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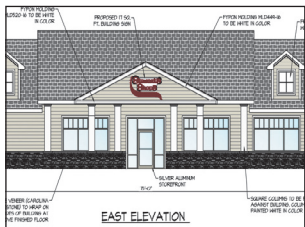


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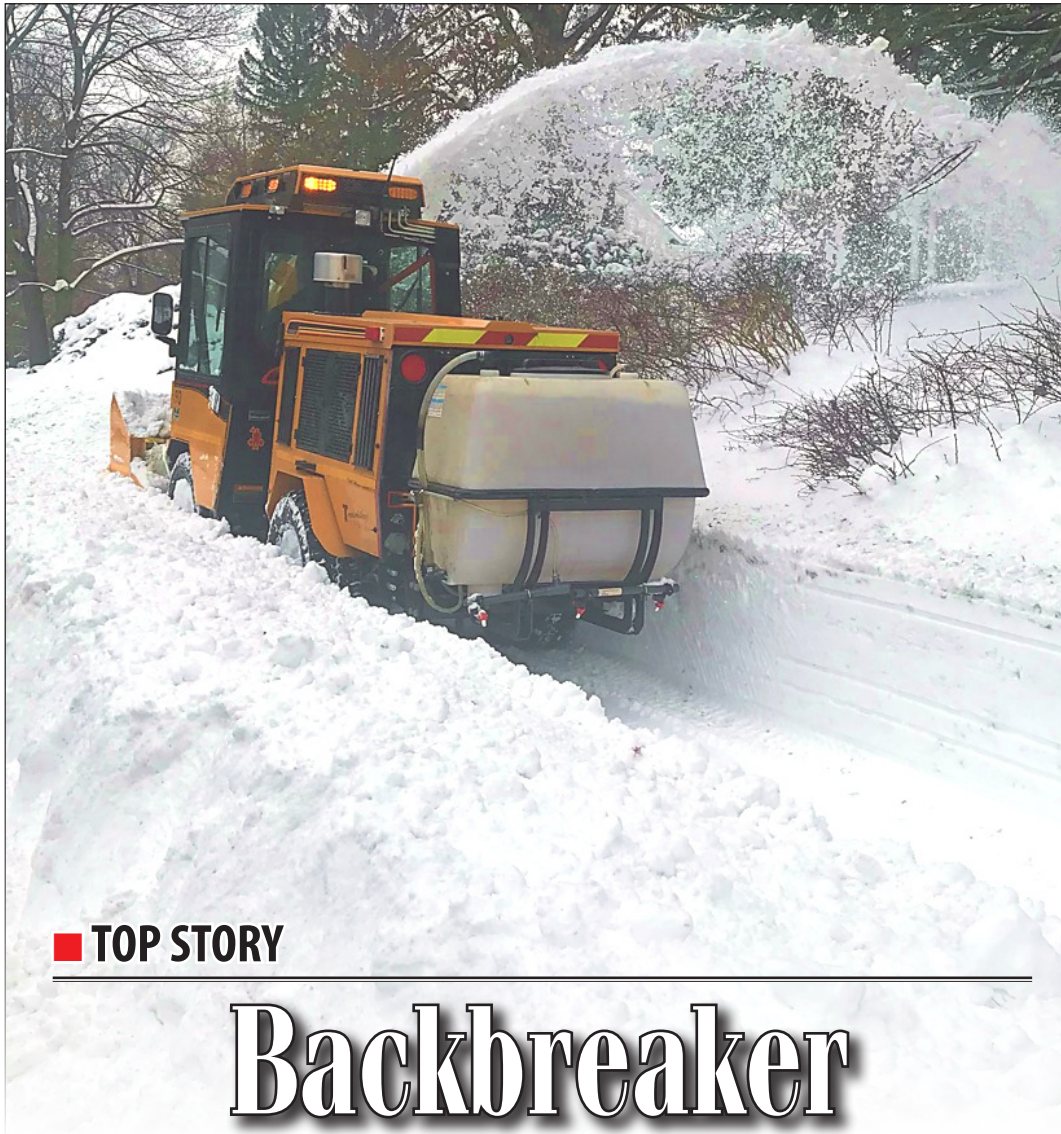
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Real McCoy's proposal to move before planning board.

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TOP STORY

Backbreaker

Early storm buries region in up to 36 inches of snow

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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ALBANY — By all accounts, last week's winter storm was a backbreaker. "That was one heck of a storm," said David VanLuven. Bethlehem's town supervisor said he was under the impression the total snowfall amounted to the area's fourth largest "blizzard" in history.

Photo by David VanLuven

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■ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustco wants 'Home for the Holidays'

Judge Kirby to run for re-election

Town Justice for took office in 2014

BETHLEHEM — Town Justice Andrew W. Kirby has announced his 2021 re-election campaign.

Kirby has handled over 30,000 criminal, vehicle, traffic and small claims cases since he first sat on the bench as Bethlehem Town Judge in 2014.

"The Bethlehem Town Court is one of the busiest courts in New York State and the Justices and the Court staff have earned praise and recognition for its efficiency of operation," Kirby said in a statement released over the weekend. "Throughout 2020, the court faced many challenges with COVID-19 restrictions and sweeping changes to New York's criminal justice

laws. The Court worked with the Bethlehem Police Department and Town officials to keep the town's justice system operating smoothly for the people of Bethlehem."



KIRBY

Kirby earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond and his law degree from the Pepperdine University School of Law. He was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1993, and is a highly experienced trial attorney appearing in state and federal courts throughout New York. Additionally, he is a Bethlehem small business owner operating the Conway & Kirby Law Firm located in the Four Corners District.

Bank helps to provide \$40K grant to aid marginal income families realize homeownership

By SPOTLIGHT STAFF
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Five housing agencies and community loan funds in Albany and Rensselaer counties are partnering with Trustco Bank to provide families with a safe place to live during the holiday season.

The "home town banking" company and the agencies are partnering to divvy up a \$40,000 grant that will make home ownership for marginal income families a reality, according to a press release.

The agencies included are Affordable Housing Partnership, Albany Rural Housing Alliance,

Community Loan Fund of the Capital Region, Inc., Rensselaer Community Housing Resources and Troy Rehabilitation and Improvement Program. These organizations will use a \$2,500 grant each to support their missions and enrich the communities they work in. For a full list of recipients that spans throughout New York, The Berkshires, Florida, Vermont and New Jersey, visit trustcobank.com.

"Many Americans have had financial difficulties this year due to COVID-19. By supporting these housing agencies and community loan programs, we believe families in need can still enjoy a safe, affordable home to spend the holidays," said Robert J. McCormick, chairman, president and CEO of Trustco Bank.

"We encourage others to consider making a donation to these organizations

in hopes of making this holiday season brighter for our neighbors and local communities."

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From page 1 ... Backbreaker of a storm

According to the National Weather Service, Delmar was among the worst areas hit within Albany County. Three stations within the hamlet reported totals that varied between 26 and 29 inches. The town of Knox measured 29.5 inches for the two-day storm. Saratoga fielded the brunt of the storm within the Capital District, capturing 36 inches.

VanLuven said his town highway crews worked 18 straight hours starting at 1:30 a.m. Thursday morning as a low pressure front moved north from the Outer Banks of North Carolina. "Then [they] were back in at 3 a.m. [Friday morning] to plow all day," he said. "Another 12 hours."

The weather agency shied away from labeling last week's storm as a blizzard, but the words it used to describe the event in its official summary came close.

"Heavy snow bands of 1 to 2 inches per hour were common with this initial activity," the weather agency stated within its summary. "The heavy snow bands slowed their northward progress and pivoted, resulting in incredible snowfall rates of up to 6 inches per hour after midnight on the 17th through the late morning."

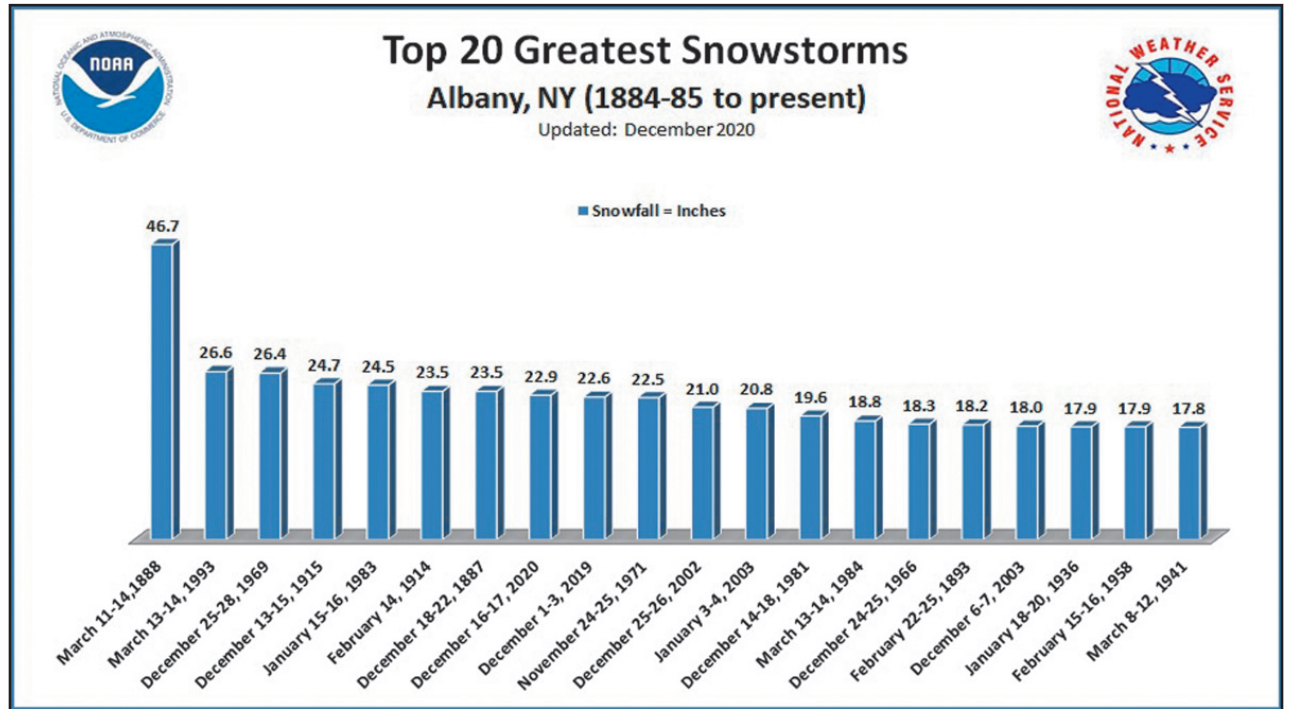
Schoharie, Schenectady, Saratoga, southeast Warren, Washington, and northern Bennington counties were listed among those who suffered through the worst of the storm. Snowfall totals measured between 2 and 3 feet within this band.

Officially, 22.9 inches was measured at Albany International Airport, making this storm the eighth largest snowstorm on record at Albany, and the fourth largest in December. Other snow totals included 28 inches in Colonie, 26.1 in Latham, 24.5 in Boght Corners, 24 in Guilderland and 23 in Selkirk.

By Saturday morning, satellite imagery revealed a white ribbon of snowfall stretching across the Northeast. The southern edge of the band of snow cover appeared near Long Branch, New Jersey. The threshold to the north appeared to end along the southern Adirondack ridge. The thickest of the snowpack covers the areas of both the Mohawk and Hudson valleys.

Snow amounts of 1 to 2 feet were common throughout most places, according to the weather service.

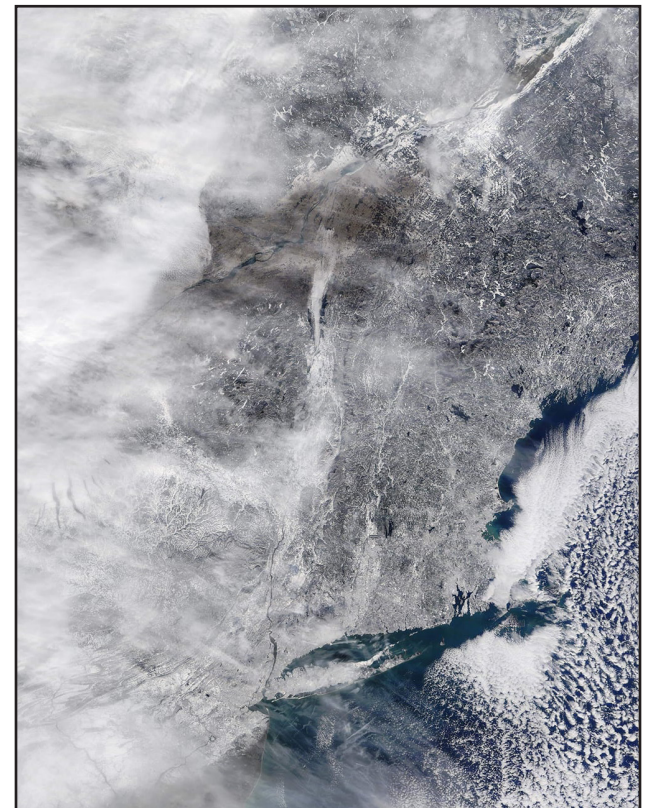
"With massive storms like this, our plow teams will make four or more



passes," VanLuven said, adding that each pass is equal to 180 miles. "Sidewalks are a huge task too: one plow run is the equivalent of plowing a sidewalk from Delmar to Bennington, Vermont."

A satellite image shows snow cover from last week's storm (right). Delmar was covered by 29 inches, among the area's greatest storms.

David VanLuven and National Weather Service



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HEALTH

Snow shoveling health hazards

ALBANY — The American Heart Association says that for most people, shoveling snow may not lead to any health problems. However, the association warns that the risk of a heart attack during snow shoveling may increase for some, as the combination of colder temperatures and physical exertion increases the workload on the heart.

People who are outdoors in cold weather should avoid sudden exertion, like lifting a heavy shovel full of snow. Even walking through heavy, wet snow or snow drifts can strain a person's heart.

For those who are sedentary, or people with existing heart conditions like heart failure, high blood pressure or cholesterol, the increased workload on the heart from activities such as shoveling of heavy snow, can put them at higher risk for heart attack—where a clot blocks blood flow to a heart artery causing the heart muscle damage or tissue death. This is a life-threatening medical emergency.

To help make snow removal

safer, the American Heart Association has compiled a list of practical tips.

- Give yourself a break. Take frequent rest breaks during shoveling so you don't overstress your heart. Pay attention to how your body feels during those breaks.

- Don't eat a heavy meal prior or soon after shoveling. Eating a large meal can put an extra load on your heart.

- Use a small shovel or consider a snow thrower. The act of lifting heavy snow can raise blood pressure acutely during the lift. It is safer to lift smaller amounts more times, than to lug a few huge shovelfuls of snow. When possible, simply push the snow.

- Learn the heart attack warning signs and listen to your body, but remember this: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out (tell a doctor about your symptoms). Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives — maybe your own. Don't wait more than five minutes to call 9-1-1.

- Don't drink alcoholic beverages before or immediately after shoveling. Alcohol may increase a person's sensation of warmth and may cause them to underestimate the extra strain their body is under in the cold.

- Consult a doctor. If you have a medical condition, don't exercise on a regular basis or are middle aged or older, meet with your doctor prior to the first anticipated snowfall.

Be aware of the dangers of hypothermia. Heart failure causes most deaths in hypothermia. To prevent hypothermia, dress in layers of warm clothing, which traps air between layers forming a protective insulation. Wear a hat because much of your body's heat can be lost through your head.

Heart Attack Signs

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense — the "movie heart attack," where it is clear what's happening. But most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting

help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

- Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.

- Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness

As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting, and back or jaw pain.

Call 9-1-1 emergency medical services (EMS) for

rapid transport to the emergency room and treatment when they arrive on the scene. Don't drive yourself--have someone drive you to the hospital right away.

Heart attacks can cause sudden cardiac arrest, where the heart stops beating, or beats irregularly, failing to pump enough blood. If a victim is unresponsive, not breathing or only gasping, quick recognition and fast action are the keys to saving a life.

What You Can Do

Bystanders can help cardiac arrest victims survive, if they act fast. First, call 9-1-1 and start CPR right away. Then, if an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is available, use it as soon as possible. If two people are available to help, one should begin CPR immediately while the other calls 9-1-1 and finds an AED.

Hands Only CPR is effective in saving lives during cardiac arrest.

— Katherine McCarthy

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■ TOWN PLANNING

A lot of hot air around Real McCoy

Real McCoy's proposed kitchen to move before planning board

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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DELMAR — The Real McCoy cleared its first hurdle to see its proposed standalone kitchen approved after the Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals granted it a use variance on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

What first appeared to be a welcomed idea by the community, subsequent hearings featured pleas from neighboring residents to prevent the nano-brewery's plans. The board said that, despite weighing their concerns over testimony from apparent customers, it saw little reason to prevent the application from moving on to the planning board.

"Hopefully you will see that once this whole process has completed, a lot of your concerns will be taken care of," said board member Jane Barnes.

Owner Michael Bellini was back before the board to pitch his off-set eatery on Wednesday, Dec. 16. A proposal that involves two, 40-foot shipping containers to be modified into a small, commercial kitchen. Each of the "high-cube" containers stand 9-feet and 6-inches tall, measure 8-feet wide and 40-feet long.

The kitchen is a permitted use for where it is proposed. What is at issue is the placement of the kitchen, of which the modified containers already on the property stand in apparent violation of town zoning for a standing structure. Should they remain as storage containers, the board said they are allowed where they

are. Change their use to what has been proposed, a variance is required.

The stand-alone kitchen will sit at the back end of the 20 Hallwood Road property, nosing a property line defined by pine trees, a stockade fence and a 10-foot retaining wall. The kitchen will stand as close as nearly 9 feet from the property line and just over 12 feet from its back neighbor's garage.

The business owner initially presented his 191-page proposal with resounding letters of approval, including from Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy and New York Senator Neil Breslin, but letters of disapproval from neighboring residents have been submitted since last month's public hearing.

Grove Street resident Andrew Morse stated he has welcomed the "laughter, music and seeing our streets active with pedestrians



Real McCoy Brewery

and bicyclists" in the neighborhood. However, he expressed empathy for the residents around the popular venue.

"With RMB wanting to install a kitchen with the exhaust fan being at practically the same height as the neighbor's yard and houses on Delaware

Avenue is concerning," stated Morse, "as I imagine it would be for you who are reading this if it was your own backyard."

Diana Skuza, whose family lives in the Delaware Avenue home behind Real McCoy, expressed concern last month over the fan's noise and the

possibility it would blow grease and protein particles into their backyard. The Winn family, who own and once occupied the rental property behind the brewery, also spoke against the prospect of added noise and debris.

Bellini returned before the board with reports it

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requested on how the new kitchen would impact local residents. He came back with a scientific review that promised the fan would produce no more than 1.2 decibels above the ambient noise already present. He also included pictures of similar fans present at local businesses.

In particular, Bellini showed a recently renovated Dunkin Donuts on Delaware Avenue that earned approval to expand for a drive-thru service. The expansion required approval as the drive-thru abuts a neighboring

residence. Another photograph featured Perfect Blend, which has two exhaust fans hanging over a pedestrian walkway that connects its rear parking lot to foot traffic from Four Corners.

A Type 1 restaurant exhaust fan, which resembles a kick drum, is designed for appliances that produce grease and smoke from fryers, griddles and ovens. It was originally proposed to face the Skuza family's backyard, to the south of Real McCoy's

Another report

supported by the National Weather Service, suggested winds would not blow exhaust towards Real McCoy's rear neighbor, which resides south. The majority of the time wind moves west to east, or from south to north, but seldom from north to south, he said.

Faced by opposition, Bellini told the board he's willing to erect a stockade fence and change the orientation of his fan to blow towards his establishment.

"We're very confident

that there's no impact," said Bellini, "that's why we're willing to point it at our own building."

Skuza, however, remained unswayed by the revised proposal, continuing to cite her concerns with added noise and air pollution. She quoted from state building code specific to Type 1 exhaust systems, stating such fans can not stand within 10 feet of nearby buildings, nor within the same distance from the ground.

Skuza's property stands

above a retaining wall that divides her backyard from Real McCoy. Though the fan would be outside the 10-foot limit as it relates to her garage, it could stand less than the permitted amount to where the kitchen stands 9-feet away from the property line. The board said the planning board would review those specifics through SEQR review.

"Dirty, greasy build up is not just unsightly and unsanitary, it can also become a fire hazard," said Skuza. "Especially on rooftops and the existing

wooden garage right by the property line."

George Winn, whose family owns a Delaware Avenue rental property, claimed the presence of the containers have reduced the value of his property. He continued his argument from last month, accusing Real McCoy owners of removing trees from his property and being overall disrespectful.

"It's easier to ask for forgiveness than to ask permission, and that's how this whole thing has gone down," Winn said.



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OBITUARIES

Ellis, Luella Edna (nee Ogden)

SLINGERLANDS
— Luella Edna Ellis (nee Ogden), wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed unexpectedly into eternity at AMC December 11, 2020.

Born February 28, 1930, Lee wore many hats in her long life. She was an OR nurse for several years before she went on to be the school nurse for East Greenbush schools for 30 years.

Lee was a master gardener and enjoyed all living things. She was a talented seamstress, knitter and crocheter. Lee was a wonderful hostess and loved hosting the group she square danced with as well as all her neighbors on New Year's Eve. She was very active in her church and supported it through her craft group there. But her greatest joy was her family.

Always the steady rock for all to rely on, she will be dearly missed. Lee will be remembered for her strength and her

patience. She leaves a legacy of tender loving care, hospitality, and joyful service to her family, her church and her many friends and neighbors.

Predeceased by the love of her life, to whom she was married for 69 years, Dick Ellis. Together, they had a clear goal: to love and support their grandchildren. Survived by three sons, Robert, Richard and Roger and their spouses; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her brother, Richard Ogden.

Mackey, Bernard J. Jr.

SLINGERLANDS
— Bernard J. Mackey, Jr., 81, passed away peacefully after a long illness on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. He was born July 26, 1939, the son of Bernard J. Mackey Sr. and Loretta Downs Mackey. He was predeceased by his wife of 35 years Donna Dunney Mackey in 2005.

A former resident of Troy and Colonie, he lived for the last six years

in Slingerlands with his daughter and her family. Raised and educated in Troy, he was a proud graduate of La Salle Institute's class of 1957 and served eight years in the New York State National Guard.

Looking back on his youth, Bernie had fond memories of working at The Knotty Pine Tavern in Troy where the owners treated him like family. He worked in various agencies throughout his long career with the State of New York as Director of Procurement, retiring in 1993 from the State Assembly. Bernie was formerly involved in the Rensselaer County Democratic Committee.

Bernie and Donna spent many winters in Clearwater Beach, Fla. They loved to travel, and in keeping with his pride of his Irish heritage, his favorite trip was to Ireland. They also enjoyed visits to casinos and Saratoga Race Track. He enjoyed playing golf and was a former member of Van Schaick Island Country Club. Bernie was dedicated to his family

and will be greatly missed. Bernie was a loving father to R. Keith Smith (Gail), and Deborah Smith Aloise (James).

He will be remembered fondly as "Papa," "Grandpa," and "Mackey" by Christopher Smith (Kimberly), Constance Smith, Keith Mathew Smith, Justine Aloise-Patka (Isaac), Sarah Aloise, and the late Michelle Aloise; as well as his great-grandchildren, Alexis Smith, Kya Roberts, I'lah Smith, James Smith, and Carter Smith. He is survived by his cousins, Rev. James Mackey, Sister Patricia Downs, Mary Buffaline; and was predeceased by his cousins, Kathy Buffaline and Eileen Nopper. Bernie also leaves behind his devoted cat, Tila.

Our family would like to thank the many therapists, aides, nurses, and doctors for their care and support to Bernie and our family over the years. The family would also like to acknowledge his lifelong friends, Joe Marro and the late Ned Hickey and his

niece Terri Buffaline who were dedicated to Bernie. Due to the precautions of COVID-19, services will be private for the immediate family only, officiated by his cousin Rev. James Mackey.

Those wishing to remember Bernie in a special way may send a donation to the: Kathy Buffaline Patient Care Fund, Eddy Visiting Nurse and Rehab Association, 433 River St., Suite 3000, Troy, NY 12180.

O'Keefe, Jane G.

SELKIRK — Jane G. O'Keefe, 90 of Selkirk, passed away at home under hospice care on Thursday, March 12, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Cohoes, the daughter of William and Gertrude Brown.

Jane worked for New York State a number of years where she met her future husband Tom. She worked as a cafeteria monitor at both Goodrich and Shaker Junior High School. She loved her job with the children and used her whistle to keep order.

Jane was married to her late husband Tom for 55 years. They were communicants at Our Lady of Assumption Church in Latham. They enjoyed camping with their family in the trusty Shasta as well as many ski trips where mom would knit homemade hats and sweaters while the boys skied. After retirement they spent winters in Florida. as snowbirds.

Jane is survived by her earth sister Shirley Jordan; and her very fortunate sons, Kevin, Thomas Jr. (Laura), and Barry (her favorite). She was the cherished grandmother of Mary Kate, Brendan, Heather and Ryan. Jane's guardian angel for 20 years was the incomparable Dr. David Pallet. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Our Lady of Assumption Church in Latham. Jane donated her body to Albany Medical College. Her remains will be buried in Saratoga National Cemetery where she will rest next to her beloved Tom.



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■ COUNTY NEWS

COVID-19 vaccinations reach Albany

Shaker Place residents agree to take the shot

By **JIM FRANCO**

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ALBANY — The vast majority of the residents at Shaker Place, the county run nursing home, began receiving COVID-19 vaccinations on Monday, Dec. 21.

County Executive Dan McCoy said of the 172 residents at Shaker Place, 150 have agreed to get vaccinated while the other 22 either are waiting to see the effects or have health care proxies and their caretakers have not yet been contacted.

Of the 200 workers at the nursing home, though, he said only about half are willing to take the shot.

"That was more alarming to me than the residents," he said. "I don't want to mandate anyone get the

vaccine but people have to realize if we want to move on in life, and return to any type of normalcy this is the way to go. We have to sit them down and find out what the issues are, but mandating anyone to take the vaccine is not the way to go."

The second shot of a two-shot series will take place in three weeks and it will be at least another three weeks before the impact of the vaccine is seen in the individuals and longer before society as a whole begins to reap the benefits.

The vaccine was being delivered to residents of nursing homes across the county and state, but it is now known what the response rate was among the residents.

Last week, front line hospital health care workers began taking the first of two shots of vaccine produced by Pfizer. The

federal Food and Drug Administration also gave an emergency OK to a vaccine produced by Moderna, which will be available locally in the coming days.

Unlike traditional vaccines, the two available now for use against COVID do not inject a person with the virus. Rather, they use a technology called messenger RNA, or a simulated piece of the protein that attaches the virus to the body to trick the body into thinking the virus is coming and in response, the body produces antibodies.

"Once the body creates that immune response, both the protein and the mRNA are eliminated while the antibodies stick around to protect the person in the future," according to Health.com.

Phase IA of the vaccine rollout in this state is health care workers and

residents of nursing homes. Phase IB is anyone more than 75 years old and Phase IC is anyone 64 to 75 with high risk medical conditions. Phase 2 includes K-12 teachers and staff, critical workers in high risk settings, those with comorbidities and all older adults not included in Phase 1. Phase III includes all young adults and those workers deemed essential but not in high risk settings.

The vaccination roll out comes at a time when positive cases and hospitalizations are skyrocketing across the country, in this state and the eight-county Capital Region district.

From Sunday to Monday, there were 221 new positive cases in Albany County bringing the total to 9,284 since the pandemic took hold in March. From Monday, Dec. 14 through Monday Dec.

21, there have been a total of 1,333 new cases.

The number of county residents hospitalized jumped from 86 on Monday, Dec. 14, to 113 a week later, the highest number since May 15, McCoy said.

Over the past week, 13 residents died of COVID bringing the total to 194 as of Dec. 21.

On the plus side of the equation, on Dec. 21, 7,679 people who tested positive recovered, an increase of 1,367.

Dr. Dennis McKenna, CEO at Albany Medical Center Hospital, said the number of admissions continues to go up not only at his hospital but across the eight-county Capital District Region. As of Wednesday, Dec. 16, he said during an appearance on Talk1300 radio, there were 76 at Albany Med with 17 in the ICU. In hospitals across the eight counties,

there were 288. The people who are being admitted, he said, are those older than 70 and those with an underlying health issue like hypertension, obesity, lung disease or diabetes.

"We talk about so many things to prevent the transmission of the virus, it is really important, especially as we head into the winter season, there are things people can do to make themselves healthier," he said. "We can control hypertension and we can control diabetes. People can exercise more. We don't talk enough about taking control of our own health, that is an important part of controlling the virus as well."

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Holiday Hours

There will be no checkout or return services available on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24; Christmas Day, Dec. 25; and New Year's Day, Jan. 1st. Curbside hours will be 10 a.m. – 2

p.m. on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st.

Construction Update

A well-defined outline for our children's addition is materializing as steel reinforcements and walls are positioned. Once this area is fully enclosed, it will be heated and the concrete slab will be poured. Inside, the former children's area and fiction section is being readied for renovation, and sprinkler room and public bathroom renovations are progressing as well. To view the monthly photo album tracking progress on this project, go to: <https://bit.ly/GPLConstructionPhotos>

Usable space throughout the library has shrunk significantly, making it challenging for staff and the construction crew to maintain adequate social distancing. Due to these current constraints, plus

rising COVID-19 cases, public browsing is not available. We will continue to assess when we can safely welcome patrons back into the building based on established metrics, and keep you posted.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we strive to safely manage the rapidly-changing logistics involved. Updates are posted on <https://bit.ly/GPLbuildingproject>, Facebook and Instagram. To subscribe to our weekly eNews and monthly newsletters, go to <https://bit.ly/GPLNews>.

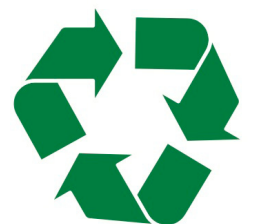
School Vacation Week Activities

Stop by the library on Monday, Dec. 28 during our curbside hours (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.) to pick up a Take and Make Paper snow globe for kids. These will be available on a first come-

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

155 W. 68 UNIT 703 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/28/20. 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, 675 West End Avenue, Apartment 5B, New York, NY 10025. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258227

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

157 COMMERCIAL 18 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2045. 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 BGans Management, 110 East 30th Street, Lbby 1, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257689

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

16 WEST 16TH STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/25/20. 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, 10 E. 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257592

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

1922 HOYT SY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/10/20. 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, 23-22 30th Road, #12D, Astoria, NY 11102. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257483

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195 PORT RICHMOND AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/20. 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, 195 Port Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10302. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257284

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197 WAVERLY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/20. 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, 197 Waverly Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258507

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

211-35 34TH ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/20. 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, 211-19 34th Road, Bayside, NY 11361. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258025

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

216 BUEL AVENUE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/20. 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 Salvatore Galofaro, 81 Cromwell Circle, Staten Island, NY 10304. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256399

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

225 W. 10 HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/20. 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 Redwood Top Holdings LLC, Lizmar Mgmt, 124 Thompson Street, Suite F, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257535

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267 23RD STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/20. 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, 267 23rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257822

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2819 BRIGHTON 8 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/13/20. 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, 2215 East 4th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257295

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29 OXFORD ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/20. 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 Marion Ulmann, 223 Bedford Avenue, Suite 1101, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257907

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shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 29 Oxford Road, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258026

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

30 EAST 31ST STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/07/20. 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, 262-26 149th Road, Rosedale, NY 11422. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258140

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311 FIFTH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/20. 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, 176 East 77th Street, Apartment 3G, New York, NY 10075. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257536

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350 PANTIGO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/20. 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, 105 Metropolitan Avenue, 3rd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256799

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36 DORCHESTER ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/20. 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, 12 Win Place, Lake Grove, NY 11755. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258187

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41 DEEP WOOD REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/10/20. 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, 146 Central Park West, Apartment 10F, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256718

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

421 ADELPHI ST APT G LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/20. 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, c/o Marion Ulmann, 223 Bedford Avenue, Suite 1101, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257907

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429 BRP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/10/20. 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, 77 83rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258861

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445 BUEL AVENUE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/20. 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 Salvatore Galofaro, 81 Cromwell Circle, Staten Island, NY 10304. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256400

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463 85TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/10/20. 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, 77 83rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258862

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

5 MAIDEN LANE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/11/20. 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, c/o Curt Kramer, 111 Great Neck Road, Suite 216, Great Neck, NY 11021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258750

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

530 PINNACLE REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/20. 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, 530 40th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258226

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781 WASHINGTON AVENUE FUNDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/20. 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 Green Assets Inc., 875 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 306, Mamaroneck, NY 10543. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258027

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816 N. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/16/20. 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, c/o AGIA ERINE REALTY LLC, 50 Riverside Drive, Apartment 14F, New York, NY 10024. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257510

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85 LIBERTY AVENUE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/20. 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 Edward R. Smolka, Esq., 5 Tudor City Place, Lobby 11, New York, NY 10017-6853. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258624

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91 LIBERTY AVENUE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/20. 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 Salvatore Galofaro, 81 Cromwell Circle, Staten Island, NY 10304. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256402

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AFR CAPITAL ADVISORY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/20. 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, 50 Riverside Drive, Apartment 14F, New York, NY 10024. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257510

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AGIA ERINE REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/20. 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, 334 West 87th Street, Unit PH-A, NY, NY 10024. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257384

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upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 60 S. 8th Street, Apartment 333, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256397

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ANIMAL THINGDOM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/20. 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 John Morgan, Goldglit & Company LLP, 499 Seventh Avenue, Suite 14-S, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257744

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AVENUES RESIDENTIAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/20. 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, c/o Edward R. Smolka, Esq., 5 Tudor City Place, Lobby 11, New York, NY 10017-6853. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258624

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

AZ-#3650 HUBER HEIGHTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/20. 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, 541 West 21st Street, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257511

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

AZ-#3663 JEFFERSON-TOWN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/20. 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, 541 West 21st Street, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257512

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BATTERY PLACE GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/20. 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, 9 E. 32nd Street, Apartment 8B, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257596

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BOROUGH ROAD CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/21/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Richard Reitknecht, c/o Jane Son, 333 W. 57th Street, #4J, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258730

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BRISTOL ART ADVISORY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/20. 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 John Morgan, Goldglit & Company LLP, 499 Seventh Avenue, Suite 14-S, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257744

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CBSTMS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/20. 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, 181 Hudson Street, Apartment 2E, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256533

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CDWLegacy, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/20. 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, 216-21 114th Road, Cambria Heights, NY 11411. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257282

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CHAPARRO AVENUE D LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/02. 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, 4212 Avenue D, Brooklyn, NY 11203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257880

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COMBINED BY ALANNA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/23/20. 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, 9 E. 32nd Street, Apartment 8B, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257596

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CP 6J LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/11/20. 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, c/o Richard Reitknecht, c/o Jane Son, 333 W. 57th Street, #4J, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258730

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CT TABOR HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/20. 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, 444 East 81st Street, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258082

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upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 912 Avenue L, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258358

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CUNNINGHAM FARM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 48 East Maynes Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257423

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CUNNINGHAM LAWN CARE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 48 East Maynes Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257424

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DREAM CAR NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2119. 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, 4101 Boston Road, Bronx, NY 10466. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256800

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E.S.C. CONSULTING SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/23/20. 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, 77-24 83rd Street, Glendale, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257922

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EARNEST SUPPLY LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 05/27/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware 05/13/20. 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, 444 East 81st Street, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258082

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

EEC UNITED LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/10/20. 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, 334 West 87th Street, Unit PH-A, NY, NY 10024. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257384

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cess to the LLC, 463 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258626

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ENRICHMENT MATTERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/11/20. 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, 153 Beach 126th Street, Suite 2, Rockaway Beach, NY 11694. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258822

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ESTIA 455, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/20. 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, 455 Warren Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256535

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FIT BODY SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/18/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Darren Brody, 1735 Front Street, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256538

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FOODIES BLISS EAST END LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/20. 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, c/o Robert Rizzuto, 45 West Alfred Avenue, Calverton, NY 11933. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258820

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FORNO DOLCE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/20. 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, 1416B Clintonville Street, Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257743

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

G&S 3RD AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/03/20. 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, 681 81st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257482

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GFC LIFE CRUSADERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/20. 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, P.O. Box 610199, Bayside, NY 11361. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258116

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GKDS ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/20. 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, 2180 38th Street, Apartment D9, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257660

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GOOD PROPERTIES 1713 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/27/19. 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, 1657 Lurting Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257416

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GOOD PROPERTIES 933 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/20. 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, 1187 Van Nest Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257417

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GOOD PROPERTIES 975 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/18. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1657 Lurting Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257418

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

GPG DENTAL PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/11/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 275 Madison Avenue, Suite 2500, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry. D-258836

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HAPPY DAYS RESTAURANT GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/06/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 35 Pinelawn Road, Suite 214E, Melville, NY 11747. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256437

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HDCOMREAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/13/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2050. 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 Helen Demetrius, 31-80 44th Street, #2D, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256396

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HUATATAH, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/20. 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, c/o Law Offices of Katz & Matz, P.C., 1350 Avenue of the Americas, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256534

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HUDSON BUILDING MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/20. 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, 23-07 30th Drive, Astoria, NY 11102. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257886

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HYBRID AND ELECTRIC POWER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/12/19. 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, 43-10 39th Street, Sunnyside, NY 11104. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257593

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

IRVING CAPITAL GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/16/20. 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, 276 West 238th Street, Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257332

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

J.G.PERKIN, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/20. 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 Jonathan Perkin, 1070

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Park Avenue, Suite 5A, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258023

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JASOL REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/25/20. 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, c/o Ilana R. Schwitzer, Esq., 17-01 Prospect Avenue, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257582

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JJ ESTABLISHMENT LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 11/17/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 11/13/20. 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, 478 Albany Avenue, Suite 210, Brooklyn, NY 11203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257422

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JLR SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/11/20. 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, 622 Leland Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258734

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KSHM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/16/20. 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, c/o Graubard & Blumenfeld, P.C., 370 Lexington Avenue, 27th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257333

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LIBERTY RISK REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/10/20. 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, 98 Sunny Road, Suite A, Saint James, NY 11780. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256714

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LIGHTHOUSE PATHWAYS, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 11/04/20. 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

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LLC, 478 Albany Avenue, Suite 124, Brooklyn, NY 11203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258863

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LUDIC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/10/20. 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, 45 East 85th Street, 2E, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258837

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

M. DRESSLER REAL ESTATE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/20. 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, 4705 Center Boulevard, Apartment 1109, Long Island City, NY 11109. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256404

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MARCO GALLOTTA DESIGNS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/07/20. 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 Falcon Rappaport & Berkman PLLC, 265 Sunrise Highway, Suite 50, Rockville Centre, NY 11570. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258961

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MEMPHIS DOWN PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/20. 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, c/o Herzog + Sheffield, P.C., 59 John Street, Suite 9B, New York, NY 10038. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256536

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MEX BAKED GOODS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2119. 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, 110 Nagle Avenue, New York, NY 10040. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258080

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MGM FOOD GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/31/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2119. 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, 75-50

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Metropolitan Avenue, Middle Village, NY 11379. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. C-256703

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MM US PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/13/20. 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, 7844 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, CA 92037. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257290

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NewCo Capital Group V, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/14/20. 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, 30 Washington Street, Suite 5L, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258879

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NOMAD TOWER GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/20. 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, 10 E. 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258570

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NOTABLE NEW YORK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/10/20. 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, 24 East 125th Street, New York, NY 10035. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256403

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NOTAVIA HOLLOW LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/14/20. 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, c/o Edgaras Pantelejevas, P.O. Box 1092, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257390

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

OMBU LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/16/20. 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, c/o Schwartz Levine Pinkas Stark PLLC, 150 Broadway, Suite 1703, New York, NY 10038. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257480

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ON BRAND STUDIOS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/20. 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, c/o Fallek & Fallek, PLLC, One Battery Park Plaza, 32nd Floor, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256796

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PADELL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/19/20. 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 Padell Business Management Inc., 213 West 35th Street, Suite 802A, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257442

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PERSONAL SUPPORT SERVICES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/19/20. 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, 60-43 76th Street, Middle Village, NY 11379. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257444

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PINEHURST ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/20. 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, 350 Motor Parkway, Suite 308, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256797

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

POP POP GLASS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/16/20. 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, c/o Colin Clancey, 1671 11th Avenue, Apartment 3E, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257574

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

RACHEL D MANN LCSW PSYCHOTHERAPY PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/11/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 315 West 57th Street, Suite 306, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Licensed Clinical Social Work. D-258864

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RADAC ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1399 Franklin Avenue, Suite 202, Garden City, NY 11530. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257425

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

REAL ESTATE RICH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/13/20. 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, 371 West 126th Street, Unit 4B, New York, NY 10027. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257291

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ROMAR DISTRIBUTION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/20. 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, 324 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257916

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SEAS THE DAY SEAFOOD, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/04/20. 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, 46 Bogert Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258076

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SEBASTIAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/20. 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, 207 East 57th Street, Unit 9C, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. C-257690

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SFX89, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/19/20. 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 Joao Siffert, 155 East 72nd Street, Apartment 13D, New York, NY 10021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257445

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SHARKTAIL ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom pro-

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There are so many great YA books being optioned into movies. Do you read the book first? Or do you want to see the movie first? Either way, why not join the Bookflix Club? The December Bookflix is "Dash & Lily's Book of Dares" by Rachel Cohn and David Livathan. Pick up a paperback at the library or download a copy from Libby. Register online to receive a daring Dash & Lily party kit and the private link to meet online from 2 to 3 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 30. Open to teens 13 and up.

Jan. Book Discussion Dates

Books & Beyond – Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 11 a.m. – Long Flight Home by Alan Hlad



Fiction Book Discussion – Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.; Long Flight Home by Alan Hlad

Nonfiction Book Discussion – Monday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.; Driving While Black by Gretchen Sorin

Middle School Book Club – Thursday, Jan. 28, at 4 p.m. – The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Please register online each month to receive the private meeting link for any of these virtual book discussions. Limited copies of the book are available, compliments of the Friends of the Library. Library copies will also be available for checkout and downloadable ebook and

audiobook versions are on Overdrive.

Music and Movement

Please register for "Wintry Mix", a morning of song and dance themed around wintry weather. If you have stuffed animals who like the wintry weather, bring them along. Other things that can make your time fun are: something to shake, something to tap and march with, and something that jingles or rings. From 10 to 10:30 a.m., we'll have a musical morning of song, dance, and creative movement! The Zoom link will be sent to registrants before the Saturday, Jan. 9 class. Intended for ages 18 months - 5 with parents/caregivers.

— Lynn Kohler

Curbside Plus at the library

The Library is switching to a "Curbside Plus" model because of the rise of COVID-19 cases in our region.

The Library will be open for curbside pickup of books, media, activity kits, and remote print jobs. Additionally, patrons can make a 15 or 30 minute appointment to come in to use technology or browse.

Appointments are limited to three individuals (or one family, if larger than three) at a time.

Library hours are 11-5:30 Monday through Friday, and 11-3 Saturday.

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518-756-2053 to schedule an appointment or curbside pickup.

Take and Make Tuesday

Make a snowstorm in a jar with a fun winter science experiment! It's really easy to put together and it looks so cool when it starts "snowing". Pick up your kit curbside beginning Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 11 am.

Holiday Hours

The Library will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday as well as Dec.

31 and Jan. 1 for the New Year. Of course, ebook downloads are always available. Wi-Fi is available 24/7 in our parking lot and no password is needed. Happy Holidays to all from the Library staff!

January New Adult Fiction

- "Egg Shooters," by Laura Childs
- "Before She Disappeared," by Lisa Gardner
- "Twenty," by James Grippando
- "Shipped," by Angie Hockman
- "The Russian," by James Patterson

— Carol Melewski

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cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 38 Monroe Place, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258999

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SHORPUT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/20. 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 Allan S. Puterman, 345 W. 58th Street, Apartment 4A, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257533

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SHRIVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/20. 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, 7 West 21st Street, #1601, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257283

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SIMCO REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/31/19. 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, 42 West 48th Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257597

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

SISHODIA PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 330 East 38th Street, 23P, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law. D-257908

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SKYLINE 520 VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom pro-

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cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Natalia Sishodia, Sishodia PLLC, 330 East 38th Street, 23P, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258022

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SOLASTA JUPITER LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 11/18/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Seiden & Schein, P.C. 570 Lexington Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257827

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SRNI REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/04/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-

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cess to the LLC, 54-24 73rd Place, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258078

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

STELLA SAL TEXAS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/20. 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, c/o Salvatore Campisi, 1831 Decatur Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-259001

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

THE THINGDOM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/20. 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, 60 S. 8th Street, Apartment 333, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256398

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

THREE TAILS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/16/20. 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, 4709 30th Street, Unit 401, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257580

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TIXEPLAN, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/11/20. 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, 246-32 54th Avenue, Douglaston, NY 11362. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258748

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

UPLEVEL ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/08/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Sean D Hudson, 2025 Valentine Avenue, Ste 4C, Bronx, NY 10457. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257337

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

VALERY BRINDA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/20. 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, 101 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. C-257534

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VEGA'S SUPERIOR FLOORING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/20. 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, c/o Seymour J. Weinberg CPA, 2003 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256798

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WHITE LODGE STUDIO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/25/20. 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, 497 9th Street, Apartment 4, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-257598

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WITHERSPOON PARTNERS-1492, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/20. 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 Bill Martin, 10 Princeton Avenue, P.O. Box 228, Rocky Hill, NJ 08553. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-258225

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

WOOSTER LOFT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7844 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, CA 92037. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-256537

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

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Virus shows no sign of slowing

An important message
for elementary families
from Bethlehem Central
Superintendent Jody Monroe.

Dear K-5 Family:

The surge in COVID-19 cases we began seeing in the district leading up to Thanksgiving and in the weeks since shows no sign of slowing. Last Friday, we made the decision to have our students in grades 6-12 switch to remote learning through the holiday break to address a districtwide staffing shortage and to preserve the continuity of instruction for students.

Today, we have made the very difficult decision to have our K-5 students switch to remote learning beginning Monday, Dec. 21 for the same reasons. A remote learning schedule will be provided to parents by your child's teachers and all resources and materials for learning will be sent home with your child on Friday, Dec. 18. Students in Skills and Intensive Skills classes will continue to receive daily in-person instruction.

On Friday, Dec. 18, there will be in-person instruction at all elementary schools and remote instruction for students in grades 6-12.

We have made every effort to keep our K-5 students in school for in-person instruction as long as reasonably possible. Now, reason tells us it is time to temporarily suspend



classroom instruction at the elementary level.

Since Dec. 1, there have been 37 cases of COVID-19 reported in the district, with many of these now impacting our elementary schools. As a result of these cases, there are more than 340 BC students — and dozens of staff members — in quarantine. Every day, we are seeing more teachers and staff forced out of the classroom and into quarantine, sometimes as a result of being identified as a contact at school, or often through contact at home. And though we have found ways to be

creative in meeting these staffing challenges while maintaining a safe learning environment, the troubling rise in community spread of COVID-19 allows no room for error.

With the storm jeopardizing access to COVID testing and certainly slowing results, reporting and contact tracing, we see the switch to remote learning for our elementary students as the very best decision at a very difficult time.

We know that this is disappointing news for many families. Our students have done an

amazing job of following health and safety protocols that have allowed us to get to this point, and parents, too, have been responsive, resilient and flexible in helping us keep in-person learning going. Our goal is to resume in-person learning in January with even more mitigation strategies, including access to COVID testing right here in the district, that will help strengthen our ability to deliver in-person learning to students.

As always, I thank you for your continued support for the school district as we navigate this most unusual school

year. We could not do it without you. If you have any questions regarding this transition for elementary students, please feel free to email me at jmonroe@bethlehemschools.org.

Again, K-5 students will be provided with all necessary materials for at-home learning when they leave school on Friday, Dec. 18. If your family needs to make other arrangements for picking up these materials, please notify your building's main office.

Sincerely,
Jody Monroe
Bethlehem Central
Superintendent

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Thank you.



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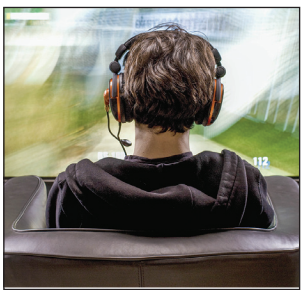
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Plum of a deal

BalletCollective to stream holiday classic featuring City Ballet performers

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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Each season, ballet fans are whisked through a journey that starts in the warmth of a Victorian Age mansion for what has since become a holiday tradition, but circumstances have changed that. Virus-related shutdowns have stunted the arts throughout 2020. However, through an act of providence and a flash of serendipity, BalletCollective's Troy Shumacher might have struck a virtual show against the reigning virus.

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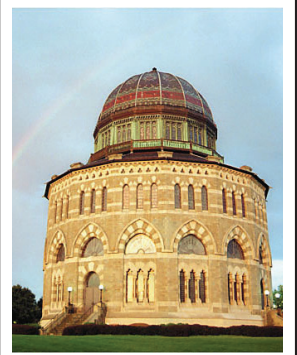
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— Phil Downs, amateur photographer whose work is featured to the left



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Albany Center Gallery

Albany Center Gallery asks everyone to Aid the Arts

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — Those at downtown Albany’s longstanding art gallery has kept itself busy throughout a relentless pandemic that has pushed foot traffic away.

While safely circumventing virus-related restrictions, Albany Center Gallery has presented seven gallery exhibitions. Through the help of local donors and businesses, ACG Director Tony Iadicicco made such exhibits available online as virtual 3-D tours. ACG also collaborated with partners to spearhead the Creative Impact: Capital Region Artist Fund raising over \$10,000 for local artists in need.

Now, it’s asking for help as it spearheads a fundraiser.

“Humanity turns to art

for comfort, for healing, for expressing,” said Iadicicco. “We believe art is not a want, but a need.”

Fund raising incentives include; your name listed on the ACG website and a handwritten “thank you” card (\$25+), recognition on the donor wall at ACG for one year (\$50+), an annual Artist Friend ACG membership (\$100+) and a pair of ACG wine glasses (\$250+).

“The future is uncertain, but we know we need art to be in it,” said Iadicicco. He added how ACG is more than a gallery space that showcases high-quality exhibitions. We focus on creating and providing opportunities for regional artists, offering impactful programming and outreach, inspiring young creatives, and introducing community members to thoughtful

artwork, all while collaborating with local businesses and fostering an inclusive, welcoming art space for individuals of all backgrounds.

“We embark on our year-end campaign with a goal of raising \$16,000 by December 31, but we can’t do it without your help.”

Every dollar you donate will be matched by ACG’s Board of Directors and an anonymous donor up to \$8,000. Donors are invited to text “donate” to 218-595-2294 to join the movement of aiding the arts together.

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From page B1 ... Plum of a Deal

BalletCollective premiered its Nutcracker to rave reviews earlier this month to intimate crowds of underwriters who helped fund the \$400,000 production. This week, a free, streamed performance will run from Wednesday, Dec. 23 to Saturday, Dec. 26, at <http://bit.ly/mouseking>.

Schumacher, director of BalletCollective, told *Pointe Magazine* he took in a tour of Wethersfield Estate in Dutchess County when he was struck with the idea of a Nutcracker performance. The neo-Georgian manor home in Amenia is a quiet getaway that features a formal garden and carriage house museum. It was once the family home of Chauncey Stillman, grandson of James Stillman, who was Chairman of the National Bank. Chauncey, a strong advocate for the arts and an avid sportsman who was first lured to the area for its fox hunting, preserved the estate as an escape. The Wethersfield Foundation, which

maintains and manages the Estate, focuses on access to the arts, culture and land conservation.

Schumacher said he was inspired by the architecture of the manor home and the sprawling grounds of the estate. Having already tackled a successful premier of a full ballet performance this summer, he started choreographing a Nutcracker within the rooms and gardens of the estate.

Schumacher, is already an established young choreographer in the ballet world. He is also a soloist for the New York City Ballet, which draws droves of fans each holiday for its performance of the Nutcracker. COVID-19, however, has clamped down performances by the dance company - first felt by upstate fans when its summer residency at Saratoga Performing Arts Center was canceled.

BalletCollective's Nutcracker features 22 dancers from both the City Ballet and American

Ballet Theatre, including alternating casts of Sugarplum Fairies and Cavaliers: Sara Mearns and Taylor Stanley in one, and Ashley Laracey (Schumacher's real-life partner) and Tyler Angle in the other.

The Nutcracker at Wethersfield paid attention to safety precautions throughout production, having quarantined dancers and staff for 4 weeks, and requiring them all to live and work in a "quarantine pod." Forced into what they've all taken to call a podlife experience on social media, it's meant that those who spend time with each other on stage often share sleeping arrangements, too.

The cast is to include Sara Mearns, Tyler Angle, Ashley Laracey, Taylor Stanley, Mira Nadon, Erica Pereira, Ralph Ippolito, Eliza Blatt, Gabriella Domini, Savannah Durham, Claire Von Enck, Emma Von Enck, Malorie Lundgren, Mary Thomas MacKinnon, Miriam Miller, Davide Riccardo, Kristen Segin, Mary Elizabeth Sell, Mimi Staker, KJ Takashi and Cainan Weber.

Special Music was



created and provided by Grammy-nominated Metropolis Ensemble, and Andrew Cyr, founder and artistic director of Metropolis Ensemble. The composition will feature musical performances from violinist and composer Darian Donovan Thomas, and violin soloist Lauren Cauley.

Ashley Laracey and Tyler Angle dance the Sugar Plum Pas (above), while Cainan Weber is the Candy Cane.

Christopher Duggan

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LIFESTYLE

Game on!

Accessories to enhance your gaming room

To say that gaming is popular would be a significant understatement. According to WePC, a firm that specializes in helping gamers build the best gaming rigs for their budgets, as of 2019 there were more than 2.7 billion gamers across the globe.

If that number raises an eyebrow, it should, as data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that the world population was right around 7.7 billion at the end of 2020. That means roughly 35 percent of the world population qualifies as gamers.

Gamers come from all walks of life, but one thing many have in common is the desire to make their gaming environments as enjoyable as possible. Various items can help gamers accomplish just that.

- Chair: In its "State of Online Gaming 2020" report, Limelight Networks found that gamers spend an average of six hours, 20 minutes each week playing games. That amount of time playing requires a comfortable chair. Many modern gaming chairs, which resemble office chairs, combine comfort



with functionality. For example, some chairs may come with lumbar or full-body support and also include Bluetooth capability and built-in speakers.

- Extra monitors: Extra monitors can help gamers take their gaming to the next level. When configuring monitors, make sure they're on sturdy surfaces and elevated slightly above eye level, which should reduce risk for neck strain.

- Backlighting: Television backlights are strips that can be easily affixed to the back of a gamer's television and help reduce eye strain without adversely affecting the gaming experience. Many backlights come with an array of color options that can make gamers' setups more impressive to look at, even if gamers are more focused on the look of their favorite games than they are their immediate surroundings.

- Gaming lapboard: Many PC gamers play their favorite games while sitting at desks. A gaming lapboard can be ideal for gamers who want to periodically venture away from their desks while gaming. A gaming lapboard sits right on a gamer's lap, serving as something of a portable desk for gamers who would rather play while sitting on a favorite armchair or couch.

- Gaming backpack: Gamers who are on the go can benefit from a gaming backpack designed to protect their gear as

they travel from place to place. Gaming backpacks may feature soft inner linings designed to hold and protect laptops. Extra compartments also provide places to store accessories like keyboards, headphones and portable speakers.

Gaming is incredibly popular across the globe. Gamers can enhance their experience with various accessories designed to make gaming more comfortable and immersive. Gamers can enhance their experience with various accessories designed to make gaming more comfortable and immersive. Gamers can enhance their experience with various accessories designed to make gaming more comfortable and immersive.

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INTERVIEW

Teach them well

Anne O'Brien Carelli uses historical fiction to tell the story

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DELMAR — It was fifth grade, in Jan Palmer's class, that I was introduced to the Holocaust.

We were asked to read Lois Lowry's "Number the Stars" and talk about it in groups. Even at 10 years old, I was a voracious reader; I could put down books quicker than any kid in my class. "Number the Stars" was no different. The story of Annemarie and Ellen introduced me to a world where people were murdered for things as harmless as being Jewish or being disabled. Within six months, I had torn apart my school's library looking for any book at all



about the Third Reich, its atrocities and its "mission." Lowry's work of historical fiction lit the spark, and I turned it into an inferno. To this day, the Holocaust is still the one part of history I can't learn enough about.

Anne O'Brien Carelli knows these introductions are critical, as it piques the interest of the children reading them. A fellow World War II history buff, she's always been attached to the French Resistance. As she's progressed in her career, she's made a hobby of perusing primary sources about the resistance and turning it into stories young children can digest. Now, she's branching out into different historical topics, including the Revolutionary War.

O'Brien Carelli released two more works of historical fiction, "One Light" and "Beneath the Heart," in October and

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**December 2020
 Week 4**

ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

Someone could be extremely generous to you soon, Aries. It may be out of the goodness of his or her heart, or it may be because of a guilty conscience. You may never know.

TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

Avoid power struggles at work or even among your circle of friends, Taurus. It is not worth the trouble to get involved, and things will calm down soon. Keep your distance.

GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

Gemini, this week may be well suited to contemplation about certain decisions that have been on your mind. Find a quiet place and put all of the puzzle pieces together.

CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

Cancer, if you feel like you are ready to make a difference in someone's life, then be honest about what you can take on. You may need a little help along the way.

LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

Leo, if you need someone to motivate you, seek out a trustworthy friend with your best interests in mind. A qualified mentor might be the way to go.

VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

Virgo, sometimes a daily routine can land you in a rut. This is the time to change things up a bit. Mix up your regular schedule by trying a new activity or taking a trip.

LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

Rough patches will quickly smooth over if you don't fret about them, Libra. Just have a little patience and everything will work out for the best.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

Right now stability means much more to you than taking risks. Stick with those people who support you, and don't worry about sitting on the sidelines for a bit.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

Sagittarius, you may not realize it, but you have been slowly pulling back from those around you for some time now. Make a concerted effort to focus on important relationships.

CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

A healthy hobby like exercise can be just what you need at the moment, Capricorn. Slowly increase your workout frequency and take a friend along for the ride.

AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

Aquarius, try to be artistic this week. Don't worry, you don't have to create a masterpiece. Working on creative projects can be a form of meditation and help alleviate stress.

PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

You are open to change more so than other people you know, Pisces. It's a good thing, because last-minute changes are coming.

December respectively. Since the publication of "Skylark and Wallcreeper" in 2018, O'Brien Carelli has found a home in using fiction as a means to teach young readers about otherwise complex topics.

"I want to be able to wrap these facts into a compelling, fast-moving story," O'Brien Carelli said. "If I can get these kids to enjoy the book but also learn from it at the same time, I've done my job."

"One Light" is the story of 12-year-old Eleanor, a member of the French Resistance in World War II. Eleanor is tasked with watching a group of Jewish children hiding in a monastery cellar, where she befriends the spunky Shoshana, one of the refugees. When Shoshana disappears, Eleanor is determined to find her friend by all means necessary.

O'Brien Carelli said the story of Eleanor is extremely similar to what actually happened in the resistance; while Eleanor is a fictional girl, children were heavily involved in the French Resistance and were often tasked with equally

dangerous jobs as those given to adult members.

"Beneath the Heart" jumps back a bit further, launching the reader into 1775. Phoebe, also 12, lives with her family in Saratoga, New York. Her farm has become the headquarters of the American Army. Phoebe is tasked with an important mission by a dying soldier while managing the care of her infant sister. Her journey to complete the mission is filled with twists and turns and shows that even the youngest of girls can have influence and independence.

O'Brien Carelli said "Beneath the Heart" was inspired by her own journey. Recently, she learned she is descended from people whose house and barn were used as headquarters by General Horatio Gates in Saratoga. As a transplant from Michigan, O'Brien Carelli was shocked to learn her own blood was so closely tied to the turning point of the American Revolution.

"I want kids to see how your environment can change so quickly," O'Brien Carelli said,

"and how situations can have emotional ties to them. In these stories, it's children who are front and center of the story, controlling the narrative. I want children to see how they are able to learn about something, take a stance and contribute to the story somehow."

O'Brien Carelli said writing historical fiction forces her to use multiple skills, as the fiction she creates has to be realistic in the historically-correct time period. She's forced to verify everything about the characters, whether it be the shoes they wear, the cars they ride in or the speech they use.

"People will catch you if something isn't historically accurate," she said. "If I'm writing dialogue and I use a phrase that isn't historically correct, there are people who will catch it. It forces me to really dig deep into my primary sources and use them to support the fiction that's within the pages."



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Various fruits and vegetables are more readily available at certain times of the year when they're considered in-season. Though such foods won't necessarily be unavailable throughout the rest of the year, they might be harder



The threat posed by improper canning is significant, and the FDA and AMA offer the following tips to help people safety and properly can their own produce.

to find in the offseason. In recognition of that difficulty, many people turn to canning.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the American Medical Association note that home



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canning can be an excellent way to store and preserve various foods, including produce. However, both the FDA and the AMA warn that improperly canned foods can cause botulism. Botulism is a rare, potentially deadly form of food poisoning.

The threat posed by improper canning is significant, and the FDA and AMA offer

the following tips to help people safety and properly can their own produce.

- Use the right canner. When canning foods, use a canner manufactured for canning and not just pressure cooking. When choosing a canner, make sure it's the right size, as the FDA notes that canners that are too small can lead to undercooking. Canning low-acid

vegetables, which includes green beans and corn, as well as meats, fish and poultry requires the use of a pressure canner. Boiling water canners should not be used for low-acid foods, as such products cannot protect against botulism.

- Clean your pressure canner regularly. Maintaining a pressure canner also is vital to avoid food poisoning. If the

canner has a rubber gasket, make sure it is flexible and soft and not brittle, sticky or cracked. Routinely clean openings on small pipes or vents to ensure these parts do not contain any debris. Air should be vented from the canner for 10 minutes before the canner is pressurized.

- Discard foods if you're concerned about safety. The FDA and

AMA recommend home canners adopt the "when in doubt, throw it out" mantra. Home-canned foods can be contaminated even if they look, smell or taste normal. Inspect jars carefully when opening home-canned foods.

Leaking, bulging or swollen containers may contain contaminated foods. Food also may be contaminated if containers

are damaged or cracked or if they spurt liquid or foam upon being opened. Contaminated foods may be discolored, moldy or smell bad.

Canning foods at home can be a great way to enjoy your favorite foods even when they're not in-season. But safety should be the utmost priority when canning foods at home.

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REVIEW

Formica goes original with acoustic set

Moriah Formica performs acoustic set with coverbandtv.com

By KAITLIN LEMBO
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ALBANY— Performing an acoustic set of rock music takes guts.

It's no secret that a lot of the magic of rock 'n roll lies in the effects. The lighting, the volume, the atmosphere is what makes a rock show special.

Moriah Formica is

known for her modern, straight-laced approach to rock 'n roll. The 20-year-old rock star performed a virtual show for fans last Wednesday. At any given time throughout the one-hour set (with several apologies for cutting it short due to the impending snowstorm that hit the area an hour later), there were at least 700 people viewing from all over the world; while many were from the United States, comments could be seen from Europe and Canada. The performance was streamed

through CoverBandTV.

Formica decided on an original set, a refreshing change of pace from the covers that have garnered her viral fame. She decided to play her set in the order the songs were written, with the earliest one, "Lovestrong," written at only 11 years old.

It's clear that Formica has always been incredibly talented, but time has only served her well. While songs like "Back Off" and "Broken Soul" from Bring It On!, an EP she released at 14 years old,

are impressive for a girl that young, her latest hits, including "Better Off Alone," show the immense amount of skill Formica wields. Her originals now really sink their teeth into the complex emotions that encompass adulthood. She's grown into a woman that takes no lip about the talent she knows she holds; when one commenter told her she wasn't liking the show, Formica was quick to remind her the exit button was at the top of the screen.

For a woman that

possesses an incredible force in the rock world, her stripped-down show grounded her and reminded us that she's barely an adult and with that, she still has a grip on reality. I was thrilled to hear a few songs that were new to me — including "Time" and "Here's My Heart" — and a spin on the ones I love, including "I Will."

Of course, it wouldn't be a Moriah show without a cover of Heart, and this time she opted for "Barracuda," the last

number of the evening. The whispers of Formica potentially becoming the next Ann Wilson are deafening from everyone in her fanbase, no thanks to her slam-dunk audition from season 13 of "The Voice." As a huge fan, I still find joy in hearing her cover the music that's helped her get to this point.

It's honestly baffling that with her talent, her humility and her personality, she hasn't been stolen from the 518 already.

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Loaded Baked Potato Soup

INGREDIENTS: Serves 6

- 6 slices thick bacon, coarsely chopped
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 pounds Hannah sweet potatoes, peeled and diced
- 10 ounces cauliflower, cut into florets
- 4 1/2 cups chicken bone broth
- 1 cup cashew milk
- 3 1/2 teaspoons fine sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Chopped fresh chives, for serving (optional)
- Dairy-free sour cream (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

Line a plate with paper towels. In a stockpot, cook the bacon over medium heat until the fat is rendered and the bacon is crisp, about 8 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, remove the bacon from the pot and set it on the prepared

plate to drain. Pour off most of the grease, reserving about 2 tablespoons in the pot.

Return the pot to medium-high heat, add the onion and garlic, and sauté for 2 minutes, until fragrant. Add half of the sweet potatoes and all of the cauliflower and cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the bone broth, bring it to a gentle boil, and cook for 10 minutes, until the potatoes and cauliflower are tender.

Using an immersion blender, or working in batches in a blender, blend the soup until smooth. (If using a blender, remove the cap in the blender top and place a kitchen towel over the top to allow steam from the hot liquid to release while you blend.) Return the purée to the stockpot. Add the remaining sweet potatoes, the cashew milk, salt, paprika, vinegar, and lemon juice. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then turn the heat to low and simmer for 12 to 15 minutes, stirring frequently, until the sweet potatoes are tender and the cashew milk has thickened the soup.

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