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## ON THE COVER

Louise, Tom, Hannah and Finn McManus



## Dear CLIFTON PARK RESIDENTS

As the saying goes... time flies when you're having fun! It's already August and in the blink of an eye it will be back to school. As the month winds down, we try to squeeze in those summer vacations, head to Saratoga for some excitement at the racetrack and enjoy a few more family barbecues.

As quickly as the summer goes by, our feature story (p. 6) shares days gone by with the McManus family, owners of the Vischer Ferry General Store that has been a part of local history since the 1700's. They are preserving a bit of our past, and have created a cozy gathering place for locals, just like the good ole days! Looking ahead to our future, we also have some recognition to share with the Dollars for Scholars scholarships presented to 19 deserving students in our area (p. 4), to help them as they pursue their college dreams.

Summer is all about fun, so be sure to check out our Non-Profit Spotlight featuring Hi-5 Sports (p. 5). This organization offers individuals with special needs an opportunity to feel the rush sports can provide, regardless of any limitations they may have. With activities every weekend during the summer, it's a great way for athletes to build confidence, develop friendships and feel the excitement of getting that BIG Hi-5!

Enjoy the sunshine and warm summer nights!

*Jill*



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# Dollars for Scholars Presents Awards to Deserving Students

By Ann White, Dollars for Scholars Board Member

For the 17th year in a row, in June, Shenendehowa Dollars for Scholars board members welcomed a truly outstanding group of graduating high school seniors and presented them with awards to recognize their significant accomplishments. All of these students have demonstrated that they are caring, capable and committed citizens; all have achieved academic distinction and the respect of their peers and their teachers.

Scholarship recipients were selected anonymously and objectively, based on community and school volunteerism, work, academic achievement, a "Goals and Objectives" essay, letters of reference and special circumstances. Special Named Scholarships, often memorials to a loved one or denoting a special interest or business, may have additional criteria.

This year we awarded the following 19 students scholarships totaling \$13,750. In addition, five colleges matched our awards for another \$2,750.



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- Shenendehowa Dollars for Scholars Scholarships – McKenna Callahan, Sarah Foster, Rachel Lashombe, Regan Odorizzi, Justin Oliveira, Jennifer Vu and Madison Waddell

Over the past 17 years, our community is very proud of the students we recognize. Choosing recipients is never easy, and we would love to have enough funds to award to every deserving graduate. It is a delight to serve on our Awards Committee because it renews our belief that our future is in good hands!

The online application for 2018 will be available by early fall. High school seniors who are permanent residents of the Shenendehowa School District are encouraged to apply.

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# The Universal Language of Sports

By Hannah Kotler

Sports are often an integral part of a child's life, both physically and socially. Hi-5 Sports ensures no child is excluded from this experience. Hi-5 Sports provides individuals with special needs the opportunity to participate in sport and social activities in an encouraging and understanding environment where athletes can boost self-image, develop confidence and create friendships.

While opportunities for athletes with special needs are normally limited, each season 40 to 80 participants aged 5 years and up enjoy soccer, bowling, basketball, baseball, golf, fitness classes and fishing through Hi-5 Sports. The various

hoping to offer even more support to the development of its student volunteers as long-term community service advocates.



Other areas Hi-5 Sports is hoping to improve upon in the future include a constant search for how to implement improvements in existing programs and explore opportunities to add to the current offerings. The organization has also begun to offer family seminars with the intent to bring information relevant to raising a child with special needs and their long-term needs to the families of their athletes.



*Photos provided by Jodi Eaves, Daily Operations Director of Hi-5 Sports*

Moving forward, Hi-5 Sports will have something going on every weekend or week during the summer, about 42-43 weeks out of the year. Most importantly, Hi-5 Sports is looking forward to continuing to see the constant display of excitement from athletes and student volunteers alike on and off the field. After all, it only takes an enthusiastic hi-5 from an athlete or a couple of kind words from the sidelines to keep this organization at the top of its game.

activities support the physical growth of the athletes, offer life lessons like how to be a good teammate and how to deal with adversity, create opportunity for socializing and allow for improvement of motor skills. These are very important aspects to the lives of people who may have a hard time talking or working with others or to those who may require extra help moving around the field or court – something typical youth sports teams may not have the ability to provide. However, at Hi-5 Sports, no one is limited.

A recognized IRS 501c3 organization, Hi-5 Sports is registered with the NYS Charities Bureau and all of their programs are completely fee-free for participants and their families. While a limited number of adults support the operation of the organization and more help is welcome, a driving force behind Hi-5 Sports is its student volunteers. Student volunteers share their love of sports with a peer athlete with special needs, and relationships built on the field carry over to the school environment. Positive experiences volunteering at the organization often lead students to more community involvement, with Hi-5 Sports

For more information, please visit <http://www.hi5sports.org/>. ■

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*The McManus family and  
their pugs, Archi & Bella*

# Louise McManus

## Bringing Together the Community

### COVER STORY

*By Jenna Caputo*

*Photos by MarkBolles.com*

Clifton Park hosts a wealth of historical sites. Once primarily a farm town, there are still many original buildings in the area that carry whispers of the days of old. Louise McManus, with a little help from her family, now runs an important piece of this history – the Vischer Ferry General Store.

Originally from Huntington, Long Island, Louise was always an avid reader. She knew she didn't want to work an office job, although she didn't know at the time she would eventually get to work what turned out to be her dream job, running a store. She went to the University of Scranton where she met her husband, Tom. After they were married, they lived in various places on Long Island, Virginia and New Jersey. They enjoyed it there, but were looking for a slower pace of life and settled here in the

Capital District. Louise found Vischer Ferry because of her children. "I discovered it when my kids were rowing on the crew team and I used to take the scenic route to get to the boathouse. I thought it was such a pretty and charming area," she explains. "Then one day I noticed a 'for sale by owner' sign on one of the houses. One thing led to another (thanks to my ever-patient husband who indulges most of my whims) and here we are. It's such a lovely place to live. Stony Creek borders our backyard and of course the nature preserve is across the street."

Louise had a customer service background with her experience in working at a bridal salon and making custom jewelry, but it wasn't until they moved into their current house six years ago that the idea for a store started to take shape. At the time, the building next to their house was being used as a tack shop for horseback riders. They always



thought it would be a great gathering spot for the neighborhood.

Come to find out, it was the original store for the area, built in 1787. A massive fire in 2013 nearly destroyed the local treasure, but Karen & George Donohue and Joanne & Paul Coons decided to buy the property and take on a full restoration process. Louise and Tom joined them in the venture soon after. Louise wanted to open a business in the building once the work was completed, so they brainstormed what would make a good community gathering spot. They decided a combination of retail and a café might be the perfect mix and the Vischer Ferry General Store was born once again.

As they worked on the restoration, they found out more of the history of the place, as well as unearthed some interesting artifacts. Most of the original 1787 structure no longer existed, but they did reveal large fieldstones at the entrance to the basement that they believe were part of the original walls. In 1856, the store was sold to Gerardus Clute, who also purchased surrounding lots and built the existing structure as well as a Greek Revival house next door, which now hosts a plaque labeling it as the "Shopkeeper's House" and is home to the McManus family. The plaque amuses Louise. "I thought that was a fun fact since everything comes full circle and the shopkeeper lives there once again!" she says. The store passed through several owners through the rest of the 1800s, also operating as the post office at one point as well.

In the meantime, Vischer Ferry began to grow with the construction of the Erie Canal and became a booming town



with a hotel, several stores, harness and blacksmith shops, a carriage maker, post office, multiple schools, church, doctors and several mills. Many of these buildings still stand. Eventually, the growth of the railroad replaced the canal as a primary transport system and things began to quiet down.

The store continued to grow and change hands until eventually Nels Olsen bought it in 1953 and was the last to run it as a general store. In the 1970s, the building was remodeled. The property was slowly divided up as the space went through several transformations including a bike shop, realtor office and the tack shop.

When they began the renovations after the fire, they found that many of the original period details were still in tact since the fire that started in the back apartment primarily destroyed the sheetrock that was added over the years. The renovation, led by Paul Coons, took great care to restore the building to its original 1850s splendor, keeping the look as historical as possible while also including modern mechanical systems such as all new plumbing, electrical, septic and a geothermal system to heat and cool the place in a more environmentally conscious way. They were able to restore the 10-foot high wooden beadboard ceilings as well as the wide horizontal tongue and groove wainscoting and wide plank flooring. They found the original window molding around one of the windows and were able to use that as a template to recreate the look around all the windows. They added the back porch to replace the destroyed apartment and replicated the design of the original columns on the front porch.

Louise was interested in vintage items



*Mother and daughter team, Louise & Hannah*

from a young age after watching the way her dad treated his original tools. "Most of the tools and things he owned that I consider vintage were things that he probably bought new!" she says. "He knew the value in treating everything with care and maintaining things so that they last forever. Items were not thought of as being disposable the way they are now. If something broke, he fixed it, not replaced it. That way of life seems to now be the exception rather than the rule. Most things just aren't made with the same quality that they used to be. That's why vintage items hold a special place in my heart. I also love to think of all the people that used them before me."

During the restoration they did uncover a few artifacts including pieces of the old wallpaper, bottles and newspapers, some of which are now on display in the store. Louise has also enjoyed hearing memories from locals as well as from the Olsen family members themselves about the heyday of the Olsen's store. It is all a part of the charm of the current store and Louise treasures every moment of it.

The store is now a reflection of Louise's own personal taste, representing a collection of items that relate to nature, history and literature, and offers a selection of local, handmade and fair trade products and art that are often not found in other stores in the area. Currently open for breakfast and lunch, the café menu changes weekly,

offering daily specials as well. Everything is made fresh to order and all baking is done in house. They have a community book club that meets once a month and hold many special events including art classes, live music, author events, poetry evenings, history events and more.

Louise says the store is constantly evolving and improving. After a brief closing from July 29th to August 9th for a family vacation, the store will reopen again with new extended hours from Thursdays through Saturdays 8-7 and Sundays 8-3 to accommodate the requests they've received for later hours for the people that work days. They are also hoping to expand into dinner in the future and offer pick-up dinners as well.

Louise is excited that the store has turned into the community hub she has hoped, incorporating history and community within our modern everyday life. "Many locals remember coming here as kids. I love that it brings back a feeling of nostalgia. There's nothing better than sipping a fresh-squeezed lemonade on the front porch," she says.

Her family all has a hand in the store. Her daughter, Hannah (22 – a recent graduate of SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry with a degree in Wildlife Science) works with her in the store. Tom and their son, Finn (19 – currently attending Rochester Institute of Technology) act as her technical support, helping with the computer programs and inventory systems. One of her property partners, George Donohue, also helps out part time. When not in the store, Louise loves to spend time in the Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve across the street. "It's such a gem in our town and so many people aren't even aware of it. There are miles of biking and walking paths that run along the old Erie Canal towpath and down to the Mohawk River." She also enjoys kayaking and still loves to read.

But her number one joy is being in the store and getting to interact with her customers. "I've met so many wonderful people in this community that I never would have met otherwise. The beauty of having a store like this is having the opportunity to get to know them. We have a communal table. It's very sociable and there are always conversations going on between people who have just met. It's like I imagine it was when the store opened in the 1800s – you come here to find out what's going on in the neighborhood, and to visit with your friends and neighbors."

For more information about the store, events or artisans, visit <http://vischerferrygeneralstore.com> to contact them directly. ■

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By Choppy Wicker, Lotus Solar

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# 4 Ways A Damp Basement Impacts Your Health

By Maigan Baer, Marketing Assistant, Adirondack Basement Systems

When we think summer we think sunshine, the beach, boating and barbecues with our families. The last thing on our minds is a damp basement. Let's face it, unless our basement is finished we probably don't spend too much time down there anyway. What many of us don't realize is that our basements play a key role in the quality of air we breathe



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# Locomotive at the Elnora Crossing, c. 1890

By John L. Scherer, Clifton Park Historian

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# Welcome to the Neighborhood

By Pete Bardunias, President/CEO, the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County



A swift camera shutter captures the moment Peter Hunt (center, holding scissors), President/CEO of **Hunt Real Estate Corporation** (518-831-0300, [www.huntrealestate.com](http://www.huntrealestate.com)) cuts the ceremonial ribbon dedicating their new regional headquarters at 1750 Route 9, Clifton Park on June 21. He was accompanied by the local office staff plus Chamber of Southern Saratoga County President/CEO Pete Bardunias, and chamber staff, volunteer Ambassadors and Gina Wierzbowski, representing Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh. Tours of the new office were offered, showcasing the family ownership, financial stability, innovative business approach and high-level customer service and employee training that has been a hallmark of Hunt Real Estate since 1911. Catering for the occasion was provided by Wheatfields of Clifton Park.

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# When it May Be Time for Assisted Living

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Senior living communities have many advantages for older people. Once settled in, elders typically enjoy increased socialization, become more active and eat better meals than when they lived alone. Assisted living residents often say that they regret waiting so long to make the move. Why do they wait?

Imagine that your mother is in her eighties and has been living alone since your dad passed away. You call her daily and visit a couple of times a week. She always tells you that she's doing well and everything is fine. She knows that if you detect she's having problems living alone, you might want her to move to a senior community. To her, that's the end of independence, and the beginning of old age.

Here are some ways to discover signs that an older person needs more help:

**Give a hug.** Being close will help you detect weight loss and whether the person is keeping up with their hygiene. Does she seem more frail than usual? Look to see if her clothing is clean and her hair is groomed.

**Open the refrigerator.** Shelves full of food that is stale or expired could mean that your loved one is not preparing meals. This could be due to physical limitations, decreased appetite or lack of interest in eating due to loneliness or depression.

**Check the mail.** Stacks of unopened mail, especially bills, may signify that the person is experiencing cognitive issues or problems managing their finances.

**Look around the house.** Notice clutter and objects in places they don't belong. Broken or damaged appliances



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might signify the person has difficulty operating them or hasn't used them in a while. A cluttered or grimy bathroom or general lack of tidiness can be another sign of physical limitations or the onset of dementia.

**Talk to the neighbors.** Have they seen your mother leave the house lately, or any friends coming over? If she has become less interested in hobbies and spending time with her friends, it may be a sign of depression.

Talk to your parent about your concerns and arrange to tour communities together. Help her make an informed decision. A change may be difficult at first, but she will be safer, healthier and happier as a result.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN  
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@Clifton Park Commons Basketball  
Courts, Clifton Park

Clifton Park will be celebrating the 13th Annual National Night Out Against Crime event as children ages 6-12 are invited to join the town and our local first-responders in a night of community and basketball.

Time: 6-8pm

Cost: FREE

### Wednesday, Aug 2

PERFORMING ARTS FAMILY  
SERIES: THE PUPPET PEOPLE - THE  
LAST DRAGON

@Clifton Common Stage, Clifton Park

Bring the kids over to the Clifton Common Stage for the 2017 Performing Arts Family Series! This show features classical music, large rod puppets, mouth puppets, a 7-foot dragon and a life-size knight on horseback for a jousting scene that you will never forget!

Time: 7pm

Cost: FREE

### Wednesday, Aug 2

SARATOGA HOSPITAL  
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SUMMER GALA

@The Polo Meadow at Saratoga Casino Hotel, Saratoga Springs  
Enjoy open bar, special event cocktails, amazing auction items and exquisite food stations created by Saratoga Casino and Raceway Executive Chef Shawn Nash at one of the Capital Region's largest, most successful charitable auctions.

Time: 6-9pm

Cost: \$175 per person; Junior Ticket price is \$125 per person (21 - 35 years)

### Friday-Saturday, Aug 4-5

2017 BALLSTON SPA FILM  
FESTIVAL

@Ballston Spa High School/Old Iron

Spring Park, Ballston Spa  
This year marks the 10th annual presentation of the Capital Region's premier international short film festival! Here you can see four slates of films over two summer evenings (between 1 and 15 minutes each) from established, emerging and unknown filmmakers. The early slates are shown

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Time: 7pm

Cost: FREE

### Friday, Aug 4

#### PALISADES AT UPSTATE CONCERT HALL

@Upstate Concert Hall, Clifton Park  
Palisades ignite a nexus of rock, electronic and alternative music on their self-titled third full-length album [Rise Records], out now. Check out the video for "Let Down" for a taste of the band's sonic prowess.

Time: 7pm

Cost: \$20 in advance/\$25 day of show

### Saturday, Aug 5

#### BLACK ARTS AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL

@Empire State Plaza, Albany  
Presented by McDonald's, the Black Arts and Cultural Festival is an updated take on a classic celebration of the traditions and cultural contributions of the black community through music, art, dance and more. In addition to an exciting lineup of talent on the main stage, the festival will feature a kids zone with family-friendly activities everyone can enjoy.

Time: 2pm-7pm

Cost: FREE

### Saturday-Sunday, Aug 5-6

#### STERLING RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

@15385 Farden Road, Sterling  
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merriment at the Pub Sing, Wench Auction and Trial & Dunke.

Time: 10am-7pm

Cost: Varies

### Saturday, Aug 5

#### BOOK SIGNING – KAREN ROGERS

@Northshire Bookstore, Saratoga  
Join us for a signing with professional leading jockey at the New York tracks, Karen Rogers, as she signs her memoir, *Racing with My Shadow*, a look at her journey to overcome childhood sexual and emotional abuse and her work in racing.

Time: 7pm

Cost: FREE

### Sunday, Aug 6

#### PERFORMING ARTS AT THE COMMON: YELLOW BRICK ROAD



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@Clifton Common Stage, Clifton Park  
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Time: 7pm  
Cost: FREE

**Monday-Friday, Aug 7-11**  
**ROBOTICS AND SCIENCE CAMP**  
@Bilingual Genius Academy, Clifton Park

Come experience this fun-filled beginner class where your child will learn to build and program robots!

Time: 8:30am-3pm  
Cost: \$160

**Monday-Friday, Aug 7-11**  
**3D PRINTING CLASS**  
@Bilingual Genius Academy, Clifton Park

Join this class to create a series of 3D printing guided projects that will go from toy making to unique inventions. This course will improve your child's analytical skills, spatial awareness and mathematical skills.

Time: 8:30am-3pm  
Cost: \$160

**Wednesday, Aug 9**  
**NEW YORK STATE FOOD FESTIVAL**  
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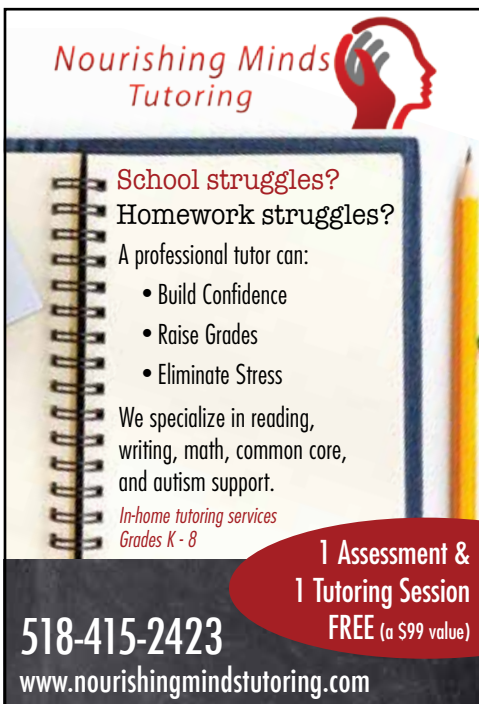
@Empire State Plaza, Albany  
With nearly 100 food vendors to choose from, 15,000 people annually flock to the Plaza Food Festival for lunch, dinner or both. They come for the food and stay for a day of live musical entertainment. The Food Festival showcases New York producers and specialty products, New York State beers and the popular Empire State Plaza Farmers Market.

Time: 11am-9pm  
Cost: FREE

**Saturday, Aug 12**  
**CARIBBEAN DAY IN THE PARK**  
@Prospect Park, Troy  
Vendors, live Caribbean music and children's activities! Catch the sounds, sights and tastes of the Caribbean in a family-friendly atmosphere.  
Time: 12-6pm  
Cost: FREE

**Saturday, Aug 12**  
**TUNERS IN THE PARK 3**  
@Saratoga Automobile Museum, Saratoga Springs  
A great event open to all Import/Domestic "tuner" cars to be judged for the Top 10 and Best of Show and for any spectators of course! Please come out for a good cause and enjoy the day with friends and family. Rain date is August 13.  
Time: 9am-3pm  
Cost: \$10 entry fee into the show; FREE for spectators (donations encouraged)

**Sunday, Aug 13**  
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Time: 9am-9pm

Cost: \$25 for a two-day pass

## Tuesday-Sunday, Aug 15-20

### THE 2017 ALTAMONT FAIR

@129 Grand Street, Altamont

Head to the annual Altamont Fair for new and old traditions and an array of shows and attractions! There will be live music every day, concessions, vendors and also a wide variety of exciting fair rides for all ages.

Time: 10am-11pm

Cost: \$15 Tues-Wed, \$17 Thurs-Sun

## Saturday, Aug 19

### ANNUAL CAR SHOW

@695 MacElroy Rd., Ballston Lake

Enjoy hot food, music, raffles, awards, vendors & great cars to help support the Clifton Park Elks #2466.

Time: 9am-4pm

Cost: FREE admission, \$10 entry fee

## Monday-Sunday, Aug 21-27

### WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR

@Washington County Fairgrounds, Greenwich

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Time: 5-11pm

Cost: \$12 adults, kids 13 and under free

## Wednesday, Aug 23

### LAKE GEORGE MUSIC

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@Skidmore College Zankel Music Center, Saratoga Springs

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Time: 7pm

Cost: \$10

## Wednesday, Aug 23

### CAPITOL PARK AFTER DARK: REAR WINDOW

@West Capitol Park, Albany

Come watch Hitchcock's *Rear Window* out on the green of Capitol Park, in the dark...if you dare!

Time: 8pm

Cost: FREE

## Friday, Aug 25

### 2ND ANNUAL TASTE OF TRAVERS CELEBRATION

@National Museum of Dance, Saratoga Springs

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Time: 6-10pm

Cost: TBD



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## Friday, Aug 25

### 19TH ANNUAL TRAVERS WINE TASTING

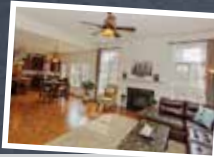
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Time: 6:30-10pm

Cost: \$135; guests 21 years and older only

### Tuesdays and Wednesdays 2017 REGAL SUMMER MOVIE EXPRESS

@Regal Clifton Park Stadium 10 & RPX, Clifton Park

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Wednesdays for four weeks in August starting on Tuesday the 1st. A portion of the proceeds from admission costs will benefit the Will Rogers Institute. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis.

Time: 10am | Cost: \$1

## Saturday, Aug 26

### TRAVERS DAY CHICKEN BARBEQUE

@Elks Lodge, 695 MacElroy Rd., Ballston Lake

Join us for the 4th annual drive-thru chicken barbeque. Menu includes half chicken, corn, baked potato, coleslaw & dinner roll. Proceeds benefit youth programs/scholarships and Elks charities. Advance reservations strongly encouraged. Reserve a pick up time or feel free to enjoy your dinner in the pavilion.

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## Call for Artists!

Art in the Park | Saturday, September 16 | 10am-4pm | Historic Congress Park, Downtown Saratoga Springs

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