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Acts of giving follows thefts

Charitable spirit shown after 34 trees vanish from Lions sale

By MARCY VELTE
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Some caring citizens have stepped forward to help out the Bethlehem Lions Club after a holiday Grinch stole dozens of Christmas trees from the lot where the group's annual sale is held.

Club members Dan Ryan and Ulrich Rudofsky, co-organizers of the sale, said 34 trees were stolen on the night of Friday, Nov. 23. The estimated value of the trees was \$1,200.

"They hadn't even been on the lot 24

hours before they were taken," said Ryan.

This year marks the Lions Club's 26th annual Christmas Tree Sale. The trees are ordered each year from a company in Nova Scotia and shipped directly to the lot the day after Thanksgiving. Members had gone to open the lot for the first time this year on Saturday, Nov. 24, and soon realized the trees were gone.

"It's our custom to count the trees each night when we close and each morning when we open, so that's how we knew the trees were gone," Ryan said.

About 350 trees are typically sold during the club's sale, which is a major fundraiser for the Lions. The money is used for various

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Ulrich Rudofsky, left, and Dan Ryan, co-organizers of the Bethlehem Lions Club annual Christmas tree sale, stand in the tree lot on Route 9W. The organization had 34 trees stolen Friday, Nov. 23.

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One good turn

Delmar Progress Club's Knitting Group prepares all year for Giving Tree

By MARCY VELTE
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Each year at Christmastime thousands of collections are started to provide gifts for needy families, but one local giving tree adds a personal touch sewn with care.

For more than two decades, the Delmar Progress Club's Knitting



Hats, mittens and scarves, most of them handmade using patterns learned at workshops attended by the Knitting Group, are ready to donate.

Group has set up and decorated a tree at the Bethlehem Public Library filled with hats, mittens and scarves. Like many similar drives held annually at schools, businesses and non-profits, all of the winter gear is eventually donated to local charities,

but this group's tree is unique. Nearly every piece of clothing is handmade by club members throughout the year.

"I don't know if people appreciate them more, but I think we enjoy doing it," said club member Marge O'Brien. "This is such a friendly group, we do as much talking than anything else."

The Delmar Progress Club was established in 1916 as a service



Each year, Delmar Progress Club's Knitting Group displays a Giving Tree in the lobby of the Bethlehem Public Library adorned with winter ware they made by hand throughout the year.

Photos by Marcy Velte/Spotlight

group arm of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Members donate their time and resources, and also hold fundraisers for local charities. There are additional subgroups within the club for those with special interests or hobbies like gardening, reading or antiquing.

The Knitting Group was started in 1984, in no small part through the work of former President Rosemary Brown. It started with 25 ladies knitting lap blankets for seniors at

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Price tag balloons on BC projects

Architectural review finds bond would be \$26M for repairs, field

By MARCY VELTE
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Bethlehem Central Board of Education members experienced a slight case of sticker shock when estimates for facilities upgrades jumped by millions following an architect's review.

On Wednesday, Nov. 28, Daniel Heukrath from educational design firm Ashley McGraw presented the school board with estimates and options to upgrade the high school's athletic field and make repairs and upgrades at several buildings. Doing all the work would cost about \$26.6 million, he said. Previous estimates from 2010 that included the new field weighed in at around \$16 million.

Superintendent Thomas Douglas warned board members of the new estimate before Heukrath spoke.

"Tonight is sort of the culminating process from the community aspect to the board understanding potential facility issues and concerns over many years and deferrals, as well as our obligation under New York

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"It's a wonderful way to meet other women, especially if you just retired."

— Mary DeGroff, Progress Club member since 1990

P.O. Box: North Pole

Longstanding town program connects kids with Santa

By MARCY VELTE
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Each winter, millions of children across the globe write out their holiday wishes and mail them to Santa Claus in hopes of finding that special present underneath the tree on Christmas morning. But how many children receive a letter back?

For more than 25 years, Santa's little helpers in the Bethlehem Police Department and Senior Services Department have worked to deliver the Christmas lists from Bethlehem's children to the North Pole by Dec. 25. In return, they have been tasked by Saint Nick to write a letter in reply.

"We call ourselves 'Santa's Senior Elves,'" said Director of Senior Services Joyce Becker. "We have a group who volunteers each year to write the response letters, and that's their job."

Every November after Thanksgiving, members of the Bethlehem Police Department distribute special boxes to each

"Anyone can write a letter to Santa. He provides goodwill to all."

– Director of Senior Services
Joyce Becker

elementary school in town, local Stewart's Shops and the Delmar Marketplace. Children who write a letter to Santa are asked to include their address and put the letter into one of these boxes. In the middle of December, the police then pick up the boxes to be taken to the North Pole. Some time later, children will receive a letter back from Santa written by one of his local helpers.

An average of 500 letters are received each year, according to Detective Michael Whiteley, who works with the police department's Family Services Unit. The police department also helps with purchasing supplies for the letter writing program.

"It feels great to be able to be the middleman to make sure the



Children throughout the Town of Bethlehem can write a letter to Santa Claus through the help of local elves at the Bethlehem Police Department and Senior Services. If it is placed in a letter box by Friday, Dec. 14, the children will then receive a reply in return.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

kids get their lists to Santa and for the kids to get them back," he said. "It's important that those letters get to the big guy."

Becker said the letters usually contain requests for the toys, like bikes or dolls, but sometimes they're more heartfelt.

"Sometimes dad lost their job and they need help, or they ask for food," she said.

In those instances, families may get something additional beyond Santa's magic. In

extreme cases, town social workers reach out through the Bethlehem Food Pantry. If families are in need of additional aid, the Bethlehem Central School District now handles local Adopt-A-Family requests.

"We want to make sure everyone has a Merry Christmas," Becker said.

Becker reminded families to include an address with each letter, because although Santa may know the names and addresses of all students,

the post office does not. She also said local children of all religious backgrounds are free to write a letter to Santa.

"Anyone can write a letter to Santa. He provides goodwill to all," she said.

Children are encouraged to have their letters to Santa in by Wednesday, Dec. 14, but Whiteley said most can probably still get their letter to Santa if they are placed in boxes before Saturday, Dec. 17, when most will be picked up.



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Police Blotter

Bethlehem police will post arrest reports online

The Bethlehem Police Department is now posting weekly arrest summaries online in addition to press releases for more serious incidents.

Department spokesman Lt. Thomas Heffernan said the department has been considering for some time posting arrests for the public to see, and they are now able to do so because of changes in technology. The listing of arrests includes basic information including the name and ages of those arrested and what they were charged with.

The information can be found on the police department website under "Arrest Notifications."

"We have had requests in the past, and we think this is good for public awareness. It shows

that there is a lot more happening in town than just what the press releases show," said Heffernan.

The reports will include misdemeanor and felony arrests, but only incidents that result in an arrest will be posted. Also, those arrested who are under the age of 19 will not be included because they have the potential to qualify for youthful offender status.

"This is something we can do now without exhausting the extra man hours," Heffernan said. "With our budget, we can't do more work for ourselves that dedicates a lot of time, but this is something that can be done easily and is a good thing."

— Marcy Velte

Crash injures mother, children

A mother and her two children were taken to Albany Medical Center on the morning of Thursday, Nov. 29, after her vehicle slipped on black ice at an intersection.

Bethlehem police said Colleen Jones, 31, of Selkirk was traveling on Cottage Lane when she was unable to stop her small SUV because of the weather conditions. She collided with a dump truck traveling north on Route 9W before hitting a utility pole and coming to a stop in a field.

Jones and her children were taken to the hospital complaining of back and neck pain, but the injuries were not life threatening, according to police. She was given a ticket for

driving without a license.

The driver of the dump truck, David Olechowski, 47, of Schenectady, was uninjured in the accident and was not cited for any traffic violations.

Arrests

• Bethlehem police arrested a Slingerlands man and charged him with aggravated DWI after he drove onto the grass on Kenwood Avenue, police said.

Patrick Callaway, 21, of 1374 New Scotland Road, was driving on Kenwood Avenue at around 5:10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17. Police said they witnessed Callaway leave his lane and begin driving partially in the grass and pulled him over.

According to police reports, Callaway smelled of alcohol and had glassy

eyes. He failed sobriety tests and later failed a breath test. He was charged with three felony counts of driving while intoxicated and failure to stay in the designated lane. He was processed and released and was scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

• Three Albany women were arrested after attempting to steal various items from the Glenmont Walmart, according to police.

Police said Daleasia Brathwaite, 20, Jalonda Graham, 21, and Majeeda Dickson, 16, of 252 Clinton Ave., Albany, were arrested on Monday, Nov. 19, after filling three shopping carts with items and attempting to leave the store with them. The costs of all of the items totaled nearly \$3,000.

Brathwaite was charged with felony grand larceny in the fourth degree, while Graham and Dickson were both charged with misdemeanor petit larceny, according to police. Brathwaite was sent to the Albany County jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail. Graham and Dickson were released and were scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

• Guilderland police arrested Kristofer Watson, 18, on Thursday, Nov. 29, on charges of felony criminal possession of a stolen object with a value of more than \$3,000.

• Guilderland police arrested Nathanael Hallmark, 34, on Thursday, Nov. 29, on felony charges of assault with intent to cause physical injury in the second degree and resisting arrest.

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Finance in the Spotlight

Year-end tax planning...a conundrum of sorts

By STEPHEN J. AUGSTELL,
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With the election behind us and the close of 2012 approaching, a new reality is coming up the walk and knocking at the door—the 2011 Budget Control Act.

Set to go into effect January 1, 2013, the 2011 Budget Control Act brings with it mandated cuts in spending—\$1.2 trillion to be split among defense and nondefense spending—and higher taxes. If you’ve heard politicians and the media reference the term “Fiscal Cliff,” this is it. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office released a report that suggests the combination of decreased spending and increased taxes could push our economy into another recession. So unless Congress takes action, the economy is going to have a bitter pill to swallow as we head into 2013.

What the expiring tax cuts mean to taxpayers

The list of tax cuts set to expire is long and will impact many people in many different ways. Here are some of the more notable changes:

- Payroll tax cuts will result in a 2 percent pay decrease for workers.
- The alternative minimum tax (AMT) patch, or exemption, will fall back to \$45,000 for joint filers, which could lead to a tax increase for many unsuspecting families. The exemption for joint filers in 2011 was \$74,450.
- The option for taxpayers to elect to claim general sales taxes instead of income taxes as an itemized deduction will expire.
- The phase out of itemized deductions and exemptions for those with high “adjusted gross incomes” (AGI) will be reintroduced.
- The child tax credit will be cut in half, from \$1,000 to \$500.
- There will be a reduction in the dependent care credit and adoption credit.
- The 30 percent tax credit for consumer energy efficiency will turn off.
- The \$250 teacher deduction for supplies will be erased.
- Marginal tax rates will increase, with the top two brackets moving from 33 and 35 percent to 36 and 39.6 percent, respectively.
- Capital gain rates will rise from 15 to 20 percent.
- Qualified dividends now taxed at 15 percent will be taxed as ordinary income, with a top rate of 39.6 percent.

On top of these changes, the 2010 health care reform legislation adds an additional

3.8 percent Medicare tax on the unearned income (interest, dividends, capital gains, rent, etc.) of high income taxpayers (income in excess of \$200,000 for individuals/\$250,000 for married couples).

These are significant changes that will ultimately touch all Americans in one form or another. The question is: will lawmakers keep on the current course despite the CBO report? If the bridge is out ahead, will the economic bus keep going? Maybe. Maybe not.



Stephen J. Augstell

The tax planning conundrum

There’s not a lot of time left, but Congress can still act. Here are a couple possible scenarios:

1. Congress can eliminate some or all of the scheduled tax cuts set to expire and remove some of the target cuts in defense and nondefense spending.
2. Lawmakers could opt to work from the middle and address budget issues on a limited basis, mitigating the impact on the economy.

Since Congress has opted to delay any changes regarding spending or the removal of tax cuts until after the election, an agreement has to be reached in a matter of weeks. And here lies the conundrum. If the economic bus keeps on its current course, the general rule-of-thumb for tax planning—delay income and accelerate expenses—gets thrown to the side of the road. Instead, taxpayers need to take the following steps now to help ease the pain later.

- Accelerate income and long-term capital gains.
- Postpone losses and deductions.
- Convert non-deductible debt to deductible debt.
- Consider a Roth IRA conversion.
- Exercise employer stock options.
- Maximize retirement plan contributions.
- Take advantage of tax diversification and asset location strategies.
- Use tax-exempt municipal bonds for fixed income allocation in taxable accounts.
- Consider partial allocation to cash value life insurance.
- If gifting, consider income-producing assets.

We can’t predict whether Congress will act to change these tax laws. Time will tell, but there’s not much time left. So taxpayers need to buckle up and keep their eyes on the road ahead. And given that 2012 income tax rates are historically low and taxpayers are faced with potential rate increases, it’s important to compare your current tax situation with a projected tax scenario under the higher tax regime. Doing so will allow you

and your advisors to determine which strategies are best for your individual circumstances.

Remember, specific tax strategies need to be tailored to your unique situation and the tax impact should only be

one factor in determining how you manage your finances. However, proper planning for the projected tax changes can enhance your financial position. Your financial planner can help ensure that it does.

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The Affordable Care Act and taxes

Few acts of legislation over the past few years have stirred as much heated debate as the Affordable Care Act. Amid all the political rancor and angling, it’s easy to understand why most people can more easily identify the Affordable Care Act as Obamacare than can explain what the Affordable Care Act is, what it provides and what it means to taxpayers.

Enacted in 2010, the Affordable Care Act was developed to put in place consumer protections, provide new coverage options and give individuals the tools they need to make informed health care decisions. As far as how well it does that, the opinions are clearly divided. However, one thing that is not subject to debate is the fact that the Affordable Care Act contains a number of tax provisions that often

get overshadowed by all the commotion surrounding the act itself. For tax planning purposes, here are a few of the tax provisions contained within the Affordable Care Act you should know about.

- There is an increase in the individual portion of the Medicare payroll tax on wages, from 1.45 to 2.35 percent, provided income exceeds thresholds (0.9 percent).
 - This increase applies only to taxpayers who earn wages in excess of \$200,000 if modified AGI exceeds: \$250,000, married filing jointly; \$125,000, married filing separately; or \$200,000 for all others.
- There are limitations on medical expense deductions.
 - For taxpayers younger than age 65, the threshold has increased from 7.5 percent

of AGI to 10 percent of AGI. For taxpayers older than age 65, the threshold remains at 7.5 percent through 2016.

- Annual contributions to healthcare Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) are capped at \$2,500. Currently the maximum FSA contribution is set by employers, with the most common maximum amount set at \$5,000.
- There is a Medicare surtax of 3.8 percent imposed on investment income, provided the taxpayer’s AGI exceeds thresholds.

For more information on how the Affordable Care Act affects your financial planning strategy, consult with your tax advisor or financial planning professional.

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Foil dreidels shine, paper turkeys forgotten

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

I've gotten lazy about decorating for holidays. In mid-October, I brought the cute ghost poster up from the basement, but never hung it on the front door. I talked about setting up the ceramic Halloween village, but couldn't muster the energy to unwrap the multiple delicate pieces. It would've been a total bust, but we rallied and managed to have three carved and lighted pumpkins on our porch by the time the trick-or-treaters arrived.

Next came Thanksgiving. I'm embarrassed to say that I forgot I even had Thanksgiving decorations. In fact, in mid-November, when I was admiring the harvest-themed adornments hanging on a coworker's cubicle, I told her how lazy I had gotten about decorating at home. I revealed to her that my winter-themed window clings, namely Winnie-the-Pooh and Friends skiing amidst snowflakes, have been on display since last February. No sense in taking them down now.

It wasn't until I started thinking about Hanukkah that I remembered the multitude of paper pilgrims and turkeys that

normally hang all over the dining room. How could I have forgotten all those homemade pieces when for 10 consecutive years my daughter's hands served as the template for the pilgrim's hands and the turkey's feathers? On one pilgrim palm we would write, "On this Thanksgiving I am thankful for..." and on the other palm would be Rachel's list of items. We usually keep the pilgrims up through December, sticking paper dreidels on them during Hanukkah.

Maybe my family needs to have a combination holiday called Hanukweenathanks. There would be a menorah made out of little pumpkins. There'd be potato latkes and jelly doughnuts plus cider doughnuts and turkey. We'd light candles and say what we're thankful for, then take turns ringing the doorbell and carrying around chocolate bars in our pillow cases.

We would unpack all our Hanukweenathanks displays just after the back-to-school rush, but would not hang them until after Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. Sukkot, while little known among the general population,



is one holiday for which I never forget to decorate. But that's a whole different story.

This year, on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, I was cleaning out the den. Under a pile of papers I found a store-bought, plastic, two-dimensional pilgrim couple window decoration. I vaguely remembered bringing the item up from the basement in October (probably along with the ghost poster). The boy pilgrim is holding a pumpkin in one arm and appears to be plucking an ear of corn off a stalk with the other hand. The pilgrim girl is sitting next to the corn stalk holding a bowl of apples. She is surrounded by fall images including a pumpkin, a squash, two dried unhusked ears of corn and some leaves. Hey, there's still Thanksgiving pie on my kitchen counter, so what harm would it be to still have pilgrims in my window? I leaned the pilgrim couple against the top pane of a double-hung window. That's when I

noticed the tiny snowflakes falling from the sky.

Snowing, already? I decided that I'd better get moving on the Hanukkah decorations, lest they remain forgotten in their plastic bins like the construction paper turkeys. Luckily most of our menorahs are now permanently on display (like the Pooh Bear winter-scene window clings), so it won't be hard to gather them. The other items include the strings of foil dreidels we hang from living room archway, the Happy Hanukkah signs for the walls, the Jewish stars to dangle from doorknobs and the window-cling menorah with its colorful window-cling candles.

Suddenly I feel overwhelmed. Or is it lazy? Who is going to help me hang this stuff? Do we have to decorate?

I obviously had a lot more energy in early October when there was more daylight. Gosh, if only I had planned for Hanukweenathanks, then Columbus Day weekend would have been followed by a decorating frenzy. My house would have been covered in turkeys, pilgrims, candles, pumpkins, dreidels and

ghosts before we set the clocks back an hour. I would have been able to go on a decorating hiatus until Valentine's Day.

O K, I'm going overboard here. I know that having too much stuff up for too long takes away the special nature of each individual celebration. And focusing too much on the decorations could take away from remembering the meaning of a holiday.

Hanukkah, which begins this year on the evening of Dec. 8, commemorates the Jews' victorious fight for religious freedom. Over 2,100 years ago, Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek King of Syria, declared that all people must worship Greek gods. Jewish rituals were outlawed and the Jews' holy temple was seized and defiled.

The Jews eventually won the long battle against the Syrian army. While preparing to rededicate their reclaimed temple, the Jews found one flask of holy oil, enough to light the lamps for just one day. A miracle occurred and the


oil burned for eight days, enough time to obtain a new supply of oil.

Each year at Hanukkah, Jews celebrate for eight nights by lighting and displaying candles in a menorah. The Hanukkah menorah holds a total of nine candles, one for each day of the holiday plus a ninth "helper" candle that is used to light the other candles. Over the course of the holiday a total of 44 candles are used for each menorah.

I still think a pumpkin menorah is a cool idea, but it would take our entire dining room table to display the nine pumpkins. Plus, carved pumpkins would be quick to decompose in the heat indoors. An outdoor pumpkin menorah would be eaten by squirrels. So, it looks like we'll stick with tradition this year and use our metal and ceramic menorahs.


Hey, suddenly I'm feeling enthusiastic about the rest of the decorations. I think I'll go dig out the bin right now before the lazy feeling sets in again.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

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It sounds like a textbook contractor scam.

After weeks of considering the options for your home makeover (comparing paint swatches, fiddling with floor plans and most importantly, counting pennies) the other shoe drops.

Well, we looked more closely and it turns out this here, and that there... well, it's going to cost more. A lot more.

That's how some folks in the Bethlehem Central School District are probably feeling this week, after a recent finding by the district's new architecture firm that a package of repairs and upgrades to BC's facilities will come in a hefty \$10 million more than previously thought.

Normally, this would not be a huge deal. It's important to have realistic numbers before going out and borrowing \$26 million and estimates can't be up-to-date all the time, so fluctuations (even large ones) are bound to happen. The thing is, this news comes after weeks of kicking the tires on this bond with the public.

The district is certainly to be commended for providing opportunity for public interaction on this subject. It carved out several meetings just for that purpose. But it is no doubt disheartening to those parents, concerned residents and district staff members who took time out of their evenings to attend those meetings to realize the finances on this thing just morphed in a serious way.

We don't think the intent is actually to scam taxpayers, and we've no doubt more opportunities for input will be made available. But we'd also like to point out to members of the school board that any public dialogue made before Nov. 28 was given without a full understanding of the situation.

These might seem like mere details, but this bond is more complicated than philosophy on the course of public education. The school board is now tasked with deciding what projects to put into the bond, which is subject to a public up-or-down vote.

Let us be clear: much of this project is undoubtedly necessary. Having a roof cave in is simply not an option, and officials over at Bethlehem Town Hall can attest that wavering on making such repairs can result in unpleasant and costly disasters. Saying "make do for another year" is just not an option in many cases.

Marcy Velte reports this week a decision is slated for the month of January. That's the deadline if the district wants to organize a March vote. It's good to make sure this bond makes it to vote because as mentioned, waiting on some of these repairs is not an option. However, let us propose packaging this bond into the May budget vote, which will give the community more time to examine the new list of costs and will save voters time and money that would be spent on a second vote weeks from the regular budget referendum.

And to district residents: take time to learn about the bond and make your opinion on it known. The impact will not be unsubstantial — if the entire \$26 million bond is adopted, the average homeowner would see a more than \$60 tax hike.

Some would say you don't have a right to complain if you don't vote. But in this case, in which voters can only vote "yes" or "no" on a package, not on individual lines, that's really only true if you don't actually speak up.

Editorial

Programs more than numbers

By MARILYN PINSKY

The author is the president of the American Association of Retired Persons New York State.

The way some people talk in Washington you could get the idea that Social Security and Medicare are little more than numbers in a budget.

Yet for families in New York State and all over America, Social Security and Medicare have a deeper meaning: They are the very foundation of security in retirement.

Social Security and Medicare enable millions of older Americans to survive financially each month, after years of working hard and paying taxes to earn these protections. One day, younger people will count on these same pillars of security for their own independence and dignity in old age.

As lawmakers consider the U.S. budget, here are a couple numbers they should keep in mind: Half of America's seniors get by on less than \$20,000 a year. And here's another: Typical seniors already spend nearly 20 percent of their incomes on health care, a percentage that continues to rise.

These facts argue against treating Social Security and Medicare as bargaining chips in a year-end political deal. Instead, we should be discussing responsible ways to preserve their vital protections for future generations.

A good place to start is by recognizing the essential role that Social Security and Medicare play in the lives of average Americans:

- Social Security provides more than half the household income for one out of two older Americans. In New York, 2.3 million residents received Social Security in 2011 and for the typical New Yorker it comprised 58 percent of their income.

- Social Security benefits

Point of View

keep 32 percent of New York's seniors, approximately 800,000, above the poverty line. And benefits are modest, averaging under \$15,000 a year.

- Medicare enables over 50 million older Americans and people with disabilities to receive affordable health care. In New York that's 2.5 million people. Still, seniors have to pay \$4,600 on average out of their own pockets for care each year. Without Medicare, many would have to spend thousands more for private coverage — if they could afford it at all.

Since early 2012, AARP has been encouraging a conversation about the long-term financial challenges facing Social Security and Medicare, and how to keep these programs effective for the long haul. This effort, which we call You've Earned Say, has engaged millions of Americans — and they've made their feelings clear.

In a recent AARP poll, 91 percent of Americans age 50 and over said Social Security was "critical" to the economic security of seniors, and an even higher 95 percent described Medicare as critical to health security for seniors.

To be sure, older Americans want very much to reduce the budget deficit and put our nation on a more secure fiscal path. But they seek measures that are responsible and fair, not ill-considered "solutions" that would cause more problems than they solve.

The fact is we are living in a time when retirement security has unraveled for many, due to a combination of trends.

What's your point?

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Private pensions are shrinking. Savings rates remain low. Home values have fallen. The cost of living continues to rise.

These realities make it unwise and even reckless to cut back Social Security and Medicare, just to meet numerical targets in a budget deal. Rather, the economic pressures facing older Americans warrant an open, thoughtful discussion on ways to enhance retirement security and how to strengthen the bedrock programs that provide it.

This focus is critical not only for today's retirees and working Americans, but for future generations. AARP will continue to remind our elected leaders of the importance of Social Security and Medicare in New York and communities all over the country.

Of course, budgets matter. But we should never forget their impact on the real people behind the numbers.

Weekly poll

What should get priority in schools, technology or athletics?

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Last week's poll results:

"What is your favorite holiday season activity in the Capital District?"

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- Holiday lights in Washington Park 57%
- A Victorian streetwalk 14%
- Shopping 0%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Fall fair a charitable success ‘Thanks’ to fair trade supporters

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On Nov. 3, a remarkable event took place at The First United Methodist Church, the annual fall fair. The hallways of the church hummed with excitement from start to finish, and were filled with happy customers loaded with newfound treasures.

This would not have been possible without the dedicated service of members of the church congregation and the generosity of our community. At the conclusion of the day, trucks, station wagons, vans and trailers were filled with hundreds of useful items for local relief organizations. The Capital City Rescue Mission, USCRI – U.S. Committee for Refugees, Mohawk Hudson Humane Society and other churches benefited.

The youth of our community came out in force again this year to make light work of some difficult tasks that needed doing. The Boy Scouts, Troop 75 and the RPMs (youth group) assisted with set up, managed rooms and helped with clean up at the end of the day.

We must also recognize our local business for their generous support:

Applebee Funeral Home, Bruegger's Bagels, Price Chopper, Hannaford and ShopRite of Slingerlands.

The First United Methodist Church is accepting donations of clothing (in season) and accessories at the Treasure Cove Thrift Shop. Donations can be dropped off on Monday and Tuesdays. All other donations are being suspended at this time.

Thank you again to the all those who made this event a truly remarkable one

The First United Methodist Church Fall Fair Committee

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

A huge “thank you” to all who attended the Black Friday and Saturday Fair Trade Market at Delmar Reformed Church, or who encouraged friends and neighbors to come along and shop with us. Although we don’t yet have all the final figures, many of our vendors report record sales this year. That means even more dollars going to do good among communities of Mayan women in Guatemala, slum-dwellers in Kenya, survivors of the sex trade in India, China, Vietnam and Cambodia, AIDS widows in Zambia... and many other deserving people around the world.

On behalf of my fellow coordinators I’d also like to thank our hosts at Delmar Reformed Church, the volunteers, vendors and our caterers - you make this event such a pleasure to organize! And biggest thanks to the creative craftspeople from all corners of the globe whose skill and artistry provide a wealth of beautiful goods for us to sell at the market.

I don’t think I’ve met anyone who actively chooses to shop in ways that exploit people and planet. However, it is easily done without even knowing it. The fair trade movement is at the forefront of the effort to raise people’s awareness of the fact that how we spend our money impacts others’ lives - and we can choose to do the maximum good with our dollars by seeking out fair trade and local and environmentally responsible options wherever possible. Thank you to everyone who continues to support fair trade throughout the year, through purchases and by sharing the message.

*Anna McMahon
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Christmas Traditions - Friday, December 14th - 5:30pm - 9:00pm

Caroling, traditional holiday beverages and a light buffet dinner concluding with cookies, cakes and other treats. \$20.00 per person, children under 12 free. Pre-paid reservations required.

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Holiday activities on tap

Hanukkah event organized by Chabad

Hanukkah is coming to Bethlehem bigger and grander this year, with a public celebration kicking off the Festival of Lights.

As in years past, Bethlehem Chabad will hold a Grand Menorah Lighting at the Four Corners in Delmar on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3:30 p.m. This year, however, the lighting will be followed by a Hanukkah Wonderland at Bethlehem Town Hall.

Children and adults alike will be invited to a hands-on olive press demonstration, creative crafts corner and cooking demo. There will be a grand raffle, food for sale and more.

“It is a holiday that enriches our lives with the light of tradition,” said Rabbi Zalman, co-director of Bethlehem Chabad. “In ancient times our ancestors rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem with the Menorah. Today, we rededicate ourselves to

making this world a better and brighter place.”

As part of the Hanukkah outreach campaign, Bethlehem Chabad joins thousands of Chabad centers across the globe that stage similar public displays of the Menorah and its symbolic lights.

For more information contact Bethlehem Chabad at 439-8280, BethlehemChabad.com or Info@BethlehemChabad.com.

Fire department to tour with holiday cheer

The Selkirk Fire Department’s Holiday Fire Truck will soon be visiting the area’s neighborhoods and spreading joy.

The festively decorated truck will tour the fire district Saturday, Dec. 8 (weather permitting), handing out candy and good cheer. The truck will arrive at approximately 5 p.m. in the Enclave and HollyMill, at 6 p.m. in Dowerskill Village, at 6:20

p.m. in Milltowne, at 7 p.m. at Crossroads, at 7:45 p.m. at East Wiggand Drive and Vagele Lane and at 8 p.m. in Quail Hollow.

The truck will likely not be traveling down every street, so be on the lookout for the holiday truck on the main roads in these developments.

Sixth year for holiday parade

The Town of Bethlehem Holiday Parade — billed as the world’s shortest winter holiday parade — will take place Friday, Dec. 7.

The 6th annual parade will step off from Bethlehem Town Hall at 6 p.m. and proceed 0.35 miles down Delaware Avenue to the Four Corners. As the parade ends, Santa Claus will arrive to light the tree at the Four Corners. More than 150 participants are expected.

Potential participants may apply through Wednesday, Dec. 5. Contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 439-4955 ext. 1183.

Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Budget talks show lack of leadership

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Here in the Town of Bethlehem one thing that residents have become accustomed to is a political landscape that never ceases to deliver head scratching moments. We witnessed another one of these moments at the Nov. 14 board meeting in which the 2013 budget was adopted. Although the proposed 2013 budget called for 1.8 percent decrease in overall spending (from the 2012 budget) due to a reduction in non-residential revenue, the proposed (now approved) 2013 town budget called for a tax increase for property owners.

Board members Joann Dawson and Kyle Kotary (the two longest serving members of the board) each voted against the budget based on their concern (effectively) that spending was too high. Although folks would normally welcome dissent as an opportunity to offer opposing ideas for review and discussion, in this instance, neither Ms. Dawson nor Mr. Kotary could make one specific recommendation for consideration on reducing spending. Prior to the vote they were asked repeatedly if they would offer proposed changes for consideration. Although vocally against the budget as placing too great a burden on taxpayers,

neither Ms. Dawson nor Mr. Kotary put forward one single proposal to reduce spending. Even more confounding to their stated position on the budget proposal (spending being too high but offering no solutions on specific proposals to cut spending) was their repeated stated desire to maintain the operation of the Colonial Acres Golf course in 2013, which would lead to increased spending if it continued to be operated by the town.

As reported in the Nov. 21 *Spotlight*, Mr. Kotary said that he would now make it one of his chief goals to make sure someone is found to operate the course. Given Mr. Kotary’s lack of engagement on a budget that he did not support (he offered no specific spending cuts for consideration) it is safe to say that he is more interested in a golf course than a budget that affects all property owners. And for those who are concerned about the fate of the course in 2013 and beyond, they should look no further than Mr. Kotary and Ms. Dawson for their failure in not advocating substantively and providing specific counterbalancing spending cuts to the proposed budget for the full board to consider to fund the course.

With Democrat

Bill Reinhardt’s term commencing in January the board will soon be represented exclusively by Democrats. I hope they appreciate the confidence that the electorate has placed in them and the heightened responsibility associated in advancing the core functions they were elected to carry out in these times of economic strain. Coming out of the budget meeting where we witness what could be viewed as hollow dissent without accompanying solutions (not a single recommendation to reduce spending) – I am concerned that we remain with a board that contains an obstructionist faction.

Sean Raleigh
Bethlehem



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Public to vote on firefighter benefits

Elsmere Fire District wants to switch pension system to 401(k) program

By MARCY VELTE
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The Elsmere Fire District is looking to cut costs by reducing its annual benefits contributions to its volunteer firefighters.

Jack Brennan, chairman of the Elsmere Fire Commissioners, said payments into the district's Length of Service Award Program now make up a significant amount of the district's budget. Officials want the change to lower the burden on taxpayers.

"It's been a good program, and has some positive aspects to draw people in and keeping them, but as we look at pensions and costs going up across the country, it's becoming extremely expensive," he said.

Brennan said the current program works like a pension system, with firefighters getting a

"This will mean a reduction for some firefighters, but they understand that. Some aren't happy with it, but none (are) coming out to oppose it."

— Jack Brennan, chairman of the Elsmere Fire Commissioners

certain amount placed into their retirement account each year depending on how many years they have volunteered for the district. In last year's budget, about \$125,000 was allocated to the program out of the district's \$897,000 spending plan. The company has 74 active firefighters in its ranks.

"We've had to put more money in over the years because of the defined criteria," Brennan said.

Any changes to the program would need to be voted on by the district's residents under state law, since voters agree to the stipulations of the program at its conception.

"We want to keep the incentives, but be cognizant of what it takes for us to do that. We don't want to totally eliminate the program," Brennan said.

The current defined benefit program



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guarantees volunteer firefighters a monthly benefit beginning at age 65 "for every year of service in which the firefighter meets attendance and response requirements as set by the District," according to the agreement.

The new program would work more like a 401(k) and would be deemed a defined contribution program. Each year, firefighters would be given a flat

amount of \$700 to be placed into their account to accrue interest. The change would cut the program's cost in half, according to district officials.


"This will mean a reduction for some firefighters, but they understand that. Some aren't happy with it, but none (are) coming out to oppose it. These are volunteer hours and this was a program put in place to help them," said

Brennan. "We don't feel they are going to leave because of a reduction they get 20 years down the road."

Attempts to reach Elsmere Fire Chief William Webb were unsuccessful.

The vote will take place inside the Elsmere Fire Station on West Poplar Drive on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. All residents of the fire district over 18 years of age are eligible to vote.

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Your Community in The Spotlight

Altamont holds celebration

Altamont Community Tradition will hold its 11th Annual Victorian Holidays Celebration on Dec. 9, from noon to 6 p.m.

The event will feature holiday house tours of some of Altamont’s historic and period homes. There is a festival of trees, a silent auction for beautifully decorated wreaths, a living nativity reenacting the first Christmas, a village tree lighting, fun activities for the kids and Santa will arrive on a real train with gifts for the children.

House tours are free for children 10 and under, \$10 for all others with transportation provided. Everything else is free to the public. Several Altamont businesses are sponsoring a scavenger hunt with prizes of \$750 and \$250 and everyone is welcome to play.

Help local families in need

The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce is once again coordinating an adopt a family program, The Holiday Angels, with Guilderland Schools for the holiday season.

The chamber has been adopting 30 families identified as needing support for 15 years. Elementary, middle and high school nurses and counselors get wishes from families that they know would not be able to provide much for their children for the holiday.

If you would like to help Guilderland families in need by purchasing a toy

or item, call the chamber at 456-6611 or stop by the Star Plaza offices and get a wish card that states one item a child wants.

Wrapped gifts should be returned back to the chamber no later than Dec. 14 so that volunteers can get them to the schools and families. The chamber will also accept Price Chopper, Wal-Mart or Hannaford gift cards to distribute to the families.

Final church concert

The final concert of the 2012 series will be held at the New Baltimore Reformed Church, located on the corner of Route 144 and Church Street in the hamlet, on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. and will feature well known Harpist Jim Davis with a vocal accompanist performing Christmas music.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at the door. Light refreshments will be available and donations are graciously and gratefully accepted.

For additional information or to make reservations, call the church at 756-8764. Net proceeds from all three concerts will be used to offset the church’s heating costs this winter.

Church meal planned

The Food and Fellowship luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from noon to 2 p.m. at the New Baltimore Reformed Church located on the corner of Route 144



CELEBRATING 95 YEARS

Audrey Madison, a member of the Tri-Town Bowling League, was surprised with a celebration marking her 95th birthday at Del Lanes on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Submitted Photo

and Church Street in the hamlet.

This will feature a meal of baked ham, scalloped potatoes, brussels sprouts and gingerbread for dessert. Entertainment will be provided by local artist Steve Schwebler and his one man band playing a variety of music.

This luncheon is open to all members of the community. To facilitate with planning, reservations are encouraged.

Call the church office at 756-8764 and leave your name, contact number and the number of reservations you are making. Additionally, if you require

transportation, please leave that information as well. Dining space is limited to 60 seats. Free will offerings are graciously accepted to offset food costs.

Senior chorus to sing

Attention all Second Milers - don’t forget to bring your lady to the Dec. 12 meeting to enjoy a meal and the songs of the Bethlehem Senior Chorus. New members and visitors are also welcome.

For reservations, call Glenn Cropsey at 862-0856. The meeting will start at noon at the Normanside Country Club and conclude at about 2:30.

Also, don’t miss the Jan. 9 meeting when Bethlehem Town Supervisor John Clarkson will bring us up to date on “The State of the Town.”

For further information about the club and its programs, call Bob Mulligan at 439-3802.

12:30 a.m., at the Albany Elks Lodge, 25 South Allen St. Albany. There will be a Damon Stone Workshop at 7p.m. and a free lesson at 8 p.m.

Price includes lesson and is \$20 general, \$15 DFO members, students and seniors. There is an extra cost for the workshop, \$12 general, \$10 DFO members, students and seniors.

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Jewelry sale to benefit Sandy relief

Show and sale of jewelry by Loretta Fontaine and fine ceramics by Liz Vigoda will be held at the studio of Liz Vigoda, 9 Keith Road, Delmar, on Saturday, Dec. 8 and Sunday Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special sales will be offered along with free refreshments. An opportunity to buy local handmade gifts for the holidays. Artists will donate 10% of sales to Sandy disaster relief.

For more information, visit www.delmaropenstudios.blogspot.com.


Winter pageant planned

Old Songs’ annual presentation of Nowell Sing We Clear: A Pageant of Mid-Winter Carols will be presented on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 3p.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 142 Maple Ave. in Altamont.

Tickets for the concert are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under and may be purchased online through www.oldsongs.org or by calling Old Songs at 765-2815.

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Gift box craft for tweens planned



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Get ideas for making your own treats or surprises to put inside too.

Register for this lab by

calling 456-2400, ext. 4 or in person at the youth desk.

Mayhem at the North Pole

The premiere event on Friday, Dec 7, at 7 p.m. in the winter series of Family Movie Fridays is the story

of Arthur's Christmas, and it's almost every kids' dream situation: You have full access to Santa's workshop (he's your dad), and you have a plan.

This is a fun movie, rated PG, with humor adults will appreciate, and action, adventure, and absurdity to delight every child. There is free popcorn and plenty of room for kids to stretch out on.

Youth book discussion group meets

On Friday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m., our 4th and 5th grade book club will discuss Out of My Mind, by Sharon Draper.

Melody, an extremely bright and impatient fifth-grader, cannot walk or talk, yet has a photographic memory and is considered to have a severe intellectual disability. Melody, who has cerebral palsy discovers a technological devise that



will allow her to speak for the first time.

The story is told through Melody's thoughts, a courageous girl who refuses to be defined by her physical challenges.

The library will be closed except for the

participants. Parents are welcome.

Sign-up at the library and pick up a copy of the book.

Support veterans of Fisher House

The library is collecting travel size toiletries, items such as shampoo, lotion and toothpaste for our veterans and their families.

Slide show to highlight Five Rivers history

On Sunday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m., Five Rivers volunteers will share images and stories about the history of Five Rivers Environmental Education Center.

They will talk about the locale's land and people in prehistory, share details about early settlement, and describe the center's previous lives as a Civilian Conservation Corps work project, game farm and zoo. They will also share current developments and a vision for the center's future.

Copies of the center's 40th anniversary book

Five Rivers: the History of a Special Place will be available for purchase courtesy of Friends of Five Rivers.

Senior chorus presentation

A reminder that the Bethlehem Senior Chorus presents "Put a Little Love in Your Heart," Friday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. The concert will be held in Bethlehem Town Hall.

Library hours

A reminder also that the library will open at



1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, to accommodate a staff development session in the morning.

Outdoor book drops will be open, but there will be no telephone service until 1 p.m.

Of course you can always access information, services and resources online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org, www.bplteens.org or www.bplkids.org.



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Meals, music and more planned

It's time for "Meals... Music and More" on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m., at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem in Selkirk.

The suggested meal contribution is \$2.50 for seniors and \$5 for those under age 60. Voluntary donations for the musical performance are welcome.

Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation and to ask about transportation.

Candy shop trip

Come with us on Thursday, Dec. 13, to Krause's Candy Shop to purchase holiday goodies, followed by lunch at Smokey Bones Bar and Grill, cost on your own.

Senior Transportation will leave Town Hall at 9:30 a.m. Home pickup can be arranged.

Call 439-4955, ext. 1176. Suggested van donation: \$5.

Senior Action

Town of Bethlehem

Holiday music presentation

The Second Milers Club will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at noon, at the Normanside Country Club for lunch and holiday music presented by the Bethlehem Senior Chorus.

New members are welcome. Call Bob Mulligan at 439-3802.

Holiday concert at the Egg

You will not want to miss the Mendelssohn Club's holiday concert on Friday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Egg in Albany.

The cost is \$18, payable to the Town of Bethlehem. Senior Transportation will leave Town Hall at 6 p.m. Home pickup can be arranged.

Call 439-4955, ext. 1176. Suggested van donation: \$5.

Transportation service

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service provides rides to medical, dental, therapy and clinic appointments, grocery stores and a variety of social and recreational programs.

Call 439-5770 to make reservations. Come to the Senior office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at www.townofbethlehem.org.

Program Highlights Tuesday, Dec. 11 Seniors in Motion

A low-level, fun aerobic exercise class set to music will be held at Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium.

No registration is necessary. There is a \$3 fee per class.

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Veterans pension program offered

A federal program, if circumstances are right, will pay additional income to cover long term care costs for at least one-third of all U.S. senior households, but only 4.7 percent actually receive the benefit.

The program, "Veterans Pension," through the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, will pay you to hire your family, friends or others to take care of you. Caregiving spouses are not paid under this program.

It will cover costs of assisted living in their home. The VA requires extensive documentation for care costs and considerable proof is needed to show the caregiver is indeed an employee of the care recipient. An expert should be sought to help with the application.

For a list of those who understand how to get this benefit in your area go to www.longtermcarelink.net/refveteransconsultants.htm.

(From Richard E. Rowlands, Esq.)

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

HEAP Program

Cold months approach. Heating costs increase. People with monthly incomes under \$2,138 for one person, or \$2,796 for two people, are eligible for the

Heating Assistance program called HEAP. This grant can be received each heating season and goes directly to the heating company. The amount of the payment to each person is determined by income, living expenses and type of fuel used.

Applications to the program should now be available in the senior office.

Transportation service

The Town of Guilderland provides transportation service to

medical appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies and area shopping centers such as Wal-Mart.

Bus service is also given to those who attend the Tuesday Luncheon Program, special events and selected trips.

To register, please make an appointment with the senior office.

Thursday, Dec. 6

Exercise Class
Registration
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. OsteoBusters
10:30 Balance Class
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg
1 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, Dec. 7

Exercise Class
Registration
Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
10 a.m. Bridge
1 p.m. Quilting

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Thursday, January 31st 6:30-9:30

Chinese New Year- Asian Cuisine

Menu: Pork Dumplings, Taiwanese Beef Noodle Soup, Sweet and Sour Shrimp (or Chicken), Traditional New Years Sticky Cake

Winter Brunch: Sunday, 1/13/13

Reservations accepted from 10AM - 1PM

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Christmas sweets and stories

Saturday, Dec. 8, the library will hold a special Christmas story time and a bake sale in the village courtroom from 1 to 3 p.m.

The story time and children's activities begin at 1 p.m. Santa Claus will preside so bring your camera for a snapshot with the big guy.

Letters to Santa and a raffle of holiday baskets round out the activities for the day.

The bake sale is a fundraiser for the library's capital campaign which will furnish and eventually purchase our new building at 95 Main St. Labeled baked donations are very much desired.

Call the library at 756-2053 to volunteer your holiday baking specialties.

Annex storytimes relocate

The library annex is no longer available for library use. Story times will be held at their regularly scheduled times at the Congregational Christian Church, across the street from the Library.

Use the Fellowship Hall entrance from their parking lot.

Stuffed animal sleepover

Drop your stuffed animal off at the library by

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5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14. The animals will spend the night celebrating the holidays, playing games, reading stories and doing crafts. Library staff will take pictures of all the fun.

Pick your friend up on Saturday, Dec. 15, between 12:30 and 2 pm in the village courtroom.

Enjoy a snack while you watch a slideshow of what happened during the sleepover.

No need to register.

Action

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Wednesday, Dec. 12 Senior Grocery Shopping

Wednesday, Dec. 12, senior grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor.

For reservations, call 439-5770.

Thursday, Dec. 13 Legal Services Program

Senior Legal Services Program, staffed by the Legal Aid Society, is available Thursday, Dec. 13, between 10:30 a.m. and

noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

The program provides legal advice and service at no cost for residents of Albany County who are 60 years of age or older.

Call 430-4955, ext 1176, for an appointment.

Grocery Shopping

Senior grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem.

For reservations, call 439-5770.

Friday, Dec. 14 Grocery Shopping

Senior grocery shopping for residents of Good Samaritan Senior Housing and Van Allen

Senior Apartments. For reservations, call 439-5770.

Seniors in Motion

A low level fun aerobic exercise class set to music, will be held at Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 to 10 a.m.

No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

For information on the above or a list of additional activities, call the Bethlehem Senior Services Office at 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Wilma DeLucco, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board Member.

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Giving

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Good Samaritan Nursing Home. Although group membership has stayed about the same, the number of items and causes they knit for has grown.

The group still makes blankets and brings them to a number of local nursing homes, with members knitting or crocheting squares that are then put together by Brown. Other women knit baby blankets and hats that are brought to local maternity wards and all members knit and crochet hats, gloves and scarves to place on the giving tree every December.

“Right now, I have three bags filled with about 100 pieces inside each,” said Brown. The tree will be placed in the library’s lobby, with all of the pieces tied on with ribbon.

Each piece is made with extreme skill and care. Although the pieces are functional, members also work to make sure the winter wear is up-to-date fashion wise, so the work isn’t wasted.

Knitting woven into identities

Most members of the Progress Club have been knitting since they were girls as part of a family tradition passed on through generations. Sigrid Narr said she began knitting when she was just 6 years old.

“I grew up in Germany



Knitting Group members work throughout the year making items to be placed on the annual Giving Tree. All of the items are then donated to local charities to be dispersed to those in need of hats, gloves and scarves during the winter months. Lap blankets are also donated to various nursing homes.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight Newspapers

during the war and we were being evacuated to what was supposedly a safe zone,” she said. “It took us a week to get there, which would normally take five hours because all of the train tracks had been bombed, so we had to walk 10 miles to get to the next train but my mother had some yarn and some knitting needles and she taught me how to knit.”

The new hobby kept the young girl’s mind off of what

was happening around her and eventually she knitted a sweater for her “dolly.” She was taught how to crochet and quilt at around the same time, so by the time she was 7 years old, Narr had learned several new and useful skills.

Other women had similar, although not quite so dramatic, stories of learning to knit at an early age from their mothers or grandmothers. Many have passed on the

tradition, but simultaneously fear it is becoming a skill that is becoming lost in the younger generations.

“They just aren’t as interested,” said Joan Barron, 81, one of the oldest members of the group. “They have other things to occupy their time.”

O’Brien said she tried to teach her daughter, who wasn’t interested, but her granddaughter now knits.

“We are always looking for new members.”

Wilma DeLucco,
Progress Club president

More than just a club

Members of the Knitting Group are sometimes spurred to competition — depending on who you ask. O’Brien said she competes to learn the same patterns done by Narr, who most in the group agree is the best knitter. Narr disagreed, explaining O’Brien is the most talented.

“I don’t compete because I can’t compete with her,” Narr said.

Although the group is service-based and works to give back to the community, it also has a social function. Knitters meet once a month to work as a group, but also chat and catch up on each other’s lives. They attend a workshop a few times each year to learn new patterns and go out to lunch afterward.

The club as a whole puts on about two events or group meetings each week.

“It’s a wonderful way to meet other women, especially if you just retired,” said Mary DeGroff, who developed many new friendships since joining the Progress Club in 1990.

Wilma DeLucco, the

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club's president, said the Progress Club has 260 members but membership is down from years past. There use to be a waiting list. In fact, Joan Barron said when she first joined in 1966, a spot only opened up when a member passed away. That's not the case today.

"We are always looking for new members," DeLucco said, especially since at each meeting collections are taken for the Bethlehem Food Pantry, local domestic violence shelters and the Home Energy Assistance Program for seniors. Prospective club members need two current members to

sponsor them, but some activities are open to the public.

DeLucco and Brown said any women who wish to learn how to knit or crochet can attend the Knitting Group meetings on the last Friday of each month at the Bethlehem Public Library. Residents can also donate items they have knitted to the group to be given to local charities or

can also donate extra yarn, knitting or crochet equipment to be put to good use.

The group's Giving Tree will be standing at the Bethlehem Public Library from Saturday, Dec. 15, until Christmas. None of the pieces on the tree are for sale, but members said they would help teach anyone who sees a pattern they would like to learn to knit.

Got news?

The Spotlight welcomes announcements of events occurring in our coverage area.

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BC

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State that we have done our due diligence when it comes to upkeep of our facilities and infrastructure,” he said.

The design team did not go over each item that needed to be repaired, but broke them out into upgrades needed at the high school, middle school, elementary schools, other district owned buildings and technology improvements. They then went on to discuss four options for upgrading the athletic field. None of the projects were given a priority level, but BC Operations and Maintenance Director Gregg Nolte will begin to work on prioritization with the design team.

Upgrades to the high

school are now estimated to cost close to \$4 million, with repairs to the roof and one gymnasium being the largest expenses. Middle school repairs are expected to cost about \$3.5 million with new roofing and window replacements costing the most. Masonry work is also expected to be a major expense.

The cost of repairs at all elementary schools totaled about \$5 million. Again, roofs and masonry were the most costly concern, as were aging floors and the fact some bathrooms do not meet code for handicapped students.

“We’re looking at a list that has everything but the kitchen sink in it, but we really wanted to be comprehensive,” said Heukrath.

The list contains some upgrades that were not

previously identified, like security cameras in the high school. Board member will eventually need to decide what items they think should not be included in a bond referendum to be voted on by the public.

Costs to upgrade and repair district properties beyond the schools totaled about \$900,000, according to the Ashley McGraw team. Technology upgrades, including backup storage for emergencies, would cost about \$1.3 million.

In total, costs for infrastructure upgrades were estimated at \$15.2 million, about \$3 million more than expected. Those figures do not include upgrades to the athletic field.

Peter Osborne of Appel Osborne Landscape Architecture in Syracuse worked with the design

team and presented four options to upgrade the field. The least expensive option would include resurfacing the existing track and improving the drainage of the grass playing field for a cost of \$1.6 million. The most expensive option would include a installing a new multi-sport turfathletic field with a new eight-lane track for about \$4.3 million.

Osborne said most of BC’s practice fields need upgrades, especially some of the soccer fields, and agreed the playing field does need a better drainage system. He said although keeping the grass playing field is cheaper, maintenance costs are nearly three times those of an artificial field. A turf field could also be used about four times more often than a grass field, he said.

“A grass field can only take so many activities before you beat it up, and weather plays a huge factor

in that,” he said.

The estimated cost for the entire project along with a new turf field is about \$26.6 million. That figure also includes incidentals or “soft cost” expenses, and does not account for state aid or potential energy efficiency grants.

Chief Business and Financial Officer Judi Kehoe said 95 percent of the project is eligible for aid, but the district expects to receive about 70 percent aid on the project.

She projected with aid, the average \$250,000 home would see a tax increase of \$36 per year on a \$15 million bond. This would increase by \$12 for each \$5 million in the bond. The calculations include an interest rate of 5 percent, which officials feel is higher than what could be obtained today.

All school board members agreed a bond was needed, but have still

not determined what the amount should be.

“Looking at some of the pictures of the roofs, if we don’t act now, that adds another year of planning,” said board member Matt Downey.

Board member Laura Bierman said a bond is needed, but she wanted to see some items put into the operating budget instead.

“Some of these items are too big, and we have to remember the possible 70 percent state aid that we might not see in the future,” she said.

The school board wants the public referendum vote to take place in March so it can happen before the annual budget vote in May. This means the board will need to decide the details of the bond in January. The next school board meeting will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. in the high school library.



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Trees

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programs sponsored by the club, like purchasing hearing aids for senior citizens or glasses for needy children, funding the File of Life project in conjunction with Bethlehem Senior Services or sponsoring scholarships for graduating seniors.

“They’re not taking this money out of our pockets, but out of the pockets of someone who needs a hearing aid or others in need,” said Ryan. “This all goes back to the community.”

But in the days following the theft, spirits were lifted as several people stepped forward to help offset the loss.

Ryan said Dan Brown from Saratoga Surveillance

“We hear about incidents like this every year, but this is more disturbing for people because it is done as a charity drive.”

– Lt. Thomas Heffernan

offered to come down and look at the site for free. On Wednesday, Nov. 28, he inspected the lot and installed several surveillance cameras and a computer system to view the footage at no charge. There is enough memory in the system to last the four weeks of the sale. Jack Scheriff from Stuyvesant Falls donated \$500 because he felt the situation was awful, or more accurately,

“a lot of things that can’t be said in the paper.”

Rudofsky said the Lions are grateful for support from the greater community. The money will be put towards the sale’s profits, but it still isn’t enough to make up for the lost trees.

Police are looking for the suspects, but said there isn’t a lot to go on. They are now asking anyone who might have been in the area and noticed anything unusual to contact the Bethlehem Police Department.

“We hear about incidents like this every year, but this is more disturbing for people because it is done as a charity drive,” said department spokesman Lt. Thomas Heffernan.

He said it’s not unusual for those who sell Christmas trees to

have a few taken each year. Sometimes, the thefts go unnoticed or are not reported to police because they are hard to track.

“This is unusual because someone took 34 of them and it’s not like they’re going to fit in a pickup. Someone would need a box truck or a truck with a trailer,” he said.

Police are investigating the case, but have very little suspect information. Anyone with knowledge of the incident is asked to call 439-9973.



Police are investigating the theft of trees from the Lions Club’s 9W lot.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight



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This role is no garden

By DANIA BIANCHI, bianchid@spotlightnews.com

Schenectady Light Opera stages ‘Little Shop of Horrors’

When Austin Lieber, 17, auditioned for a role in the “Little Shop of Horrors” production at the Schenectady Light Opera House, he didn’t imagine himself crouched up inside a 4-by-4 foot prop playing the part of a man-eating plant.

But for Lieber, a Schenectady High School senior, this became an exciting and challenging mission. Having performed in a handful of school plays in the past, the job of a puppeteer was something new for him.

“It takes a lot of physical strength to be able to manipulate, plus timing,” said Sev Moro, director of the production.

Moro said the trick is to be able to move and manipulate the puppet while at the same time

synching the voice with someone else who is speaking backstage.

“I have to put on these root leggings and sit in a giant pot while my arms move the upper and lower jaws of the plant,” Lieber said.

Lieber said physically moving the plant can be taxing and the temperature inside the creature can get almost unbearable, although he found synching the plant’s mouth movements with the voice the most challenging part of it all.

“I had to figure out how to make the mouth move like it was actually speaking instead of being a bad dubbed-over cartoon,” Lieber said. “At first it was frustrating because even from inside, I could tell that the lips did not synch with the words.”

That was until Lieber

began to think about the giant plant like a Muppet on Sesame Street.

“It helped to think about the movements they make when they talk,” he said. “For certain words your mouth closes between each syllable and other ones, it just moves,” he said.

Lieber plays the part of two different plants in the “Little Shop of Horrors” production. The second plant is 6 feet tall, eats people and takes over the entire Schenectady Light Opera revolving stage.

The musical is the story of a down-and-out floral assistant who becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a craving for fresh blood. The plant, known as Audrey II, offers the florist fame and fortune in exchange for feeding his growing appetite.

Nine area school districts are represented in the production.

“We had auditions and people come from all over the Capital District — we ended up casting 20 children,” Moro said.

Moro said in a show such as this one, the actors must be able to create “big characters.”

“You must be able to let your guard down and go completely over the top,” he said.

Moro said despite the complexity of the roles, the young actors will amaze the audience with their theatrical abilities.

“The area is just filled with incredibly talented young people,” he said.

“Little Shop of Horrors” will be presented at the Schenectady Light Opera House, 427 Franklin St., Schenectady, Dec. 7 through 9 and Dec. 13

through 16. Thursday and Friday shows are at 8 p.m. and Sunday shows are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 to \$28 and may be purchased at the box office at Schenectady Light Opera House, by phone at 877-7378 or online at www.slotheater.org.

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Veteran bluesman, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$29.50. Information, 473-1845.

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Veteran guitarist and band, Dec. 6, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

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Contemporary Celtic and folk/rock duo, Dec. 7, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

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Celebrating the start of its centennial season with a performance featuring works by Haydn, Britten and holiday music, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m., First Reformed Church of Schenectady, 8 N. Church St., Schenectady, adults \$15, students/seniors \$12.

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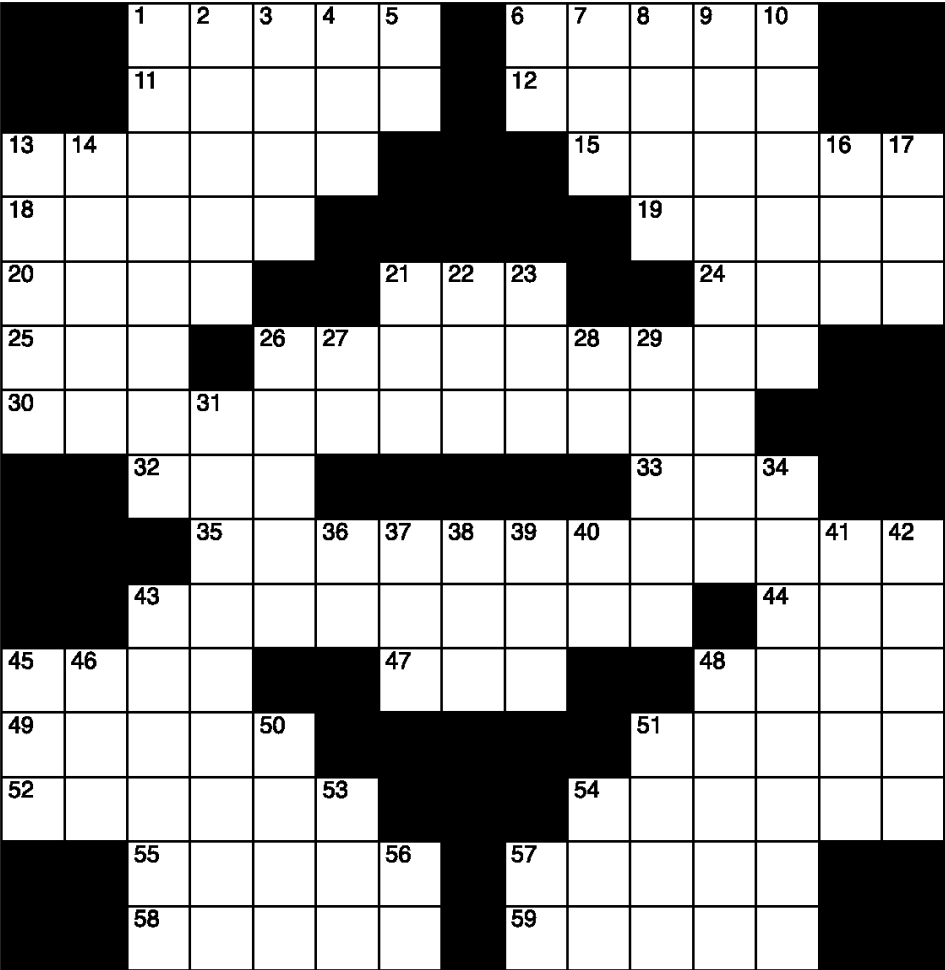
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Notice of Formation of PATRIOT SQUARE LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/04/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84248 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of BLACKDOG GARAGE, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 9/26/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 709 Third St., Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84249 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SYLKEN STABLES LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 9/24/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 650 Franklin St., Schenectady, NY 12305. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84250 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Central Square Commu-

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nity MHC LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/02/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2115 Central Ave., Schenectady, NY 12304. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84251 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 4HHS DEVELOPMENTS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/16/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84252 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KAR-IN COONROD LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/16/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84253 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BUILDING EQUITY REAL ESTATE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84254 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WY-ATT ROCKEFELLER, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84255 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Kind Performing Arts, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/16/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84265 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Who Wudda Thunk Racing, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/16/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Jeffrey P. Riker, 164 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 1/25/2111. 84258 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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LOCUST VIEW APTS, LLC Articles of Organization were filed on the 11th day of October 2012. The office is to be located in the County of Albany with a street address of 96 Wildwood Lane, Selkirk, New York 12158. The secretary of State has been designated as agent for service of process and shall mail such process to Locust View Apts, LLC, 96 Wildwood Lane, Selkirk, New York 12158. This LLC is formed for every legal purpose. 84260 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KAY HOSPITALITY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/18/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84261 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Cornerstone Operations Group LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/11/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 1/21/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. PA address of LLC: 805 Estelle Drive, Ste. 209, Lancaster, PA 17601. Arts. of Org. filed PA Secy. of State, P.O. Box 8722, Harrisburg, PA 17105. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84263 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of POLO CREST HOUSE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/19/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84264 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation 30 43rd Street Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/19/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84265 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Curiosity Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/19/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84266 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation BFC Sinclair Builders LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/19/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o

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The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84267 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: CAMPUS ASSO-CIATS V LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 17, 2012. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 84268 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA 10 VISTA BLVD LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 17, 2012. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 84269 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

MSM Consolidated, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/11/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 370 Ocean Pkwy, Ste. 2H, Brooklyn, NY 11218. General Purposes. 84270 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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276 Ave U Realty, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/22/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 187 Ave U, Brooklyn, NY 11223. General Purposes. 84271 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Beach Medical PLLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Dept. of State of NY on 10/24/12. Office location: Clinton County. Principal business location: 79 Hammond Lane, Suite 11, Plattsburgh, New York 12901. Secretary of State of NY is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 79 Hammond Lane, Suite 11, Plattsburgh, NY 12901. Purpose: Practice profession of medicine. 84308 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Shaye Global, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 10/12/12. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 43 Lyons Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 84309 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is RJM

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Young Distributing, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 10/17/2012. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage a distribution business, and also to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 524A Kenwood Ave, Delmar, NY 12054. 84314 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of RE 4 W FLEMING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1883 West Royal Hunte Drive, Ste. 200-A, Cedar City, UT 84720. Purpose: for real estate investments and any lawful purpose. 84315 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Articles of Organization for 91 CIRCULAR, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 24, 2012. Office located in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o J.T. Burns Management, Corp., 1732 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: for any lawful activity. 84316 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Fidi District LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/29/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84317 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation New-globe Capital Partners US LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/29/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84318 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation NL-STYLE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/24/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84319 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LIBERTY ISLAND MEDIA GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/23/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207.

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The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84320 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 615 MANHATTAN AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/23/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84321 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of THIRD ROAD PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/26/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84322 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MILLERSILVER, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/26/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84323 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is TMT New Idea Publishers, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 10/26/2012. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage a publishing business, and also to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 6 Callaway Circle, Loudonville, NY 12211. 84324 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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EMNAM Holding LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/14/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 119 Washington Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12210. General Purposes. 84326 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Airhart Construction, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/1/2012. Off. Loc.: Schenectady Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 19 Droms Road Ext., Scotia, NY 12302. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84336 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Power Play Contracting LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/12/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 32 Edgecomb Street, Albany, NY 12209. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84341 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 33-48 103RD STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/1/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84342 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SWEETIE TOPS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/29/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 708 Penny Lane, Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84344 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: The Elk Street Group LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 010/04/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 25 Elk Street, Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84345 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation East-side Anesthesia PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/6/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave. #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84346 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Promontory Capital 1 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/25/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Lemery Greisler LLC, 60 Railroad Place, Ste. 502, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84347 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Promontory Capital LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/25/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom



Train time

Hundreds of model train aficionados packed the Empire State Plaza, NY Convention Center Sunday, Dec. 2, for the Great Train Extravaganza 2012. More than 200 tables featured model trains and other automobiles for sale and show, as well as accessories, books, DVDs and railroad memorabilia. Families, train experts and newcomers gathered to watch operating model train layouts, decorated within city and rural landscapes and holiday fare. “It’s a very good turnout. One of the best year’s we’ve had,” Upstate Train Associates Dave Halverson said of the event.

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process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Lemery Greisler LLC, 60 Railroad Place, Ste. 502, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84348 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of NSP MEDICALS SUPPLY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/7/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84570 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Acro-mukti LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/7/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84571 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: TURNER AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/05/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1536 Union Street, Schenectady, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84573 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ZANDERSON LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Zoe Anderson 1 Forest Drive Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84574 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 198 HIGHLAND TERRACE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/7/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as

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agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84579 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ITT MECHANICAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/7/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84580 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of THE DREAM Company, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/29/12 Fictitious Name in NY State: The Dream Company, LLC of Alabama. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Alabama (AL) on 6/18/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. AL address of LLC: 1015 Airport Road, Ste. 203, Huntsville, AL 35802. Arts. of Org. filed AL Secy. of State, 100 North Union St., Ste. 770, Montgomery, AL 36130. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84601 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 110 W 81 ST LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/7/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84602 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 4008 5TH AVENUE BROOKLYN, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/13/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84603 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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MECHANICAL HVAC LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/13/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84604 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of UNION AVE REAL ESTATE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84607 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of LOVE AND PARTNERS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/7/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84608 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of J&C Anderson, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/5/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Jon Anderson, The LLC, 8 Broadview Ave., Madison, NJ 07940. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84609 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EKJAY ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/15/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84617 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: RDFSolutions LLC. Articles of Organization were filed

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with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/07/2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 997 Delaware Avenue, Delmar NY, 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84626 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Ace Tutors Aboard LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/19/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84627 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Sigma Prepaid Global LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/16/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84628 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation M Nash Design LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/15/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84629 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation The Pine Rental LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/9/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 2 Ableman Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84630 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of GOOD LEVELS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/19/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84639 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/19/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84640 (D) (December 05, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of IOTA GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/20/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84644 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Frontier New York, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/18/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 84645 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Cole MT Brooklyn NY, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/31/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 84646 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: RSN BETHLEHEM LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 14, 2012. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against

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LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 84647 (D) (December 05, 2012)

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and the sound of the dry rustling leaves.
Wren makes a different sound than owl
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that falls not quite silently over the December woods.

Like passion falling from darkness to darkness
the loneliness of a body leaving
the sound almost of the earth itself

turning imperceptibly toward what it loves
as we in our bodies turn toward our own unnamable
light.

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Susan Jeffs works as an instructor of poetry at Empire State College in Saratoga Springs. She is currently working on her first full-length book.

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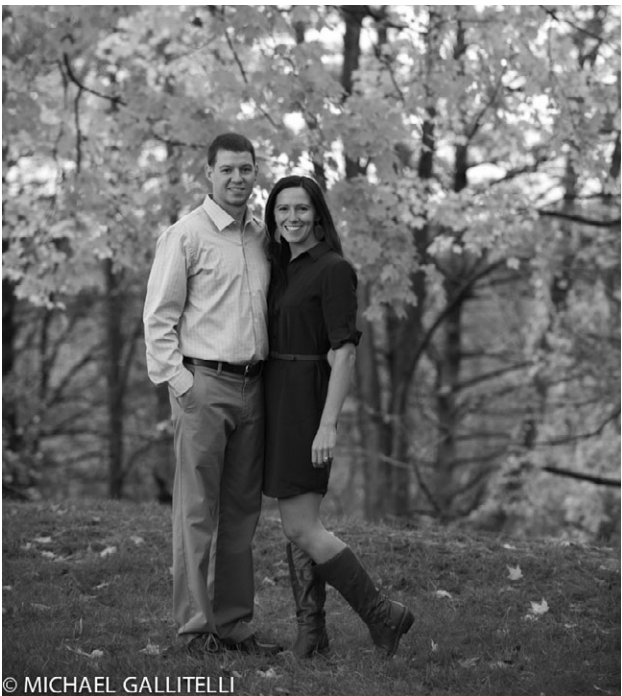
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Eagles

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chances in a tough South Division field. “We feel we can be competitive this year,” said Pugliese. “We have two three-year starters in Dan VanRoy and Luke Ziegler, so that helps us.”

Bethlehem Eagles Head coach: A.G. Irons

Key players: John Sica (sophomore center), Myles Bergere (senior forward), Nate Kane (senior guard), Connor Morelli (junior forward)

Outlook: The Eagles have plenty of size in the front court with the 6-foot, 7-inch Sica and the 6-3 Bergere, but it’s the backcourt

play and the development of a younger group of players that Irons said will determine Bethlehem’s ability to defend its South Division title.

“Our goal is obviously to put ourselves in a position to contend for titles,” said Irons. “The Suburban Council South is always going to be tough.”

Colonie Garnet Raiders Head coach: Dave Kilmer

Key players: Godfrey Freeman (senior guard), Jake Samuels (senior forward), Sonny Benson (senior guard), John Ziamandanis (senior guard), Brandon Jeffers (senior guard), Ryan Nicholson (junior forward), Nolan Smith (sophomore guard)

Outlook: Kilmer said he knows his team will give a maximum amount of effort this

season. Whether it translates to more wins will depend on what they have left in the tank at the end of games.

“We’re pretty small, and we’ll hustle a lot,” said Kilmer. “It’s just a matter of whether we can win late in the game.”

Columbia Blue Devils Head coach: Jim Obermayer

Key players: Jahlil Nails (sophomore forward), Conrad Zampier (senior guard/forward)

Outlook: The Blue Devils have two proven scorers in Nails and Zampier, but whether they can unseat Bethlehem for the division title will depend on who else steps up for them.

Guilderland Dutchmen Head coach: Ron Osinski

Key players: Brian Crupi (senior guard), Vince Simeone (junior guard), Connor Burg (senior guard/forward), Troy Buchanan (senior guard), Matt Cerutti (junior forward), Marc Dumoulin (junior forward)

Outlook: The Dutchmen were dealt a blow when Cerutti was sidelined in the preseason with an injury that might keep him out of the entire season. That leaves Osinski with only a limited number of varsity veterans to work with.

“It’s a very inexperienced group. There are a couple of guys I don’t know if they’ve even started at the high school level before,” said Osinski.

Mohonasen Mighty Warriors Head coach: Ken Dagostino

Key players: Grant Massaroni (senior forward), Nick Rapp (senior guard), Joe DeLuca (senior forward)

Outlook: The Mighty Warriors also lack experience in their starting lineup after several seniors graduated following a Section II Class A semifinal exit in the 2011-12 season.

“The group is very new – not young, but very new,” said Dagostino. “We’ve got Grant (Massaroni) back, and the rest were close to

starting last year but were behind a talented senior group.”

North Division Ballston Spa Scotties Head coach: Jon Lea

Key players: Jon Bingham (senior forward), Jesse Flynt (senior guard), Dan Kaplan (senior forward), George Kernochan (senior guard), Andre Edgerton (junior forward)

BH-BL Spartans Head coach: George Dudas

Key players: Max Batty (senior forward), Robert Knightes (senior guard/forward), Austin Nydeggar (junior forward/guard), David Wellington (junior guard/forward)

Niskayuna Silver Warriors Head coach: Ian McShane

Key players: Connor Andrews (senior guard), Liam Byrne (senior forward), Brandon Fine (senior forward), Aaron Gordon (junior guard), Brent Oliver (senior guard), Michael Sise (junior guard)

Saratoga Blue Streaks Head coach: Jack Brock

Key players: Jesse Alexander (junior center), Noah Arciero (junior guard/forward), Chris Byno (sophomore guard), Jonathan Rach (senior forward), Nick Smith (senior guard/forward)

Shaker Blue Bison Head coach: Jeff Holmes

Key players: Dave Morrison (senior center), Chris Landers (senior forward), Zach Yakel (senior guard), Tyler Hoffman (junior guard/forward), Andrew Holmes (junior guard/forward)

Shen Plainsmen Head coach: Tony Dzikas

Key players: Jake Hicks (junior guard), Ted McCarthy (senior guard), Dylan Molloy (senior guard), Paul Sarapilio (senior forward), Drew Zlogar (senior forward)

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Dutch

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Arciero started overtime by stealing the ball and scoring an uncontested layup. Crupi tied the score at 58 for Guilderland by following his own missed shot, but another Arciero steal led to a Byno layup to put Saratoga ahead 60-58.

Byno added a long jump shot with 50 seconds left in overtime, and Arciero made a pair of free throws with 16.4 seconds left to give Saratoga a 64-58 advantage. Crupi made a quick three-pointer to cut the deficit in half before two Byno foul shots with eight seconds left increased the Blue Streaks' lead to 66-61. Crupi's final three came with three seconds left.

"I was pleased," said Osinski. "We hit two threes late to keep us in the game."

Rach had 18 points for

Saratoga, while Arciero, Byno and Smith each contributed 13 points. Crupi and Platek each scored 16 points to pace Guilderland.

Saratoga and Guilderland advanced to Saturday's final by posting opening-round victories Friday. The Blue Streaks put on a defensive clinic in beating Glens Falls 48-33, while Guilderland raced past Section I's Woodlands 77-47.

"We had a good weekend," said Brock, who is in his first season as Saratoga's coach. "It's a good start."

"I'm pleased with the effort the kids have given," said Osinski. "We're small. We give up size at every position. But we're holding our own on rebounds."

Correction

In the Nov. 14 edition, the two Bethlehem boys volleyball players pictured on Page 28 are Kevin Mahar and Myles Bergere.

Delmar Track and Field bantam team places second



The Delmar Track and Field Club's girls bantam division team finished second at the Junior Olympic regional cross country meet Nov. 17 on Long Island. The team of, from left, Katie Grossman, Rachel Hodge, Meghan Gough, Grace Papa and Brooke Wright (not pictured) earned a national meet berth with its finish. Submitted photo

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Youth XC team places second

The Delmar Track and Field Club's girls bantam division cross country team earned a berth in the Junior Olympic national meet after placing second at the Nov. 17 regional meet on Long Island. The team consists of Brooke Wright, Rachel Hodge, Meghan Gough, Grace Papa and Katie Grossman.

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Weekly poll

Which boys basketball team will have the best record in the Suburban Council?

- Bethlehem
- Guilderland
- Shaker
- Shenendehowa

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Last week's poll results:

Who was the best female athlete during the fall sports season?

- Jessica Capone 61%
- Emily Burns 39%
- Katie Nickles 0%
- Tara Teal 0%

Dutch rally falls short

Saratoga Springs holds on for two-point win over Guilderland in tournament title game

By ROB JONAS
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The Saratoga Springs boys basketball team won its own tip-off tournament title, thanks to some late heroics.

Sophomore guard Chris Byno scored six of his 13 points in overtime, and junior guard Noah Arciero added four points and three steals to help the Blue Streaks edge Guilderland 66-64 in Saturday's championship game.

The Dutchmen (1-1) received some overtime heroics from senior guard Brian Crupi, who hit a pair of three-pointers in the final 10 seconds to get Guilderland within striking distance. But Saratoga ran out the final three seconds to hold on for the win.

FINAL SCORE

- Saratoga Blue Streaks, 66
- Guilderland Dutchmen, 64

Three-pointers helped Guilderland build a 36-30 halftime lead against Saratoga (2-0). The Dutchmen hit six shots from behind the arc in the first half, including four threes in the second quarter. Junior guard Vince Simeone and freshman guard Andrew Platek each made a pair of threes in the first half.

Saratoga switched to a two-three zone defense in the second half, and that made a big difference. Guilderland struggled to hit long-range shots against the zone and couldn't pull down offensive rebounds, which allowed Saratoga to claw its way back into the game.

"We play a two-three zone, but it acts more like a man-to-man defense because we come out and pressure the outside shooters," said Brock.



Guilderland's Brian Crupi (3) drives through the Saratoga Springs defense during the second half of Saturday's Blue Streaks Tip-Off Tournament championship game. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

"We didn't get into our offense the whole second half," said Guilderland coach Ron Osinski.

A pair of Nick Smith three-pointers capped a 12-2 Saratoga run in the third quarter that tied the score at 42. The senior swingman added a pair of free throws with 3.6 seconds left in the period to give the Blue Streaks a 50-48 lead.

Guilderland scored six unanswered points in the fourth quarter to gain a 54-50 advantage, but senior forward Jonathan

Rach went on his own personal 6-0 run to put Saratoga ahead 56-54. Rach made a pair of free throws, sank a long jump shot and put back his own missed shot during the spurt.

Both teams struggled to score baskets after Rach's put back. Senior guard Connor Burg tied the score at 56 for Guilderland with a layup off freshman guard Andrew Platek's entry pass from the wing, but that was the lone basket over the final three minutes of

□ Dutch Page 27

Eagles seek to defend division title

Bethlehem, Shaker among favorites to lead the Suburban Council in 2012-13 boys basketball season

By ROB JONAS
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Last year's division winners are among the favorites in this year's Suburban Council boys basketball field.

North Division champion Shaker and South Division champion Bethlehem each return several key players from last year's respective rosters, which several coaches said gives them the edge over the rest of the league.

"I would think Bethlehem should be strong again. They've got some good size and some good shooters back," said Colonie coach Doug Kilmer. "And Shaker in the other division has several players back."

"I see it being very tough," added Mohonasen coach Ken Dagostino. "Everybody's good this year. I think a couple of teams are going to be improved over last year."

Here is a closer look at the Suburban Council field.

South Division Averill Park Warriors Head coach: Dave Pugliese

Key players: Dan VanRoy (senior forward), Luke Ziegler (senior guard), Matt LaBounty (senior forward), Miles Joyce (sophomore guard)

Outlook: With seven of their top eight players back from last year's team, Pugliese said he's optimistic about the Warriors'

□ Eagles Page 26



Veteran players, from left, Myles Bergere, Nate Kane and John Sica are hoping to lead Bethlehem back to the Suburban Council South Division title this season. Rob Jonas/Spotlight