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Bethlehem Central continues push for later start to high school days

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DELMAR — Despite the challenges surrounding the COVID-19 public health crisis, the Bethlehem Central School District continues its plan to move the high school's start of the day up from 7:35 to 8 a.m.

The change in start time had been recommended by the district's School Start Time Committee last February, and it remains on target for the 2020-21 school year.

"We understand there are a lot of unknowns right now as to when schools will reopen and what that will look like," said Superintendent Jody Monroe. "However, much of the hard work on shifting the high school start time has already been done."

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> — Jody Monroe, **BCSD Superintendent**



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Locals rally behind effort to help ex-EMS responder with medical bills.

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New comedy inspired by new video conferencing trend.

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COMMUNITY

Giving back to local ex-EMS responder

By DIEGO CAGARA

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BETHLEHEM — A

GoFundMe page aims to raise \$20,000 for a local former longtime emergency responder who is recovering from surgery after doctors found he had a malignant brain tumor.

As of Monday, April 27, 108 people donated \$6,043, surpassing the original \$6,000 goal amount. Delmar-Bethlehem EMS chief and executive director Steven Kroll — who launched the fundraiser with his 17-year-old daughter, Kate, on March 19 — said he raised the goal amount because he knew that Joseph Myers, 59 — the subject of the fundraiser — and his wife, Donna, 58, are going through financial hardships due to medical bills and having little income.

"We started the fundraiser with a small

goal and we're very grateful when we saw how much money has been raised so far," Steven said. "We know many people today are going through difficult times financially so if we approach this fundraiser with some humility, we can hope people can give if they're able to give."

Joseph spent more than two decades in EMS, having worked at Delmar-Bethlehem EMS, Delmar Volunteer Fire Department and the Albany County Sheriff's Office EMS Unit. He was also a Bethlehem Central School District bus driver for 15 years and owned a painting business.

Donna, a Bethlehem Central School District teacher's aide, said Joseph was diagnosed with glioblastoma stage four brain cancer on March 9 and had surgery at Albany Medical Center on March 17. According to the American Cancer Society,



Donna and Joseph Myers.

Submitted photo

glioblastoma is a highly malignant form of cancer that spreads rapidly, making it the most aggressive type of cancer that starts inside the brain.

Donna said doctors did not know what caused Joseph's tumor but they removed as much of it as possible with the help of an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging). He stayed at Albany Med for four days after surgery before continuing his recovery at their Delmar home.

"Now he's lost some of his speech, a bit of ability to write with his right hand and he's been coughing a lot," she said. "He can walk but uses a cane for balance." While Joseph is now taking two oral chemotherapy pills and doing six weeks of radiation treatment before having another MRI, Donna is unsure if he will fully recover, can return to work at some capacity or can live long.

According to the National Library of Medicine, the median survival time for someone who receives surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatment for having glioblastoma is 15 to 16 months. However, it notes that there have been rare occurrences of people surviving for at least five years or more.

Steven said his daughter has known Joseph since she was young; he was her school bus driver. "When Kate heard Joe was sick, she asked me how she could help and I asked her if she ever heard of GoFundMe and she said yes," Steven said. "[Joseph]'s been such a dedicated community servant for most of his life."

Donna expressed gratitude for the donations so far but said \$6,000 is, unfortunately, not enough. "I've had to pay his health insurance, pay off some of [Joseph's] painting business' debt, his truck payment, pay for his doctor appointments' co-pays, pay off our credit cards and to insure our vehicle," she said. "I've done everything to try and lower our bills but it's still a lot."

Due to her husband's condition, they got approved for Social Security disability insurance but will only begin receiving a monthly \$1,800 check in October. She also applied for emergency Supplemental Security Income payments but was denied because the federal Social Security Administration saw the GoFundMe fundraiser raised \$6,000.

"We were shocked, it's like holding it against you for having people donate to you," Donna said. "How am I going to get a job with this coronavirus going around?"

However, she noted that the GoFundMe page has been helpful so far and if anyone is interested, she said people can also donate money via their PO Box at PO Box 44, Delmar NY — inside the Delmar U.S. Post Office at 357 Delaware Ave.

"We couldn't be more thankful for the donations so far," she said.

To view the GoFundMe page to donate, visit bit. ly/2KGWmIY.





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ALBANY COUNTY

Social distancing on the crowded Rail Trail



Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, residents have flocked to the Albany County Rail Trail (above, pictured last fall) to enjoy the outdoors.

Spotlight file photo

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BETHLEHEM — Town Supervisor David VanLuven said he has seen residents' concerns on social media about crowding on the Albany County Rail Trail since earlier this month.

As the COVID-19 pandemic has forced many people to stay home and practice social distancing, he recognized why people may feel "desperate to get out." He added, "I think we're a month in now and it's starting to grate in on us. Our tempers are becoming shorter and pressure is more frayed. We need to remind ourselves to be patient and kind."

While saying the town has no data on how many people are actually on the Rail Trail, and it is managed by Albany County, he expressed concern about crowding on the Rail Trail. He advised people to remember to not get too close to others if they're zigzagging through people's paths.

In an April 11 Facebook post, he brought up a Slate magazine article called, "Do You Really Need to Stay 6 Feet Away From Others When You're Running?" It discussed how people breathing heavily because of exercising, running, biking or jogging would cause small respiratory droplets to leave their bodies more forcefully, unlike when walking leisurely. Coupled with overcrowding in places like parks or the Rail Trail, such people are advised to avoid getting too close to others using the same recreational area.

The article suggested people should exercise with a mask, which can limit some, but not all, of the expelled respiratory particles, as well as provide a light barrier against particles from the air or other people.

Mary Rozak, Albany County's communications director, agreed that people in public places should wear masks and continue social distancing.

"We need to also remind people at the same time to not discard any disposable face masks or gloves on the Rail Trail because we've gotten complaints about that," she said. "It's really important to also not litter."

VanLuven said, "We shouldn't expect government to come in and expect us to behave nicely, like how the police can't be everywhere to make sure we're all driving nicely."

To read the Slate magazine article, visit slate. com/technology/2020/04/exercise-social-distancing-running-six-feet-covid19.html.

Hundreds protest shutdown at the Capitol

Protestors want the shutdown to end and businesses reopened

By JIM FRANCO

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ALBANY — Hundreds of people paraded in front of the state Capitol on Wednesday, April 22 to protest the shutdown that will not likely end any time soon.

"The governor has overstepped his bounds. He is totally destroying our economy," said a man from the Capital District who only gave his name as Michael. "He likes to push the blame off elsewhere but it's his responsibility. He shut things down and he is not opening them up quickly enough. People are dying in other ways from suicide and addiction and they can't take care of their families. This is horrendous. The governor needs to open up the small businesses in upstate New York today."

Earlier this week, Gov. Andrew Cuomo acknowledged the vast disparity between the number of cases and fatalities downstate compared to upstate said that he would open New York on a regional basis with the hardest hit areas of New York City, Long Island and Westchester County opening later than areas north.

But, he did not give a time frame and said Wednesday a massive testing campaign would begin to determine who is infected, and then track everyone that person has come into contact with and isolate them as necessary.

"It is ridiculous. Hospitals are not



Hundreds appeared before the New York State Capitol with posters and flags, protesting the statewide shutdown.

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overwhelmed. Everything is under control. The curve is going down and people need to get back to work," said a woman from Long Island who would only give her name as Janice. The kids are getting depressed. They are not in school. You talk about kids today and their emotional wellbeing and you have them sitting home doing nothing. He is going to have bigger problem than the coronavirus.

"He doesn't have a right to do this. We are struggling and he sits in his little bubble and talks about how he understands. He doesn't understand. He's never had a real job in his life. We have been paying his salary forever."

There have been similar protests across the country.

Some states less hit than the New York City area are preparing to reopen under guidelines from the federal Center for Disease Control.

New York, though, is not one of them.

In Albany County, the death toll jumped by four to 29 on Wednesday with 713

Health Department, so there will always be a segment of the popular segment.

positive cases out of more than 7,000 tests conducted.

"These idiots who come out and protest. We don't want to shut you down. We don't want to keep you home," said Albany County Dan McCoy. "And the thing is people say

who cannot be swayed by "science or evidence," and instead are playing on a sense of frustration.

"None of us are happy about not being able to work or go to school or do the normal things we



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[the ones who died] 'had underlying health issues' but does that really matter?'

Dr. Elizabeth Whalen, head of the Albany County Health Department, said there will always be a segment of the population are used to doing," she said. "What I would say to those who may be swayed, please consider the science, consider the evidence and consider the reasons behind the decisions."

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SPOTLIGHT ON FINANCE

The Bear Market is Back: What Should Investors Do?

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tay disciplined and seek opportunities to upgrade portfolios. Don't succumb to panic.

After having avoided several near misses, US equities fell into bear market territory for the first time in more than 11 years, plunging a dizzying 32% from record highs registered just one month ago and ending the longest bull market in history.

The "Coronavirus Crash" has been one of the swiftest peak-to-trough markets decline ever, and the hibernating bear has come roaring back in a major way. In addition to materializing swiftly and suddenly, the bear market has been widespread, with nearly all asset classes (save cash) experiencing losses in the past few weeks. In statistical terms, correlations amongst a variety of financial, asset prices have converged to approximately +1.0, representing perfect correlation. As a result, many investors are justifiably asking, "What should I do now?

First and foremost, we strongly believe that investors should not panic and abandon their long-term plan, nor should they eliminate equities from their portfolios in a wholesale manner.

As the primary growth engine for most portfolios, equities will benefit from future economic expansion once it re-emerges.

That said, it is also important that investors carefully evaluate the types of equities represented within their portfolios and consider making some minor tweaks during this time of extreme uncertainty.

While we reiterate our view not to sell equities indiscriminately, we urge investors to enhance an



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existing equity portfolio by adding high-quality companies and pruning lower-quality companies. High-quality companies are those that exhibit above-average and relatively enduring profit margins, possess lower levels of leverage on their balance sheets, and are led by experienced, proven, and aligned allocators of capital.

Low-volatility stocks represent another category of equities that can provide some cushion during a bear market. As their name suggests, these stocks are intriguing for their defensive asymmetric attributes: They participate in up markets but decline less than broad market when volatility typically surges. Similarly, largecap growth stocks tend to outperform their small-cap value counterparts during bear markets when, in general, earnings growth responses in all of us. Fufolios for roughly nine fear and cause investors months and have recomto extrapolate the presmended a tilt toward both ent to the future, often stocks for several years. These decisions have proven beneficial, and we continue to believe they should be featured within an investor's portfolio.

and institutional inves-

tors who are willing to portfolios during this time future. Sunnier days will their portfolios will be surrender a degree of of immense uncertainty. transparency may benefit from owning hedge funds in this environment. Unlike mutual funds, hedge funds' net asset values are not published in newspapers or on the "crawl" at the bottom of a television screen. However, hedge funds possess greater flexibility and have more tools at their disposal relative to their mutual fund peers.

By forgoing a certain amount of transparency and by equipping skilled managers with greater resources, investors stand to benefit from less-volatile performance over time. We acknowledge that hedge funds are not appropriate for every investor. Further, not all hedge funds are created equal, thus placing a premium on selectivity, deep due diligence, and ongoing monitoring. But a thoughtfully curated collection of fundamentally oriented hedge fund strategies can offer benefits to investors

Investors can also seek unique returns from other means. One such strategy seeks to capitalize on the volatility risk premium (VRP). Designed to provide protection against market volatility, this approach has proven to be beneficial over time. averages in down markets That's because most investors overpay for protection, just as most people overpay for insurance they never use (thankfully).

Understandably, bear markets trigger emotional is scarce. We have emphaeled by an incessant cassized minimum-volatility cade of negative events, stocks within clients' port-recency bias can stoke large-cap and high-quality leading them to overreact or freeze in place. In our view, while it may still be premature to add aggressively to equities just yet, we think investors should assess the types In addition, individual of equities they own and consider upgrading their

We also advise investors to be mindful of potential opportunities to improve the diversification of their portfolios and help position them for the

arrive, and we believe rewarded over time. that investors who remain deliberate and disciplined, do not allow themselves to be overtaken by panic, and seek opportunities to upgrade and enhance

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TOWN GOVERNMENT

Plans for licensing tobacco, vapor retailers

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BETHLEHEM

- The town board is considering a new licensing system and setting a limit on the number of retailers selling tobacco and vapor products in town.

During the virtual April 22 Town Board meeting, Bethlehem Planning Division Senior Planner Leslie Lombardo said staff began drafting a local law "for a tobacco and vapor retailer license with a restriction on vapor product sales within 1,000 feet of schools."

Requiring guidance from the town board on the drafted licensing program details before the local law would be formally introduced at the May 13 town board meeting, Lombardo presented options and requirements for the town board to discuss and consider.

Requirements would

include Bethlehem retailers to apply and get a license from the town to sell products that contain tobacco leaf or nicotine; any vapor product, regardless of containing nicotine; and any parts of tobacco products like separatelysold cartridges, vaping liquids or pipes.

Such retailers cannot sell vapor products within 1,000 feet of schools but can still sell tobacco products.

One option the town can consider is limiting the number of licenses issued to retailers.

Lombardo noted there are 15 existing local tobacco retail businesses within 1,000 feet of schools. Five of them — two Stewart's convenience stores, Mobil-Delmar Mart, Valero and Delmar Beverage Inc. also sell vape products and are located along Delaware

"The town may initially issue licenses to all the



Town Board members were concerned that flavored vapor products, like above, look inviting to young children, hence wanting retailers in town selling such products to be at least 1,000 feet from schools.

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eligible retailers that apply and those are basically the existing businesses in town, and the cap will not be applied in that first licensing cycle," Lombardo said. "After the first round of licensing, the town will issue renewed licenses to eligible applicants so those existing retailers will be

considered to be renewed licenses."

She added that the license would function for one calendar year and then existing businesses must reapply for another license every year.

After the licensing system's first year, a cap on the number of licenses

allowed to be issued would take effect — and the town board has three cap options to consider.

First, the town could set the cap at the number of licenses issued in its first licensing cycle and it can only issue a new license when the total number of licenses does not exceed the

"For example, if we have 15 existing businesses and they all come in the first cycle to get a license, the cap would be set at 15," Lombardo said. "And if a new business wants a license, they would not be allowed to have one because the existing businesses would have had the 15. A year after that, if we have 14 existing businesses come in to renew their licenses, then we can issue a new license for a new business because our cap is 15 from the year before.

Second, the town may consider "cap and winnow" where like natural

attrition, it may grant one new license for every two licenses that are not renewed from the previous cycle.

Lombardo gave the example of 13 businesses renewing their license in the second year, meaning that the town can grant just one new license to a new business then.

No new licenses would be issued though if no new business applies.

Third, the town may have a "cap and winnow with a floor" option which follows the previous option's approach but the town must determine what's the minimum number of licenses it wants to reduce to over time, which would prevent the number of licenses issued in a year from falling to zero.

Town Board members Dan Coffey, Maureen Cunningham, Joyce Becker and Jim Foster agreed that if the town chooses the

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COMMUNITY

Farmers market is still a go

Vendors, customers to maintain social distancing

By DIEGO CAGARA

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BETHLEHEM — The Delmar Farmers Market will begin its season on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Elm Avenue Park but customers and vendors must still practice social distancing. The season will continue until the Saturday before Christmas, according to market manager Ken Myer.

Unlike previous years, it will not be held at the Bethlehem Central Middle School as it remains closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the state Department of Agriculture and Markets, farmers markets and food-producing farms are considered essential food supply chain industries

and are exempt from state-mandated workforce reduction.

Myer said this was one reason why the Delmar Farmers Market can start its season this year. Besides discussing the possibility with the market's board of directors, he also received information on how to safely operate the market despite the pandemic with organizations including the Cornell Cooperative Extension, Farmers Market Federation of New York and Farmers Market Coalition.

"We have a really good board of directors and everyone has the same goal in mind," Myers said. "We want the farmers market to be community-oriented and support vendors. We believe the market will support the community during this difficult time and I'm glad the town of Bethlehem stepped up to allow us to use the Elm Avenue Park this year."

Following the state Department of Agriculture and Markets' guidance, he said this year's farmer market will not have any cooking demonstrations, not allow food sampling and sales of crafts and nonfood items, not have picnic tables to prevent people from congregating, and no live music bands. He noted that people cannot eat at the market too and instead should bring their orders

He added, "We're also going to have 15 feet of space between vendors, add more handwashing stations, make hand sanitizers available, have volunteers manage the market's traffic and have one-way aisles to keep people moving and prevent overcrowding in areas. We will have signs and volunteers to promote social distancing." Under Gov. Cuomo's order, all people working and visiting the market must wear masks at all times since it's

an outdoor environment.

Myer brought up an idea that seniors and high-risk individuals with underlying health conditions may visit the Delmar Farmers Market from 9 to 10 a.m. "to give them a bit of peace of mind when coming and not having to worry about so many people around them." Another idea, he said, is letting vendors provide pre-ordered pickup so customers can quickly collect their orders and leave

"It will be a different scene this year and we really care about providing service to the community while doing our best to keep them, vendors and board members safe — all while conducting a market," said Myer. "We'll continue to have signs made to encourage social distancing and wear masks."

As of Thursday, April 23, there are 55 confirmed vendors throughout this year's entire market season,



Vendors will stay 15 feet apart and one-way aisles would help control potential crowding.

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36 of which will be present for the May 16 opening. Anyone interested in volunteering to work at the market can email at info@ delmarmarket.org.

"I can't wait for opening day because I think that's when all the hard work will come down to and we can have some fun," Myer concluded. "The challenge is to have fun but not endanger anybody. We have to keep people moving in the market but it will be great for everyone to enjoy the outdoors and see their neighbors and vendors."



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Licensing plans

third option, the floor number should be set at seven or eight — about half of 15 which refers to the number of existing businesses. Town Supervisor David VanLuven preferred not having a floor but said he's willing to consider it.

Coffey said, "I doubt we're ever going to get to a point where half of our retailers will be out of town and I don't know if we'll ever get to the floor but I'm comfortable with putting a floor in just to make sure residents of legal age don't have to go to another town to buy."

Foster chimed in, "I think it's unlikely we'll ever end up in a situation where we'll have no businesses or become a dry town but we're living in times where we're seeing things we thought would never happen. So preventing those circumstances, I'd continue supporting a floor."

Lombardo said the town board would need to determine and approve how much the application fee — covering the application's processing and possibly store inspection — and the annual license fee a tobacco retailer would pay as well.

She said staff have worked with Northeastern University School of Law's Public Health and Tobacco Policy Center to begin figuring out how much such fees could be like too as the organization worked with other municipalities regarding tobacco-related policies. "One community I've looked at had fees that were \$200 to \$250 for both the application fee and annual license fee so in total, it'd be \$500 for a retailer to get their license," Lombardo said.

Foster said he would not want the fees to be "punitive" or be perceived as punishing businesses, both existing and upcoming.

"I'd try to keep the fees as reasonably low as possible and be cognizant of the climate we're in now as we have many struggling businesses," he added. "I'm concerned about the annual licensing fee because I think that can go on in perpetuity."

Lombardo also encouraged the town board to consider extending the current moratorium, which will end on June 26, by another six months.

She explained staff would need more time to further develop and prepare the licensing system and application documents, and educate themselves and existing businesses about it.

Also, the extended moratorium would lead the town to begin issuing licenses in January 2021, with applications submitted by December 2020.

She noted that since many businesses are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic now, the extended timeframe would not burden them more with application and annual license fees anytime soon.

Ddiscussions will continue until the law is introduced at the May 13 town board meeting. A public hearing is planned for May 27 and the law may potentially be adopted on June 10.

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ENVIRONMENT

Closing on new land purchases affected by COVID-19

Henry Hudson Park to expand by 21 acres

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BETHLEHEM -

Although the Town Board voted unanimously in late March to approve the purchase of two adjacent land parcels totaling 21 acres to expand Henry Hudson Park, the COVID-19 pandemic is preventing town staff from holding a ribboncutting and closing on the transaction.

"The land acquisition would've gone into effect a lot sooner if not for the pandemic," said Karen Shaw, the town's open space coordinator. "Hopefully, once the pandemic lifts and we're able to meet again is when we can finally close on the lands."

One of the two parcels takes up 11 acres along Lyons Road and was owned by resident Howard Vagele;

the other is 10 acres out of a 17-acre parcel owned by resident Steven Downs along Dinmore Road.

Besides the landowners and Shaw, the town also worked with Scenic Hudson, a nonprofit environmental organization, and the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy (MHLC) for two years on the land purchases.

According to town documents, the town used \$80,000 from its Parkland Set-Aside Funds to purchase the Vagele property; Scenic Hudson gifted \$80,000 to the town by entering into a contract with Downs for his property and assigning it to the town.

The land purchases came at no cost to taxpayers and the town would own both lands to help expand Henry Hudson Park.



Town staff are waiting to hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony once the COVID-19 pandemic declines in order to close on the two land purchases, shown in red, which will expand Henry Hudson Park.

The unanimous vote took place during a virtual Zoom meeting. "It's very strange to have such an important vote to take place in this way but I do want to thank

everyone for their hard work,"Town Supervisor David VanLuven said. "These lands will benefit Bethlehem and the Capital Region for generations and I look forward to bringing

everyone together for a proper ribboncutting when the [pandemic] has passed and we can safely stand closer than six feet apart again."

The land purchases will expand Henry Hudson Park, protect 3,000 feet of the Vloman Kill shoreline, prevent development, conserve natural resources and maintain the surrounding area's historic integrity.

The acquired lands would also be used for passive recreation.

Regarding history, Town Historian Susan Leath said the acquired Downs property is adjacent and north of the Bethlehem House — or the Nicoll-Sill House or Rensselaer Nicoll House

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— which is along Dinmore Road, privately-owned and built in 1735.

While one of the oldest surviving homes in town, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

"There was an early settlement around that area along Vloman Kill and down to the Hudson River. There were several old mills and business activity related to ice harvesting in the 1800s," Leath said. "There's also a historic cemetery across the street from the Bethlehem House which has buried soldiers from the Revolutionary War."

Leath said she shared this information with the stakeholders involved in the land purchases.

She continued, "There have been no official talks vet but I think it'd be fun that the area includes some informational kiosks for people to learn about the area's history while enjoying

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nature. I'd say not many people know about the history because there's not much surface-level evidence left except for some old houses."

Shaw said the town began working with Downs and Vagele in 2018 who expressed interest in selling their lands, in hopes of open space preservation. Scenic Hudson and MHLC joined in shortly

"We looked into the two properties that the town sought to conserve and we determined that these areas are resilient to climate change so we were motivated to help," said Seth McKee, Scenic Hudson's land conservation director. "The Hudson River is prone to sea level rises so the lands would help plants and animals move around to adapt. The town has been proactive in trying to secure a highquality environment for its residents and working on open space conservation."

He continued, "We're really pleased with how the

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town has been doing on those fronts so we brought 50 percent of the overall funding to the table. We used our resources to help the town try to protect these lands to enhance the quality-of-life for residents and the region be more resilient to climate change."

He also acknowledged the Vloman Kill as an important tributary and the land purchases can enable residents to better enjoy nature.

Mark King, MHLC's executive director, said his in real estate transactions and open space issues.

"Although we dealt primarily with the Downs property, we gave guidance to the town on how the contracts, transactions and appraisals work," he said. "We've also worked with Scenic Hudson and the town before. It's great to see the town be very motivated to take advantage of these opportunities."

King added that he believed the Henry Hudson Park is "really underrecognized by the town's population."

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MILESTONE

Celebrating 70 years of marriage

and Jack Cassidy celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at a quiet dinner at their home in Delmar, where they have lived for 64 years.

The couple was married April 15, 1950, at Our Lady Help of

Christians Church in Albany.

Marion and Jack are the proud parents of five children: Joanne (Richard), Jane (John), Jack, Mike, and Dan (Debbie).

They have 15 grandchildren and are happily awaiting the arrival of their 12th great grandchild.

Marion graduated from St. Peter's Hospital

Jack and Marion Cassidy celebrated 70 years of marriage on April 15.

School of Nursing in 1948. She worked as a registered nurse in St. Peter's **Emergency Department** and Endoscopy Center. Jack served in the U.S. Navy in both World War II and the Korean War.

He worked as a line

foreman for Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. (now National Grid) for 38 years.

Marion and Jack met after flirting on a city bus in 1948 – the start of their beautiful life together.



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BETHLEHEM BUSINESSES ARE OPEN & NEED SUPPORT

Small businesses need your support more now than ever. We are sharing information that we have at this time regarding Member shops, services & restaurants. Please support them and all our local businesses during these difficult and uncertain times. Last updated 4/19/20.

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SHOPS + SERVICES

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Bethlehem Area YMCA: providing critically needed childcare to all essential workers, providing food for children in need, and connecting with seniors, families and children through virtual classes and social media messages

Bethlehem Food Pantry: open with changes: taking appts. for regular pantry hours. Call to make appt., we will asked what essentials you need & what you do not want. Bags will be packed for you & food will be delivered at side door at the time of your appt. All calls are to be made to 518.439.4955 x 1173. We will try to a get you food for three (3) days.

Crossfit Spur: loaning equipment to members, emailing/posting workouts and demo videos, started a quarantine fitness contest, and our yoga instructor (Barefoot Space) will be doing livestream class Sundays at 10am

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Dorsey Sign Company: open and offering parking lot pick-up for signage, contact Heather via phone or at info@dorseysignco.com

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Four Corners Pharmacy: offering home delivery and drive-thru pick-up, call 518.439.8200

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OBITUARIES

Former Glenmont principal dies

Donald Robillard remembered as innovative educator

By MICHAEL HALLISEY

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GLENMONT — Former elementary school principal Donald Robillard, whose guiding words twice led his school to national recognition, died on Tuesday, April 21, at the age of

Bethlehem Central Superintendent Jody Monroe said Robillard brought "a spirit of innovation to the school and to the district." She credited him with seeking out partnerships with community leaders to develop programs. She also called him a "tireless advocate" for the community, seeking the safety of his students and their families, as commercial development blossomed around the school.

"What he will probably be remembered for most, however, is the school's motto, 'Care about yourself; care about the people



ROBILLARD

and things around you," said Monroe. "Decades later, that motto carries on at Glenmont, and the values they reflect have probably never been as purposeful as they are right now."

When Robillard retired in 1995, staff and students threw a celebration for him. Seated upon the stage inside the school's auditorium, he pulled out his harmonica and taught the

children one more lesson.

"Close your eyes and see if you can sense a feeling," he said. "Music can express feelings when words don't always come.

Robillard spent 22 years as principal of Glenmont Elementary, often greeting his students in the front lobby. His family described him as a patient teacher who took excitement from guiding children through new tasks. However, he was especially proud of his school's accomplishments while principal at Glenmont. It was the pinnacle of an educational career that included roles as a third- and fifth-grade teacher, and principal of his hometown Watervliet High School.

"I thought he carried himself with dignity and class," said John Furey. Before retiring from Niskayuna School District in 2016, Furey coached and taught physical education at Bethlehem Central, including Glenmont. "Even though he was a peer in a sense, I always called him Mr.

Brown-Nock, 66, passed

She was born in Albany,

to the late Ralph Wilbur

(Kleckner) Brown. She

becoming a longtime

resident of Delmar.

grew up in Albany before

Janice was predeceased

by her loving husband and

high school sweetheart,

John Charles Nock. They

attending Camp Fowler

had met as teenagers while

in upstate New York. They

were married on May 13,

Janice was predeceased

by two brothers, Stephen

Ralph Brown and Ronald

Arthur Brown, and she is

survived by her youngest

brother, Skip W. Brown

mother to her only

(Kathleen) of Monroe, NC.

Janice was the proud

daughter, Tanya-Camille

NY. She was a devoted

grandmother to her two

favorite grandchildren,

Colby M. Stewart and

she loved more than life

itself.

Caitlyn M. Stewart, whom

Stewart (Robert) of Albany,

As one of four children,

"It is said that the way to honor others is to emulate them. To this day with all of the technology at our fingertips, I still do my classroom observations on a yellow pad in longhand. That is how I watched Don Robillard do them over the years and it is my way of honoring a man who I owe my BC career to."

Hamagrael Elementary

— Dave Ksanznak,

School Principal

Robillard because I respected him a great deal."

Glenmont earned the first of two National Blue Ribbon School awards in 1990. The honor, awarded annually by the U.S. Department of Education, identifies schools that model successful teaching and learning. Glenmont earned the award while the school building was in the midst of expanding to address growing attendance numbers. According to a Spotlight News article written by Susan Graves, classes had spilled over into the gymnasium and cafeteria, while other students were farmed out to other schools within the district.

"Problems are not obstacles here," said then-Glenmont art teacher Gale Derosia. The leading observation Cecil Mosenson made while evaluating the school for the award was that there seemed to be no compromise in quality, despite the challenges

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Helen Constance O'Neill 1932 - 2020

SLINGERLANDS

Helen Constance O'Neill, known to all as "Connie", passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 17, 2020.

She was 88 years

She leaves behind her grieving family: Her husband of 67 years, Bob O'Neill, daughter Karen O'Neill of Acton, MA, daughter Kathleen



O'NEILL

O'Neill Robinson and son-in-law, Kip Robinson; beloved grandchildren, Christopher Grosjean, Tim Robinson, Julie Robinson Haecker, and Eric Haecker, and her brother, Jack Ryder, and a large tribe of family and friends across the country.

Connie and Bob married in 1953 in Boonton, New Jersey, where Connie grew up.

They moved often in those early years, settling in Delmar, New York in 1967. Connie was a registered nurse and loved her work.

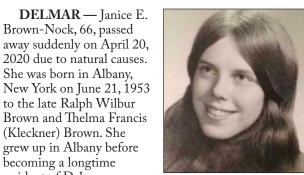
Even after retirement, she volunteered to help AIDS, Alzheimer's, and disabled patients in their

She was a consummate community volunteer in the local schools, Girl Scouts, Progress Club, and St. Thomas Church.

Energetic, positive, and very social - she was loved by so many.

Donations and details can be found at www. applebeefuneralhome.com.

Janice E. Brown-Nock 1953 - 2020



BROWN-NOCK

Janice is also survived by several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and many cousins, as well as numerous beloved friends throughout the country.

Janice attended Albany High School before transferring to Northridge High School in Middlebury, IN during her senior year. She graduated in 1971 and went on to earn an associate degree from Russell Sage College. She held several positions during her lengthy career: she was the co-owner and CEO of Bethlehem Fence Co. as well as Town & Country Miniatures in Delmar, NY; she enjoyed working in the dark room, processing photographs for The Spotlight Newspaper at their Delmar location; she worked for the NY State

Assembly for many years; and Janice's final position was with the Albany City School District, where she worked for over 20 years as an Administrative Assistant until her early retirement in 2012. She thoroughly loved her job and spoke very highly of her co-workers, many of whom became good friends.

Janice became a big fan of baseball during the time her father was a Little League coach in Albany, NY. She grew up being an avid fan of the Yankees and thoroughly enjoyed watching their ball games. Janice was thrilled when her life-long friends, Susan and James McGarry, brought her to see a live game at Yankee Stadium for her 60th birthday. She always had the biggest smile when she spoke of how they surprised her with a "Happy 60th Birthday, Janice!" Jumbo Tron wish during this once in a lifetime experience. It truly made her feel special.

Janice had volunteered with the Girl Scouts of America where she and her husband were coleaders of Troop #540. She delighted in the joy

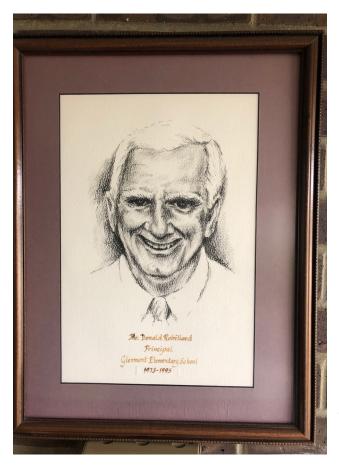
of others by leading many events and activities during this time. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and she once held office as president with the Eastern Star in Albany, NY.

Janice was an incredibly giving and thoughtful person, she would always make sure everyone had whatever they may need. She appreciated many of the simple pleasures in life: reminiscing of oldtime stories, listening to music, playing board games, making homemade soups, jams, and baked goods, watching Yankees baseball, and she absolutely loved to spoil her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Acknowledgment:

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the sympathy, comforting words, prayers, and all expressions of kindness and concern.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please make your donations to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society in her honor. Private ceremonies will be planned for later in the year. www.spotlightnews.com *April 29 - May 5, 2020* | **THE SPOTLIGHT** 11



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Robillard

presented by construction and overcrowding. Much of the staff credited Robillard for his willingness to try new ideas.

"He always encouraged us to take risks and that we often learn by making mistakes," said Dave Ksanznak, a school principal for Hamagrael Elementary. "Don was an ex-marine who always led by example. Because he trusted you and believed in you, you wanted to always give 100 percent to the kids and community."

Towards the end of each academic year, Glenmont's fifth-grade students attend Nature's Classroom, a three-day outdoor education program in Massachusetts. It was a tradition Robillard started, Ksanznak said. It allows kids to take a trip away from home while experiencing science experiments with light, nature hikes, dissections and historical role-play.

"He was a great guy to work for as he got us what we needed and let us try different things to make learning a memorable experience for the students," Ksanznak said. He brought in guest authors and artists in residents for plays and activities. Ksanzank said he also helped build the Glenmont Big Backyard and an authentic Dutch

barn at the school.

Ksanzank's presence at Hamagrael Elementary is just as revered with today's students, who often greet him as "Mr. K" at the start of each day. Ksanzank said he still carries on the things he learned from Robillard.

"It is said that the way to honor others is to emulate them," he said. "To this day with all of the technology at our fingertips, I still do my classroom observations on a yellow pad in longhand. That is how I watched Don Robillard do them over the years and it is my way of honoring a man who I owe my BC career to."

Last year, nearly 25 years after Robillard retired from the school district, Glenmont Elementary earned its second National Blue Ribbon School award. When the school earned the distinction, Glenmont Principal Laura Heffernan said Glenmont's motto to "Care about yourself; care about the people and things around you," exemplified the school community.

"Just walk through our doors, and right away you will see that Glenmont cares," she said.

Robillard excelled both academically and athletically at Watervliet High School. On the baseball diamond, he is remembered as a star pitcher for the Cannoneers. **Donald Robillard's likeness** is still present at Glenmont Elementary. This pen and ink sketch was dedicated to him on his retirement from the school in 1995.

Bethlehem Central School District

In the classroom, he was voted vice president of his class. As a talented artist, he lent his skills towards the high school yearbook.

After high school, Robillard joined the United States Marine Corp with a few of his high school friends. From there, he was trained and deployed to serve in the Korean War before he was called home after his father's passing.

Robillard's career as an educator was followed by an eclectic collection of vocations. He worked as a U.S. Postal carrier, as a lineman for Bell Telephone Company and as a collections officer.

Robillard cherished "every minute" reading and playing with his 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, his family said. He was also described as a proud family man who took the time to care for his aging family and friends. He was a supportive and loving father to his four children, David, Kristen, Michelle and Jennifer.

In addition to spending time with family, Robillard enjoyed listening to jazz and classical music, attending live theater, reading non-fiction, health, fitness, boating and travel. Following his retirement, he enjoyed traveling with his wife of over 60 years, Katherine (Gorgen).

Burial will take place at St. Jean's Cemetery in Troy. A memorial Mass will be scheduled at a later date.

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ARIBURNU LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/30/20. 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 Mercer Street, Apartment 23, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-243589

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ASEGC LLC. Arts. Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/27/20. 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, 244 Fifth Avenue, #1599, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243559

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BARRON SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat-

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ed as agent of the IIC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 5 Smith Lane, Saint James, NY 11780. Purpose: Any lawful pur-

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FORMATION BIG MEMO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/15/20. 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, 155 West 68th Street, #2029, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-244393

NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION BLACK CLOUD PROPER-TIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/13/20. Office: Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 506, Preston Hollow, NY 12469. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244899

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MARKETING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on the 09/19/19. 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 Mokesh Ramnath, 110-09 Liberty Avenue, S. Richmond Hill, NY 11419. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242974

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CANAM CAPITAL 595 WEA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/20. 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, 595 West End Avenue, Apartment 4/5, New York, NY 10024. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244721

NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION CDK ROMERO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/18/20. Of-Albany County. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 3059 Milburn Avenue, Bald-win, NY 11510. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-243594

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CHOPT VESTAVIA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/16/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 853

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Broadway, Suite 606, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244464

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02/11/20. 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 . Bank Street, Apartment 7, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-243697

CROSBY 54 INVESTORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/20/20. 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, 51 Wooster Street, Floor 3, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose D-244591

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EMPIRE LENDING SER-VICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/13/20. 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, 3 Howard Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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FAB JDJ, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/17/20. 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, 100 Morton Street, Apartment 8DW, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244525

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FARMERS MARKET HOME DELIVERY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/25/20. Office: Albany County. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, PO Box 14, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244304

NOTICE OF LLC

04/09/20. 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, 157 Columbus Avenue, Suite 408, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any

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CONCHITA WIDJOJO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on

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FITWAR HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on lawful purpose. D-244260

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GAIL 76 INVESTORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/20/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 51 Wooster Street, Floor 3, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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FORMATION GOURMET ITALIAN DE-LIGHTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/20. 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, 135 Fingerboard Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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GUTTMAN REALTY
FUND VIII LLC. Arts. of
Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/25/20. 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, 3541 Clubside Drive, Boca Raton, FL Purpose: Anv 33496 lawful purpose.

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HELENA GRAY JEWELS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/09/20. 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, 137-31 75th Road, Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242990

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HOWARD HOWARD 25 IN-VESTORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/20/20. 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, 51 Wooster Street, Floor 3, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244593

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HTOWN 65, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/19/20. Of-Albany County. 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 Pavel Levter, 167 Baden Place, Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: lawful purpose. D-243702

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FORMATION HUME ARCHITECTURE, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/13/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC. 77 Flushing Avenue, Suite 1314, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Architecture. D-242834

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DESIGNS Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/15/20. Office: Albany County. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1474 Union Street, Brooklyn, NY 11213. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244394

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JDRE GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/15/20. 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, 55 E. 9th Street, 8A, New York, NY 10003. Pur-pose: Any lawful purpose D-244395

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JIMMYS FASHION &
STYLE LLC. Arts. of Org.
filed with the SSNY on
04/13/20. 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, 22 Gatling Place, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244278

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JOYCE 404 MARION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/11/20. 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, 487 Bainbridge Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242774

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JRHP REALTY LLC. Arts. Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/20. Of-Albany County. fice: designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7916 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION LA RANCH, LLC. Arts. of

Org. filed with the SSNY bany 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 Carolyn Andrews, 290 West End Avenue, Apartment 6D, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242981

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LAPD HOLDINGS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/18/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 7616 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243072

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LION HOUND FUNDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/25/20. 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, 20 West 20th Street, Suite 1102, New York, 10011. Purpose: lawful purpose. D-243575

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CONSULTANTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/26/20. 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, 56 78th Street, Middle Village, NY 11379. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243466

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LMNT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/03/20. 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, The Law Office of Thalia Feilen, PLLC, 928 Broad-way, Suite 1000, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243936

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MERCER 9 INVESTORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/20/20. 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. 51 Wooster Street, Floor 3, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

D-244594 NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TALAPIA LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/21/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 41-21 28th Street, Apartment 4F, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244647

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NYANSAPO IMPACT CAPITAL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/25/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom prowww.spotlightnews.com April 29 - May 5, 2020 | THE SPOTLIGHT 13

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Still on the clock

The school board is to resume discussion of the change at its May 6 meeting. The proposal includes a redesign of the district's bus routes. The transportation consultant hired by the district for the task is scheduled to present a proposed change..

"Every member of the committee, each of whom spent more than a year and a half researching and debating this initiative, was focused on the long term and each one believes the later start time will serve the well-being of our students well into the future," said Monroe.

The district has been examining the feasibility of a later start time at the high school since 2018.

The Board's decision to

fast-track the 8 a.m. start time at the high school was made at the Feb. 26 Board of Education meeting following a unanimous agreement by the district's School Start Time Committee to shift the high school bell schedule. The work of School Bus Consultants (SBC) was integral in the committee's decision making. A representative from SBC will be presenting their final routing, utilization and bus schedule recommendations to the Board as part of the May 6 meeting.

The proposal would impact the bell schedule at the high school only.

The proposed change involves shaving a minute off from each of the high school's eight class periods.

The current school day runs from the start of homeroom at 7:35 a.m. to the end of day at 2:07 p.m., excluding an extra period from 2:15 to 3 p.m. for extra help. By taking one minute off from each class, and eliminating homeroom altogether, the school day would start nearly a half hour later at 8 a.m. and conclude nine minutes later at 2:16 p.m.

As school announcements are presently shared during the student's homeroom period, a five-minute window between the second and third class period is designated for announcements. Students will continue to have five minutes between classes.

There would be no change to the start times at the district's five elementary schools or at the middle school.

"First though, the district wants to be sure



students, staff and families have a chance to look at the revised bell times at the high school and share their feedback prior to any final decision-making," said Monroe.

Superintendent Monroe said the May 6 meeting is

scheduled for 7 p.m. Due to the extended school closure the meeting will take place remotely and will be streamed live via YouTube. Login details for the meeting will be released on May 1. Those wishing to submit comments or questions

regarding the proposed change to the high school start time should submit those comments no later than Wednesday, May 6, at

All comments and questions can be emailed to bcsdk12@gmail.com.

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cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1400 5th Avenue 1400 5th Avenue, Suite 8C, New York, NY 10026. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PCV ONE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/20. 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, 20 Aavelord Boule-vard, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244736

NOTICE OF LLC
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PPE MEDICAL SUPPLY
LLC. Arts. of Org. filed
with the SSNY on
04/17/20. 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, 300 Suburban Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729. Pur-pose: Any lawful pur-

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PrevAdmServices LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/07/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 124 West 60th Street, Suite 39-N, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244007

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

REALITY PARTNERS DE LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 04/16/20. Originally filed

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with Secretary of State of Delaware on 04/02/20. 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, process to the LLC, 1713 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Bay Shore, NY 11706. Purpose: Any lawful purpose D-244563

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION SWIFT RENTAL PROP-ERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSN A on 03/12/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 Swatling Road, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243560

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION TAKE A HIKE DOG WALKING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/16/20. 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, 124 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244462

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM **LEGAL NOTICE** NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

Pursuant to Section 505 and 1526 of the Real Property Tax Law Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, has completed the tentative assessment roll for the current year and that a

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copy is available at the office of the Assessor at 445 Delaware Avenue Delmar, NY where it may be seen and examined by any interested person beginning on May 1st. HEARING OF

COMPLAINTS
YOU MUST FILE A FOR-MAL GRIEVANCE GRIEVANCE (RP-524 form) WITH THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT RE-VIEW NO LATER THAN MAY 26, 2020, BY 8

The Town Hall will be closed to the Public through May 15th at this point.

The Assessor will be in attendance with the tentative assessment roll Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., after May 15th and Wednesday evening, May 20th, 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., by appointment only and Saturday, May 16th, 9 a.m. to noon, by appointment only. It is also available to view on the Town of Bethlehem website www.townof-

bethlehem.org starting May 1st.
The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 9 a.m. to noon, and then from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on the application of any person believing himself to be aggrieved Laurie Lambertsen

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TIMESTRETCH HOLD-INGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/13/20. 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 Daniel Raubolt, 424 Bedford Avenue, Apartment 20B, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Albany County -New York ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Mednesday, May 6 Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 6:00 PM to take action on an application submitted by Benderson Development Company, LLC on behalf of Victoria Estates, LTD, for an Area Variance located at Glen-Shopping Plaza, 376-388/392 Feura Bush Road, Glenmont. The Applicant is proposing to construction a retail/restaurant building that will not meet the Town Zoning Code re-quirements for parking under Article VI, Section 128-56. Due to the public health

and safety concerns related to the novel Coron-(COVID-19) the avirus

not be meeting in-per-son. In accordance with Executive Order 202.1, the meeting is being held electronically via electronically via video conference and a transcript will be provided at a later date. Plans and other materi-

als received related to the proposed application are available on the town's website: townofbethlehem.org.

Members of the public may view and listen to the meeting live by visiting the Town's Website and clicking on the MEETINGS bar along the

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left side of the page. Select Zoning Board of Appeals as Meeting Group and click on video icon for the May 6, 2020 meeting date. The public may also ac-

tively participate to provide comments during the public hearing by registering to attend the meeting via Zoom. A link to the registration and instructions can be found on the CALENDAR located on the Town website by clicking the May 6 meeting date for the Zoning Board of Ap-

peals meeting. Additionally, the public may submit comments to the Board in advance of the meeting. Public comments must be submitted via email to zoningboardofappeals@-townofbethlehem.org by 3 PM the day of the

meeting in order for the comment to be read aloud by a Board Member during the public hearing and recorded into the minutes. The Board will close the public hearing and accept additional comments via email up until 48 hours after the meeting to ensure the Board receives and reviews all public comments so submitted. Devaprasad, Chairman

Board of Appeals

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TRI-HILL STAFFING with the SSNY on 04/21/20. Office: Albany on 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, 346 Park Avenue South, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244712

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION UNITED BROTHERS 20 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/03/20. 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 Abubakr Saidi, 2143 Tomlinson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Pur-pose: Any lawful pur-D-244163

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UTSTEIN REAL ESTATE
LLC. Arts. of Org. filed
with the SSNY on
04/06/20. 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, 495 West End Avenue, Apart-ment 6D, New York, NY Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244713

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

VERTA LLC. Arts. of
Org. filed with the SSNY
on 04/02/20. 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, 330 East 38th LLC, 330 East 38th Street, Suite 23P, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful pur-D-243831

NOTICE OF LLC **FORMATION**

VICTORY CARS EAST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/13/20. Latest date ti dissolve: 12/31/2119. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail copy of pro-cess to the LLC, 1755 East Jericho Turnpike, Huntington, NY 11743. Purpose: Any lawful pur-

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION VONTELLE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 168 Sterling Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242775

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

WALLEY FARMS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/17/20. 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 Carolyn Andrews, 290 West End Avenue, Apartment 6D, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242989

NOTICE OF LLC **FORMATION**

WELLSPACE MANAGE-MENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/14/20. 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. 882 Warren Street, Floor 1, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful purpose D-244317

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

WEST 142nd REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/19/20. Office: Albany

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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, 48-02 25th Avenue, #311, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243465

NOTICE OF LLC

FORMATION WONTANARA PRODUC-TIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/09/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 108 E. 4th Street, Apartment 12, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244179

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

39-41 VESTORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/20/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom pro-cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 51 Wooster Street, Floor 3, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244595

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WOOSTER 76
VESTORS LLC. Art Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/20/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the ĽĽC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 51 Wooster Street, Floor 3, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244596

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Online Listening Parties

Our Listening Parties have moved online, and instead of just one day, the discussion can go on all month – and beyond!

Each month, librarian Michael Farley presents a solo artist, a band, a time period or style - in April, it was Johnny Cash.

Coming up in May, the spotlight is on the Girl



Groups.

Listen to and discuss The Shirelles, who reached the Top 40 with "Tonight's the Night" and in 1961 became the first girl group to reach No. 1 with "Will You Love Me Tomorrow."

And then listen to some of the many Girl Groups that followed over the next few years before they fading away during the British Invasion.

Their sound and style has outlived the hits, influencing musicians from the '60s to the present day.

With each month's artist or genre, discussion topics will be introduced

by background material to help set the context, along with biographical information and how the artists fit into the history of

All of the musical examples can be found by clicking the provided links to a Spotify.

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You'll also see lots of other programs highlighted in green that you can enjoy

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Got questions?

Reach out by email at information@bethpl.org and staff will assist you.

You can also call the library at 518-439-9314 and leave a message.

We will get back to you as soon as we are able, but please allow additional time for questions asked via voicemail.

- Kristen Roberts

Little Free Library

n addition to our online resources, we've installed a Little Free Library in front of our building, which is already gaining popularity. The idea: "Take a Book, Share a Book.'

We've stocked it with a variety of titles for all ages to start us off. Bring a book or two that you'd like to share, and/or take one that you'd like to read.

We'll periodically replenish these offerings as needed. We hope you'll find - and leave - some reading treasures for others to enjoy.

Write at Home contest

Grades four through



adult: submit your best poem and/or prose to us by Friday, May 15 at noon; you might just win a prize. All forms of poetry and prose are eligible.

Poetry: two pages or 500 words maximum

Prose: five pages or 1,250 words maximum

Participants must reside within the Guilderland school district or possess a GPL Card

Submissions must be an original, unpublished work, and all characters must be original or be in the Public Domain. Only one entry per category. All entries

must be typed and doublespaced, and in Word doc, Google doc, or PDF format. Image-based works like graphic novels are not allowed.

Email questions and entries as an attachment or share as a google doc to: ask.librarian@ guilderlandlibrary.org with your name, address, age group, and writing category in email; no identifying information on the actual submission. All submissions will be posted on the GPL website (with permission), and recognize one winner per age group and category. Winners may choose one item from the Book House with a maximum value of \$30.

Cookbook Club

We'll be holding bimonthly sessions of Cookbook Club for up to 15 patrons. We'll have a special guest at our debut event on Wednesday, May 6 at 7 p.m.; then on May 20, we'll be sharing ideas about suitable substitutes for ingredients for specific recipes.

You can bring your own ideas and suggestions to these online meetups. To register, visit the Events Calendar on our website, and provide an email with your registration. to receive an email invitation the day before the event.

— Luanne Nicholson

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Story" at the library. We are excited to offer a summer reading program where we will read, create, and learn together as individuals. families, and as a community.

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Be on the lookout as we unveil this summer's program very soon.

Check the library's website for details.

Reusable grocery bags

The Friends of the

Voorheesville Public Library

Voorheesville have been selected to receive funds in May from reusable bag purchases at the Voorheesville Hannaford.

If you are out and about doing your grocery shopping at our local Hannaford, please consider purchasing a reusable bag to help support the Friends of the Voorheesville Library.

If you don't plan to be out grocery shopping, please consider a direct donation to your local Friends of the Library.

- Lynn Kohler



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bethlehem Grange events

Saturday, May 2: Chicken & Biscuit Dinner. Served 4 to 7 p.m., take out only.

After properly self-distancing, as we have all been for the last 30+ days, we are really looking forward to seeing our many friends at our first "Take-Out Only" dinner. This will be something new for all of us.

Due to restrictions caused by COVID-19, we will be serving takeout only. Dinners will include salad and dessert. We're asking everyone to please reserve your dinners in advance by Wednesday, April 29, by speaking to Carol Carpenter at 518-421-1384, to reserve your number of needed dinners.

If your phone does not display your name or number, please enable it to display your name or number. Please wear your face mask when paying for dinners and when picking them up at the back door. We want to keep you safe and we want to keep us safe!

At the same time, you can drop off any used clothing, men's, ladies, childrens, shoes, boots, belts, purses, linens, curtains, stuffed animals, pillowcases and etc. in our clothing shed in the southeast corner of our parking lot.

Our clothing shed is available 24/7 at Bethlehem Grange 136 at 24 Bridge St., Selkirk, NY 12158.

We're also accepting the pull tabs from pet foods, soda, beer, canned fish, soups, and anything else that has the pull tabs.

We are collecting the pull tabs for our Community Service Project for the Ronald McDonald House.

These can also be dropped off when you pay for your dinners. At the same time, if you have soda or beer cans, or water bottles, we will also accept these for our Bethlehem Grange Juniors.

The deposit money from these cans and bottles goes towards their community service projects. The pull tabs and any soda, water, beer bottles or cans can be dropped off on our back porch 24/7. The bottles and cans need to be in a plastic bag, and the pull tabs must also be in a small plastic bag such as a zip lock bag.

Carol Carpenter Bethlehem Grange No. 137

There's a new sheriff in town

Dear editor,

There's a new sheriff in town.

LEAVES MUST BE BAGGED and the fee to discard a bag of trash at the transfer station will be raised from \$2 to \$3

Seriously? Vacuuming is dusty and masks are prioritized for first responders?

I've never seen the vacuum crew use masks, not that it isn't a good idea.

They only need dust masks and they are not that hard to find or make. You only need to go to a grocery store to see the variety of masks commonly used.

Our beautiful people and organizations will happily provide you with masks.

Bagging is not simple for a single person, nor is it practical for the elderly. Many are required and that means, besides shopping for groceries, one must leave the house to buy bags.

Right now is not the time to leave the house unnecessarily. Each one needs to be filled and hauled to roadside. I presume they need to be emptied and the compost station and discarded, more handling than necessary.

Typically, the leaves have been raked onto a tarp or such and dragged to the front yard, where they are sucked up and dumped at the compost station.

In a different time, spring cleaning

meant the town would pick up anything you put out: refrigerator, fencing, logs, etc.

Now they need to be tied, bundled and weighed. Do what you were elected to do: serve the public, not the other way around.

Now what has caused the price of disposing a bag of trash to increase 50 percent from \$2 to \$3? Oh wait, but you get a discount if you have two bags. Three dollars for one and two for \$5.

Will BOGO be next? When last, a charge was invoked, we saw dumping along the roadside. There is a list of items for which there is a specific charge. Some items are not allowed and your trash collector won't take them.

So, one holds them until that special collection day or dumps them behind their shed for the neighbor's scenic view.

As long as I'm venting, how about revoking the "sanctuary town" status and rejoining the USA?

A long time ago, when I entered the military, I took a pledge to support my country, as did many others.

John LaForte, Delmar

Editor's Note: The town's highway department explained on its website that loose leaf collection has been suspended in order for crew members to prioritize the use of safety





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A handy neighbor

Phillips Hardware is that good neighbor who offers a helping hand

By ROB JONAS

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on Phillips is focused on helping his community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the owner of Phillips Hardware – with locations in Delmar, Voorheesville, and Altamont – he has been working around the clock delivering goods and stocking the shelves in an effort to provide residents with a variety of products.

"That business is basically my family," says Phillips, a fifth-generation owner of the local hardware chain. "I'm in my stores more than ever these days. So, I want that sense of family at our workplace."

Phillips has made several sacrifices along the way. A few years ago, Jon set about the painful process of selling some of his stores to concentrate on his outlets in Delmar and Guilderland – communities that he grew up around and raised his kids in. When the pandemic hit, he tried

to maintain his margin for goods, such as protective masks and hand sanitizer, even as the cost to purchase the products soared. Jon also decided to offer free delivery to his customers to ease the tension of close

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proximity during the virus.

"[Profit] margins are shrinking because you can't pass the cost on to the customer," says Phillips.

The reason why Phillips has been putting himself and his business through this is because he strongly believes that supporting the community is paramount.

"We survive as a village," Phillips affirms. "If you worry only about yourself, you are going to become extinct. If you worry about your neighbors, they will show their support for you, and you will thrive together."

The pandemic has changed Phillips

Hardware's clientele. Where once towns and businesses were his primary customers, Phillips claims that homeowners now make up a large share of his customer base, especially as they engage in long-delayed

home improvement projects.

"People have those 'to-do' lists. They're telling themselves, 'Now that I'm home, I should be getting these things done," says Phillips.

The stores have also become a go-to place for people seeking household supplies that they are having a tough time finding elsewhere.

"People are coming to us to buy toilet paper because we're one of the few places that has it," says Phillips. "Stores are low on [protective] masks. We have masks."

"We take lists of what the customers need and we fill these orders, even if it is costly to do so."

Customers are welcome to go inside Phillips Hardware's stores at 235 Delaware Ave. in Delmar and 6495 Route 146 in Altamont to find what they are looking for. They can also call in their orders for delivery or curbside pickup. No matter what method they choose, Phillips confirms that customers can be confident that they will be working with experienced employees who have strong knowledge of the products inside the stores.

"Having a great team allows me to go out and be in the community," Phillips expresses with sincerity. "If I didn't have a great team, I'd have to be at the store all the time."

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Aging in Place is more than a trend

Adapting your home for whatever life throws at you

trending theme in home design and remodeling that considers the potential of life's unforeseen changes is what is being called "Aging-in-Place."

Simply put, aging in place is having a home that is adaptable to a lifestyle disruption, allowing the inhabitants to take on the changes in stride. A lifestyle disruption can be many things – a sudden injury, a decrease in mobility due to illness, the need for an onsite caregiver, or perhaps the ability to take in a relative that has been displaced or can no longer live alone.

A local Ballston Lake firm, Live Safe Consulting, LLC, (LSC) is taking this

"Aging In Place" trend head on, by offering advice and remodeling services for seniors and other folks who may have handicaps that require easier movement throughout the house. LSC owner Darryl Rock is certified as an "Aging-in-Place Specialist" and "universal design certification" by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), and also an Age in Place specialist with Age Safe America. LSC is dedicated to helping people stay in their home and live comfortably despite whatever disability or declining mobility challenges they may be facing.

As a full service home

remodeler with 30 years experience, Mr Rock saw an increasing request from customers seeking easier access in bathrooms, wheelchair accessible entries and improving general safety in the house. This was the catalyst to the founding of LSC. "I noticed a need for senior population to have a reliable honest company that specializes in keeping people safe in their home...for their entire life, if possible," says Mr. Rock.

The foundation to LSC's services is a 240 point Home Safety assessment. This is where the team at LSC will identify problem areas, and offer proactive solutions to eliminate hazards and improve egress and movement in and out of

Aging in Place design and remodeling is not just for seniors.... Live Safe Consulting, LLC, is also a registered Veterans administration contractor. They can work with the VA grant programs so as to assist veterans who may have special needs. Younger people who are *loving where they live now* may also want to look into the Age in Place design to make their home more functional

the home. From here, LSC can offer design solutions, and refer vetted specialists who can do the work. With his extensive experience in the home remodeling industry, Mr. Rock is truly a jack-of-all-trades. If his firm can't do the work, then Mr. Rock has a Rolodex of local experts who can make it happen.

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LSC is a family business,

and treats every client as part of their own family. "We are the point of contact for every customer." Darryl proudly boasts. "We practice an open line of communication with all the family members involved in the decision making."

To find out more about Live Safe Consulting, LLC find them on Facebook and at LiveSafeConsulting. com. We know the present situation in our country dealing with the pandemic that emergencies do happen.

LSC is available to assist private home owners, occupational therapists, rehab discharge nurses and physical therapists to help their clients have a safe home. LSC looks forward to working with you.

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Green Island's newest apartments offer more than just waterfront living

rocky and overgrown forgotten piece of historic land, is now a stunning display of modern architecture and luxury apartment living. Starbuck Island Luxury Waterfront Apartments, located in Green Island, New York, finds itself nestled between the historic town of Green Island and the bustling city of Troy. A short walk to downtown provides Starbuck Island residents easy access to some of the best restaurants, bars and local shopping the Capital District has to offer.

For many years,

this attractive piece of waterfront land was all but forgotten. Peter Luizzi, the owner of Luizzi Companies, the project's developer, recognized the land's potential and created the plans for Starbuck Island Apartments. The Community derives its name from the historic Starbuck Foundry, a facility that wrote the early chapters of the Island's industrial past.

Luizzi Companies' latest endeavor will feature a riverside restaurant, resort-style swimming pool, amphitheater, retail shops, boat slips, heated sidewalks, underground

parking and one building for residents 55 and over. The resident experience includes elegantly-designed interiors with upscale finishes, private balconies, scenic views and an easy walk over the Green Island

luxury, Starbuck Island is the epitome of modern waterfront living.

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rang their apartment before letting them in. An upgraded SMART Home Package includes the ability to control lights, heat and other devices from the Starbuck Island App anywhere in the world!

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resort-style swimming pool, amphitheater, retail shops, boat slips,

heated sidewalks, underground parking, and one building for residents

bar seating, outdoor work space, TVs and a cornhole area. Residents will be able to enjoy all these amenities while overlooking the river and Troy waterfront!

Starbuck Island is proudly managed by Luizzi



Bridge into downtown Troy. The location is splendid, as the island is minutes from local restaurants and breweries, a farmers' market, and live music; yet provides residents with a welcome escape from the noise and hurried metropolitan life. Surrounded by stunning views, tranquil water and unparalleled

District. Included in the rent, residents enjoy the ability to lock and unlock their door from the "Starbuck Island App," available on Android and Apple devices. Tenants will also benefit from the ButterflyMX Video Intercom Entry system, where tenants can see on their smartphone who

Tenants can also control their electronics through an Amazon Alexa or Google Home.

The luxury apartment community also boasts a beautiful riverside pool and entertainment area opening Spring of 2021. The resort-style patio will include two pools, outdoor fireplaces, grilling stations,

Property Management. The community is currently accepting applications and leasing the first three buildings! Two of which are open for move-ins, and one that will be complete in August. Visit www. StarbuckIsland.com to view floorplans, pricing and amenities!



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How biking to work can benefit your overall health

ommuting is a fact of life for millions of professionals. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that the average person in the United States spends 26.1 minutes getting to work, while Statistics Canada notes the average Canadian spends 26.2 minutes getting to the office.

Few people enjoy commuting. In fact, a 2004 study published in the journal Science found that female commuters cited commuting as their least satisfying daily activity, ranking it below housework. Perhaps that's because commuting, whether commuters recognize it or not, tends to have adverse effects on their overall health. A 2012 study published in the Journal of Urban Health found that longer commutes are associated with behavioral patterns that may contribute to obesity and other negative health conditions.

Commuters who live close to work can counter some of the negative effects of commuting by cycling to work. Cycling is a healthy activity that the



Harvard Medical School notes can help people build muscle and increase bone density, which naturally decreases with age.

Pedal for a good work day | Comprehensive dental care

Dr. Abele, a pioneer in dental sciences

DELMAR —

"Building an oral health home for families where comprehensive, top-ofthe-line dental services were easily accessible was my goal," said Dr. Thomas Abele, who, since 1969, has been a pioneer and leader in the dental sciences. "With the support of a talented and dedicated staff, I hope I have achieved that.'

By offering a total spectrum of care for all ages, Abele eliminates the need for patients to move from doctor to doctor to achieve optimal oral health, comfort and beauty. Early on, he spent the additional hours of training to become qualified in dental implant technology and root canal therapy. His reinvestment

in his practice ensures that patients are offered the latest in minimally invasive approaches, digital imaging, laser power and sedation dentistry.

"Dental medicine, most pointedly when encompassing cosmetic dentistry, is definitely an art," said Abele. "Every aesthetic aspect of a patient's face must be taken into consideration when addressing reconstructive procedures, whether in the application of veneers and crowns or restorations with implants.'

Because Abele works closely with the technicians of his on-site dental lab, issues such as tooth color and shape are seamlessly addressed. His deep experience in placing dental implants, including the latest in genetically coated bone grafting, when required, and beautifully

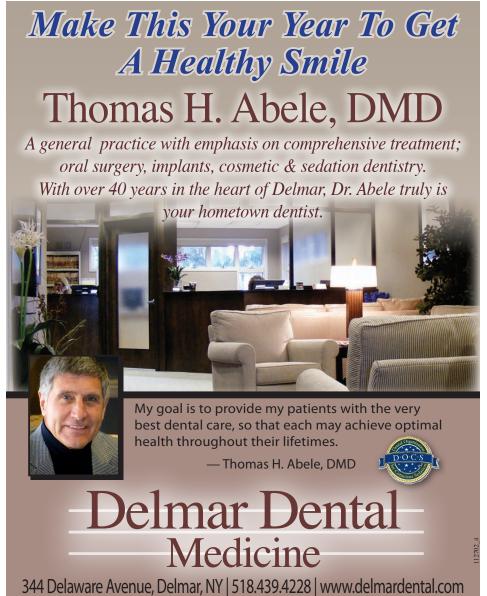
designed tooth restorations is renowned.

Citing the importance of patient education, Abele said, "Although I personally feel responsible for my patients' oral health, they have to 'buy in.'That requires helping them understand why compliance with good oral health habits, including attention to their gums, can make them healthier and happier. I enjoy taking the time needed to answer questions and provide ongoing support.

"As much as I have always enjoyed the research and ongoing education that dental medicine requires in order to stay at the top of the game," said Abele, "I most enjoy the results I see in my much valued patients. They are the ones who make me look good."

— Dr. Thomas Abele







Your independent agent What's a business plan?

CJ Insurance Agency helps people find the right policies for them

By ROB JONAS

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hree years ago, Cory Jones set out on his own to create an independent insurance agency that focuses on tailoring the right policy for each customer.

Today, CJ Insurance Agency in Voorheesville has grown to the point where people from around the Capital Region are calling for home, auto and business policies.

"We've got a nice mixture. Voorheesville, Slingerlands, Delmar and the Hilltowns have done a great job of supporting us, but now, we're getting clients from all over," said Jones. "We help someone who then tells others about us, and before we know we it know people are calling from all over.'

Jones is not a newcomer to the insurance industry. Before starting his own agency, Jones said he worked for several larger companies for 17 years, where he helped customers with a variety of insurance needs. When he decided to open his own agency, he stuck with the three areas he had the most experience

"Right now, the agency specializes in home, auto and business insurance," said Jones. "That's been where my focus has been in my career. That's why I've stayed in that pocket. I'm comfortable in that

By opting to be an independent agent, Jones said he can offer customers a wider selection of policies that fit their budgets.

"The nice thing is over time, your needs are going to change. So, we're able to adapt to your needs," said Jones. "Our approach is a two-step process. We like to sit down with the customers to find out what they need, and we try to come to a place where everyone feels comfortable with what they're getting." Then we're able to reach out to companies to see what they can offer. CJ Insurance Agency is located at 17 Maple Ave. in Voorheesville. To set up an appointment, call 518-439-

usinesses large and small can benefit from drafting business plans before beginning operations. A business plan is a description of a business' projected future, and this document will spell out exactly what a business owner plans to do and how he or she will put that plan in motion.

Forbes says that entrepreneurs can benefit from business plans because the process of developing them will help business owners understand which type of business he or she would like to create and the type and amount of funding and other resources that will be needed to get the business functioning. Although business plans may be optional, one instance in which they are often required is when entrepreneurs are seeking

funding. That's because lenders often require business plans to weigh the risks and benefits of investing in a potential business.

Entrepreneurs can use templates to draft business plans and then fill in specific details. Here are some components to include in the plan.

- Executive summary: This is a synopsis of the entire plan with all of the essentials briefly discussed. Include the reasons why the business will be successful.
- Business description: In this section, entrepreneurs can provide a profile of the company. Information can include location, size, planned operations, and the target market.
- Industry analysis: Here business owners discuss the market in

which the business will be competing, including how large the market is and whether or not there are any trends affecting this type of endeavor.

- Marketing, products and sales: In this portion of the plan, owners mention the products or services being offered. Strategies for branding, marketing and how the product/services will be sold also are included.
- Operations: The operations portion of the plan will detail the processes the business needs to address on a daily basis to be successful.
- The team: In the business plan, entrepreneurs should also identify the personnel who will be helping to run the company, including why these people are qualified for the job.





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— Michael Hallisey



















New comedy micro series is inspired by newest video conferencing trend, and the antics that commonly follow

By MICHAEL HALLISEY

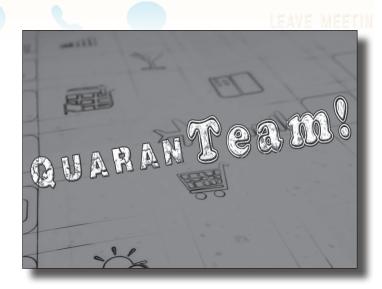
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ometimes the set of a comedy takes on a character of its own. We all moved into Archie and Edith Bunker's living room on 704 Hauser St. in Queens as we watched Norman Lear's "All in the Family" each week. For 11 seasons we would all unwind with a beer at "Cheers" whether we lived in Boston or not. And, you hardly left 328 Chauncey St. when you visited the Kramdens in their Bensonhurst apartment in Brooklyn each Saturday night.

You didn't have to know where, exactly, these comedies took place. For most of us, they were familiar settings. They all looked similar to places we've frequented, and the characters who resided there grew close enough to be family.

The connection to Mike Feurstein's latest comedy series "QuranTeam" draws from a recent happy-hour shared across Zoom. The video conferencing platform has exploded into popularity as Americans reach out to family and coworkers while sequestered at home, many of whom have been separated since March.

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The creative staff at the fictional Bork & Hitchens advertising agency is captured in each episode trying to adapt to an office dynamic encapsulated by video conferencing from home.

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"It's kind of shocking that I went into this industry where I stand up on a stage and tell people my feelings like they're my friends."

 Sydney Worthley, singer-songwriter



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Sydney Worthley is more in touch with her music in upcoming EP

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ike everyone else in the world, singer-songwriter Sydney Worthley is approaching her future with wide eyes but with Rose Colored Glasses set aside.

The waning days of Worthley's high school days are spent at home. Video chat rooms may adequately replace the classroom, but there's little to replace the idle chatter from the hallways between classes. Whatever sense of "senioritis" she felt this spring has been replaced with hope for a quick end to a nearly two-month shutdown from school.

Though some plans remain suspended in a limbo of uncertainty, Worthley's high school still plans to conduct some form of a ceremony for its

By MICHAEL HALLISEY graduating class. That's still set for sometime late in June. Before that, however, she's got a new EP set for release this Friday, May 1.

> "Rose Colored Glasses" is a five-track EP, and it's her first release since her debut album "Strong." The new album was mixed and mastered by John Naclerio at Nada Recording Studio in Montgomery. Naclerio has worked with My Chemical Romance, Senses Fail, Matchbook Romance, Midtown and Brand New in recent years.

"Strong" opened opportunities for the teenaged artist. She opened Saratoga's First Night festivities with Sawyer Fredericks, performed at Mountain Jam and she later shared the stage with Moriah Formica and Grammy Award-winning songwriter Julie Gold at 518 Songfest at The Egg in 2018. Worthley's

performance at 518 Songfest moved the "From a Distance" artist, who was tentatively listening from on stage.

Now, a few years removed from a busy 2018 and stepping out on her own without a manager, Worthley shows growth in her latest release. While "Strong" exhibited a mix of musical styles, Worthley said she's honed her sound to something more aligned to pop folk. Each of the five tracks are quick shots clocking in at less than three minutes. The whole EP is faster in pace, played with a more up-beat sound, yet continues to showcase her talent for songwriting.

Worthley has long shown an honest intimacy with her listeners. As "Strong" shared the story of her dealing with each of her two grandparents dying from cancer, in "Rose Colored Glasses," she opens up to how she deals with her own depression.

"I've dealt with depression for four or five years now," Worthley said. She also deals with anxiety, which she believes contributes to her shyness. The name of the EP addresses how she's felt with her own situation. She had ignored the "red flags" that triggered a recent lack of interest in music, a love she's had since she was 8 years old. She felt she wasn't turning into the person she wanted to be. "It's hard to see the red flags when you're wearing rose colored glasses."

Worthley has been a proponent for mental health awareness. In 2018, she performed at Hope Rocks Festival. The annual music festival in Saugerties intermingles music with crafts, sports and other activities to welcome those suffering from addiction and depression to attend. Worthley said she believes in the merits of therapy and medication. Depression, she said, "It's something you can't really get past on your

"It's kind of shocking that I went into this industry where I stand up on a stage and tell people my feelings like they're my friends," Worthley said. "It's

something that I had to get used to. Sometimes that would be debilitating, and sometimes that would be like a high, almost."

The singer-songwriter said she does not want to be the type of artist who continues the stigma surrounding mental health issues, but her craft enables her to share her experience.

"That's the goal," Worthley said. "To get my messages out to people and have it touch them.'

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QuaranTeam

The Schenectady filmmaker is known best for his work with "How to UnMake a Bully," which has been shown to 100 million homes nationwide. He's worked with Tyler Perry, Brent Spiner and Bradly Cooper on other projects. Earned another award for a STEM educational video he once co-produced for President Barack Obama. Locally, he's directed cinematics for Activision's "Guitar Hero" and video promotional material on "Skylanders." For "QuaranTeam" he's teamed up with a handful of local talents, including Bobby Chase and Greg Aidala.

The series is a product of the times in more ways than one. Aside from the show's inspiration, the show's creators faced idle time while staying-in-place.

"It's been something really cool," Aidala said.
"Creating content, and staying busy and active.
Working that creative muscle while we're all stuck in this holding pattern."

Aidala was on Long Island to film a show for MTV during that first weekend in March. By then, the weight of the pandemic was only starting to present itself. When filming wrapped on Sunday, Aidala got into his car only to step out here in the Capital District. The news coverage around New York City, "was like a tsunami," he said.

Small businesses have buckled under the weight of the shutdowns, but so too has the entertainment industry. Hollywood producers have pushed back release dates indefinitely as no one knows when theatres will open. Filming has halted. Social distancing makes it impossible, leading industry insiders speculating that animation and low-budget productions may bridge the gap until like returns back to normal. That idea has come to fruition in recent weeks. Food Network's The Pioneer Woman and The Kitchen produced

GoPro cameras and computers. Brad Pitt closed his opening monologue on NBC's Saturday Night Live from a remote location with "live, kinda, from all across America, it's Saturday night."

"QuaranTeam" is set within a Zoom-like virtual conference room involving a fictional advertising firm. And, as anyone who has grown dependent upon internet bandwidth while working from home, there's comedy to be had.

"So, other than abject boredom from the apocalypse," Feurstein said the inspiration behind the show was sparked by the internet. "I had done a Zoom happy hour with teachers who I work with out West," he said. "And, watching people as they fumble with cameras or deal with lag, or talking over each other, I thought it was funny. So, I figured, maybe there's something here."

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all work from home under quarantine.

Each episode runs from 90 seconds to more than three minutes, it is shorter in time than any one conference call you may have fallen victim to, but the short length and familiar characters make the series bingworthy.

Much of the cast includes players from Aidala's and Chase's award-winning Amazon Prime comedy series, 'Welcome Home." It marries the typical office dynamic; the CEO who fumbles to connect with his staff, the ever-loyal human resources exec, the frustrated team leader, and an eclectic collection of employees and clients that promises to take the show in any direction.

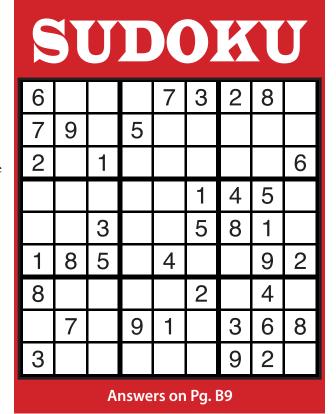
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said Aidala, about his
fictitious crew of agents.
"The upcoming episodes
are great because you can
start to see how things go
sideways."

"The Man From Chassamusetts," the show's fourth episode, features a funny "zoom bomb" from Charlie Wolfjaw played by actor Jermaine Wells. Wolfjaw receives an errant invite to join the team's conference call. The sub-four minute episode gives a new definition of side hustle once some of the team members learn Wolfjaw peddles marijuana.

This quarantine will come to an end, and Feurstein recognizes that.

A final episode to bookend the series is formulated in his head. When that will air is anyone's guess. But, in the meantime, Aidala said, "we wanted to do this to just try to bring hope and levity, and a smile — an inspiration to people."

"QuaranTeam" can be viewed universally on YouTube.



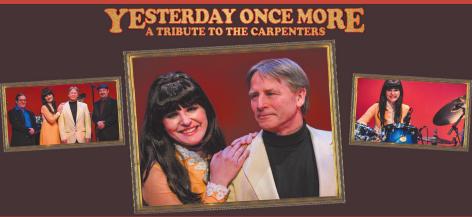


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CLUES ACROSS

- . Curved symmetrical structure
- 5. One's partner in marriage
- 11. Male admirer
- 12. Spend in a period of dormancy 16. Popular Easter meal
- 17. Doc 18. Bearing a heavy load
- 19. Gratitude
- 24. The Mount Rushmore State
- 25. Driving
- 26. Girl
- 27. British thermal unit
- 28. Makes a mistake
- 29. A defined length of time
- 30. Lions do it
- 31. Large quantities
- 33. Become less intense
- 34. Famed peninsula 38. Emerges
- 39. Rare Hawaiian geese
- 40. Dance style 43. Drove
- 44. Measures speed of an engine (abbr.)
- 45. Yankee hero Bucky
- 49. Midway between west and northwest
- 50. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 51. Makes clothing
- 53. Spielberg's alien
- 54. Agreeable to the taste
- 56. Injury treatment protocol
- 58. Cools your house
- 59. Imaginary line
- 60. New convert 63. Some do it to their windows
- 64. Wore away 65. Work units

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Remove body tissue
- 2. Harvester

3. Roadside living quarters

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- 4. Excessive self-confidence
- 5. Lapp6. Bicycled7. Entrance to a passage
- 8. Western U.S. state
- 9. Grain towers
- 10. "Westworld" actress ___ Rachel Wood
- 13. Commercial
- 14. One who left a will
- 15. Makes it through
- 20. Within (prefix) 21. Sea patrol (abbr.)
- 22. Cigarettes (slang)
 23. A doctrine
 27. Constrictor snakes
 29. Atomic #73

- 30. Baseball stat
- 31. Female sibling
- 32. A soft gray metal (abbr.)
- 33. Southern constellation
- 34. Belgian city
- 35. Go in again
- 36. In a different, more positive way
- 37. A place for sleeping
- 38. Blood type
- 40. Syrian news agency (abbr.)
- 41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
- 42. Millihenry 44. Populous Israeli city ___ Aviv
- 45. Widen
- 46. Magical potion
- 47. Acknowledging48. Private romantic rendezvous
- 50. Cavalry sword
- 51. Terabyte
- 52. Artificial intelligence
- 54. Bullfighting maneuver
- 55. Breezed through 57. Santa says it three times
- 61. __ and behold 62. 36 inches (abbr.)

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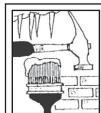
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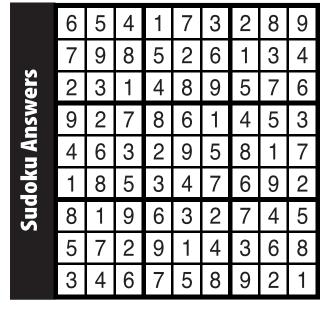
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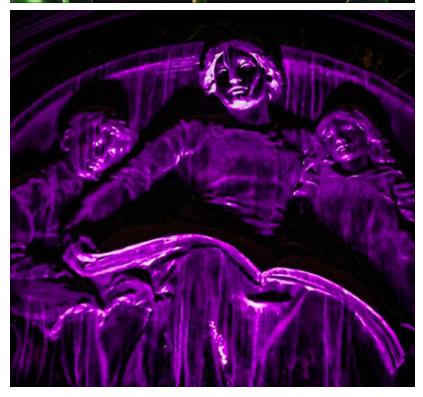












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