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## A look back

Town, school district saw a lot of changes

This week, The Spotlight looks back on the first six months of 2012. We will look back at the second half of the year next week.

### January

- Normanside Country Club in Delmar is purchased by an investment team made up of members from the Hostig family and Rafael Flores, after the previous owners filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Extensive renovations are put into the facility and restaurant, with memberships re-instituted at a reduced price.

- At a public forum, former Town Supervisor Jack Cunningham ends his bid to be appointed to the Bethlehem Town Board seat left empty by Mark Jordan. Cunningham says placing

his name in the ring seems to be impeding the goals of Supervisor John Clarkson. The event is meant to give the public a chance to meet and speak with contenders for the appointment.

- An employee of the Bethlehem Central School District and her husband are arrested on drug charges after a joint investigation by the Albany County Sheriff's Office and Bethlehem Police Department. School psychologist Maria Mangini is arrested along with her husband, Brian Mangini, after it was learned they were in possession of a large quantity of marijuana in their home through the couple's babysitter. The charges against Maria Mangini are eventually dropped after her husband, an instructor at Blue

Sky Music, takes responsibility for the drugs and additional paraphernalia.

- Elisabeth Smith is appointed the new interim superintendent for Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District to replace Daniel Teplesky, who left for a position downstate. Smith says she hoped to focus on graduation rates, and passing an acceptable budget given the state's current fiscal challenges.

- Former board member George Lenhardt is sworn in after being selected for a one-year appointment to the Bethlehem Town Board by a unanimous vote. Lenhardt says he is shocked to received the call, but honored.

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## Board backs turf, barely

BC school board could change mind on \$3.8M sports field before bond finalized

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A slim majority of Bethlehem Central Board of Education supported including plans for an artificial turf athletic field within a facilities bond at a recent meeting, but were careful to point out their opinions could change before the final resolution is passed in January.

On Wednesday, Dec. 19, School Board President Diane Giacone-Stever asked board members to vote on the turf field issue. Four board members said they supported the \$3.8 million plan, while two said they would support a turf field if it were presented to voters as a resolution separate from other projects. A seventh board member voted against it

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## Rumors of violence spread through schools

Administrators, police say no evidence to support threats

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Several Albany County school districts moved to dispel rumors last week after word was spread about an incident to occur Friday, Dec. 21.

Statements were released by school officials from Bethlehem, North Colonie, Guilderland

and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school districts last week in reference to rumors being spread by students about a possible violent incident to occur before winter break. All four districts had police look into the matter and said no evidence was found to support the rumors. Coeymans police and RCS

**"Students should not spread these rumors among their peers and should definitely bring them to our attention."**

— Bethlehem Superintendent Tom Douglas

administrators first released a statement on Monday, Dec. 17. Officials said the rumor apparently began two weeks ago after students were overheard discussing the Second Amendment and changes to gun ownership laws. A third student heard a portion of the conversation, resulting in a game

of "telephone," administrators said.

Local law enforcement investigated the matter and after interviewing students felt there was no immediate threat. However, in wake of the recent shooting in Connecticut, RCS Superintendent Alan McCartney and Coeymans Chief of Police Gregory Darlington made themselves available to the public to answer questions prior to a school board meeting. High school Principal Brian Bailey also

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# An ornamental end to the holidays

**‘Cirque Dreams Holidayze’ to light up Proctors with fantasy and wonder**

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Gingerbread men, toy soldiers and snowmen will come to life to perform daring and mesmerizing theatrical performances with holiday cheer aimed at entertaining children — and the simply young at heart.

Before ringing in the New Year, the Mainstage at Proctors will round off the holiday season with four performances from Friday, Dec. 28, to Sunday, Dec. 30, of “Cirque Dreams Holidayze,” which is created and directed by Neil Goldberg. An international cast of more than 30 performers from nine different countries brings the holidays to life by donning intricate costumes and soaring with acrobatics. The larger-than-life set holds 30-foot tall soldiers, colossal candy canes and gigantic gifts. An original score, with some holiday classics, completes the scene.

“‘Cirque Dreams Holidayze’ continues the spirit of our brand first established in 1993 ... to present quality, accessible entertainment throughout the world integrating limitless imagination with multiple

performance genres,” Goldberg said in a statement.

Jenn Sierra, company manager with Cirque Dreams, said Goldberg’s fascination with holiday ornaments inspired the production, which brings that whimsical view of the holidays to life. Over the years, he has amassed a collection of around 10,000 holiday ornaments, Sierra said.

“Ever since he was a young child he has had a fascination of holiday ornaments,” Sierra said.

The production should be something good for the whole family to attend, Sierra said, with children captivated by the holidays coming to life and adults being astonished by world-class athleticism.

“It is something you could bring your kids to or your grandparents to,” she said. “I think the little ones will really marvel at the costumes and spectacle of the show. ... There are certain scenes I literally still hold my breath.”

Many people have holiday traditions, but she said seeing “Cirque Dreams Holidayze” would provide something fresh and different in addition to beloved activities.

“This is something new and original that they haven’t seen yet and I think that that is a strong appeal of the show,” she said. “It is nice to be able to



There will be high-flying gingerbread men and other dazzling feats performed during “Cirque Dreams Holidayze,” which has a grandiose wonderland of holiday spirit. There will be four performances at Proctors the weekend of Friday, Dec. 28.

*Submitted photos*



escape for a couple of hours and bring your family to something they can all enjoy together. The holidays are first and foremost about spending time with family and do something that you can create a memory with.”

This is the first time the Broadway production has come to Proctors, with the company’s production “Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy” previously running. The current production’s run at Proctors is made possible with public

funds from the New York State Council of the Arts.

Sierra said she recently visited Proctors for the first time and was impressed with the historic theater.

“It is a really beautiful venue,” she said. “It is so charming ... it is very historic Vaudeville house.”

The performances will be on Friday, Dec. 28, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 29, at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 30, at 2

p.m. Tickets to “Cirque Dreams Holidayze” range from \$20 to \$50 and can be purchased at Proctors Box Office at 432 State Street, Schenectady, by calling 346-6204 and online at [proctors.org](http://proctors.org).

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# Deck the bookshelves

**Habitat drive focuses on filling new homes with a love of reading**

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Having a safe and stable place to read and do homework is an important part of a child's education. But so is having the materials to learn with.

In that spirit, local groups and businesses have partnered to provide not only new homes, but also reading materials to area families in need. For the second year running, Habitat for Humanity Capital District and the Albany City Area Reading Council are working together by asking the community to purchase new books for families moving into a newly built Habitat for Humanity home. Called the "New Books for New Homes" initiative, more than 500 books were collected last year.

Recipients received last year's donations at an event held in the City of Albany on Wednesday, Dec. 19. Donations are still being collected for next year's event until Jan. 1 at The

Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza.

"We collected well beyond what we imagined last year," said Christine Hmiel, director of development for HfHCD. "Having The Book House participate has been really helpful because if you're already doing holiday shopping in Stuyvesant Plaza, you can just add another book to your cart."

The project began last year, when Liz Yanoff, president of the Albany City Area Reading Council, approached Habitat for Humanity about partnering in a service project. The ACARC is an organization made up of librarians, teachers and authors with the mission of furthering literacy education.

"We know as teachers that access to books is important to encourage children in helping them become stronger readers," she said. "We are also book lovers and when we think of what our most important and prized possessions are, those are our books."

Yanoff said the group wanted to instill an appreciation for literature into a new generation, which may not have had

***"When we think of what our most important and prized possessions are, those are our books."***

— Liz Yanoff,  
president of the Albany  
City Area Reading Council

the opportunity if it wasn't for this project.

Local libraries are also providing informational literature inside new homes to help parents and their children obtain library cards and telling families about the additional services they offer, like programming for children and Internet access. Schenectady High School technology students have also been donating their time by building new bookcases to be installed into each of the new homes.

The Book House has signed on to give 20 percent off on books purchased by customers for the project.

Staff members have a list of details like age,



**New homeowners Angela Tingling and LaTrenda Buchanon, with Mona Carter and her daughter, take part in the "Morton's Walk" Habitat for Humanity dedication ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 19, in the City of Albany. All also received books as part of last year's "New Books for New Homes" initiative.**

Photo by Gary Gold

gender and interests of family members and are available to help customers find appropriate books. Manager Rachel King said popular picks for kids have been children's classics like books by Roald Dahl and Maurice Sendak, with a mix of new works, like "Benjamin Franklinstein" by local authors Matthew McElligott and Larry Taxbury.

"This is a good project

for all of the people who are looking for a place to donate books instead of toys again for the holidays," said King.

Staff members often suggest cookbooks, do-it-yourself books and reference books for parents.

"These are often people who have never owned a home before and we want them to have a sense of pride in being able to take

care of it themselves," said Hmiel.

Donations are being taken until Jan.1 for 15 families set into move into new Habitat homes next year. The collection will start up again in November of 2013.

"It's a really lovely project," said King. "We plan to participate for as long as the initiative continues. We've got a lot of good feedback from it."

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# Amedore certified winner

**Dems appeal pending as Republican grasps thin lead in the 46th**

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Nearly six weeks after Election Day, the counting in the 46th Senate District race has come to an end, and Republican George Amedore came out grasping a thin lead over Democrat Cecilia Tkaczyk.

Acting Montgomery County Supreme Court Justice Guy Tomlinson on Wednesday, Dec. 19, certified Amedore as holding a 37-vote lead after the final disputed paper ballots were counted. Amedore garnered 63,141 votes and Tkaczyk fell short at 63,104 votes. Tomlinson oversaw the counting of 887 absentee and affidavit ballots and ruled more than 400 ballots were not legally cast, with the majority being objected by Amedore's attorneys.

Amedore thanked his supporters for placing their "faith and trust" in his bid for the newly drawn Senate district, which encompasses all or portions of Montgomery, Schenectady, Albany, Greene and Ulster counties.

"It has been a lengthy

campaign, but I am ready to end this political process and I stand committed to working in a bipartisan effort to meet the difficult challenges that face all New Yorkers," Amedore said in a statement. "Let's transition from politics to governing, as the people deserve nothing less. We have much to do and I look forward to serving on behalf of all New Yorkers. In just a few weeks, we will begin the process of addressing the concerns and needs of all New Yorkers to make this great state better and safer for our children and our families."

Tkaczyk isn't writing a concession speech yet, though, as Democrats vowed to appeal Tomlinson's forthcoming ruling.

"We do not agree and are appealing Judge Tomlinson's decision to the Appellate Division," Tkaczyk said in a statement. "This race is far from over. We will continue to fight until all the voters who took the time to come out and vote on Election Day are heard."

Tkaczyk criticized Amedore's campaign and Senate Republicans for trying to "disenfranchise" voters. She remains



Republican George Amedore on Wednesday, Dec. 19, was declared the winner of the 46th Senate District race after ballot counting concluded.

John Purcell/Spotlight

confident once all the ballots are opened she will be victorious.

Gary Ginsburg, a spokesman for Tkaczyk, chided Tomlinson for sustaining objections to hundreds of votes that he claims should be counted.

"These ballots include votes cast by election inspectors that voted early at the direction of both Republican and Democratic election commissioners and hundreds of affidavit ballots that were thrown out because of minor errors," Ginsburg said in an email.

Tkaczyk had a narrow lead on election night of around 150 votes and had even declared victory, but her lead was whittled away before opening any absentee or affidavit ballots. During recanvassing of votes, an error was found in Greene County that led Tkaczyk to lose her Election Day lead and trail Amedore by around 50 votes.

In Greene County, the

numbers were called into the board of elections, which is believed to have resulted in a "human error" affecting some vote counts.

Such errors are less common now because ballots are tallied electronically and the information is taken off a thumb drive instead of being called in.

Ginsburg said the majority of objections sustained by Judge Tomlinson were from Ulster County, where Tkaczyk had a strong showing, with several hundred tossed aside by the court. Tkaczyk's campaign plans to petition to have those ballots opened after all.

The outcome of the race has been closely watched as the balance of power in the Senate chamber was split between Republicans and Democrats. But a coalition of Democrats have since announced they would caucus with Republicans in the upcoming session.

# Toll hike dropped

**Public pressure leads authority to turn to cuts instead of trucks**

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Facing mounting criticism, the Thruway Authority has put the brakes on a proposed 45 percent toll hike for commercial trucks, and will instead pursue a round of cuts.

Thruway Authority Executive Director Thomas Madison on Monday, Dec. 17, announced during a news conference with Gov. Andrew Cuomo that any toll increases have been removed from the proposed 2013 budget. Madison announced the move and cost saving measures hours before the authority met to adopt its budget and approve a \$3.14 billion bid to rebuild the Tappan Zee Bridge. The proposed 45 percent toll hike on trucks was expected to raise around \$90 million in revenue.

Cuomo, who earlier this month urged the authority to avoid any toll hike, applauded the switch and said it was "very exciting" to avert an increase. He said a toll increase was

counterproductive for economic development statewide, especially for Upstate New York's struggling economy.

"I thought it would send the wrong signal, especially at this time when we are working so hard to send a different signal," Cuomo said. "These were very aggressive cost saving measures, because there was a lot of money that we were trying to make up."

The news was met with elation from consumer advocacy groups that had panned the toll hike. Brian Sampson, executive director of the group Unshackle Upstate, said the toll hike would have resulted in "tremendous damage" to the Upstate economy.

"The announcement today is a clear indication that public advocacy is alive and well in New York," Sampson said in statement.

Mark Eagan, president and CEO of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, echoed those thoughts.

"This toll hike would have been like putting up detour signs around New York," Eagan said in a statement. "It goes

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against the progress we have achieved in recent years in building a new New York, one that is open for business.”

The Thruway Authority’s adopted 2013 budget, Madison said, holds “substantial financial savings” and its operating expenses are 21 percent lower than in this year.

“Our 2013 budget will put the authority on solid financial footing and it will avert the need for a toll increase,” Madison said. “As we realize budget savings and manage the authority better and differently, we’re also setting the stage to build big things again.”

An independent audit of the authority’s books and management revealed decades-old financial practices that were “risky, reckless and lacked transparency,” Madison said. Without changes, he said its “high A” credit rating likely would have been downgraded.

Madison said initial discussions with credit agencies on its plan were received positively. He expects to meet again with rating agencies in January to fully describe the financial plan.

“We reopened our books ... we found additional savings and

reforms and opportunities to improve the ways we conduct business at the authority,” Madison said.

Some of the cost saving measures involve cutting \$25 million in operating costs this year, with more than \$130 million in savings and fiscal reforms over the next three years. Also, \$900 million in “risky, short term” debt would be eliminated. From 2011 to 2013, the authority will eliminate 361 positions, reducing its workforce by around 6 percent.

The authority is eliminating reimbursement for State Police expenses, which began in 1954. The \$60 million cost to maintain Troop T, which patrols the Thruway, will be picked up by the state.

The authority also plans to pursue other cuts, such as reducing its vehicle fleet and shifting employee benefits.

Madison said public pressure to eliminate the toll increase did affect the authority’s decision to look for additional cost savings to avoid it.

“Of course it had an impact on our deliberations,” Madison said.

Law makers had lambasted the authority’s proposed toll hike on trucks for weeks, even months, with Assemblyman James Tedisco, R-Glenville, recently saying it was an example of “secret government.”

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because of economic concerns.

“If I take away all of the emotions, and discussions and all of the passion, to me it comes down to the amount of money,” said Charmaine Wijeyesinghe, who was against the project because the field could be fixed for less by sticking with grass. “We have asked everyone in the district to change to save money. We have elementary kids walking to bus stops, we have teachers going without aides and resources to save money. For me, this is a want versus a need.”

Updated estimates have all facilities upgrades and repairs costing \$17.1 million and the turf athletic field costing \$3.8 million. There is also a figure added in for “soft costs” like labor and materials, which would make the grand total of a bond to complete all projects about \$29.2 million.

Chief Business and Financial Officer Judi Kehoe said the district expects to receive about 70 percent aid on the project. The owner of an average \$250,000 home could expect his or her taxes to increase by about \$60 if a \$25 million bond

were passed.

Within the next two board meetings, members will decide on what projects should be taken out of the bond, if any, and set the total of the entire bond in order to place a referendum before the public in March. A public hearing will also be held in January.

The four board members voting in favor of the turf field were Giacone-Stever, Caitlin Navaro, Matt Downy and Lynn Lenhardt. Each gave reasons ranging from the opportunity to secure low interest rates and state aid, the need for the upgrades so as to provide a safe place for students to play sports and strengthening school spirit.

“I don’t think fiscal responsibility is doing the cheapest thing we can possibly do. It’s doing the best things you can do with the resources you come up with,” said Navaro. “The community is going to flip out at \$60 a year, but if we take the turf off the board, it’s about \$55 a year and the community is going to flip out at that just as much.”

Lenhardt said repairs have been made to the fields and track in recent years, but the facilities are still an issue and continue to cost the district money. She thought a turf field would be an asset over time and cut down on maintenance costs.

“What happens if we have to cut maintenance further and the new grass field isn’t properly cared for? Then we will be right back in the same position we are now,” she said.

Board members Michael Copper and Laura Bierman said they would be in favor of a turf field, but worry that if it is included in the same bond as other facilities upgrades, they run the risk of the entire bond being voted down over that issue. Both said they would like to see the projects split into two referendums.

“If we go with the third field option, it is a \$30 million bond,” said Bierman. “I don’t think that’s going to pass and I don’t even think that we would support a \$30 million bond here at the table, so however much more is put in the turf is taking away from our facilities that need to be done. It’s a want versus a need, and I think our needs are much more important right now and we have to do them.”

A large number of parents and coaches came out to speak in support of the turf field and new track. Few people have attended meetings that are opposed to the idea.

Parents from both the track and field and soccer booster clubs said

they would be in favor of the project, in part so that their organizations would not have to rent out facilities at other schools when it is their turn to host events. A representative from the Bethlehem Pop Warner Football league also said the new field would help their practice and game schedules.

Three fathers, Jim Giacone, Chuck Clas and Scott Bonanno, have been advocating for a new turf field since January, and Athletic Director John DeMeo and BC Operations and Maintenance Director Gregg Nolte both said they were in favor of the project at Wednesday’s meeting.

BC track coach Sean Schreiner said he supports the project out of safety concerns for his athletes.

“Currently I have eight athletes who I can’t have compete or on the track running because their shin splints are so bad,” he said. “I have them using bikes just to practice and one student is out with a stress fracture. Many may have stress fractures, but I have them on rest ... conditions are only getting worse.”

The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 7 p.m.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Help make the change

Last week, an editorial appeared in this space that addressed hunting, and its place in the greater realm of outdoor enjoyment. The purpose was to build off of a story we ran regarding adverse hunter-hiker interactions, and point out this can be an emotional issue that is best approached with a hearty dose of empathy, good data and above all else, an open mind.

Just a few days later, we all went to bed and woke up in a much different world.

We all know what happened. A young man for reasons that are still not understood, might never be fully understood, walked into a Connecticut elementary school with a rifle and committed a crime that even in the year 2012 — the bloodiest year on modern record for mass shootings in this country — is simply incomprehensible.

In the days that followed, it became increasingly apparent this tragedy shook the nation to its very core in ways that a litany of other senseless disasters known in collective memory only by the towns and cities they occurred in, could not. It is inevitable in following weeks there will be much discussion regarding the role of guns in our country, and what must be changed to better protect all our citizens.

We might have woken up to a different world on Saturday, Dec. 15, but we don't think our approach to addressing it should be any different than how we might decide how hunters and hikers can get along: with a hearty dose of empathy, good data and an open mind. And we think that analysis demands change.

What has been discovered in the days after the Newtown tragedy is gunman Adam Lanza perpetrated his crime using almost exclusively a Bushmaster semiautomatic rifle. It's a .223-caliber weapon equipped with a pistol-style grip, which makes it easy to control recoil when firing rounds in quick succession, something that's quite possible when the rifle is fitted with a standard 30-round or extended 40-round magazine sold by the manufacturer. It fires a bullet similar to the 5.56 NATO round our troops use in combat. It even includes an attachment rail featured on military weapons so different sights and accessories can be changed in and out.

It is a military-style weapon designed to deliver an incredible amount of damage in the shortest time possible. And it has no practical use. Hunters do not need to spray their targets with 30 bullets. We likewise struggle to imagine a scenario in which this type of stopping power is needed in a self-defense scenario outside of events appearing in a popular AMC action/drama television show.

Stemming the tide of mass shootings (13 this year alone) will not involve a one-hit solution. It must involve a frank discussion about many topics — our mental health system, security protocols in public places, our cultural mores and, yes, gun control. Let this debate be one based on fact and aimed at producing solutions.

We would encourage our readers to get involved sooner rather than later, and to do so in a forum outside of the din of social media. You can easily find and contact your Congressional representative here: [house.gov/representatives/find](http://house.gov/representatives/find), and contact Sen. Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand at [schumer.senate.gov](mailto:schumer.senate.gov) and [gillibrand.senate.gov](mailto:gillibrand.senate.gov), respectively.

Many of us were touched by the Newtown tragedy and sought in vain for something to do. Making your opinion known, no matter what it may be, is a good first step. A second is to send your prayers not to Facebook, but to Connecticut. The post office in Newtown has set up a PO box to accept such mailings, which will be handed over to community groups for distribution, at Messages of Condolence for Newtown, PO Box 3700, Newtown, CT 06470.

Editorial

Drought could have lasting effect

By CHUCK SCHMITT

The writer is a senior resource educator with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County.

This summer has been a historical one, weather-wise, across the whole United States. Nearly two thirds (62 percent), of the continental United States is still experiencing a moderate to exceptional drought according to the weekly drought monitor report. This time last year, only 29 percent of the country was similarly affected.

The good news is for us is that the drought is not as severe here in the Northeast. The U.S. drought monitor lists the Northeast as abnormally dry. In spite of the recent rains, precipitation amounts some areas still remain 2 to 8 inches below normal. And when we are considering plant growth, it is not only the amount, but also the frequency of precipitation that matters most.

When the water arrives is clearly more important than the total amount received annually. Even though trees and shrubs have a deeper and more extensive root system than many of our agricultural crops, they are not immune to damage caused by droughty conditions. Drought, or lack of available moisture, will limit plant growth. Water availability is essential for plant life. In the landscape, annuals and perennials are also affected by dry conditions, but in the long run they tend to fare better than our woody plants. Why? Drought affects plants both in the short term and over the long term. Unfortunately, most of the severe damage to our woody plants occurs over the long term.

Short term and long term effects

The short term effects of drought are easily recognized: the wilting of leaves and stems, leaf yellowing or browning followed by leaf scorch or

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edge burn and the premature dropping of leaf tissue. The long term effects are harder to see and therefore often go undiagnosed or misdiagnosed. Even after moisture becomes readily available, these effects can take up to 3 years to fully express themselves.

Soil effects

Where the tree or shrub is planted will affect its overall health. Trees planted in bottomlands tend to be able to root deeper in richer, generally more fertile soils. Those planted in shallow or eroded soils along ridges will suffer more. Rocky and sandy soils where nutrients may be lacking or soil chemistry is out of balance, (pH), tend to be more stressful. Trees and shrubs growing on a south or west facing slope will find conditions hotter and drier than those that exist on an east or northern exposure.

Soils with a high clay content will also hold more moisture than a sandy soil.

Growth effects

A reduction in plant photosynthesis will reduce overall plant growth. Leaves tend to be smaller than normal and often less foliage is produced during the current season's growth. Obvious effects can also be seen the following season in a reduction in flowering and the sheer number of buds produced by the plant. Plants store carbohydrate reserves for the next season during this season's growth period. The effects of limiting moisture will be seen the following season and possibly for several years to come. Scientist have been able to track weather patterns by

observing the annual rings of tree growth.

Insect and diseases

A secondary effect of prolonged moisture stress is the increased susceptibility of trees and shrubs to attack by insects and diseases. The invasion of wood boring insects like the ambrosia beetle, the bronze birch borer and countless other bark beetles increases on drought stressed trees. Defensive chemical production within the tree or shrub is reduced by a lack of moisture and therefore the insects attack unimpeded.

Are my plants still alive?

If you suspect you trees or shrubs have succumbed to the recent drought there are a couple of ways to check to see if they are still alive. First bend some of the small twigs, 1/8th inch or so, in your hands. If the twigs are flexible and readily bend the wood is still alive. If the twigs do not bend but rather snap off as dry wood will do, they are dead. Another test is to use your fingernail and scrape away the thin bark layer from the twig. If the underlying tissue is moist and green or white the twig is still alive. If these tests still leave you uncertain, wait until the spring growth flush to see if new leaves sprout from the twigs.

During these times of moisture stress the best thing we can do to help is to keep our woody plants watered. Without rainfall, a minimum of one inch, and possibly up to four inches of water, should be applied on a weekly basis during the growing season to avoid drought stress. It is a good idea to apply this advice to your plants going into the winter as well. Water your plants until the ground freezes to prevent further losses due to drought induced winter injury.

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- Never 29%

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# A year of pictures in THE Spotlight

From January through June 2012



**ABOVE:** Students and administrators from China's Tianjin High School No. 41 toured Guilderland High School in January. They visited classrooms, observed lessons and spoke about the differences between China's educational system and schools in the U.S.

**RIGHT:** After re-scheduling due to poor weather, the annual Town of Bethlehem "Egg"stravaganza Easter egg hunt was held on April 7 in Elm Avenue Park.



**Police charged Bethlehem teen Ian Eckhardt-Rigberg with running down an Albany man, Rozell Whitehead, in the city on Saturday, Feb. 25. Eckhardt-Rigberg was said to have been fleeing police. He later turned himself in at the Bethlehem police station.**



**ABOVE:** Police pulled the body of a Chatham man from the Normanskill on Jan. 18, and eventually ruled the death a suicide. High winds hampered an effort to recover the body with the help of a helicopter.

**BELOW:** More than 50 students of Hamagrael Elementary school took the time to stay after school and lend their less fortunate brethren a hand Jan. 19 during a Kids Helping Kids Committee workshop.



**LEFT:** The running of the 24th Delmar Dash on April 15 was marked by concerns about heat. The temperature was about seven degrees above the average, prompting organizers to add water stops at the last minute along the five-mile course.

**RIGHT:** Bethlehem Central High School celebrated its 78th commencement exercises for the Class of 2012 on Friday, June 22. The ceremony was held at University at Albany's SEFCU Arena, where nearly 400 students graduated.



**RIGHT:** Voters in the Bethlehem Central School District turned out in record numbers May 15 to approve a budget that exceeded the state tax cap. Nearly 63 percent of voters approved the budget, which raised the tax levy by 4 percent.



**Albany County and the Mohawk-Hudson Land Conservancy reach an agreement to open another section of the Rail Trail, this one in New Scotland and Voorheesville. It was made possible in part through a donation from the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation.**

**Next week: A year in pictures – July through December 2012**



# Get help with winter heating costs

Cold months approach and heating costs increase. People with monthly incomes under \$2138 for one perso, or \$2796 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 Available**

The Town of Guilderland provides transportation service to medical appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies, and area shopping centers such

## Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

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.

**Tuesday Luncheon**

Every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., over 50 seniors gather to have lunch together in our Town Hall Board Room.

Participants may order the featured hot meal (listed on the calendar), or opt for a cold tuna salad plate or cold fruit plate. Orders must be placed with our office by 10:30 a.m. the day before the luncheon and the suggested

donation is only \$3. Some decide to bring their own lunch, which is also fine.

Following the lunch, many seniors play bingo, other board games, shoot a game of pool, or simply converse with friends. Please think about joining our Tuesday family—We would love to have you! Transportation available.

**Thursday, Dec. 27**

Scheduled Shopping  
9 a.m. OsteoBusters  
10:30 Balance Class  
10:30 Movie: 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'  
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg  
1 p.m. Pinochle

**Friday, Dec. 28**

Exercise Class Reg  
Scheduled Shopping  
10 a.m. Panting  
10 a.m. Bridge  
1 p.m. Quilting

# Seniors thank community

On behalf of Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. and Bethlehem Senior Services Department, please accept our thanks for your contributions, which helped make the holiday season so much brighter for many Town residents, both young and old. Churches, businesses, civic groups, small community organizations,



government agencies and many individuals within the community all worked together to help make the last few weeks much brighter for hundreds of people.

During the year, over seventy five families utilize the Bethlehem food pantry, which is run through Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., with help from our outreach workers and volunteers. All of the families were offered holiday foods, additional canned goods, food gift certificates and, as always, any referral

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# Cartooning workshop for kids

Do you have a budding artist in your home? Kids ages eight and up are invited to the library on Saturday, Jan. 5 at 11 a.m. or noon to learn some basic drawing skills. After completing their drawings, kids will create “scratch and sniff” paint to complete their masterpieces.

Saturday not a convenient day? The program is offered again on Monday, Jan. 7, at 4 p.m.

Registration is required. Call 756-2053 or email info@rcscommunitylibrary.org today to reserve your place.

**Holiday hours**

For the New Year holiday, the library will be open Saturday, Dec. 29 and closed Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 10 a.m.

## RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Drums,’ featuring Reggie Harris, Cheryl Prashker, Barbara Chepatis and Brian Melick at St. Patrick’s Parish Hall. Reggie Harris is half of the nationally known duo Kim and Reggie who often appear locally with Magpie.

Cheryl Prasker is a well-known percussionist in the Philadelphia area. Barbara Chepatis is part of the storytelling trio The Snickering Witches. Brian Melick is the series’ producer and host as well as the region’s go-to percussionist.

Tickets will be on sale at the library and at the door the evening of the concert. Series tickets for all concerts are \$20, seniors and children pay \$12. Individual tickets are \$5 each. It’s the best music bargain in the Capital District.

School from 3 to 6 pm.

**eBook classes at the library**

eReaders are the hot gift this year again. If you have just received an e-reader, you should know that you can borrow books for your reader from the library.

If you need some guidance with your new device, the library is offering classes on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 11 a.m. Class size is small, allowing for individualized attention. Registration is required. Call 756-2053 or email info@rcscommunitylibrary.org today to reserve your place.

**What’s New? New Adult Fiction**

The Art Forger by Barbara Shapiro  
The Black Box by Michael Connelly  
The Forgotten by David Baldacci  
Notorious Nineteen by Janet Evanovich  
The Passing Bells by Phillip Rock  
Private London by James Patterson & Mark Pearson  
Shadow Creek by Joy Fielding  
Shiver by Karen Robards  
Threat Vector by Tom Clancy & Mark Greaney  
Waltz with a Stranger by Pamela Sherwood

**Relocation still ahead**

The library expects to move this winter. There is no specific date yet. Stay tuned. Relocation information will go out on all of the library’s publicity media when it’s available.

**Acoustic Doorways concert series to resume**

Acoustic Doorways returns on Jan. 4, at 7:30 p.m. with ‘All About the

**Fun Fair 10th Anniversary**

RCS Community Library’s Romp & Read and the RCS School District present the 10th annual Fun Fairs for the Very Young during RCS kindergarten registration.

The fair will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at A.W. Becker School from 3 to 6 pm. On Thursday, Jan. 10, the Fair will take place at Pieter B. Coeymans

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# Thursday afternoon movies

Join us for great films and good company! Every Thursday afternoon, beginning Jan. 3 and running through Feb. 28, we will be showing a series of new and classic films.

On Jan. 3 come watch 'Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' from 1:30 ti 4 p.m. For a listing of future Thursday afternoon movies, please check our events calendar or stop by the library for movie listings.

## Writing your personal history

Facilitated by local historian and author Dennis Sullivan, this workshop series will help folks who want to record their life stories for their children, grandchildren, and friends. Emphasis will be on telling one's story in an interesting and accurate way.

Writers will bring work



to share with the group at each session. Participants may make supportive and constructive comments about each piece, but all participants will remain respectful of each person's unique voice at all times.

Space is limited to 20. Registration is required. Session times and dates are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Jan. 15 and 29, Feb. 12 and 26, and March 12. Contact Suzanne Fisher at the library for more information.

## Quilt Raffle

The Friends of the Library are selling raffle tickets for a beautiful, 63-inch by 63-inch multi-colored quilt donated by The Village Quilters.

The quilt is currently on display at the circulation desk, where tickets may

be purchased for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

The quilt drawing will be held in February. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Library.

## Holiday Hours

In observance of the New Year, the library will close at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31. We will remain closed on Tuesday, Jan. 1. The library will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday Jan. 2.

## Fine free days

Now is the time to bring back your overdue library books no matter how late they are. Fine free days apply only to items owned by the Voorheesville Public Library and only items returned to the Voorheesville Library during the period of Jan. 2 and Jan. 13. Fines and fees previously accrued or from other libraries cannot be waived.

# Make your views count



The Trustees of the Guilderland Public Library are accepting applications for appointment to a vacant seat on library's governing board.

If you are interested in helping run and shape the future of your library by taking on this office, please apply by Friday, Jan. 4.

To apply, send a letter of intent and a résumé to the attention of the library director at Guilderland Public Library, 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY 12084. You can obtain details on your role from the board's website page at [www.guilpl.org/board](http://www.guilpl.org/board).

# Action

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assistance they might need.

Bethlehem Senior Services volunteers returned over 500 Letters to Santa, in cooperation with the Bethlehem Police Department.

Thirty-four senior citizens took advantage of holiday shopping trips on the senior vans to area malls.

More than thirty senior citizens participants of the Senior Services Monday Meal program gathered for a combined holiday luncheon and Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long and Senior Services volunteers mailed greeting cards to over 200 homebound residents of the community.

It is only through the community spirit and generosity of so many that these programs can be provided. We are

very grateful.

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

In order to continue providing this valuable service to our seniors, especially in light of current gasoline and maintenance costs, we find it necessary to change the suggested donations for transports to Albany and Latham. As of Jan. 1, the suggested donation for trips to Albany and Latham with be \$15 round trip. The suggested donation for trips within the Town of Bethlehem will remain at \$5 round trip. We remind you that these are suggested donations, not fees. If you have concerns or questions, please call Joyce Becker, Director, Bethlehem Senior Services, at 439-4955, ext. 1169. Call 439-5770

to make reservations for transport to appointments, shopping, etc. Come to the Senior Office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at [www.townofbethlehem.org](http://www.townofbethlehem.org).

Mark your calendar for the start of a new series of health and wellness programs starting on Friday, Jan. 11. The first program will be 'Aging in Place' presented by Linda Shrager, OTR, MSW, The Organized Caregiver. The programs are free and transportation can be arranged by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

The Bethlehem Food Pantry continues to be in need of coffee, tea, juice, cleaning products, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant. Donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall Senior Office. If you need information about using the food pantry, call 439-4955, ext. 1173, 1174 or 1175.

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The list of potential appointees included seven other people.

• New Bethlehem Republican Committee Chairman Fred Di Maggio says he wants to lead the town’s GOP in a new direction, after Republicans fared badly in previous election cycles. He feels national Republican races are off-putting to the public and are giving party members on the local level a bad name with topics that shouldn’t be discussed at the local level. Di Maggio aims to get in touch with the party’s base to work on recruitment and fundraising.

• A Bethlehem Central parent group asks the district to consider switching the high school’s eight-period day to nine, allowing students to take two elective courses and not have to skip lunch. The district said funding and contract negotiations are the main obstacles to implementing the change.

• Town Supervisor John Clarkson gives the annual State of the Town speech. He says his goals are for Bethlehem to become a role model

for the rest of the state in fiscal responsibility, ethics reform and politics. Clarkson also says he wants the upcoming budget to be sustainable, and no longer wishes to bond for annual repairs like highway repaving and pension increases in the police force.

February

• The Bethlehem Central School District projects a deficit of nearly \$4.4 million for the 2012-13 school year budget, even after factoring in the use of \$1.75 million in reserve funds and a tax hike. School officials blame unreliable state aid funding, contract and pension obligations, and the newly implemented tax cap for the wide budget gap. Officials say the district will need to make up the funds from non-mandate areas like staffing and program reductions.

• The Postal Regulatory Commission re-evaluates the decision to close the Clarksville Post Office after Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple says the closure could have an adverse impact on the Sheriff’s Office if it was to move into the former Clarksville Elementary building. Apple wrote a letter to the

commission saying a post office was needed nearby to send certified letters and packages on a daily basis, while the Postal Service maintains that keeping the location open is too expensive.

• Members of the Elsmere Elementary School PTA put together a proposal to purchase and construct a new playground for the school over age and safety concerns. Playground Committee Co-Vice Presidents Amy Cohen and Robyn Holstein expect cost of the project could run between \$102,000 and \$125,000, but if needed, new equipment could be integrated with the older equipment. Fundraising is set to begin later in the month.

• The Bethlehem Town Board appoints members to its three newly formed citizen advisory committees and gave each group its official charge. The Governance, Ethics and Budget Advisory Committees are each created to help the town board re-examine laws, codes and procedures on a temporary basis. All groups are expected to disband by the time the budget is passed.

• Jacob Bartfield, a

2002 Bethlehem Central graduate, appears on the hit television show “Glee” after his brother is unable to take the gig. Bartfield, 27, has a minor role as a bass player with the glee club’s backup band. He was unable to meet any of the show’s stars because of the way his segments were filmed, but did say he enjoyed the experience.

• The Bethlehem Police Supervisor’s Association sues the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association in Albany County Court seeking funds it claims were jointly raised. According to the Supervisor’s Association’s lawsuit, the group came to an agreement with the PBA in 2008 to conduct joint fundraising. According to the Supervisor’s Association’s responding lawsuit, the two groups were supposed to be splitting just the current fund balance in 2008, not the balance of each year going forward.

• Amir Salman and Faiza Warsi are forced to close their business on Delaware Avenue after the couple stops carrying Getty Petroleum fuel because they are mandated to charge different prices for cash and credit customers. The larger corporation filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in December and changed their practices to raise funds. Without gas,

customers stopped visiting the couple’s convenience store.

• Police say the number of calls to Glenmont Walmart is pretty low considering the store’s size and traffic. Records from 2010 and 2011 show the police department answered a total of 727 calls from Walmart Glenmont address out of about 100,000 to the department spanning those two years. Only 123 of those calls related to larceny or shoplifting.

March

• The Guilderland Central School District projects a deficit of \$2.6 million, according to Superintendent Marie Wiles. To close the gap, options suggested include switching the Farnsworth Middle School to an 8-hour day, reducing the number of class sections available to students in the high school and increasing the number of classes taught by teachers. The budget could also have an impact on close to 30 full-time equivalent positions.

• A 30-year plan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Dinmore Road was presented to the Bethlehem Town Board, capping off a two-year Department of Public Works study. The study was performed with the help of two consulting

firms, Clough Harbour & Associates and CDM Smith. Ten years from now, upgrades are expected to cost \$20 million to meet demand.

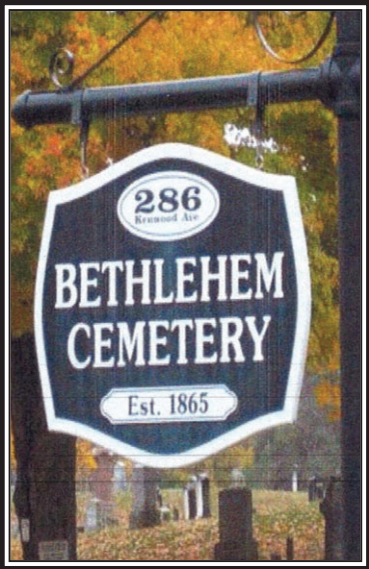
• Residents in South Bethlehem say an abandoned home on Willowbrook Avenue has fallen into disrepair and is dangerous. Town Building Inspector Gil Bouchard said he has been contacting the owner of the home, James Albertine, since he took over the job in 2008. The town eventually took Albertine to court, who agreed to make immediate repairs to make the property safer while he tries to sell it.

• Officials at the Bethlehem Food Pantry say use of their services has grown since the recession with numbers tripling since 2009. Employees and volunteers are now looking for a place to expand their efforts, hoping to partner with a local church or community organization to store food and supplies. They would also like the means to store perishable items like other similar groups do.

April

• The Bethlehem Central school board votes to adopt a spending plan

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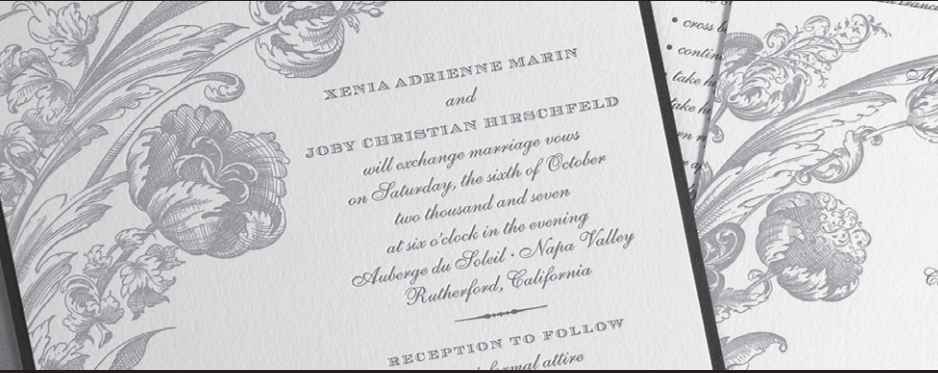
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# Year

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for the 2012-13 school year that challenges the state tax cap. The adopted plan calls for \$88,203,000 in spending for the coming school year and a tax levy increase of 3.99 percent. The district uses \$1.7 million in reserve funds to balance the budget, with more than 56 full-time-equivalent positions eliminated.

• The United States Supreme Court denies a petition to review the

2006 murder conviction of Christopher Porco. The appeal has centered on the fact the jury was allowed to hear testimony from police that Joan Porco, then badly injured, had identified Christopher as the assailant with a head nod in response to questions from police.

• Parishioners of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville celebrate the 50th anniversary of being granted their own congregation through the Catholic Church. To honor the occasion, various celebratory events are planned into the month

of June.

• A new partnership between the Town of Bethlehem and the YMCA aimed at promoting a healthier lifestyle for residents results in the first Delmar Duathlon. The race is held at Elm Avenue Park and consists of a 2-mile run within the park, a 10-mile bike ride through town and ends with another 2-mile run back through the park.

• State Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Bethlehem, announces he will seek a ninth term in the Legislature at an event

outside of the Capitol building in Albany. Although for many years he represented the 46th Senate District, his new bid would have him running to represent Bethlehem, Colonie and the Cities of Albany, Troy and Rensselaer, all in the newly created 44th district against opponent Albany County Chairman Shawn Morse.

## May

• A proposal to build a waste-to-energy plant is met by opposition from Bethlehem residents after

an initial presentation on the project is made to the Town Board. Representatives from Kentucky-based Recycling Solutions Technology provided information about its waste gasification process and the types of recycled end materials that are created as a result. So far, only one other plant exists in the country using the

company's technology.

• The Bethlehem Reform Democrats group is formed out of frustration with the current party and its nomination process. Members feel the party is disconnected from the town's actual Democratic residents. Not looking to become their own party, the group wants more

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say in the current party and a more transparent process, later holding an informational meeting for the community.

- Contract negotiations between the Bethlehem Central Teacher's Association, the Bethlehem Principal's Association and the school district come to a close. The BCTA contract results in a \$2.7 million savings over four years through a restructuring in salary scale and health

insurance contributions.

• A Bethlehem budget projection for 2013 shows the town is facing a possible \$3.5 million budget gap for the coming year once the Selkirk Cogen energy plant goes back on the tax rolls. The loss of the decades-old Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement, set to expire in December, will cost the town between \$1.5 and \$1.7 million in revenue for the next year. The town also expects 3.4 percent expenditure increase over the 2012 budget.

- An Albany County jury finds Bethlehem

police officer Christopher Hughes guilty of criminal possession of a forged instrument, a felony, for submitting a forged police retirement identification card in order to receive a retirement badge. Hughes was on medical leave at the time of the incident. The court decision resulted in Hughes getting kicked off the force and probation.

- Residents in the Bethlehem Central School District approved a 2012-13 school year budget that challenged the state tax cap. Nearly 63 percent of voters approve the \$88,203,000 spending plan, with 4,035 voters in

favor of the budget and 2,405 voters against it. Despite exceeding the tax cap, cuts to programming occur and positions lost.

• Bethlehem Town Supervisor John Clarkson endorses the Bethlehem Reform Democrats group during an informational meeting held on Tuesday, May 22. At the same time, Bill Reinhardt also announces his bid for election to the town board seat soon to be left open by appointee George Lenhardt.

- Albany County Legislature Majority Leader and presumptive party favorite Frank Commisso drops his name from the race for representative of the newly formed 109th Assembly District. The move opens up room for his son, Frank Commisso Jr., to run in his stead among a large field of six other candidates. Albany County Democrats opt not to endorse a candidate in response.

## June

- The Town of Bethlehem and Albany County announce new contract agreements that will save taxpayers and the town money in providing Advanced Life Support services to residents. The contracts now allow Albany County to directly

bill Medicare when it provides paramedics during emergencies. The agreement is thought to save about \$200,000.

- After six months, the Bethlehem Central Board of Education officially approves the leasing agreement that would allow the Albany County Sheriff's Office to use the former Clarksville Elementary School as its new substation. The proposed lease includes an initial five-year period with the district receiving \$30,000 in rent for the first year. Each year the rent will increase by \$6,000, ending with a rent of \$54,000 in the final year.

- After months of debate the Bethlehem Town Board has approved changes to the town's ethics and sign laws. Changes to the former town ethics code were introduced after an ethics committee was formed in January. Many of the recommendations followed those established by the state Comptroller's Office, but some were changed after several board members felt they did not match the needs of the town. The sign law was changed because previous wording was vague and had poor enforcement. Signs could not be placed in the right-of-way of any road owned by the town, county or state, but may be placed otherwise.

• The Parks and Recreation Department present to the Town Board a list of possible budget eliminations that was created with the help of the Budget Advisory Committee in hopes of reducing the town's possible \$3.5 million budget gap. Ideas include closing Colonial Acres golf course or the skating rink, eliminating a night ranger position and instituting a carry-in/carry-out policy for trash in parks. They also suggest letting non-residents purchase passes to use the Elm Avenue pool and creating a "Friends of the Bethlehem Parks and Rec" group.

- Four new buildings are proposed for the Vista Technology Park in Slingerlands, including a medical building, two mixed-use buildings and an eye care practice. Developers seek sales tax and mortgage abatements on all the new buildings. They also are asking for a tier II PILOT agreement from the IDA, which provides tenants with 50 percent off their taxes in the first year, and diminishes to 5 percent by the 10th year of the agreement.

- Guilderland voters soundly turn down a plan to add a new \$12.9 million expansion onto the library.

A referendum to bond the entire cost of the project was put to a vote on Tuesday, June 26. The plan was voted down 3,428 to 1,191. Library officials are disappointed, saying the repairs and space are needed. Opponents say the cost is too much considering the economy and already high tax rates.

- The state Education Department reviews allegations that voter fraud occurred during this year's Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District budget vote. Two petitions are sent to the Education Department's commissioner containing various accounts of what residents believe to be fraud. The school district acknowledged the complaints were submitted to the state, but said no formal investigation is underway. The Education Department said the complaints are being looked into to see if a formal investigation is needed. No actions are taken in the future.

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Marchand said people come from all over for the city's celebration.

"We have ticket sales from Maine, Vermont, Ohio, Massachusetts and even South Carolina," she said.

Saratoga Spring's First Night celebration returns for the 17th year on Dec. 31, and organizers are certain this year will not disappoint.

"We have a lot of new things going on," Marchand said.

The theme this year is "Explore the Night," and it is meant to encourage people to explore the city and try something new.

"We want people to get out and see not only their favorites, but something different," Marchand said.

Park accompanied by music from the Tartan Terrors and the Transiberian Orchestra's guitar virtuoso Mike Campese.

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New this year is a mini-musical festival called First Fest where six up-and-coming young bands will perform on one stage at the City Center. In addition, Marchand said kids won't want to miss the Buccaneer Bindlestiff's Swashbuckling Cirkus at Lake Avenue Elementary School, where a variety of other children's events will be held. Also new this year are high-tech laser shows at the City Center starting at 7:40 p.m. and occurring each hour until 11:40 p.m.

Most venues are within walking distance of Broadway, but all shows can be reached by a free bus service provided by CDTA from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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SHUGIE AND THE OAK MAN

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CHRIS COAKLEY

Singer-songwriter, Dec. 28, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

RACQUETTE RIVER ROUNDERS

Adirondack folk group, Dec. 28, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, members \$12, general admission \$14, children under 13 \$7. Information, 583-0022.

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Boston-based Americana group with Schenectady roots, Dec. 30, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, members \$12, general admission \$15, children under 13 \$7.50. Information, 583-0022.

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Comedy

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COMEDY WORKS (ALBANY COUNTY)

Melvin George with Mike Speirs, Dec. 28 and 29, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., 500 Northern Blvd., Albany, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20, dinner packages \$39.95 in advance, \$44.95 day of show. Also, "Music & Laughter Until Midnight & After," Dec. 31, 8 p.m., \$300 per couple. Information, 275-6897.

COMEDY WORKS (SARATOGA COUNTY)

Melvin George with Mike Speirs, Dec. 29, 6 p.m., City Sports Grille, 1668 U.S. 9, Clifton Park, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20. Information, 275-6897.

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ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

Group meets four times a year and holds

an annual show, promotes and encourages the medium of pastel through exhibitions, education and comradery in the medium. Information, 793-9350.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 813-4299 or e-mail delmarcommunityorchestra@gmail.com.

COLONIE TOWN BAND

Several openings, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

Openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Guilderland. Information, 861-8000.

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

Openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Information, 439-2360.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

Openings in the string section, also need French horn, trombone, flute and bass drum players, rehearsals Friday at 9 a.m., Shenendehowa Senior Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park. Information, 372-5146.

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

Male singing group, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 399-1846.

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

Sweet Adelines group based in Niskayuna is looking for women to join group. Information, 346-5349.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

Invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

ARTISTS WANTED

Exhibit space available for original paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 1138 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 220-9027.

SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Weekly Crossword

Musical Royalty

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ACROSS

- 1 Miracle site  
5 Pretenses  
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14 List ending  
15 Son on *The Cosby Show*  
16 Dried fruit  
17 Seethe  
18 Hawaiian island  
19 Cube on a skewer  
20 The King  
23 Nasty weather  
24 *Jungle Peace* author/explorer  
25 Presidential nickname  
28 Exit  
30 Overflows  
32 Newt  
35 Bellowed like bossy  
38 Feather scarves  
39 The March King  
43 Novelist Wiesel  
44 Cotton thread  
45 Susan, on *L.A. Law*  
46 Fire offshoot  
49 Looks over  
51 Sock end  
52 Aloft

- 55 Rends  
59 The King of Swing  
61 Conjuror's forte  
64 Cain's father  
65 Palindromic singing group  
66 Isolated  
67 Latvian port  
68 Shipbuilding wood  
69 Joins metal  
70 Ogle  
71 Art deco artist

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- 1 Agriculture goddess  
2 Reef ring  
3 Ingenuous  
4 Connected, in a way  
5 Over  
6 Way to cook steak  
7 Tittering sound  
8 Inebriate  
9 Maintenance  
10 Salver  
11 Vat  
12 Rock composer Brian  
13 Johnny \_\_\_\_  
21 Trample  
22 Abbreviated wts.  
25 Spoken

- 26 World-weary  
27 School report  
29 Cry of delight  
31 Nigerian tribe  
32 Kick out  
33 Loose paper holder  
34 Yours, to a Quaker  
36 Inventor Whitney  
37 Put in neutral  
40 Actor Beatty  
41 One of several layers  
42 Attend  
47 Sets up  
48 \_\_\_\_ Tin Tin  
50 Sober  
53 Entangle  
54 Steve Lawrence's wife  
56 Fossil resin  
57 Morocco's capital  
58 Twist and turn  
59 Fledgling  
60 Famed tentmaker  
61 Gullet  
62 Mimic  
63 Sal, of song



# Your Community in The Spotlight

## Free New Year's Eve cab rides available

This New Year's Eve, the law firm of Martin, Harding & Mazzotti, LLP will continue its program to keep area roadways safe by offering free cab rides to those in need of a safe ride home.

Rides will be available from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31, no questions asked.

Call \*\*LAW (or \*\*529) from your mobile phone or 1-800-LAW1010 (1-800-529-1010) and you will be connected with an operator that will send a free ride from your location to your place of residence.

## Celtic quartet to perform

Old Songs will present Boston-based Celtic quartet Long Time Courting in concert on Friday, Jan. 4 at 8 p.m. The concert will be held at 37 South Main St., Voorheesville.

Tickets are \$20 and may be reserved by calling Old Songs at 765-2815 or online at [www.oldsongs.org](http://www.oldsongs.org).

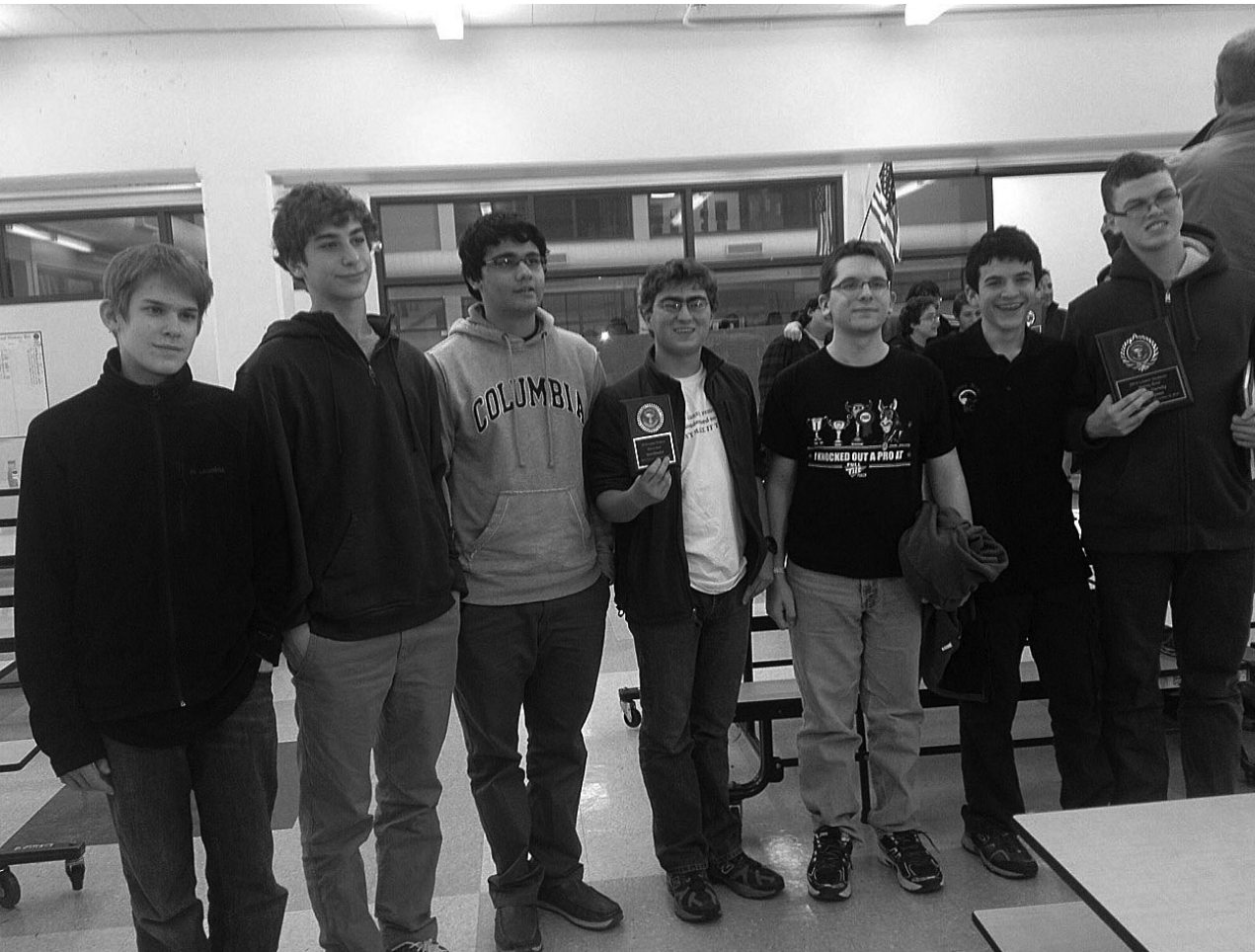
## Adult day-trips planned

The Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center announces three day trips for adults.

On Wednesday, March 6, a bus trip is planned to see Man in a Case featuring Mikhail Baryshnikov at Hartford Stage in Hartford, CT. A stop for lunch is included, before the 2 p.m. performance. The bus departs from the Albany JCC at 9:40 a.m., returning at approximately 7 p.m. Prepaid \$108 reservation is required.

On Thursday, April 11, a bus trip is planned to see a new musical, The Immigrant at the Seven Angels Theatre in Waterbury, CT. A stop for lunch is included before the 2 p.m. performance. The bus leaves the Albany JCC at 9:15 a.m. and returns at approximately 7 p.m.

A Sunday, May 5, bus trip is planned to see the opera, Daughter of the



## History buffs advance in competition

Seven Bethlehem High School students participated in the Lower Hudson Regional History Bowl on Saturday, Dec. 15, in White Plains. Twenty-four teams entered the tournament representing schools in Westchester, Connecticut and New York City. Both the Varsity and the JV Bethlehem teams qualified for the second year in a row for the National History Bowl and Bee Competition. The national events will take place in Washington, DC, in April. Pictured left to right are Tom Sheridan, Max Rosenberg, Asher Salik, Jonah Goldberg, Dan Lang, Ben Weinstein and Eric Wolfsberg.

Submitted Photo

Regiment by Gaetano Donizetti, performed in French with English supertitles by Taconic Opera in Yorktown Heights, NY. A stop for lunch will be made before the 2 p.m. opera. Bus leaves the Albany JCC at 9:20 a.m. and returns at approximately 7:15 p.m. \$71 prepaid reservation is required.

To register, contact the Albany JCC's senior adult office at 438-6651, ext. 112 or email [ClaireS@saajcc.org](mailto:ClaireS@saajcc.org).

## Five Rivers holds teacher workshop

A teacher workshop on the award winning curriculum enhancement program Project WET will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, on Saturday, Jan. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon.

At this indoor training, center staff will lead a participatory introduction

to Project WET (Water Education for Teachers), an initiative geared for grades K-12 which integrates water resource themes into the core reading, writing and arithmetic disciplines. Participants will receive the new Project WET 2.0 curriculum and activity guide full of stimulating activities which correlate to NYS learning standards. The workshop is open to teachers and youth leaders free of charge.

Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 by Wednesday, Jan. 2 to register.

## Notre Dame Choir to perform

The University of Notre Dame's Liturgical Choir will be offering a concert of sacred music in Albany on Friday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 125 Eagle Street, Albany.

The Choir consists of Notre Dame students from across the country and includes Delmar resident Sam Bellafore, a 2011 graduate of LaSalle Institute.

The program will

include Palestrina, Handel and Gregorian chant along with more contemporary pieces. It is directed Andrew J. McShane, DMA (doctor of musical arts). Admission is free.

## Kwanzaa at museum

The New York State Museum presents the Annual Capital Kwanzaa on Thursday, Dec. 27, from 4 to 9 p.m. in the Terrace Gallery.

This community event, organized by the Hamilton Hill Arts Center in collaboration with the New York State Museum will feature an African Market, workshops for adults on a variety of subjects, activities for children and a roundtable discussion featuring teen reflections on school life.

Libation begins at 7 p.m. led by Muata Curry. The candle lighting ceremony will feature local community leaders who will discuss the Nguzo Saba. There will be entertainment by local groups including Don, "the Soul Man" Hyman, the Umoja Dancers and

Drummers, the Brighter Choice Step Dancers, and performances by a local men's choir. There will be Zawadi (gifts) for all and sharing of the fruit. For more information, call 474-5877.

## Film festival accepting submissions

Albany's only city-wide film festival, the Knickerbocker Film Festival, will be hosting it's fourth annual short film competition and is currently accepting submissions through Jan. 31, 2013.

The festival is slated to present select films from collected submissions in the spring of 2013. Short films can be up to 20 minutes in length and all genres are accepted. Filmmakers can submit their work either by mailing a DVD to Knickerbocker Film Festival, P.O. Box 3083, Albany, NY 12203, or by e-mailing a link to their film to [info@knickfilmfest.com](mailto:info@knickfilmfest.com).

There is no fee for submission.

Selections will be made by the festival's selection committee for presentation at the festival, slated for the spring of 2013. Screening locations and times will be announced in early 2013.

For more information about the Knickerbocker Film Festival, visit [knickfilmfest.com](http://knickfilmfest.com).

## Christmas show at Proctors

Classic Theater Guild presents, "A Christmas Story," at Proctors Theatre, Dec. 20 through 23. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performances begin at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$17.50 for adults and \$14.50 for students, seniors, and groups of 10 or more. For more information, contact Proctors Box Office at 346-6204 or [www.proctors.org](http://www.proctors.org).

## Learn about the cottontail rabbit

A program on the eastern cottontail rabbit will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m.

While many other New York mammals are sleeping away the winter or hiding out in tree cavities, the eastern cottontail is out braving the cold winter months. At this indoor/outdoor study, center naturalists will present an indoor overview of the natural history of the eastern cottontail and its kin, then lead participants outdoors along gentle trails through prime habitat in a search for tracks, chewed twigs and other common signs of rabbit activity.

The program is open to the public free of charge. Participants are urged to dress for outdoor winter activity. If there is deep snow, snowshoes will be provided for the field foray. In the event of severe winter weather, this program may be cancelled.

Call the center at 475-0291 for more information.

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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 26, 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 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 26, 2012)

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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 26, 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

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 26, 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 26, 2012)

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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 26, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of JM 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 26, 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 26, 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 26, 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,

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NJ 07940. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84609 (D) (December 26, 2012)

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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 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: RDFSolutions LLC. Articles of Organization were filed 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 26, 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 26, 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 26, 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 26, 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 26, 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 26, 2012)

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LEGAL NOTICE

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 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 84647 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of THE PERFECT DAUGHTER, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/21/12. 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. 84839 (D) (December 26, 2012)

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110 Brightwater Court LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/21/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 110 Brightwater Ct., Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes. 84842 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

On Wavelength Consulting LLC  
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC") Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 21, 2012. Office location: Albany County. Street Address: 11 Stockbridge Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o Herzog Law Firm P.C., 7 Southwoods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. Latest date to dissolve: None. Purpose: to engage in any act or activity permissible under the LLC law. 84847 (D) (December 26, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of HURMOSO LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/27/12. 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. 84848 (D) (December 26, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of FIRST BRICK LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 150 Broadway #1102, NY, NY 10038. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 84855 (D) (December 26, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of MEADOWS CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/29/12. 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. 84856 (D) (December 26, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 76-13 85TH ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/29/12. 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. 84857 (D) (December 26, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of LANDMARK 25, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/29/12. 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. 84859 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

LM Realty 18 West, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/16/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Recor St., Ste 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes. 84860 (D) (December 26, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of ARS Investors II 2012-I HVB-NY, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/27/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/10/12. 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: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 84861 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT 48TH STREET VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/30/12. 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. 84862 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of APIECE APART, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/30/12. 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. 84863 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of NEXTERA FIBERNET, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/12. Off. loc.: Schenectady County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/10/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 147 Barrett St., Schenectady, NY 12305. DE address of LLC: c/o The Corporation Trust Company, 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity . 84864 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Artbot Collective LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/30/2012. 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. 84867 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Brook Oak, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/23/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 181 Hoags Corners Road, Nassau, NY 12123. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84868 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Turnbull Projects LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/28/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated



Rumors

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requested that a uniform patrol officer be stationed outside of the building for the final week of school before break.

“As a school district, we will continue to work to prevent any type of incident by training our faculty and staff to detect problems before they occur,” said McCartney. “In this modern world our teachers and counselors are always on the lookout for the potential student who may seek to harm him or herself or others. We are taking every possible action to prevent bullying and reduce incidents that could result in violence.”

The district is also reviewing

its safety plans and looking into installing additional security systems, such as door buzzers, at each building.

BCSD released a similar statement about rumors on Tuesday, Dec. 18, with GCSO following suit the next day.

“We feel that there is no credible threat at this time,” said School Resource Officer and Bethlehem Police Officer David Harrington in a statement.

Local police vowed to add a presence at BC schools as well, while Superintendent Tom Douglas said “students should not spread these rumors among their peers and should definitely bring them to our attention.”

On Friday, Dec. 21, Guilderland officials were made aware of a possible bomb

threat at Farnsworth Middle School through a text message received by a student. Police swept the building before students arrived and found no evidence of an explosive device. The decision was made to keep a uniformed police officer inside the building but school was not canceled.

It is unknown if talk at RCS High School sparked rumors elsewhere. Officials pointed to the significance of the date as not only the last day of school before break but also the point of end of the world speculations based on the Mayan calendar.

On Wednesday, Dec. 19, North Colonie Superintendent Joseph Corr said a teacher discovered graffiti of a “threatening nature” on the back of a girls bathroom door in Shaker High School. The

teacher immediately reported the graffiti to the principal. The Colonie Police Department deemed the threat “generic and unspecified,” though according to the statement, police conducted a sweep of the building determining it was safe.

Police later arrested a 15-year-old student. She was charged with aggravated harassment and making graffiti, and her name was not released due to her age.

North Colonie educators urged parents to discuss with their children the need to “responsibly inform” school personnel of safety concerns, and said the act of repeating rumors causes unwarranted anxiety.

To contact the Guilderland Central School District, contact

Superintendent Marie Wiles at 456-6200, ext. 3102, or middle school Principal Mary Summermatter at 456-6010, ext. 3010.

For further questions or information regarding the North Colonie School District, contact Corr at 785-8591, ext. 3117, or Shaker High School Principal Richard Murphy at 785-5511, ext. 3360.

Concerned parents of Bethlehem students are to contact Dr. Douglas at [tdouglas@bcsd.neric.org](mailto:tdouglas@bcsd.neric.org), high school Principal Scott Landry at [landshs@bcsd.neric.org](mailto:landshs@bcsd.neric.org) or Officer David Harrington at [dharrington@bcsd.neric.org](mailto:dharrington@bcsd.neric.org).

Parents of RCS student swith questions can contact Dr. McCartney at [amccartney@rcscsd.org](mailto:amccartney@rcscsd.org) or by calling 756-5200.

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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. 84869 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Zeal Capital LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/27/2012. 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. 84870 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation B & B Couture LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/27/2012. 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. 84871 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of VIVA BLUE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/4/12. 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. 85066 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: AMS Management Group, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 5, 2012. LLC office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to: 4 Walter Way, Albany, New York 12211. LLC has been formed to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC shall be member-managed. 85067 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ORBIT LANE HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/4/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process

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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. 85069 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Pro Tem Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/1/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Michael Staff, 18 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. 85070 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

DiMatteo Group - Insurance, LLC (DBA: DiMatteo Group – Insurance Services, LLC) was filed with the SSNY on December 03, 2012 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Lorretta Lesko, 79 Bridgeport Avenue, Shelton, CT 06484. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 85072 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Georgia Law Firm, PLLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/06/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 15 Rugby Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: any lawful activity. 85074 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Christine A. Marra, Psychologist, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of State of New York on 11/07/2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 33 Traditional Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: To practice the profession of Psychology. 85075 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of OBJECT EDITION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/7/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail

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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. 85076 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Organization: Acorn Marketing Group, LLC was filed with SSNY on December 6, 2012. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. PO address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon it: 37 Devon Road, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose is to engage in any lawful activity. 85077 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PROWESS TEST PREP LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/23/12. 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 James Addeo, 1 North Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: SAT prep for high school students and for any lawful purpose. 85078 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CAPCO HOME IMPROVEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/10/12. 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. 85080 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of B. MANGREEN DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/10/12. 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. 85081 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KE 20 Clinton Street, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State

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(SSNY) 11/30/12. 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 Delaney Corp. Services, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12210, the Reg. Agt. upon whom proc. may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities. 85129 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DALONG LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/22/12. 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 Peter Dudley, 6 Breslin Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: any lawful activities. 85130 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KE 20 Clinton Street Management LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/7/12. 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 Delaney Corp. Services, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12210, the Reg. Agt. upon whom proc. may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities. 85131 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qual. of DVJ Brothers, LLC, Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/29/12. Office loc.: Albany County. LLC org. in FL 9/18/12. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of proc. to Josephine Joyce Bianco, Managing Member, DVJ Brothers, 318 Tradewinds Ave., Naples, FL 34108, the principal of office addr. in FL. Art. of Org. on file: SSFL, 2661 Executive Center Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Purp.: any lawful activities. 85132 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qual. of Commonwealth Wall Systems, LLC, Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/4/12. Office loc.: Albany County. LLC org. in DE 5/26/11. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of proc. to c/o CSC, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE off. addr.: CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purp.: any lawful activities. 85133 (D) (December 26, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of Tech Valley Premier Properties, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 13, 2012, effective on January 1, 2013. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 83 Springfield Drive, Voorheesville, New York 12186, which is the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. 85135 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TDB REAL ESTATE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/12/12. 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. 85136 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ROKKUS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/12/12. 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. 85137 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of HELLBOUND MEDIA LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/9/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 1843 Central Ave. #127, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85140 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of OMOGA MANAGEMENT, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/7/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall

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mail process to 150 4 Ave. #12E, Bklyn, NY 11214. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85141 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PH-4F PROPERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/11/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. 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. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 85142 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of NTC SYSTEMS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/2/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 1670 65 St., Bklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85143 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 696 Dune Road, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/12. 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 CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. 85144 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SOLVEIT BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on September 26, 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 any process to the LLC to David Stutsrim, 58 Egmont Court, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity. 85147 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application by James Herbert Bohl for area variances under, Article V, Section 128-33, parking. Applicant wishes to construct a four unit apartment building, parking spaces will not meet zoning requirements.

LEGAL NOTICE

7:10 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application by Hanley Sign Company representing Best Cleaners located at 246 Delaware Ave, Delmar, New York for Area Variances under Article VI, Section 128-59, Signs. Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals 85217 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals 85218 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 7:20 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application by Shawna Sacher for area variances under, Article VIII, Section 128-76B, Kennels. Applicant wishes to operate a kennel within 200' of the lot line.

Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals 85219 (D) (December 26, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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# Dutchmen bounce back

**Guilderland fends off a resilient Nisky team after loss to Shen**

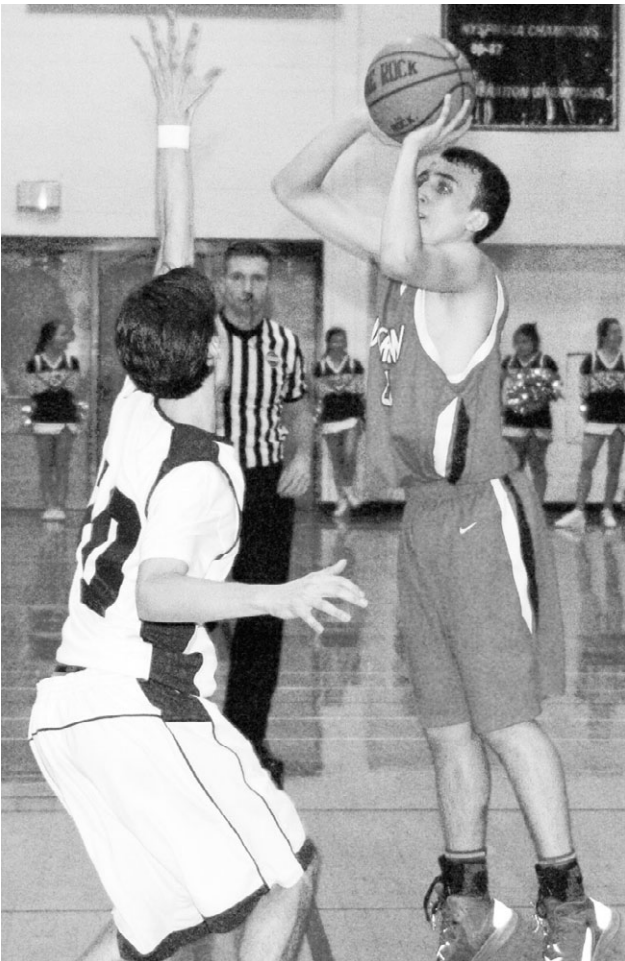
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The Guilderland boys basketball team used a 21-point fourth quarter to hold on for a 62-55 Suburban Council victory over Niskayuna last Thursday. The Dutchmen (3-2 league, 4-3 overall) led by as many as 20 points in the first half before the Silver Warriors (1-3, 1-3) closed the gap.

Brian Crupi, Andrew Platek and Vince Simeone each scored 12 points for Guilderland. Brandon Fine had 16 points for Niskayuna.

The Dutchmen entered last Thursday's game off a 64-60 loss at Shenendehowa last Tuesday. Guilderland rallied from a 51-44 deficit to tie the score at 53 in the fourth quarter before Shen pulled away.

Platek netted a team-high 17 points for the Dutchmen.



**Guilderland's Vince Simeone, right, shoots over a Shenendehowa defender during last Tuesday's Suburban Council game in Clifton Park.**  
Rob Jonas/Spotlight

# Dozen

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share his stories and his wrestling knowledge – myself included.

4. The Shaker football team wins its first Section II title and nearly goes to the state finals. Making their first appearance in the state semifinals, the Blue Bison rallied from a 20-point deficit to take a 21-20 lead on New Rochelle with less than two minutes left in the fourth quarter. But the Huguenots engineered a scoring drive of their own to pull out a 28-21 win. One week later, New Rochelle throttled Orchard Park in the Class AA finals. One has to wonder if Shaker would have done the same thing.

3. Another state title for the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake girls volleyball team. The Lady Spartans weren't as dominant as they were when they claimed the crown in 2011, but they got the job done by beating a tough Pittsford Sutherland team in four sets. Defense proved to be the

difference, as tournament most valuable player Siena Wilder recorded 38 digs in the finals.

2. The Capital District's response to the Dec. 1 accident that claimed the lives of Shenendehowa student-athletes Chris Stewart and Deanna Rivers and injured Shen's Matt Hardy and Shaker's Bailey Wind. To see so many people from around the region come together to show support was uplifting in the face of this horrible event.

I put that at No. 2 only because I didn't want a tragedy to be at No. 1. I had to reserve that spot for a much happier moment.

1. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake's first state football title. I'll admit I had my

doubts about the Spartans' chances against Sweet Home in the Class A finals (three previous losses at the Carrier Dome will do that), but once they jumped out to a 26-0 halftime lead I began to believe. Then when they answered Sweet Home's first touchdown of the third quarter with a scoring drive of their own, I knew they had it sewn up.

And with that, I sew up my coverage of the 2012 sports year. See you in 2013.

# Lady Eagles throttle Spartans

The Bethlehem girls basketball team improved its record to 4-0 with last Tuesday's 95-36 Suburban Council victory over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake.

Gabby Giacone scored 29 points, and Kaylee Rickert added 14 points for the Lady Eagles.

Bethlehem returned to action last Friday when it traveled to Ballston Spa for a Suburban Council game.

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Pitcher Kevin Connolly tossed a five-hitter to lead the Voorheesville baseball team past Hoosick Falls 5-1 in the Section II Class C finals in June. *Robert Goo/Spotlight*

Look

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Ogunyemi than for the final score. Ogunyemi dislocated his ankle early in the second quarter and was lost for the remainder of the playoffs.

Guilderland’s offense struggled in the Dutchmen’s loss to Bishop Maginn. Leading scorer Cameron Dobbs was limited to 14 points, nearly half of his regular season scoring average.

- Bethlehem’s Matt Crawford grabbed a public school title in the boys 600-meter race at the state indoor track and field meet. Crawford finished with a time of 1:20.62, less than a tenth of a second ahead of Colonie’s Giancarlo Sainato.
- Guilderland’s Joseph Cornell was part of the Section II sprint medley relay team that placed second in the intersectional race with a time of 8:57.40.
- On the wrestling front, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk’s Alex Soutiere got to the Division II finals in the 285-pound weight class at the state tournament. Soutiere was pinned by Beekmantown’s Hayden Head 47 seconds into the second period to place second.
- Alex Lednev came up big for the Bethlehem boys swim team at Sectionals. The senior was named the Most Outstanding Performer in Division 1 after winning the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard breaststroke titles, as well as leading the Eagles’ 200-yard medley relay team to a Sectional title.
- The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk girls bowling team placed fourth at the state tournament with 5,252 pins. Maisie Snyder had the second-best individual game at states with a score of 241 pins.
- Ravena got to the state tournament by beating two-time defending champion Colonie by nearly 200 pins at Sectionals. Kelci Margiasso recorded a six-game series of 1,319 pins to pace the Lady Indians.
- Bethlehem finished fourth in the Capital District High School Hockey League standings in the 2011-12 season and lost to Christian Brothers Academy in the Section II Division 1 quarterfinals.

Spring

- The Voorheesville baseball team won its first Sectional title by beating Hoosick Falls 5-1 in the Class C finals. Pitcher Kevin Connolly limited Hoosick Falls to one run on five hits to help the Blackbirds knock off the

Panthers. Anthony Scaccia contributed a two-run triple.

Voorheesville got as far as the state semifinals before losing to Section I champion Haldane 6-0.

Guilderland reached the Class AA semifinals in Sectionals by beating defending champion Shaker 6-1 in the quarterfinals. But the Dutchmen’s ride ended with a 2-1 loss to Columbia.

- Guilderland’s softball team turned in a surprise run to the Sectional finals. The Lady Dutch scored 22 runs in beating Bethlehem and Colonie – the two teams that finished ahead of them in the Suburban Council South Division standings – to make the Class AA title game. But Shenendehowa pitcher Erika Daigle limited Guilderland to three baserunners in a 4-0 victory to give the Plainsmen their first Sectional title since 2008.
- In girls lacrosse, Shaker denied Guilderland the Sectional championship by beating the Lady Dutch 9-8 in the Class A finals. The Lady Dutch entered the game as the No. 1 seed and the lone undefeated team in the field.
- The Guilderland boys lacrosse team reached the Sectional semifinals before running into Niskayuna. Luke Goldstock and Tanner MacIvor each scored four goals to lift the Silver Warriors past the Dutchmen 16-3.
- Bethlehem’s Victor Fox turned in a fourth-place finish at the state high school golf championships at Cornell University. The junior had a two-day score of 152, one stroke behind third-place finisher Dan Lapp of Trumansburg.
- Bethlehem track stars Jackie Kearney and Parker Ruetz won individual titles at the Section II Division I meet. Kearney claimed the girls pentathlon title with 3,069 points, while Ruetz won the boys discus with a throw of 142 feet, 8 inches.
- In boys tennis, Bethlehem reclaimed the Section II Class A team title by beating Guilderland in the finals. However, Guilderland’s doubles team of Austin Malerba and Erick Kopff defeated Bethlehem’s Nick DeLuke and Nick Mashuta in the Sectional finals.

We’ll look at the highlights from the second half of 2012 in next week’s edition.

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## Dutchmen bounce back

After a four-point road loss to Shenendehowa last Tuesday, the Guilderland boys basketball team rebounded by beating Niskayuna 62-55 last Thursday. Three Dutchmen scored 12 points in the win.

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## Weekly poll

What is your team of the year?

- Bethlehem boys soccer
- Guilderland girls lacrosse
- Guilderland girls soccer
- Voorheesville baseball

Go to [bethlehemspotlight.com](#) or [guilderlandspotlight.com](#) and click on "Sports" to cast your vote.

## Last week's poll results:

Which team will win the Capital District High School Hockey League Division 1 title?

- Shenendehowa 60%
- Bethlehem 32%
- Saratoga 6%
- Shaker/Colonie 2%



ABOVE: Guilderland pitcher Mallory Harrigan delivers to the plate during a regular season Suburban Council softball game in May. Harrigan helped the Lady Dutch reach the Section II Class AA finals, where they lost to Shenendehowa. RIGHT: Bethlehem's Alex Lednev swims in the 200-yard individual medley at February's Section II championships. Lednev won two individual events at Sectionals.

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# A look back at 2012

## Champions include Voorheesville baseball and Ravena bowling

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### Winter

• The Voorheesville girls basketball team gave eventual state champion Hoosic Valley a battle before losing 36-28 in the Section II Class C finals.

Morgan Anderson's three-pointer in the third quarter gave Hoosic Valley an 18-16 lead, and Cassidy Chapko added five clutch free throws to keep the Lady Indians in front.

Sarah Madden scored a team-high seven points for

Voorheesville, which was seeking its second consecutive Class C title.

• In Class B, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk reached the Sectional semifinals before losing to Colonial Council rival Watervliet 49-43. Samantha Randio had 18 points to lead the Lady Indians.

• On the boys basketball front, Bethlehem and Guilderland lost in the Class AA quarterfinals. Troy defeated Bethlehem 54-44, while Bishop Maginn knocked out Guilderland 49-40.

The Troy-Bethlehem game became better known for the injury suffered by Flying Horses center Javion

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# A dozen moments from the year gone by

This being my last column of 2012, it's only appropriate to look back at this year's events and reveal my top 12 moments in reverse order (I prefer to keep you in suspense).

12. The College of Saint Rose women's soccer team reaches the NCAA Division II Final Four for the fourth consecutive year. This might have gotten lost in the shuffle because Saint Rose didn't even win its league title this year, but the Golden Knights put together another strong postseason run to extend their streak of Final Four appearances. No other collegiate program in this region has had this level of success – at least, not to my knowledge.


11. The Tri-City Valleycats reach the New York-Penn League finals for the second time in three years. Led by manager Stubby Clapp (still the best baseball name ever), the Valleycats had the best record in the league until the final day of the regular season when they lost to the Hudson Valley Renegades. Then, those Renegades came back from an 0-2 series deficit to beat the Valleycats in the finals.

10. Two members of the Jason Morris Judo Center went to London to compete in the Olympics. Unfortunately, one of them – Nick Delpopolo – had his results negated when he failed a drug test after he competed.

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The other, Kyle Vashkulat, lost in the first round. Still, it's another achievement for the Glenville-based judo center run by former Olympian Jason Morris.

9. The New York Giants return to the University at Albany for training camp. The defending Super Bowl champions lived up to owner John Mara's promise from 2011 (when the NFL lockout cancelled training camp) and came back for at least one more summer of sweating through conditioning drills. The only disappointment was they only had one public training session per day during their three-week stay.

8. Another impressive run for the Niskayuna boys lacrosse team. The Silver Warriors reached the state semifinals in Class A behind a talented junior class featuring North Carolina-bound Luke Goldstock, Lucas Maloney and goaltender Evan Quinn. With those three players back for their senior seasons, 2013 is shaping up

to be another good year for Niskayuna.

7. Christian Brothers Academy beats Troy 62-57 for its fourth consecutive Section II Class AA boys basketball title. This game was more memorable for the reversal on a foul call as time expired in regulation than the end result because it directly impacted the game. If the foul call stood, Troy would have had a shot to win the game with a pair of free throws. Instead coach Rich Hurley was called for a technical foul after he argued the reversal, CBA made two free throws to start overtime and maintained the momentum from there.

6. Union College reaches the "Frozen Four." Although the Dutchmen fell in the national semifinals, the mere fact that this small liberal arts college from Schenectady could have one of the four best NCAA Division I hockey teams is cause for celebration. We'll have to see if they can recapture the magic in 2013 after they stumbled through the early part of this ECAC season.

5. The death of Olympic gold medalist Jeff Blatnick in November due to complications from heart surgery. Anyone who ever met Blatnick knows how hard it is to realize this humble champion is no longer around to

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