizations who have donated money, products or provided discounts but will not be in attendance are Perfect Blend Bakery, SABIC, Walmart, Lowes, Police & Fireman's Insurance Company, J&S Towing, Friends of Scott Bendett, and Craig Sluers for Highway Superintendent.

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Holiday traditions return to Latham

Pruyn House to host annual two-day holiday open house

By **AMY MODESTI**
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LATHAM - For 20 years, the Pruy House has welcomed guests inside to celebrate the holiday season with their annual two-day event and this year, members of the Pruy House will host the open house on Dec. 8-9.

The Fort Orange Garden Club will host its Holiday Greens show inside the Verdoy Schoolhouse on both days, with a \$5 entry fee for Friday and free admission for Saturday. The Blue Creek Garden Club will host its Greens sale inside the Pruy

House basement with free admission.

The Pruy House will open Friday from 2-6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Visitors can view the holiday decorations inside the house, enjoy some cookies and hot chocolate, and also take a free photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

FOGC will host its greens show Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and BCGC will host its Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

This year, the house was decorated in



the 1880's style by Blue Creek Garden Club and the Friends of Pruy House to keep up with the age of the house which was built between the years of 1825-1830.

The Blue Creek Garden Club, who started the Pruy House garden in 1985 and has since partnered with the home, focuses on decorating the Pruy House every year for the holidays and pots flowers outside in the spring and summer months. The Fort Orange Garden Club, a local chapter of the Garden Club of

America, celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, has worked on the gardens at the establishment since 1988.

The Arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive in Latham on Saturday and will make their stay at the Pruy House from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Although there are no formal appointments, families are encouraged to bring their children to meet the holiday couple and take a photo or two inside the home or outside the front of the house if they prefer to be outside.

For more information, visit the Pruy House Facebook page and pruyhouse.org.

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A version of gingerbread with historical roots

Gingerbread is a popular sweet that often finds its way onto holiday dessert tables. Some people bake and construct lavish gingerbread houses, while others make cut-outs of gingerbread people to turn into cookies.

Legend suggests that gingerbread originally landed in Europe in 992 with an Armenian monk named Gregory of Nicopolis, who brought a honey-and-spice cake to other monks in France, where it quickly became a favorite and was considered a "food from heaven." Historians are not really sure if the original gingerbread had any ginger in it at all. In fact, typical medieval recipes for gingerbread include no ginger and the French would later refer to it as "pain d'épices," or spiced bread.

Gingerbread once was a treat only for the elite, but as the masses discovered it, recipes



evolved to include soft cakes to hard biscuits and everything in between. The following recipe for "Medieval Gingerbread" produces a chewy, almost candy-like texture with potent ginger flavor. Try it for holiday gatherings, courtesy of "Tasting History" (Simon Element) by Max Miller.

Medieval Gingerbread

Makes 20 to 25 1-inch pieces

- 12 to 14 slices (238 g) stale white bread
- 1 cup (330 g) honey
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- 3/4 teaspoon ground long pepper (a spice similar to black pepper but with more heat that typically must be ordered online)
- 1/2 teaspoon sandalwood powder, if desired, for color (one drop of red food dye can be used instead)
- 1/2 cup (50 g) or less sugar (enough for sprinkling)
- 20 to 25 whole cloves
- Gold leaf

1. Either with a food processor or by hand, grind the bread into coarse bread crumbs. Commercially bought bread crumbs will work as well, though the texture from homemade bread crumbs is preferable.

2. Pour the honey into a large saucepan set over medium heat, and heat to a rolling boil; the honey will become like syrup. Note that it will boil up quite a bit, so do not use a small saucepan. Slowly add the bread crumbs to the honey while stirring. The mixture should come together and begin to pull away from the sides of the saucepan. Continue to mix until fully combined. Remove the pan from the heat and quickly stir in the ginger, long pepper and sandalwood, if desired. Turn the mixture out onto a sheet of parchment and spread with a spatula. Then, place another sheet of parchment and, with a rolling pin, roll the gingerbread out to about 1/2-inch thick (1.2 cm). Wrap in plastic wrap and chill in the refrigerator until stiff, about 2 hours.

3. Once the gingerbread is cool, sprinkle sugar on top and cut into 1-inch squares or whatever shape you like. Keep in mind that each piece should be bite size, as they are very strong. They will also be quite sticky, so handle them as little as possible. Insert a whole clove into each piece of gingerbread and fleck with gold leaf. Leave the clove in until serving, then remove it just before eating.

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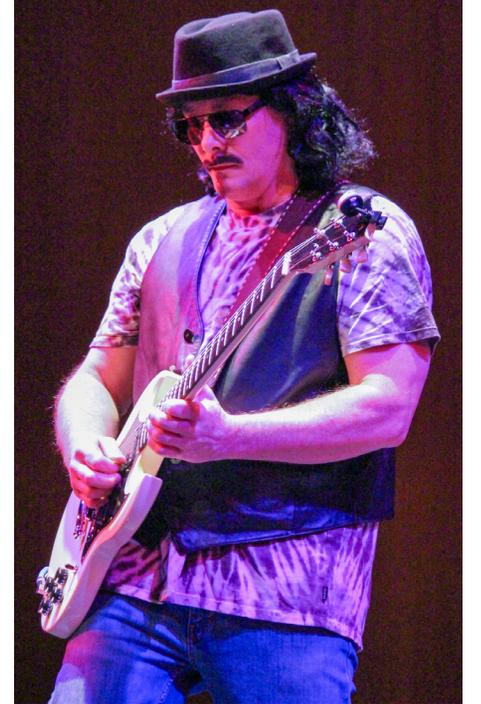
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