



Financial boost for rail trail

State grant to help pay for the opening of a new section of popular pathway.

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Concerts warm the winter

The Schenectady County Public Library kicks off its annual Beat the Snow Winter Concert Series, on Jan. 6.

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Neighbors battle for title

G'land and Bethlehem's meeting in the Section II Class AA girls soccer finals was one of several highlights during the second half of the 2012 sports season.

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The new Democrats

“There’s still a group of relatively militant-minded people who are not joining in with the group, but the majority are still working toward the future of the party.”

— Former supervisor and Bethlehem Democratic Committee member Jack Cunningham



New Bethlehem leaders work to bring party under one tent after tumultuous election season

By MARCY VELTE
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After experiencing a shakeup in 2012, many members of Bethlehem’s Democratic Committee say they are looking to a future that is more inclusive and community minded.

The town committee is now under the leadership of Town Board member Jeffrey Kuhn after he was voted into the position

of chairman in October, and new committee members are also being welcomed in. Former Chairman Matthew Clyne lost his leadership position after a weighted committee vote, but he retained his chairmanship of the county committee and is still a member of the town committee.

The Reform Democrat movement earlier in the year led to fresh faces in nearly half

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“One of our priorities right now is to make sure the committee is very participatory and that every member of the committee ... can be as active as they want to be.”



— Town Board member and Bethlehem Democratic Committee Chairman Jeffrey Kuhn

A year of changes

Town sees reasons to celebrate, mourn as year comes to a close

This week, The Spotlight looks back on the final six months of 2012. Last week, we featured the first half of the year.

July

- The Guilderland Town Board unanimously passes a ban on natural gas extraction within the town’s limits in an attempt to preserve the “health, safety and welfare” of the municipality’s residents.

- The Bethlehem YMCA receives a \$7,500 grant through the Walmart Foundation. The money is put toward a summer camp scholarship fund and purchasing food to feed lunches to needy campers.

- Some Bethlehem Town Board members call into question the legitimacy of a Governance Options Study drafted by an advisory committee after subcommittee members say the final version doesn’t match previous drafts. Board members say they heard concerns from members of the ward system subcommittee that the final report was changed to include recommendations from Supervisor John Clarkson and Deputy Supervisor John Smolinsky. The committee chairman says town supervisors usually take on an advisory role with committees, and oftentimes their suggestions are incorporated.

- Bethlehem’s Del Lanes celebrates its 50th anniversary under the alley’s third owner, Marvin Sontz. Del Lanes was



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For more images that made the news in the second half of 2012, see page 8.

opened in 1962 by John German during the golden age of league bowling. The facility has since been updated with more modern technology and recently underwent a \$100,000 renovation of the snack and lounge area.

- Local business owners and New York Giants fans are excited for the team’s return to Albany, after a league-wide lockout led coach Tom Coughlin to hold training camp in East Rutherford in 2011. Many local businesses saw a significant dent in revenues for 2011 after it was made clear area restaurants, hotels and coffee shops wouldn’t be getting the patronage of Giants fans.

- Bethlehem police confirm the identity of a body found in a wooded area off of Route 9W in

Selkirk. The body is identified through fingerprints as that of George W. Flannery Jr., 46, who was reported missing in July of 2011 by his sister in Florida. Flannery is believed to be deceased for six months before he was found and the cause of death is listed as “undetermined.”

- A Bethlehem teen is severely injured after being hit by a tractor trailer. Witnesses say 16-year-old Shayne Coluccio was “visibly intoxicated” after leaving a house party on Elm Avenue and was hit by the truck while riding home on his bike. He was not wearing a helmet. Brett Belleville, 21, and Mike Anthony Crisafulli, 17, who threw the party, are charged with misdemeanors counts of unlawfully dealing with a child,

acting in a manner injurious to a child and possession of marijuana after turning themselves in.

August

- The first Trader Joe’s grocery store in the Capital District opens on Wolf Road in Colonie. Several hundred people wait in line to be among the first to enter the 13,000-square-foot store after a Facebook campaign worked to catch the company’s attention.

- Work officially begins on a \$2.2 million project to expand the Slingerlands Firehouse. The entire project is expected to be completed by the spring. The expansion will add two bays,

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Grant means more Rail Trail

State money will open 3.5-mile section between Albany and Bethlehem

By MARCY VELTE
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A new grant from the state of New York will help Albany County to open the largest portion of the Rail Trail yet and make needed repairs to that section.

As part of Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s Regional Economic Development Council Awards, \$500,000 was given to Albany County in order to open the trail between the City of Albany and the Town of Bethlehem. The funds will cover the county’s portion of money needed to access another, already secured grant worth \$2.4 million to be put towards the project.

“It isn’t enough to completely finish that segment of the trail but it’s enough to get it opened,” said County Executive Dan McCoy.

The money will be used to open 3.5 miles of trail between Bethlehem and Albany. The funds were requested through the county executive’s office after McCoy heard how special the project is to residents during his tour of the county at the

beginning of the year. “I realized how important this was to the area, and asked the Council to do whatever they could to help,” he said.

The Capital District received a total of \$50.3 million through the New York Works campaign and Economic Development Council to partially fund 84 projects. A total of about \$738 million was awarded for projects throughout the state.

Jill Knapp, executive director of the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, said the money would be used to pave the trail, make slight repairs to two trestle bridges along the route and to install some safety features.

Land to create the Albany County Rail Trail was purchased in 2010, but the project has been in the works for nearly seven years. The funds were not available to complete the work needed to open the full path after the land was purchased.

A 1.8-mile section of the trail was first opened in Bethlehem through volunteer work and donated funds. Over the summer, an additional 2.4-mile section of the trail was opened through a partnership with the Town of New Scotland, the Village of Voorheesville, Albany County and the



A state grant will help cover the cost of opening a 3.5-mile portion of the Albany County Rail Trail.

Spotlight file photo

Conservancy. The entire trail is to run 9 miles.

The original plans called for paving the entire trail to meet federal grant standards to become a commuter trail. For now, repairs and upgrades will be made so pedestrians will be able to use the additional section of the trail. The county had previously secured a \$2.4 million grant to help with the trail, but according to volunteer and licensed landscape architect Scott Lewendon, after the grant

application was filed, additional costs were found and the county was unable to cover its required portion.

“This is very big news for us,” said Knapp of the Council grant.

The new money from the state means only a small portion of the trail will remain closed, but the opened portions will not be completed as originally intended until more money is found.

McCoy said the first goal is to get the trail fully opened,

end-to-end.

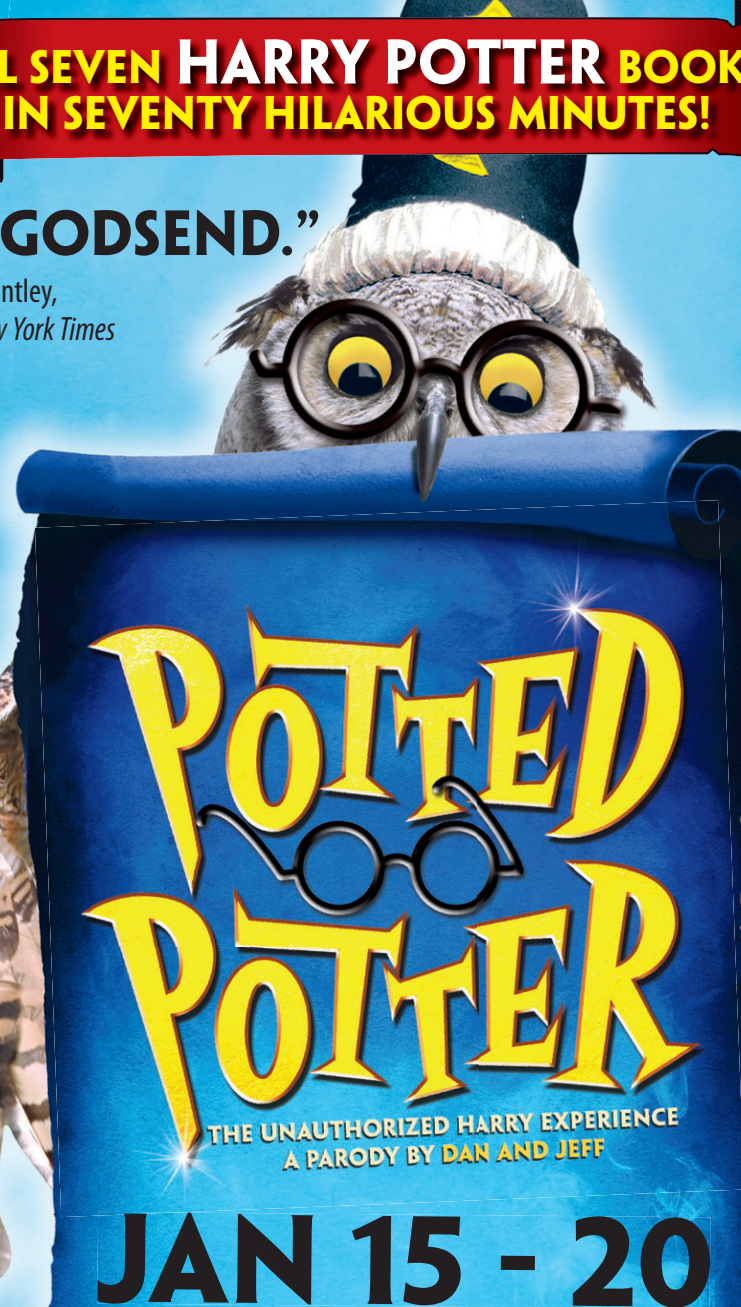
“We may have to get rid of the fancy stuff and do some repairs on the bridges last,” he said. “They will be the hardest things to tackle.”

McCoy said he believes the Council picked the Rail Trail project for a grant because members knew it would help stimulate the local economy by bringing new people with different interests to the area.

“We’re hoping for positive ramifications from this,” he said.

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more storage areas for equipment and files, a radio room in the front of the building and a decontamination station.

- The Bethlehem Central school board asks the public to weigh in on borrowing for district-wide facilities upgrades. At this initial stage, about \$9.1 million of upgrades are suggested over 10 years to fix the infrastructure of buildings, upgrade water and lighting fixtures and replace aging equipment. About another \$4 million would be needed to make expansive athletic facilities improvements and I.T. system upgrades.
- Bethlehem Comptroller Mike Cohen presents the Town Board with a mid-year fund balance analysis that shows the town saved more than \$1 million in 2012 by leaving the equivalent of 17 full-time jobs unfilled. The suggestion is made to use the money to offset growing pension costs.
- Construction begins on a new guided school program building at the Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Education Center in Bethlehem. The money for the project was donated by the Friends of Five Rivers and the family of Wendy Repass Suozzo, who began the program in 1978.
- After less than one year in her position as Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District superintendent, Elisabeth Smith opts to retire. She was appointed interim superintendent in August of 2011, before being named superintendent in December. Smith announces her decision at the district's Aug. 21 Board of Education meeting and says it had nothing to do with the recent tumultuous events at RCS.

September

- Budget and economic development are the

main discussion points at a forum between the two Democratic primary candidates for an open Bethlehem Town Board seat. On Tuesday, Sept. 4, candidates Bill Reinhardt and Jack Cunningham meet to answer questions from the audience at a forum sponsored by the Albany County League of Women Voters and Spotlight Newspapers at Delmar Presbyterian Church. Reinhardt narrowly wins the primary the next week.

- A crowded field of Democratic candidates for the 109th Assembly District make efforts to differentiate their positions to voters one week before a primary that would see most of their bids ended. At a Thursday, Sept. 6, forum at Albany Law School, Democratic and Independent candidates met to discuss issues like hydraulic fracturing, property tax relief and the need to stop unfunded mandates. Former president of the Albany City School Board Patricia Fahy eventually wins the race.
- As incumbent Neil Breslin attempts to win a ninth term as a state senator, 44th Senate District primary challenger Shawn Morse says it's high time for a change at a forum held on Sept. 6 at Albany Law School. Both men campaign in favor of an increase to minimum wage, a change to education funding and the need for campaign finance reform, but Breslin wins the race several days later.
- At a forum held by the Bethlehem Central School District to discuss bonding for facilities upgrades, residents and parents say they felt slighted by previous bonds because only half of the money went to infrastructure projects, while they presumed it would have taken care of all the needed upgrades. They ask for greater transparency from the district and more specific cost projections.

- After a multi-month struggle, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Community Library is allowed to stay in its space within the Ravena Village Building until the end of the year, after a deal is struck with the mayor. However, library officials say more time is needed to finalize a deal to move to their new location at the former Knights of Columbus building at 95 Main Street and make renovations.
- Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson's 2013 tentative town budget calls for an 8 percent tax levy increase and the loss of 16 staff positions through attrition. The \$37.9 million plan also calls for a 1.8 percent decrease in spending through a number of cuts, including no longer funding the Colonial Acres Golf Course, reducing operation days at the compost facility and transfer station, reducing staff hours for the Parks and Recreation Department and increasing field use fees to offset maintenance costs.
- After more than two years of work, the Slingerlands Historical District is officially added to the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Town residents and local officials come together to celebrate the milestone at the Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church. All of the research required to finish the project and qualify for the distinction took many months, but residents had talked about creating the district for nearly two decades.
- Plans for the Vista Technology Campus are becoming a reality as the first business within the park opens its doors. The Slingerlands ShopRite officially opens to long lines of eager customers. Ending the wait for Bethlehem residents, the 65,000-square-foot location is the third ShopRite supermarket to open in the Capital District since last October.

October

- Delmar resident and Elsmere volunteer firefighter Christopher Massie is selected to appear on comedian Mo Rocca's new cooking show "My Grandmother's Ravioli's" after applying online. The Cooking Channel show comes to Bethlehem to film for several days and the topic of the show is about grandparents sharing their favorite recipes so they aren't lost for future generations. The show aired on Dec. 12.
- Bethlehem's Democratic Party is under new leadership after Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn is voted into the position of town committee chairman after a weighted committee vote. Longtime committee Chairman Matt Clyne is forced to step down as a result, but maintains his county leadership.
- Albany County Executive Dan McCoy's 2013 tentative budget calls for an 8.9 percent tax levy increase and includes a plan to privatize the county nursing home. The proposed \$568 million budget would increase spending by 1.4 percent from 2012. The tax hike, in excess of the state property tax cap, would result in a \$60 tax increase for a home valued at \$200,000.
- The Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency opts to restructure its tax abatement policy after receiving pushback over tax breaks given to retail businesses. The new structure is meant to be easier to understand and eliminates an abatement level that was rarely

November

- Incoming Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District Superintendent Alan McCartney asks parents, staff and school officials to give him a chance to prove his worth. McCartney says

used. The new policy has eliminated the use of tiers and businesses applying for abatements can now apply for "standard" or "enhanced" policies. However, they can also still apply for a special abatement tailored to their specific needs.

- In a split vote, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District Board of Education appoints former Voorheesville Superintendent Alan McCartney as interim superintendent. McCartney left his previous post after an audit from the state comptroller's office found he was misappropriating district funds. The board votes 5-4 in favor of the appointment, with some saying McCartney is not the best choice.
- The Bethlehem Central School District saved more money than expected by consolidating bus stops and operating buses at fuller capacities, according to district officials. School board members are told the changes are expected to end up saving the district between \$500,000 and \$800,000. Conservative estimates last spring called for a \$125,000 savings. The majority of the savings came from eliminating bus drivers.

he's trying to move forward from previous mistakes and is working to get RCS on the right path and get everybody working in the same direction. Some of his goals include making sure parents are more informed to prevent rumors, giving teachers and staff more of a voice and to solve the district's "extraneous issues."

- Bethlehem resident and hardware store owner Jon Phillips brings supplies and generators to a store in New Jersey to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy after he overstocked his stores in preparation for the storm in the Capital District. He also begins a drive to ask those who recently bought generators to donate then or resell then so they could be brought to areas worse off.
- After a close Democratic primary race for Bethlehem Town Board, Bill Reinhardt wins the general election with a significant lead over his opponents. Reinhardt beats Republican candidate Jeremy Martelle, 8,532 votes to 5,760 votes, in the Tuesday, Nov. 6, election. Former Supervisor Jack Cunningham, who ran against Reinhardt in the primary, stayed on the ballot on the Independence line but did not campaign after the primary. He comes in third with 1,762 votes.
- Democratic candidate Patricia Fahy has wins her bid to represent the newly redrawn 109th State Assembly district by a wide margin. Fahy beats Republican candidate Ted

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Your Community in The Spotlight

Orchestra seeking new members

The Delmar Community Orchestra, a Bethlehem tradition for over 70 years, will begin 2013 winter season rehearsals on Monday, Jan. 7, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The orchestra, conducted by Vincent Bonafede, rehearses weekly on Monday evenings and will perform two concerts in March.

New members are always welcome and instrumentalists of all ages and abilities are invited to participate. The orchestra is especially seeking new members in the string section.

For more information, visit the DCO website at www.delmarcommunityorchestra.com or contact DCO President Nancy Felberbaum at delmarcommunityorchestra@gmail.com or 813-4299.

Community dance scheduled

Old Songs will hold a community dance on Saturday, Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main Street, Voorheesville. Music by Fennig's All-Stars, caller Fern Bradley. Simple dances (folk, square, contra) from the US and around the world. For every age and ability. All dances taught. No partner necessary. Admission is \$7 for adults and children 6 to 12 are \$3.

For more information, call 482-9255, email paul@homespun.biz or visit www.oldsongs.org/dances.html.

Blue plate special luncheon planned

The Food and Fellowship luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 9, from noon to 2 p.m. at the New Baltimore Reformed Church located on the corner of Route 144 and Church Street in the hamlet.

This will be a "Blue Plate Special" featuring meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and blueberry pie for dessert. Following the meal, Lt. Gonzales from the Greene County Sheriff's Department will discuss the "Yellow Dot Program" as well as offer safety tips for seniors and others.

This luncheon is open to all members of the community.

To facilitate with planning, reservations are encouraged. Call the church office at 756-8764 and leave your name, contact number and the number of reservations you are making for this Jan. 9 meal. Additionally, if you require transportation, please leave that information as



First responders recognized

First responders from Albany County were recognized by Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy, State Fire Administrator Bryant Stevens and Joseph Fahd of the Albany County Fire Coordinator's Office at the Times Union Center on Dec. 27 for volunteering in Long Beach after Hurricane Sandy.

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well. Dining space is limited to 60 seats.

Free will offerings are graciously accepted to offset food costs.

Button Club to meet

The Half Moon Button Club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 11 a.m., at the Bethlehem Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

The business meeting starts at noon followed by the program. Bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert will be provided.

For more information, call Kathy at 393-3156 or Kirsti at 869-8125. Everyone is welcome.

BCSD to hold community meeting

The Bethlehem Central School District and School's Out, Inc. will host a community meeting on the proposed sale of the former Education Services Center at 90 Adams Place, Delmar.

The meeting, which will include an introduction of School's Out and an overview of what a typical program day would look like for the neighbors, will take place on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m., in the former Education Services Center.

A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation and

members of the community are encouraged to offer comments to be shared at the Town of Bethlehem's Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on the matter on Jan. 16.

For those unable to attend either the Jan. 3 community meeting or the ZBA's Jan. 16 hearing, questions and comments may be emailed to BCSD Communications Specialist Bill DeVoe at bdevoe@bcsd.neric.org.

Bethlehem parks and recreation registration

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting 2013 winter and spring registration.

Some of the adult activities that have open enrollment include Active Aging, Basketball, Body Sculpting on the Ball, 30+ Indoor Soccer, Lifetime Fitness, Pilates, Volleyball, Yoga and Zumba.

Youth activities include Pee Wee Basketball, Creative Kids Yoga, Field Hockey, Fun with Ones, Kitchen Kidz, Mommy or Daddy and Me and SAFE Basketball.

We are also offering a Red Cross Lifeguard Review Course for lifeguards with a current certification that is soon to expire.

For complete activity

information, visit the Park Playbook on the Town of Bethlehem website at www.townofbethlehem.org. To register online visit, www.townofbethlehem.org/parksonline or call at the Town Park Office at 439-4955, option three.

Wellness night for parents

On Monday, Jan. 14, in Bethlehem Central High School room D122, the Bethlehem teachers will sponsor a special wellness night for parents of elementary students designed to help you cope with your busy schedules.

There are four sessions specially designed to help parents make their lives a little easier. Taking Great Family Pictures When All You Have Is Your iPhone, at 6:30 p.m. Making Healthy Meals When You're Always On The Run, at 7 p.m. sing Yoga To Help You Unwind At The End Of A Busy Day, at 7:30 p.m. Using Technology To Help You With The Nighttime Homework Routine, at 8 p.m.

Attend one session or all sessions. No registration is needed. Childcare for K-5 children will be available.

For more information, e-mail David Rounds at roundhs@bcsd.neric.org

Full moon outing at Five Rivers

An outdoor exploration of a winter's night under the light of the full moon will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Friday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m.

At this family-friendly study, center naturalists will conduct an indoor show-and-tell briefing on the unique ways various creatures are adapted to life in the dark. Afterwards, center staff will lead a walk along gentle trails, looking and listening for common creatures of the night such as the great horned owl, eastern coyote and raccoon.

Parents and children must accompany each other. This program is free of charge, but space is limited.

Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 to register by Tuesday, Jan. 22. In the event of inclement weather, this program may be canceled. Please call 475-0291 for more information.

A program on the natural history of squirrels will be conducted on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. At this indoor and outdoor study, center naturalists will present an indoor overview of the common squirrels of New York State, followed by an outdoor "tour de forest" to search for grey and red squirrels and the tell-tale signs of their activity. Squirrels are very busy at this time of year foraging for food and their tracks and traces are quite evident. This program is open to the public free of charge. In the event of severe weather, this program may be cancelled.

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center is a designated New York State Watchable Wildlife site, where wildlife viewing opportunities abound. Learn more by visiting "Watchable Wildlife" at www.dec.ny.gov.

Guilderland chamber meeting

On Thursday, Jan. 10, the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce will hold 'The State of the Town 2013,' at the Holiday Inn Express Western Ave, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Admission is \$10 and includes a full breakfast.

Join Marie Wiles from Guilderland School District, Carm Basile from CDTA, Supervisor Ken Runion from the Town of Guilderland and a representative from the CSNE Nano-Tech center as they give an overview of what 2013 will bring.

Register online at www.guilderlandchamber.com/calendar.html.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

The time for action is now

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
Mass shootings like the unspeakable tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut have become a seemingly regular occurrence in our country. Within the past year alone, lone gunmen have gone on homicidal rampages in a theatre in Colorado, a house of worship in Wisconsin, a mall in Oregon, a college in Oakland, and a coffee shop in Seattle. While these events have become infuriatingly common, what happened in Newtown was especially disturbing. There is no greater crime than violence against children. And a parent's loss of a child under these circumstances must be one of the single worst experiences a human being can endure.

These catastrophes defy explanation, and doubtless the causes are multifaceted. A renewed discussion of the way our society treats those with mental illness is welcome. But deranged individuals exist in every country on earth – and yet mass shootings (and gun violence generally) occur far more often in the U.S. than any other industrialized democracy. The difference is here the mentally disturbed

can access weapons of mass destruction with much greater ease than comparable countries like Canada, Japan, Australia, or most of the states of the E.U. There are approximately 310 million non-military guns in this country of 314 million people. There is thus about one civilian firearm for every man, woman, and child in the U.S. Ours is a society awash in guns.

What results from the ubiquity of guns in our country? Unsurprisingly, there is a strong positive correlation between the number of guns in a society and the gun homicide/violence rate. The U.S. has the twelfth-worst rate of firearm related deaths in the world. No comparable country is even close. Canada's per capita firearm homicide rate is less than a third of ours. The U.K.'s per capita rate is 1% of that in the U.S. As maddening as these figures are, they confirm that, unlike natural disasters, gun violence is a societal problem that we have the power to stop or at least radically reduce. We just need the political will to implement sensible gun laws.

The gun used in Newtown was a Bushmaster AR-15,

a military style assault weapon which is essentially a civilian version of an M-16. Such weapons are not tools for hunting or self-defense, they are high-powered instruments of destruction designed to kill and maim human beings. What is the social utility of allowing the general public access to such weapons? Does it in any way make our lives better? There is also no legitimate reason for lawful gun owners to possess high-capacity ammunition magazines like those reportedly used in the Newtown tragedy.

The gun lobby has responded to renewed calls for sensible gun laws with a variety of familiar but inherently flawed arguments. Given that the gun lobby is largely funded by firearms manufacturers, it is not surprising that their most common contention is that the solution to gun violence is more guns. Under this "Wild West" theory, the solution to mass shootings is an even more heavily armed general populace capable of defending themselves with equal firepower or deterring violence in the first place. As an initial matter, compelling educators to carry concealed weapons while

teaching young children is an absurd notion. And the evidence demonstrates that the theory that more guns makes us more safe has zero validity. In the U.S., firearms are the most numerous and gun laws are the most lax in the South, which is also the part of our country with by far the highest violent death rate. In contrast, gun laws are the toughest in the Northeast, which has the lowest violent death rate in the country.

Unfortunately, banning assault rifles or high-capacity ammunition magazines and other more sensible gun control laws by themselves are unlikely to prevent all senseless horrors like unfolded in Newtown. Mass shootings do occur in other parts of the developed world, albeit with much, much less frequency than in the U.S. But the empirical data indicates that more rational firearms laws will, at the very least, reduce the everyday rates of gun violence in this country. At long last, the time to implement such common sense public policy that will keep us all safer is now.

Jeffrey Kuhn,
Bethlehem Town Board member

Thanks for making Eagle project reality

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
This summer and fall, I have finished my Boy Scout Eagle project at the American Legion 1040 post, and I would like to thank everyone involved for all of their generous donations of property, time and money. In particular I would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations. Delmar Chiropractic, Chris' Coffee, Hannaford, Famous Footwear, Lowes, Curtis Lumber, Olsen's Price Chopper, and Ship copy and more. The Bethlehem Garden

club, the Soil and water conservation district, and the DEC Saratoga Tree Nursery all donated plants and knowledge. There are too many residents of the town to thank here, but you know who you are. Thank you for your generosity. Lastly, a special thanks to Sandra Zwink of Sandra Walck Garden Design for her help with planning, executing, and the donation of a large number of plants. Thank you to the community for making this possible.

Joseph Garry,
Delmar

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Fond memories of a dramatic year gone by

2012, we hardly knew ye.

It has come time to once again bid a fond farewell to the past year and look on towards the next. For news hounds among us, 2012 can only be remembered as a banner year. There was a presidential election that through technology took on a tone and pace never before seen in politics. Mother Nature again raked our state with a devastating storm, but this time the damage hit Downstate instead of Upstate. Over the summer, the Olympics captured our imaginations, while throughout the year we were sadly forced to confront over and over the victims of mass shootings.

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But things were remarkable here in the Capital District, too. This year’s elections saw a rare look at new faces as established state legislators retired in droves following redistricting. The public overwhelmingly passed school budgets falling under the new state tax cap, while school boards grappled with what more austere times mean for the future of education. The region dealt with its own tragedies, remembered lives that ended too early, and celebrated the accomplishments of residents young and old.

2012 has also been a year those of us in newspapers have done some soul searching. This year recently saw the final print edition of *Newsweek* magazine, which has been appearing in print for eight decades, as the publication moves to an all-digital format. A goodly number of daily papers in major markets dialed back to printing just three days per week this year, and newsrooms across the country thinned in a time the role of an experienced and informed press is arguably of more importance than ever.

In the face of a gloomy forecast, here at *The Spotlight* we made it a point this year to tell the good stories along with the bad. While these past 12 months have brought big changes, at *The Spotlight* we are as inclined to recall the stories that might not have made the biggest splash, but still made a big difference in a few lives. We profiled a woman who spends her free time and money assembling care packages for our troops, students who raise money to support a health clinic in Uganda and an 11-year-old who’s already selling her handmade keepsakes online.

These types of stories might not be life-or-death, but we feel it’s important to capture and convey what makes a community special: its people.

So please join us in giving a warm salute to the year gone by. We hope you had a happy holiday, no matter how you celebrate it, and wish you a safe, productive and joyful year to come.

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Four strategies for caregivers

DWAYNE J. CLARK

The author is the founder and CEO of Aegis Living, a community of 28 living facilities in Washington, California, and Nevada, and the author of “My Mother, My Son: A true story of love, determination, and memories...lost”

There are few responsibilities more emotionally and physically taxing than taking care of a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease. These tasks include bathing and feeding them, keeping them safe, performing household chores, paying bills, and communicating with other family members and the medical community. Most caregivers take on this responsibility out of a deep sense of love, duty and devotion, but the daily tasks can be so consuming that they often leave one critical task undone: taking care of the caregivers’ own physical and emotional needs. This oversight can cause caregivers to become “secondary patients” of Alzheimer’s, which puts them at higher risk for developing high-blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, metabolic syndrome and reduced immune function.

If caregivers hope to provide effective care to a loved one with Alzheimer’s, they must put their own basic needs first. It’s analogous to the directive flight attendants give to parents in the event of a sudden decrease in cabin pressure: put your own oxygen mask on first. If you attend to your child first, you may pass out before you complete the task, leaving both of you doomed. Here are four strategies that can help caregivers help themselves:

Seek support. Attend a support group for Alzheimer’s caregivers as soon as possible after diagnosis and then as often as you can. You’ll learn how others deal with problems associated with caregiving; gain a better understanding of Alzheimer’s and how it progresses and affects those with the disease; obtain

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information about available health and social services, as well as financial and legal resources; learn how to ask for help and better take care of yourself; and safely share feelings of guilt and frustration. What’s more, you’ll have an expanded network of people who understand and share your experience.

Assess yourself. Caregivers are so often focused on others that they tend to lose touch with their own needs. To become more aware of what is necessary to effectively care for yourself, take a quiet moment to sit down and write a list of the activities and interests that have always helped you feel energized and thrive. Also, consider the various tasks and responsibilities involved in caretaking and determine where you are strongest and weakest, and what you enjoy most and what you don’t enjoy at all. Making this type of list will arm you with the information you need to figure out what help and resources you need to meet your needs and more effectively care for your loved one—and decide what tasks could be turned over to others.

Enlist help. To effectively provide care for someone with Alzheimer’s, you must spread out the workload. Reach out to family, church members, neighbors and friends and ask them to help in areas that you can’t handle. Not everyone is good at—or comfortable with—physically caring for a person with dementia, but most people are more than willing to support you in other ways. A brother-in-law, for example, might be able to take care of the bills and other financial matters. Ask church members or neighbors to bring nutritious meals, shop for groceries or

pick up medications. A friend employed within the healthcare industry can help you fill out necessary paperwork or talk with healthcare professionals. Ask a neighbor or family member to sit with your loved one for an hour in the morning so you can take a walk or a nap. If your loved one’s wanderings at night make it difficult for you to get adequate sleep, ask a family member to stay over one or two nights each week. And if suitable, talk to your employer about changing your hours or allowing you to participate in telework or flextime.

Take a break. When stress levels get too high or you’re reaching your physical limits, consider professional help. There are a variety of new choices available. For example, there’s respite care, a program that allows your loved one to stay in an assisted living community for a weekend or even a multi-week stay so you can take a break. Another option is adult day stay, a program available through assisted living communities or non-profit organizations that takes care of seniors during traditional business hours and can be utilized on a full- or part-time basis or just occasionally. Or you can simply hire someone to come in on a regular basis to provide some extra personal care for your loved one or to simply help with housecleaning and other daily chores.

Choosing to personally care for a loved one with Alzheimer’s can be a noble responsibility to take on, but it is also one that requires a marathoner’s mentality. If you try to do this at a sprint without the requisite support and personal care you need, you won’t be able to complete the journey—or you’ll end up limping along while suffering both emotional and physical pain. Find ways to take care of yourself along the way. You and your loved one will both be better off for your efforts.

Weekly poll

How do you like to spend a snow day?

Log on to www.spotlightnews.com to cast your vote.

Last week’s poll results:

“How should gun violence be addressed?”

- Stricter gun control laws 61%
- More armed guards in public places 18%
- Better mental health/intervention services 21%

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Milers Club to meet

The Second Milers Club for retired men will meet for lunch at Normanside Country Club on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at noon. Town Board Member George Lenhardt will speak on doings and challenges for the Town Board. Call John Alden at 475-1864 to make a reservation.

Health and wellness programs to begin

A new series of eight Health and Wellness programs will start on Friday, Jan. 11, at Town Hall from 1 to 2 p.m. The first program will be "Aging in Place" presented by Linda Shrager, OTR, MSW, The Organized Caregiver. The program will include an overview of safety tips for the home and fall prevention. The programs are free and transportation can be arranged by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176. You can also join us for lunch before the program at the Windowbox Cafe, cost on your own.

Food pantry in need

The Bethlehem Food Pantry needs coffee, tea, juice, canned fruit, 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.

Schedule of Events Monday, Jan. 7

- Shopping trip to



Colonie Center and Northway Mall. Call 439-5770.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

- Seniors in Motion, a low level fun aerobic exercise class set to music, will be held at Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 to 10 a.m. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

- Senior Discussion Group from 10:30 a.m. to noon, facilitated by Jane Sanders, LMSW, targets current news events, human interest stories, and reminisces about the past. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

- Senior grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770.

Thursday, Jan. 10

- Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30 am to 4 p.m. We play mah jongg, bridge, bingo and pinochle. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you

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E-books and e-readers continue to be popular holiday gift items. Get more comfortable with this bibliotechnology at one of our upcoming e-book open houses this month, or make an appointment for individual instruction.

E-book open houses are scheduled next Monday, Jan. 7, 2 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Stop by with any e-reader (Kindle, Nook, iPad, etc.) and a laptop if you have one, and we'll help you learn how to borrow e-books through Overdrive—the Upper Hudson Library System's digital collection. If you don't have an e-reader, come on in and try one of ours.

You can sign up for a half-hour of one-on-one coaching with a librarian for help with your smart phone, tablet, or e-reader. You can also learn how to use Microsoft Word, and how to set up an email, Facebook or Twitter account. Appointment days are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7 and 7:30 p.m. Make an appointment at least one week in advance by visiting the information desk or calling the library

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E-Book Open House

- Thursday, Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Learn how to use the library's e-book database. Stop by with any e-reader and a laptop if you have one.

Teen Time

- Friday, Jan. 11, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Gaming, crafts, food and friends. Grade 6-12.

Prenatal Yoga

- Monday, Jan. 14, 10:30 a.m.

Yoga teacher Janine Murphy helps expectant



mothers release pregnancy aches, strengthen their bodies, and connect with other moms- and babies-to-be. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel.

Daybooks

- Monday, Jan. 14, 1:30 p.m.

Train Dreams by Denis Johnson. New members welcome. Copies available at the information desk. Audio copies may also be available.

Bethlehem Public Library Board

- Monday, Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m. Open to the public.

Lego Club

- Friday, Jan. 18, 4:15 p.m.

Build things and build friendships. Kids and families.

Friends of Bethlehem Public Library

- Monday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m.

Board meeting. Open to the public.

Louise Grieco, Public Information Specialist

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Monday Jan. 7

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Senior Fitness
10:30 a.m. OsteoBusters
1:30 a.m. OsteoBusters

Tuesday Jan. 8

9 a.m. OsteoBusters
11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Swedish meatballs or cold plate
12:30 p.m. Bingo/Games/Billiards

Wednesday Jan. 9

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Cardio Circuit
10:30 a.m. OsteoBusters
10:30 a.m. Senior Fitness
1:00 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. OsetoBusters

Thursday Jan. 10

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. OsteoBusters
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg
1 p.m. Pinochle

Friday Jan. 11

Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
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1 p.m. Quilting

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Retail/ Entertainment/
Consumer Technology

This edition will explore the exciting growth in upstate new york and the local people and major companies contributing to that growth of the new retail shopping centers, supermarkets, specialty stores, restaurants and entertainment venues. We also focus on the ever changing technology world and how we communicate through computers, Ipads, cellphones and social networking sites.

Proof Ad Deadline – Mon., February 4
Ad/Editorial Deadline – Wed., February 6
Publication Date – Wed., February 20



JULY 2013

A Summer of Excellence/
Spotlight on Local Businesses

It's summer and there is no better time to explore the state of the Capital District's economy. We explore the worlds of retail and commercial businesses, health, communications, services, the legal and banking industries and education. Update III will showcase all of the things that make business in the Capital District happen. Let the Spotlight Newspaper's readers know where your business has been and where it's headed for in the future.

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A year of pictures in THE Spotlight

From July through December 2012

Voters went to the polls on Election Day to decide not only on a presidential candidate, but on a number of local races. In Bethlehem, Bill Reinhardt, pictured holding the American flag, won the remainder of a term on the Town Board.



Bethlehem Pop Warner football players and cheerleaders were among members of the community to “go pink” during October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



ABOVE: In September, children all over the area headed back to classrooms, including students at Elsmere Elementary School pictured here.

RIGHT: Abigail Hansen, 3, helps water the Children’s Garden installed at Bethlehem Town Hall by the Bethlehem Garden Club.



The Town of Bethlehem’s Holiday Parade was soured by rain, but participants still marched from Town Hall to the Four Corners in what is billed as the shortest parade on earth.

Students from Guilderland’s Farnsworth Middle School released a group of Monarch butterflies that were raised as part of the district’s student-run Butterfly Station. It was the project’s 13th year.



Family, Friends, and fellow Selkirk Firefighters waited at the Albany Airport until after midnight to welcome U.S. Marine Jake Snide home from Afghanistan in June.



ABOVE: The Cooking Channel visited the Elsmere Firehouse in September. Mo Rocca, host of “My Grandmother’s Ravioli’s,” cooked with the department’s Christopher Massie.

LEFT: The Altamont Fair brought thrills of all types to the village from Aug. 14-19, including “Speed,” classified as the ultimate midway ride.

Pirates on the big screen

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According to the Internet Movie Database (IMDb), the plot of the First Friday Family film – call it Pirate Misfits or Misfit Pirates, both work – showing on the Big Screen in the Helderberg Room on Friday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. Is, “Pirate Captain sets out on a mission to defeat his rivals Black Bellamy and Cutlass Liz for the Pirate of the Year Award. The quest takes Captain and his crew from the shores of Blood Island to the foggy streets of Victorian London.” It seems this movie has something for everyone.

Downloading Library eBooks and eAudio-books to Your NOOK and Sony Reader

Come to the Guilderland Public Library on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m. and learn how to borrow and download free library eBooks and eAudiobooks from the library to the NOOK or Sony Reader you received during the holidays. Please be sure to bring your laptop with WiFi capability and eReader. This class will be held in the Normanskill Room.

Register for this event

online at bit.ly/NOOK-Reader-GPL or call 456-2400, ext. 2.

Board of Trustees' Monthly Business Meeting

The Library's Board of Trustees will hold January's business meeting on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m, in the Library's Tawasentha Room. This is a public meeting. You are invited to attend and speak out on library issues that concern you.

Make a Difference: Join the Board of Trustees

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, 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.

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wish. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 for more information.

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• Seniors in Motion, a low level fun aerobic exercise class set to music, will be held at Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445

Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 to 10 a.m. o registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

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

Wilma DeLucco, . Board Member

Library begins 2013 in Village Hall

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.

Cartooning workshop for kids

Do you have a budding artist in your home? Kids ages 8 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 from info@rcscommunitylibrary.org today to reserve your place.

Fun Fair 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.

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Becker School, from 3 to 6 p.m. On Thursday, Jan. 10, the fair will take place at Pieter B. Coeymans School, from 3 to 6 p.m.

'All about the drum' concert

Acoustic Doorways returns on Jan. 4, at 7:30 p.m. with All About the Drums, featuring Reggie Harris, Cheryl Prashker, Barbara Chepatis, and Brian Melick, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, on the eastern end of Main Street, Ravena. 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 are on sale at the library and will be available at the door the evening of the concert. Series tickets for all concerts are \$20, seniors and children pay \$12.

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Computer classes for the New Year

The New Year brings resolutions. If one of your resolutions is to get more tech savvy, the library is here to help. Free classes are offered weekly with a new topic each week. Both day and evening classes are available. Class topics range from introduction to the computer to learning how to use all the functions of a Smartphone. Class size is small allowing for individualized attention. Registration is required. Call today to reserve your place.

Find me on Facebook – Learn about social media

With Facebook you can get in touch with old friends, children or colleagues online. This class is your opportunity to get up to speed in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 9, 11 a.m.

eBOOKS: Free on your E-"GIZMO"

Many devices,

including the Amazon Kindles, iPads, Google Android devices and smart phones can get free eBooks and audiobooks from your library. Come and find out how to choose and download them. Tuesday, Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 11 a.m

Streaming Music

Got Internet? Then you can listen to an unlimited amount of free music like new Top 40 hits, classics, and outrageous indie tunes. See the wide variety of options with safe, reliable services. Tuesday, Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 11 a.m.

My Computer: Move the Mouse and More

Learn the basics. Using a computer can help you keep track of letters, recipes, or a household budget and feel more confident in learning about a new hobby or job. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 30, 11 a.m.

Registration is required. Call 756-2053 or email from info@rcscommunitylibrary.org to register.

Winter reading club starting

Join us at the library on Sunday, Jan. 13 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for the Winter Reading Club kickoff reception. The club is now for all ages, so everyone is welcome! Check out any book, CD or DVD. Say what you think about it on the library website (or by dropping a note at the library). Win gift cards and other prizes. It couldn't be easier!

Come to the reception to learn more or visit www.voorheesvillelibrary.org and click on Winter Reading Club.

Thursday Afternoon at the Movies

Join us for great films and good company! On Jan. 10, come watch Frank Capra's classic romantic comedy It

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Happened One Night, starring Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable from 1:30 to 4 p.m. For a listing of future Thursday Afternoon Movies, please check our events calendar or stop by the library for movie listings.

Fine Free Days

Now is the time to bring back your overdue library books, CDs and DVDs no matter how late they are. Fine waivers apply only to items owned by the Voorheesville Public Library. Fine Free Days will end on Jan. 13. Fines and fees previously accrued or from other libraries cannot be waived.



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Grace Anne Brindisi

DELMAR— Grace Anne Brindisi, 88, passed away Tuesday, December 18, 2012. Born in Brooklyn, NY she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Helen (Bregard) Fillyo. She graduated from Newtown High School in Queens, where she first met Dr. Brindisi. She attended Hunter College and later completed her degree at Queens College. While at Hunter College she worked on the literary magazine and wrote to e.e. cummings her



favorite poet, receiving an answer. She married Dr. Brindisi on January 6, 1946. She served as a Girl Scout Leader, and later substituted in the Northport School District. In retirement she served as a president of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, actively helping the poor in Suffolk County. She enjoyed spending time with her beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren, traveling, sewing, creating seaweed collages, collecting quilts, decorating chocolate houses, camping, attending the Metropolitan Opera, and visiting Florida beaches. Mrs. Brindisi researched and completed a book on the life of her

Alsatian relative Jean Batiste Foerhle, a Catholic Friar in Tanzania, Africa during the 1890's. At her last birthday she responded to a request for a speech by standing and saying, "You are all fine people." She is survived by her devoted husband, Dr. John Brindisi; two daughters, Babette "Babs" Wilcox (Ellen Youssef) of Pleasant Valley and Nancy Smith (Theodore) of Delmar; three grandchildren Blake Wilcox (Leah) of Northampton, PA, Peter Smith (Tracy) of Queens, NY, and Kate Smith of Boston, MA; two great-grandchildren Emily Jean and Alex Wilcox; a sister, Ruth Hartmann; nieces and nephews; Lisa Harper (Richard), Eric Hartmann, Lucille Rizzuto (Ralph), Don Sabino, Cathy Ripoll (Bob), and Kathy Hoffman (Alan); treasured friends Father Valentine Rubello, Likeu Lee (Lum) and Estelle Mintz (late Lester). Funeral services were held Friday, December 21, 2012 at 10 am in the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, Inc., 490 Delaware Ave. Albany. Relatives and friends are invited. Interment, Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Transverse Myelitis Assn. 1787 Sutter Parkway, Powell, OH 43065-8806, Alzheimer's services, libraries, or an organization which assists the needy. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated in St. Thomas the Apostle Church in July. Online condolences may be offered at www.danielkeenanfuneralhome.com.

Tuscano, Tobin marry

Lauren Ashley Tuscano and Timothy Lee Tobin happily exchanged their marriage vows on September 22, 2012 at Saratoga National Golf Club in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Lauren is the daughter of Gail and John Tuscano of Fort Myers, FL and Timothy is the son of Betsy and Tod Tobin of Delmar, N.Y. The ceremony was held outdoors and was officiated by Reverend Joy Burke. A reception followed in the ballroom. Lauren wore a lace gown and cathedral length veil, carrying in her bouquet her grandmothers' engagement rings. Matron of honor was the bride's childhood friend, Eileen Brino. Bridesmaids were Janine Gravina, Erin Schucker and Katie Thornton, sister of the groom. Best men were Michael Walsh and Michael Bredderman, boyhood friends of the groom. Groomsmen were Christopher Tobin and Keith Tobin, brothers of the groom. Junior bridesmaids and junior groomsmen were Alexa and Hannah Bravero and Dylan and James McCarty, all cousins of the bride. The bride graduated



Lauren and Timothy Tobin

from Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Syosset, N.Y and Marist College where she majored in Business. She is a District Manager for Abbott Nutrition. The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Marist College where he majored in Communications. He is Marketing Manager for Live Nation in Saratoga Springs. The couple took a short trip to Newport, R.I. following their wedding and will take their honeymoon in Riviera Maya, Mexico in January. The couple resides in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

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Milestones

Nelson L. Isdell

DELMAR – Our beloved “Papa” passed away peacefully on December 20, 2012. Nelson was born on July 4, 1921 to Nelson



Blackall Isdell and Elizabeth Ann Churchill in Albany, NY. At the age of 4, he went to live with his aunt and uncle, Freda and Irving Isdell, who raised him as their son.

Nelson grew up in Delmar, NY, graduating from Bethlehem Central High School in 1939 as President of his class. He went on to graduate from Duke University in 1943.

After college, Nelson served in the Army in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. Upon his return to Delmar, he worked in the family confectioner’s store at the Four Corners. He met the first love of his life, Jane Carole Little, when her parents bought his parents’ store. They were married on February 8, 1947.

Carole and Nelson raised their three children Cathy, John, and Barbara, in Delmar where Nelson owned and operated Suburban Appliance, a retail kitchen

design and appliance store. He then worked briefly as an advertising executive before moving to Pittsfield, MA in 1973 where he pursued a career in banking. Retiring in 1978 as Vice President of City Savings Bank, Carole and Nelson then moved to Florida for several years, enjoying cruising and traveling to many parts of the world.

Family health issues brought them back to Delmar in the late 80s. Their greatest pleasure was spending time with family-especially taking their grandchildren on special trips and excursions until Carole’s untimely death in 2001.

On October 9, 2002, Nelson married the second love of his life, Jacqueline Hook-Isdell, longtime neighbor and friend. For the last ten years, Jackie has been a constant source of love and support in his life and ours. No words can express our gratitude for the devotion and care she unselfishly gave him. Without her tireless advocacy on his behalf, his life would have been very different. Her love meant the world to him.

Nelson was a member of the “Greatest Generation.” His beliefs were passionate and his faith was strong. He loved good food, good

drink, beautiful music, and beautifully written words. His appreciation for beauty ranged from nature to home decorating. He loved his country with vigor, but his greatest love was for his family and his Lord.

What better way to express how he felt about life than in his own words, written in 1992 to his granddaughter: “My hope for the future is for peace on Earth, the cessation of hunger and disease, the return to moral, ethical, and family values, and the spread of love throughout the entire world. I’d like the world to know that I cared- about everyone and everything. That I tried my best, even though I erred a lot. That I am a person of good character and have strong moral, ethical, and family values. That I am a fighter for right- no matter what. That principles and loyalties are worth fighting for. That my family is what matters to me most. And that my belief in Jesus Christ has no boundary. I have total, unbridled faith in his sovereignty.”

We celebrate his life and his legacy. We treasure the brave and loving way he left us. We’ll cherish his memory forever.

Nelson is survived by

his beloved children: Cathy Schaefer (Joe), John Isdell (Christina), Barbara Duclos (Joe); grandchildren Molly Schaefer; Matt, Zoe, and Chelsea Isdell; Elizabeth, Megan, and Phoebe Duclos; and great-grandson Oliver Reil; his loving wife Jackie; her children Gayle Ward (Paul), Beth Karis (Ted), Cathy Hasselbach (Bob), and Chuck Hook (Sue); twenty grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother Bob Isdell (Carol); half-siblings Rick Isdell, Michelle Bowick (Tony); and several nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank all of the wonderful people who cared for Nelson: the team at Community Hospice of Albany County; the staff at Albany Regional Kidney Center, especially Dr. Vincent Carsillo; Delmar Rescue Squad; Dr. Roy Fruiterman; Dr. Stephen Hillinger; and Dr. Samuel Feldman.

Funeral services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Donations in Nelson’s memory may be made to American Association of Kidney Patients, Delmar Rescue Squad, or Community Hospice.

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Joseph W. (Joe) Ritz

Joseph W. (Joe) Ritz, of Delmar, died peacefully on December 23, 2012 at the Westmere Home for Adults in Albany.

Beloved husband of 61 years of the late M. Jane Ritz (Whitney), he was born in Pittsburgh, PA in 1918 and grew up in Dunkirk, NY. Drafted into the Army in 1941 following a year at Alfred University, he served in the 22nd and 721st Ordnance Companies (American Division) in the Pacific theatre.

Following his discharge in 1945, he entered the Pennsylvania State University, graduating with a degree in Ceramic Engineering. Over a long and varied career, he worked for several companies, including Libby Owens Ford, Sylvania, Bendix, and Texas Instruments, and was the holder of several patents.

A resident of Delmar since 1967, his final position was with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, from which he retired in 1987. Joe enjoyed jazz, antiques, and a good garage sale bargain, and was known for his great stories and ability to fix anything.

He is survived by his five children: Mary and her husband, Michael Walling, of Hudson MA; William and his wife, Deb Shaw, of East Greenbush; Thomas of Voorheesville; John and his wife, Jane McCloskey, of Hopkinton MA; and Martha Easton PA, as well as four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A ceremony of military interment will be held at the Saratoga National Cemetery at a future date. Donations may be made to any Charity.

Arrangements made at Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight

Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz, director of Musicians of Ma'alwyck & violinist



CONCERT SCHEDULE

January 6
Dave Lambert and Dan Wanczyk: Great Old Songs for a Good New Year

January 13
Dino Cimino Trio: The Great American Songbook

January 20
The Route Fifty 5: A Brass Ensemble: Ben Richards and Judson Hoffman, trumpets; Kara Pangburn, horn; Ryan Pangburn, trombone; Barrett Germaine, tuba

January 27
Cabaret Concert with Mark Tommasone: Masterful Guitar, Great Vocals, Yummy Eats and Sparkling Drinks!

February 3
Sing-Along! Patty Bradshaw, leader; Rita Croteau and Chris Patrick, piano: Audience participation and fun!

February 10
Misty Jazz Project: Music for Your Valentine: Linda Harrison, vocalist; Bill Harrison, drums; Billy Jackson, piano

February 17
A Musical Tribute to the Library Expansion: Malinda Myers, vocalist; Billy Jackson, piano

February 24
Musicians of Ma'alwyck: Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz, director and violin; Sten Isachsen, guitar

March 10
Hilltown Ramblers Bluegrass Band: Dick Stock, mandolin; Ed Cryzkowski, bass; Jim Selkirk, guitar; Morrie Safford, guitar; Mo Safford, banjo

March 17
The Etude Club

March 24
Troy Children's Chorus, Maury Castro, director, with Deborah Rocco, soprano



Let it snow, and let them play

By DANIA BIANCHI, bianchid@spotlightnews.com

Annual concert series makes for warm winter retreat

After a dry season last year, the Schenectady County Public Library's "Beat the Snow Winter Concert Series" will be more appropriately named this winter.

The annual series will kick off on Jan. 6 with a lineup of local performers hitting the stage each Sunday. This is the fourth year the library will present the popular program.

The series began in 2009 when Ronald Patrick, a local musician and music teacher, brought the idea to the library's music committee.

"He wanted people to come to the library and he wanted people to have a reason to go out in the winter – a place to go that was free and warm," said Christine Patrick, Ronald's wife. "There is all kinds of music, and it's a friendly atmosphere – not stuffy by any means" Patrick said.

After Ronald passed away in March, Patrick said the decision on whether or

not to continue the concert series was easy.

"Being an area musician for 40 years or more, he just knew all these people, and it was easy for him to do it – now I have all that information," she said.

Patrick said she began making phone calls and found the performers were quick to say "yes." This year's series will present 12 different musicians who perform in a variety of genres.

"Every year there is a jazz program, and there are always some instrumental groups and a vocal group," Patrick said.

New to the series this year is the Route Fifty 5, a brass quintet made up of people from the Route 50 corridor in Glenville and Burnt Hills. The group will play a cross section of pieces, including some classical standards, jazz tunes and pop songs on Jan. 20.

Mark Tommasone, a regular at area restaurants and pubs, will perform on Jan. 27.

"Ron had always scheduled his concert as a cabaret concert," Patrick said. "We set up tables in a circle and have all kinds of snacks and drinks – it's a really fun concert."

Patrick said Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz and guitarist Sten Isachsen of the Musicians of Ma'alwyck, a chamber

music ensemble, will perform on Feb. 24, and these performers tends to draw a large crowd.

"Ann Marie plays the violin and there is a classical guitarist – they are just incredible," she said. "Another interesting performer this year is a woman named Malinda Myers. She grew up in the south and sings real gospel."

Christine said her husband enjoyed putting

together the concert series.

"He wanted a place where people could all hear some good music," she said. "I think he would be absolutely thrilled it is continuing."

The free concerts are presented every Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the McChesney Room at the Schenectady County Public Library, at 99 Clinton St, Schenectady. For more information, call the library at 388-4500.

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Arts and Entertainment

Theater

DRACULA

Stage adaptation of classic thriller, presented by Curtain Call Theater, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Jan. 11 through Feb. 9, shows 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday, \$23. Information, 877-7529.

RACE

Regional premiere of David Mamet play, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, Jan. 15 through Feb. 10, \$20-\$60, call for show times. Information, 445-7469.

RENT: SCHOOL EDITION

Area students put on production of modern musical, presented by C-R Productions, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, Jan. 10-13 and 17-20, shows 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, call for prices. Information, 237-5858.

Music

DAVE KITCHEN JAZZ TRIO

Guitarist with rhythm section, Jan. 3, 8

p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

CASS & EMMA

Two singer-songwriters, Jan. 4, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

ROB JONAS TRIO

Singer-songwriter and his backing band, Jan. 4, 7 p.m., More Bread and Jam Cafe, 130 Remsen St., Cohoes, free. Information, 874-4272.

GUY DAVIS

Acoustic blues musician and actor, with opening act Moonshine Holler, Jan. 4, 8 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, members \$16, general admission \$18, children under 13 \$9. Information, 583-0022.

HEATHER AND ARYA

Jazz standards, Jan. 4, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

LITTLE FEAT

American roots music legends, Jan. 4, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$34.50. Information, 473-1845.

LONG-TIME COURTING

Boston's all-female Celtic quartet, Jan. 4, 8 p.m., Old Songs Inc., 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, \$20. Information, 765-2815.

2 LATE

Folk duo, Dec. 29, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

STEVE GILLETTE & CINDY MANGSEN

Folk duo, Jan. 5, 8 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, members \$12, general admission \$15, children under 13 \$7.50. Information, 583-0022.

SHAWN MAROSEK & RICK SACCHETTI

Two singer-songwriters steeped in the blues and country music, Jan. 5, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

FRANK SOLIVAN & DIRTY KITCHEN

Bluegrass quartet, Jan. 6, 7 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, members \$16, general admission \$18, children under 13 \$9. Information, 583-0022.

BILL HORRACE TRIO

Part of the Music at Noon concert series, Jan. 8, 12 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy, free. Information, 273-0038.

Comedy

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

"Spontaneous Broadway," a weekly show of improvised comedy and music, Jan. 4, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

COMEDY WORKS (ALBANY COUNTY)

Coach Tom Whiteley with Bill Keller, Jan. 4 and 5, 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. Information, 275-6897.

COMEDY WORKS (SARATOGA COUNTY)

Coach Tom Whiteley with Bill Keller, Jan. 5, 6 p.m., City Sports Grille, 1668 U.S. 9, Clifton Park, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20. Information, 275-6897.

JOHN OLIVER

British stand-up comedian and regular contributor to Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," Jan. 11, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$32.50. Information, 473-1845.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"An Irrepressible Conflict: The Empire State in the Civil War," through Sept. 22;

"Seneca Ray Stoddard: Capturing the Adirondacks," through Feb. 24; :1934: A New Deal for Artists," through Jan. 20; "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"The Eternal Return: Stephanie Rose Portraits," through Jan. 27; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Colletcion of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"More or Less," through Jan. 6; plus installations by Paul Katz, Harry Leigh, Harold Lohner, Lillian Mulero, Ken Ragsdale, Nancy Shaver and Joy Taylor. Information, 463-3726.

BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

"The Threads of Time," through Jan. 31; 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa.

CLEMENT ART GALLERY

"Group Show V," through Jan. 29; 210 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

MISCI

"Seeing," through June 2; "Model Trains," through Dec. 31; plus "FETCH! Lab" and "Fueling the Future," ongoing; Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information, 382-7890.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

"The Syracuse Mile," featuring two of the central New York's famous stock cars; plus ongoing exhibits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

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"We the People," through April 7; Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Clark Remix," through Jan. 1, 2014; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

MASS MOCA

"Invisible Cities," through Feb. 4; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; plus more; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"From Giverny to the Brooklyn Bridge," through Feb. 2; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

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Seeking dancers from pre-Kindergarten to young teens for its summer residency production of "La Bayadere" at The Egg in Albany, rehearsals begin July 29, 2013 for the Aug. 10 performance date, dancers will have the option to join the full company for its performances the following week in New York City. Information, www.ajkunbt.org or email Ajkun@aol.com.

MALTA COMMUNITY CENTER

Offering acting classes starting in January including "Dance N Gym" for children ages 2-5, "Theater Discovery" for children ages 8-12 and "Acting/Directing for the Stage" for people age 13 to adult, taught by artistic director Elyse Young. Information, 899-4411.

SCENECTADY CIVIC PLAYERS

Holding auditions for production of Alan Ayckbourn's "Woman in Mind," Jan. 8 and 10, 7:30 p.m., roles for five men and three women ages 20-59. Information, 877-6777.

BALLSTON SPA COMMUNITY BAND

Openings in several sections, especially percussion, rehearsals Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Ballston Spa High School. Information, 580-1037.

THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

Women's singing group entering its 99th year, practices held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 765-4536.

THE CHORALIERS

Musical group looking for singers of all abilities, performs concerts at Christmas and in the spring, pieces are familiar and fun to sing, no auditions are necessary, practices are 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Saint Clares' Chapel, McClellan Street, Schenectady.

ETUDE CLUB

Looking for women interested in vocal and instrumental performance, meetings held the first Thursday of every month. Information, 374-5536.

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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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.

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of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee's seats. Members of the Reform group felt the party needed more transparency and the group put forward 40 candidates for committee seats, winning 26 seats in the September primary.

But according to Kuhn, the Reform movement no longer exists and the party is now striving to work together as a whole.

"One of our priorities right now is to make sure the committee is very participatory and that every member of the committee — all 62 people — can be as active as they want to be and have as much of a role in the decisions the committee makes as they like," he said.

New goals for new membership

To get members more involved, Kuhn said groups are focusing on fundraising, recruitment, communications, community service and reexamining bylaws.

"That's something I'm very proud of," said Kuhn. "There's a lot of great energy and knowledge

that the people on the committee have. In addition to improving our community through the political process, I think there is also a willingness to improve our community in other ways."

Even though the community service arm of the committee has just begun, in the past month members were able to raise enough money to help pay for holiday meals for 16 needy families in Bethlehem. They are working on plans for additional projects.

The Democrats are also working to better inform the public about the political process.

Dan Coffey, a committee member since 2005, said he is often asked what being part of the committee is all about and what the party actually does. He said a new effort is to update the party's website on a regular basis and offer resources so people can find out what district they live in, who represents them and be able to contact that representative about concerns.

"For us to do our jobs as individuals and as a committee most effectively, the channels of communication need to be very easy and open for the general public," said Kuhn.

"The website will allow us to do that, as well as get our message out."

Midge Bulgaro, a new member representing District 3, said transparency is key. Frank Zeoli, a member for four years, agreed.

"Finding out who is on the committee shouldn't be an issue," he said. "You're an elected official, so as a result of that I don't think member's names or the districts they represent should be a secret."

Not everyone in harmony

With so many new committee members, a new issue is that many within the committee do not know one another. Older members are now advising new members about what it means to be on the committee and steps to take to be a good representative.

"Our number one goal as a party is to elect Democrats to office," said Zeoli. "From there, there are a lot of subgoals we have and you have to put in the door-to-door time to reach those goals. That's how you meet with people and hear from them."

Zeoli said he and other district leaders have been

meeting with members on a monthly basis to answer questions and discuss strategies. They also talk about town issues and about how to help those who want to become more involved in the party.

"Your job is to not only come around when they want a signature, but also come around other times to tell residents about a clean-up that's happening, or an issue at Town Hall," he said. "This is about being a part of the community."

Deputy Supervisor John Smolinsky, a new committee member, said he has felt very included and thinks the new party is working well as an integrated group. But not everyone feels the same way.

"There's definitely still a schism in the party," said former Town Supervisor and current committee member Jack Cunningham. "There's still a group of relatively militant-minded people who are not joining in with the group, but the majority are still working toward the future of the party."

Cunningham said the political process is cyclical and 13 years ago when he joined the committee, a group similar to the Reform group had formed.

"We worked to get them out of the party," he said. "We can do that again."

Cunningham said the party needs to work together to create a unified environment, something that cannot be done if there are outsiders.

"We can run candidates just like the Reform group did," he said. "In two years we can look for people to run against them who aren't as adversarial."

Kuhn said so far, he thinks the group is working together wonderfully and

that most of the committee would agree. He declined to comment any further on Cunningham's thoughts.

"I think a lot of people recognize the committee as the people who come around in the summer to get signatures... but we're so much more than that," said Kuhn. "We want people to realize what we do, and that we play a vital role in the community."

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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) (January 2, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (January 2, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (January 2, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (January 2, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (January 2, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (January 2, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of M3 SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/19/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84640 (D) (January 2, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of IOTA GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/20/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84644 (D) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of New Heights Pictures, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/30/12. 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 with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 84843 (D) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of AL-LURE 13 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. 84849 (D) (January 2, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 64-17 JAMAICA 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. 84850 (D) (January 2, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 141-48 84 DRIVE 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. 84851 (D) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of BAYVILLE BEACH HOUSE 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. 84858 (D) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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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 Rector St., Ste 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes. 84860 (D) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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

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Danz 35,043 votes to 18,039 votes. Conservative candidate Joseph Sullivan receives 1,897 votes. In the 44th Senate District race, incumbent Democratic candidate Neil Breslin beats the Green Party’s Peter LaVenia 79,459 votes to 8,232 votes.

- After weeks of discussions and public meetings, the Bethlehem Town Board passes unchanged the 2013 budget proposed by Supervisor John Clarkson. The budget passes in a 3-2 vote, with Town Board members Kyle Kotary and Joann Dawson

dissenting. Both say they do not agree with increasing the tax levy by 8 percent, saying residents are already struggling.

- Author and alumni Gregory Maguire selects the University at Albany as the place to donate his professional papers for future scholarly use. Maguire is the author of “Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West,” published in 1995. He grew up in Albany and says the construction of the dorm towers at UAlbany may have inspired him to write about Oz.

December

- Some caring citizens step forward to help out

the Bethlehem Lions Club after a holiday Grinch steals dozens of Christmas trees from the lot where the group’s annual sale is held. Club members Dan Ryan and Ulrich Rudofsky, co-organizers of the sale, say 34 trees were stolen with an estimated value of \$1,200. Members from the community and surrounding area donate a surveillance system and funds to help make up the loss. The sale benefits the club’s community projects.

- Bethlehem Central Board of Education members exhibit a slight case of sticker shock when estimates for facilities upgrades jump by millions following an architect’s review. Daniel Heukrath

from educational design firm Ashley McGraw presents the school board with estimates and options to upgrade the high school’s athletic field and make repairs and upgrades at several buildings. Doing all the work will cost close to \$29 million, including future material costs and labor.

- The Elsmere Fire District is looking to cut costs by reducing its annual benefits contributions to its volunteer firefighters. Jack Brennan, chairman of the Elsmere Fire Commissioners, says payments into the district’s Length of Service Award Program now make up a significant amount of the district’s budget. Officials want the change to lower

the burden on taxpayers. Each year, firefighters would be given a flat amount of \$700 to be placed into their account to accrue interest. The proposal is eventually accepted after a public referendum.

- The Christopher Porco murder story will soon be portrayed through a Lifetime television movie. The network announces the movie will be called “Romeo Killer: The Christopher Porco Story” and will focus on the Delmar native and University of Rochester student who was convicted of killing his father and attempting to kill his mother with an ax in 2004. The movie will air sometime in 2013.
- As a special service

project to honor Girl Scout’s founder Juliette Gordon Low, members of Bethlehem’s Junior Girl Scout Troop 1546 make it their mission to collect 100 winter coats to donate them to local charitable organizations.

- A group of Bethlehem commuters unhappy with recent changes to their bus route meet with town and Capital District Transportation Authority officials to discuss problems they have witnessed along Route 18 since the changes went into effect on Nov. 11. Complaints include busses being off schedule, overcrowded or having unsafe riding conditions. CDTA officials ask for more time to address the issues.

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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 to: c/o The LLC, 46 State

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St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 85069 (D) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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 process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY

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12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 85076 (D) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KE 20 Clinton Street, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec’y of State (SSNY) 11/30/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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 office addr. in FL. Art. of Org. on file: SSFL, 2661 Executive Center Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Purp.: any lawful activities. 85132 (D) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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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) (January 2, 2013)

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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 mail process to 150 4 Ave. #12E, Bklyn, NY

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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.

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The defending Super Bowl champions spent three weeks in the area and held 14 public practice sessions. It was the last year of a three-year contract with UAlbany, and there has yet to be any decision regarding 2013.

• Saratoga Race Course had another successful season of summer thoroughbred racing, as attendance and wagering were up from 2011. Jockey Ramon Dominguez set a new course record for most wins in a season with 68, while Todd Pletcher took the top trainer title with 36 winners. Mechanicville native Chad Brown placed second in the trainer standings with 29 winners.

• The Tri-City ValleyCats won the New York-Penn League's Stedler Division title with a 51-25 record and reached

the championship series, where they lost to the Hudson Valley Renegades three games to two. The ValleyCats had the best record in the league for most of the season until the Renegades passed them on the final day of the regular season.

• The Albany Dutchmen enjoyed the best season in their four-year existence. The Dutchmen finished sixth out of nine teams in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League with a 22-24 record, and they remained in contention for a playoff berth until the final week of the regular season.

Fall

• Guilderland defeated Bethlehem 2-1 for its first Section II Class AA girls soccer title and reached the state semifinals before losing in penalty kicks to Section V champion Webster Thomas.

In the neighborhood battle for the Sectional title,

Guilderland took a 2-0 lead on first-half goals by Emma Oliver and Emily Center. The four-time defending champion Lady Eagles got a late goal from Elle Lutz to make it close.

• The Voorheesville girls soccer team finished its season with an 8-8-1 record following a 2-0 loss to Middleburgh in the Class C Sectionals. Chelsea Duncan had nine goals and four assists to lead the Blackbirds' offense in 2012.

• The Bethlehem boys soccer team ended a six-year title drought by beating Niskayuna 2-0 in the Class AA Sectional finals. Ethan Gunty and Liam Roohan scored for the Eagles, who last won the Section II title in 2006.

Bethlehem completed the season with a 17-0-3 record, but failed to advance to the state semifinals after Section III champion Utica Proctor eliminated the Eagles

on penalty kicks in the regional final.

• The Guilderland boys soccer team turned in a strong season with an 11-4-3 record, but the Dutchmen were eliminated in the Sectional quarterfinals by Albany on penalty kicks. Bethlehem then defeated Albany 2-0 in the semifinals to advance to the finals.

• The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk football team got as far as the Section II Class B semifinals before losing to Schalmont 48-0. The Indians finished second in the Reinfurt Division standings with a 5-1 record. Senior quarterback Conner Zeoli led a balanced attack with 871 passing yards and nine touchdowns.

• The Guilderland football team compiled a 5-4 record and had the region's top quarterback in junior Frank Gallo, who threw for 1,758 yards and 14 touchdowns. The Dutchmen lost to Columbia 30-10 in the Section II Class AA quarterfinals.

• The Voorheesville football team had the distinction of being Hoosick Falls' first playoff victim, as the Panthers ran

past the Blackbirds 69-14. Hoosick Falls went on to become one of two Section II schools to win state titles – Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake being the other.

• Bethlehem fell short of making the Section II playoffs, but the Eagles were perfect in crossover games to conclude 2012 with a 5-4 record. Junior tailback Mike Graves rushed for 1,157 yards and 11 touchdowns for the Eagles.

• The Bethlehem boys volleyball team won its third consecutive Section II Class A title by beating Shenendehowa 3-1 in the finals. The Eagles then swept Section I champion Suffern in the regional finals to reach the state tournament, where they were eliminated in pool play.

• The Voorheesville girls volleyball team punched its ticket to the state tournament for the third time by sweeping Greenville 3-0 in the Class C Sectional finals and beating Section X champion Salmon River 3-1 in regionals. At states, the Blackbirds made it to the championship match

before losing to Section VI power Eden.

• The Guilderland girls volleyball team reached the Sectional finals in Class AA, where it was eliminated by Shenendehowa. The Lady Dutch had the second-best record in the Suburban Council at 15-1, with their lone loss coming against eventual state champion Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake.

• The Bethlehem golf team claimed the Suburban Council and Section II Class A team titles, thanks to Victor Fox. The senior earned co-medalist honors with Shaker's Davis Jensen at Sectionals with a 3-under par 69, and then he claimed his second consecutive individual title by shooting a two-day score of 3-under par 139 at the state qualifier.

• Voorheesville earned its third consecutive Class C/D Sectional title in golf with a team score of 321. Matt Parrottinoi – who finished second to Fox at the state qualifier – was the top golfer at the Class C/D tournament with a 4-under par 68.

• The Bethlehem girls tennis team won the

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New York Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz reaches up to make this one-handed catch during the first day of training camp at the University at Albany in July. The Giants returned to UAlbany after cancelling the 2011 camp due to the NFL lockout. Robert Goo/Spotlight

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Suburban Council title with an 11-0 record, but Emma Willard beat the Lady Eagles in the Section II Class AA quarterfinals on its way to claiming the Class AA team title.

- Guilderville’s Kelly Gao won the 50-yard freestyle title at the Section II Division 1 girls swimming and diving championships.
- Bethlehem’s Grace Ayer and Lauren Zemering each earned state meet berths in two individual events by meeting the qualifying standards.
- Bethlehem’s Stephen Booker qualified for the state and Federation cross country meets after posting a fourth-place finish at the Section II championships. Booker finished with a time of 15:33.29 in the boys Class A race.

Eagles pull away in overtime

The Bethlehem boys basketball team reached the finals of the CBA Alumni Christmas Tournament by beating Middletown 72-65 in overtime last Thursday. John Sica scored 18 points to lead the Eagles. Visit bethlehemspotlight.com to see results from last Friday’s Bethlehem-CBA game.

Events

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- However, I have wanted to see these North Country bluegrass brothers play for a couple of years now. I’m getting my chance in 2013. And yes, I do like bluegrass music – something that wouldn’t have happened if my oldest sister didn’t marry a bluegrass nut like my brother-in-law Rick.
- An all-Harbaugh Super Bowl. I have my doubts about a match-up between John Harbaugh’s Baltimore Ravens and Jim Harbaugh’s San Francisco 49ers happening this year, but it would be fun to see it and more fun to see the post-game handshake between the two coaches. I just hope the result doesn’t drive a wedge between them.
 - A real crowd at the Federation basketball tournament in Albany. Even if there are no local teams involved, shouldn’t we want to see the best high school basketball players in the state compete against each other? The evidence from two years of poor attendance at the Times Union Center suggests the answer is no, but I’m always hopeful we can turn things around. Except in the case of ...
 - The Albany Devils. They offered us a glimmer of hope in December when

they went on a five-game winning streak, but they’re still hanging around the bottom of the AHL’s Northeast Division. What I’d like to see from them in 2013 is some sign they can play meaningful hockey games in March and April, instead of playing out the string so they can hit the golf course. I’m sure they’d like to play meaningful hockey in March and April, too.

(Quick side note: I thought I’d be more upset over the NHL lockout. Instead, I’m pretty much over it. We’ve got enough hockey here to keep us going.)


- The University at Albany men’s and women’s basketball teams playing for AmericaEast titles and the NCAA Tournament berths that go along with them. They’ve already proven they are the best teams in our region. Let’s hope they prove to be the best teams in their league, too. And it will give us a distraction from the disaster that is Siena men’s basketball.
- Finally, I’m looking forward to everything else that is to come in 2013. I have no idea what any of it will, but that’s the beauty of covering sports. You just have to watch and see.

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Eagles earn first-round win

The Bethlehem boys basketball team advanced to the finals of the Christian Brothers Academy holiday tournament by beating Middletown 72-65 in overtime last Thursday. The Eagles met the Brothers in last Friday's finals.

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Weekly poll

Who is the best girls basketball player in the Suburban Council?

- Carly Boland (Shen)
- Kelsey Cowell (Mohon)
- Gabby Giacone (BC)
- Sydnie Rosales (Colonie)
- Madison Rowland (Shaker)

Go to spotlightnews.com and click on "Sports" to cast your vote.

Last week's poll results:

What is your team of the year?

- Bethlehem boys soccer 42%
- Guilderland girls soccer 42%
- Voorheesville baseball 16%
- Guidlerland girls lacrosse 0%



ABOVE: Guilderland's Laurie Knapp (12) charges in on Bethlehem goaltender Katie Nickles during the Section II Class AA finals. LEFT: Bethlehem's Ethan Gunty gets past an Albany defender during the Section II Class AA semifinals. Robert Goo/Spotlight



More 2012 highlights

Guilderland girls soccer and Bethlehem boys soccer among fall champions

By ROB JONAS
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Summer

- Jason Morris Judo Center students Nick Delpopolo and Kyle Vashkulat competed at the Olympics

in London. Delpopolo won his first two matches before losing in the quarterfinals, while Vashkulat lost in the opening round. Delpopolo was sent home shortly after competing when he failed a drug test.

- The New York Giants returned to the University at Albany for training camp after the 2011 camp was cancelled due to the NFL lockout.

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Looking forward to these 2013 events

A personal observation about writing a New Year's column before it's actually New Year's Day: it's just weird. So many things have happened in 2012, I can't begin to think about what is going to happen in 2013.

Still, I need some appropriate material for this first column of 2013. So, let's talk about what I'm looking forward to in the coming year – or at least the first three months.

- Who wins the Section II Class AA boys basketball championship? Defending champion Christian Brothers Academy has looked vulnerable in recent weeks, especially in its 54-52 Big 10 loss to Troy Dec. 21. And with Albany Academy and Green Tech in the field, there are more talented teams in this year's field than before. Plus, Shaker has looked strong in its first five games. The Blue Bison could be a darkhorse, as could Bethlehem.

- What heights can the Bethlehem girls basketball team reach? I don't think there is a Class AA team that can defend sophomore forward Gabby Giacone. And if anyone tries

to collapse on Giacone in the low post, there is support coming from guards Bridget Murphy and Kaylee Rickert. I like the make-up of this team.

- The return of Cassie Broadhead to Scotia-Glenville's lineup. Without the high-scoring senior guard, the Lady Tartans have been rather ordinary. Hopefully, Broadhead's shoulder injury heals in time for her to take the court for the Class A Sectionals.

- The Shenendehowa-Shaker basketball doubleheader at Siena College Jan. 10. It's a fundraiser for the Christopher Stewart and Deanna Rivers Scholarship Fund at Shen,

and it coincides with a match-up of the two best boys and girls hoop teams in the Suburban Council North Division. Also, it will be interesting to hear how the crowds from the two rival schools treat each other given the new sense of connection following the Northway accident Dec. 1 that claimed the lives of Stewart and Rivers and injured Shen student Matt Hardy and Shaker student Bailey Wind.

- Any Saratoga-Shen hockey game. Saratoga already won the first match-up 2-0. The regular season rematch is Jan. 30 in Saratoga Springs, and I've got a feeling there will be one more meeting between them in Sectionals. Not sure if it will be in the finals like the last two years or if it will be in the semifinals, but it will happen. At any rate, it's the best rivalry in the Capital District High School Hockey League and a match-up not to be missed.

- The Gibson Brothers show Jan. 11 at The Egg. OK, this is not sports related.

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From the

Sports Desk

Rob Jonas