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Tree sale begins

Lions hope improved security will avoid a repeat of thefts

By MARCY VELTE
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As they prepare to open their annual Christmas tree sale, the Bethlehem Lions Club will be beefing up security following last year's theft of several dozen trees.

More than \$1,000 worth of trees were stolen last year overnight, just one day after the shipment was received. Now, the nearly 350 trees and wreaths will be kept locked up behind the fence of a local business. Once the sale begins, the trees will have 24-hour security surveillance.

"I don't believe the thief was caught," said club member Dan Ryan, a co-

organizer of the sale. "We never heard a word about it."

As news of the theft got out, residents from throughout the Capital District stepped forward to help the organization recoup its money. The rest of the trees were sold and about \$900 in donations were received to make up for the lost trees.

Another local business owner offered his services to update the tree lot's security.

Dan Brown from Saratoga Surveillance inspected the lot and installed several surveillance cameras and a computer system to view the footage at no charge. There is enough memory in the system to last the four weeks of the sale. Brown will once

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The Bethlehem Lions Club is taking more precautions with its annual Christmas tree sale this year after more than \$1,000 in merchandise was stolen from the lot last year.

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The Bethlehem Turkey Trot is a low-key community race that benefits the local food pantry and burns off some calories leading up to the big meal.

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Burn off that bird

Local events let people run, walk or dance away those Thanksgiving calories

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With Thanksgiving a few days away, some people are looking for ways to keep themselves off the couch and the calories at bay.

For those not busy prepping the bird, many organizations in the area have begun offering a new holiday tradition: exercise. These days, an increasing number of families are opting to take part in annual Turkey Trot races over sitting home and watching the parade.

The largest Turkey Trot in the

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Project will keep old news fresh

Library to create digital database of historic Spotlight newspapers

By MARCY VELTE
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A new project by the Bethlehem Public Library is looking to preserve a narrative of the town's history.

In cooperation with Spotlight News, the library will use donated money and a matching grant to digitize the Bethlehem newspaper's first 50 years in publication.

"This is the paper of record

for the town so we've been trying to do this for some time, but the technology wasn't available," said Library Director Geoffrey Kirkpatrick.

For the past 14 years, the library has been wanting to get the project under way, but they lacked the funding. The project is moving forward now because donations have finally come together.

The library's entire collection of Spotlight newspapers from 1955 to 2005 will be sent to a company in western New York that will scan the publications, digitize them and turn them

into microfilm copies, which will eventually be uploaded to the Internet to create a digital database.

Spotlight Publisher John McIntyre said the project fits well with the weekly newspaper's mission.

"We want the public to be able to have access to their local history," said McIntyre. "We believe digital copies will be of more use at time goes on, as does the library."

Kirkpatrick said a similar initiative, called the New York

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A new library project will make digital reproductions of old editions of The Spotlight.

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G'land students arrested for 'vulgar' rap

Police charge four teens under Albany County cyberbullying law

By JOHN PURCELL
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Four Guilderland students allegedly involved in the explicit rap song posted online, which detailed alleged sexual encounters of students, have turned themselves in on criminal charges.

The Guilderland Police Department said four Guilderland High School juniors were arrested on Thursday, Nov. 21, and charged with cyberbullying, a misdemeanor, for their connection to the explicit rap song posted to YouTube last week. The four charged were all teenage boys living in Guilderland ranging from 16 to 17 years old when the incident occurred.

Guilderland Police Capt. Curtis Cox said police were "very concerned" after listening to the song. He said two people, who were named in the video, filed complaints with police about the incident.

"When we have victims come forward that are



Guilderland Police Capt. Curtis Cox on Thursday, Nov. 21, announced the arrest of four Guilderland High School juniors charged with cyberbullying. The mis-demeanor charge against the teens stems from their alleged involvement in an explicit rap song naming fellow sophomore students.

Photo by John Purcell/Spotlight

very concerned about it, these people were targeted and names of these individuals were there, we have to look into the matter," Cox said. "A lot of the (words) were very vulgar, very directive. It describes individuals [alleged] actions targeted, and that makes us very concerned."

Cox said all four were issued appearance tickets and are scheduled to reappear in Guilderland Town Court on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The misdemeanor charge carries a fine up to \$1,000 and up to one year

in prison.

Police reached out to the families of those charged to turn themselves in at "their convenience" on Thursday, with two coming in the morning, another later in the morning and the fourth person in the afternoon.

"If somebody doesn't come in voluntarily when you have a case like this, the alternative is to get a warrant for somebody's arrest," Cox said. "These folks were very cooperative in the matter."

Spotlight News at this time is not releasing the names of the four students that were charged.

Guilderland school district officials suspended the four students from school last week.

Cox said police worked with district administrators during the criminal investigation. He said the four individuals did not willfully come forward and had to be asked to be interviewed about the incident.

"The school district took administrative action as they can through school, and the police department ran its concurrent investigation into the incident," Cox said.

Cox was not aware how the four teens were determined to be suspects, but said at least one used his real name in the song.

Police, along with school officials, said the motive or reasoning behind students releasing the song is not clear.

"The motivation behind the students, I don't know," Cox said.

The video, titled "Guilderland Sophomore Rap," featured an explicit rap song describing "inappropriate

accusations" and "sexually explicit descriptions" of students by name, Cox said.

The description for the YouTube video read, "Guilderland 2016 is a slut fest." The video was an audio clip set to a picture of the Guilderland High School entrance sign.

Guilderland Superintendent of Schools Marie Wiles previously said she was appalled by the content of the song.

"Children were mentioned by name and in a manner that was highly inappropriate and hurtful," Wiles said. "I was stunned by the graphic and obscene nature of the comments made. ... The comments were shocking and insulting."

Guilderland school officials had contacted YouTube Tuesday, Nov. 12, to remove the video, but the user apparently removed it from the website later that day. Cox said there were "different versions" of the video posted online, but all are removed.

The Albany County Legislature in 2010 passed the cyberbullying law that was applied to students in this incident.

"The intent of the local law is pretty specific,"

Cox said. "We had complainants that felt bullied and victimized by this, therefore when you apply it to the law it fits ... and they are charged according."

Cox said cyberbullying is "a serious matter" and it will not be tolerated.

"People all across the country are suffering from physiological effects of being bullied, some have even committed suicide, and I think that speaks for itself," he said.

Cox said parents should try to be "more vigilant" of what their children are doing on social media, along with other online activity.

"Having conversations with them about a situation like this on something that perhaps these kids thought was a big joke can transform into something that is extremely serious," Cox said. "That is the message we want to get out — how dangerous this is and how inappropriate."

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Students help send medical supplies to needy

Organization collects surplus medical supplies and sends them to people in need

By MARCY VELTE
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A charity organization with a new chapter started this summer by University at Albany students will be warehousing locally collected items in Bethlehem.

The college's chapter of Advocates for World Health will be using warehouse space provided by *Spotlight News* on a continuing basis. The non-profit collects surplus medical supplies from hospitals and medical offices from throughout the region and redistributes them to impoverished nations throughout the world.

"We work as the middle man," said the chapter's co-president Heather Sickler, 22. "We collect the supplies from hospitals, house them, and then wait for them to be shipped-off to be repurposed and used around the world."

Advocates for World Health work with IMEC Global Green, a larger organization which services more than 80 countries by providing surplus medical supplies. IMEC provides funding and transportation of the

medical supplies overseas. "We were happy to provide the space to help out this great cause," said *Spotlight* Publisher John McIntyer. "They say, 'Think globally, act locally' and that's what this initiative is doing."

Sickler, who is obtaining her Master's Degree in Public Health, said she was approached over the summer by the main chapter in Tampa, Fla. about starting a local chapter, in order to further outreach. There are only 12 chapters throughout the country so far.

Sickler then asked her friend, Adam Goodcoof to be her co-president. Both had been co-presidents of the college's Pre-Med Club as undergraduates.

"I liked the message and what they were trying to do," said Sickler. About 50 rotating volunteers are now involved with the cause at UAlbany.

The organization works to keep surplus medical supplies and equipment out of landfills, while sending them to people in need.

The local chapter did its first drive over the summer in Troy. Now, the organization is collecting supplies to be sent to the Philippines following Typhoon Haiyan, which reportedly killed more than 5,000 people.

Sickler said the

organization will accept anything that could be used to create a make-shift medical clinic. Medical supplies and equipment are needed, but so are filing cabinets, chairs, desks and old waiting room furniture.

Collections from the group were at a standstill because the chapters did not have a place to store equipment.

Now, volunteers will be visiting regional hospitals and medical offices more often. Sickler said the group would also like to establish partnerships with hospitals that may have large amounts of surplus that can be donated on a regular basis. She said because the volunteers are college students, it would be more helpful if pick-ups were done once medical facilities had larger donations to make.

Sickler said she would encourage other colleges to create their own chapters. All of the chapters could then pool their resources to collect from a wider area regionally.

"My only concern would be there might not be enough access in the area for all of us to collect separately," she said. "I think we would need to work together."

For anyone with surplus medical supplies who would like to donate, contact Sickler at Heather.Sickler@AWHealth.org.



University at Albany's new chapter of Advocates for World Health will be collecting surplus medical supplies to send to impoverished nations around the world. The organization will be using the warehouse of *Spotlight News* to store supplies on an on-going basis.

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Albany man calls police, gets charged with DWI

Guilderland police arrested Brandon C. Mimbs, 24, of 75 Elderberry Court in Albany, around 11:10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, and charged him with aggravated DWI for having a BAC of 0.18 percent or more. Police said Mimbs was allegedly involved in a motor vehicle accident near the entrance to Crossgates Mall on Western Avenue but left the scene and parked his vehicle in front of his home. Mimbs then allegedly called police to complain someone had hit his car while parked in front of his home. Police said there was a trail of antifreeze that leaked from his car and the engine was still warm. Mimbs denied driving the vehicle, but had redness on his chest and redness around his neck where the air bag would have stuck him during the accident, according to police. He allegedly failed all standard field sobriety tests administered by police.

Other arrests

Guilderland police arrested Romeo Edward Faulkner, 23, of 18 Gay Lane in Schenectady, around 3:30

p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, and charged him with criminal contempt in the first degree, a felony, and harassment in the second degree. Police said Faulkner was involved in a dispute with a person at that address whom he allegedly harassed and hit with a curtain rod. Police said his actions violated an order of protection issued on Oct. 17 by Guilderland Town Judge John Bailey. Faulkner was remanded to Albany County jail on \$5,000 cash or bond bail.

Guilderland police arrested Shравan Kumar Matham, 28, of 25 Woodlake Road Apt. 5 in Guilderland, around 2:55 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, and charged him with DWI. Police stopped Matham on Church Road for allegedly failing to stop for a red light and not signaling a turn. Police said he had a strong odor of alcohol on him and had bloodshot, watery eyes. A chemical test revealed he had a BAC of 0.09 percent, police said.

Bethlehem Police arrested Brian Bednarsai, 29, of Stockbridge, Mass., around 2 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, and charged him with DWI. Police stopped

Bednarsai on Delaware Avenue after he was allegedly speeding. Police said the driver smelled of alcohol and admitted to having three beers. Police said Bednarsai failed a field sobriety test and chemical test after being taken into custody. Bednarsai was processed and released, and will return to court in December.

Bethlehem police arrested Timothy Reilly, 25, of 15 Borthwick Ave., Delmar, and charged him with DWI, along with various other traffic infractions. Police said an officer was dispatched to the corner of Kenwood and Kenaware avenues after a car struck a pole. Police said Reilly was allegedly found to be walking away from the crash scene and during an interview said the crash happened as he drove home from an undisclosed location. Police said the driver allegedly smelled of alcohol, had droopy eyes and slurred speech. Police said Reilly was asked to perform a field sobriety test, but he refused. At the station, Reilly also refused a chemical test, according to police. A refusal report was included in Reilly's file to be sent to the Department of Transportation. After being processed and setting a court date, Reilly was released into the care of his mother.

Holidays bring identity theft and counterfeit currency

Albany County District Attorney David Soares is warning people to be aware of the potential for identity theft and counterfeit currency as the holiday shopping season kicks off.

Soares on Wednesday, Nov. 20, was joined by the Secret Service, local law enforcement representatives, and SEFCU during a press conference highlighting how identity theft and counterfeit currency victims are affected and what can be done to prevent it. The District Attorney's Office said counterfeit activity has significantly increased in the area in recent years, along with instances of identity theft.

"As we enter the biggest shopping season of the year, I urge local retailers, businesses and financial institutions to be vigilant in their transactions with cash currency," Soares said in a statement. "We see an increase in counterfeit activity around the holiday season and retailers are on the front lines of detecting and stopping the passing of fraudulent currency."

Soares urged people to frequently check their bank accounts and immediately report any suspicious activity to their bank and local police.

"Detection and reporting are essential in responding to identity theft and from stopping phony bills and credit



Albany DA warns people to be aware of identity theft and counterfeit currency during the holiday shopping season.

cards from being passed around the Capital District this season," Soares said in a statement.

Counterfeit groups are using easy access to highways and the multitude of area retailers to exchange "phony dollars" for merchandise and gift cards, according to law enforcement officials. After using counterfeit money locally, criminals will quickly flee the area unless apprehended.

Identity theft incidents have also been reported, which have criminals using the bank accounts to order items online or to generate fake credit cards for in-store purchases.

John DeCelle, chief marketing officer of SEFCU, said education is "one of the most effective ways" to prevent identity theft.

"SEFCU is committed to ensuring that our members know how to keep their confidential information safe," DeCelle said in a statement. "In addition, we also provide a number ways members can easily monitor their accounts – like online

banking and smartphone apps – so they can quickly detect unauthorized transactions."

Soarws at the event also awarded two local police officers "who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to address these crimes."

Guilderland Police Department Investigator Charles Tanner and Colonie Police Department Investigator James Gerace Sr. received the DA's Badge of Honor Award for this work on local investigations and arrests of counterfeit perpetrators.

The DA's Office also offered tips for consumers and retailers to address identity theft and counterfeit currency:

- Carefully check your financial statements and report suspicious activity immediately.
- Run your credit report annually and review for accuracy.
- If you are handed an item that appears to be fake currency or a fraudulent credit card, contact your local police department or United States Secret Service field office. Do not return any suspected fake bills to the passer.
- Observe the passer's description, as well as that of any companions, and the license plate numbers of any vehicles used.
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Editor, *The Spotlight*:
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people with community water supply. By sealing your home to keep radon outside, you can significantly reduce your home's radon levels.

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*Jeff Seyler
President & CEO
American Lung Association of the Northeast*

Consider buying a family journal

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
As the holidays approach and we dash around frantically buying gifts for everyone, consider buying a family journal.

Between Christmas, Hanukkah and the New Year, congregate as a family and have each member, no matter how old or young, contribute something to share in the journal.

Maybe Tommy wants to remember his first fishing trip with grandpa in the spring. Carol might want to reflect upon her first prom, while mom might share how she felt when she experienced something very unique for the first time. And, let dad join in with his special 2013 memory.

Have fun; appoint a secretary and have an illustrator. Put the journal in a safe place and revisit its contents and add new memories on a yearly

basis. You won't regret it. It's a special way for the entire family to bond and record memories to last a lifetime.

If grandma or grandpa lives nearby, have them join in. If they live far away, give them a call and have them contribute. You might want to include New Year's resolutions, and then have the opportunity to evaluate how successful you and everyone else was the following year.

The journal will become a family keepsake. It only takes a little time once a year.

P.S. Make sure all cell phones and other electronic devices are shut off before and during participation in this activity.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year to you and yours.

*Bernadene Marie
Guilderland*

Town needs more active participation

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
The elections are over. Thank heavens! As Ed Koch famously said, "The voters have spoken and now they must be punished!"

My first observation is that the rumors of the demise of the Democratic machine in Bethlehem were wrong. They have, however, been completely co-opted by the "Reform Democrats". Secondly, Ms. Sasso outpolled the incumbent Reinhardt on the Democratic line. Let's hope that enables her to have some independence on the board. Lastly, almost 10,000 voters came out and while this is short of the 17,000 that came out for the Presidential election and way short of the 21,000 registered voters, it is a good thing.

The challenge now is not to let ourselves sink back into lethargy. The Town Board needs active participation of residents in their deliberations so that there is not a temptation to go off "half cocked," otherwise we could end up with electric car charging stations all over and a "green brand" stamped on the Town.

Next comes the school board and budget election in May. This is something that impacts all of us directly in our sizeable school taxes. It has, however, significantly less participation. Last year only 3,800 people stirred themselves to come out to vote and we got an appointed board member without much of a fuss. School board meetings are very poorly attended, except by faculty and students condemned to be there for credit. The board is spending your money like water and treats taxpayers like a free ATM machine. It is a bargain if you have children but not so much for the rest of us.

This is an important year. There will be three openings on the board and we need people to run who will remember that they are also responsible to the taxpayers. Our erstwhile State Senator

and assembly member will be there before the Dec. 4 board of education meeting to address issues like common core, unfunded mandates and state funding to school districts. If no one shows up, they will assume that their constituents are all as happy as a clam!

*Philip W. Carter
Slingerlands*

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Editor, *The Spotlight*:
Recently, "Healing A Woman's Soul," a charity to assist victims of domestic violence, held its annual silent auction at St. Paul's Church in Albany. We appreciate the generosity of numerous local businesses including: Spotlight News, Cyndi Robinson; Cafe 333, Delmar; Balance

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We're pleased to announce that we are an official drop-off point for this year's Marine Corps Reserves' Dunkin' Donuts Toys for Tots Train program. Stop by our office at 341 Delaware Ave. in Delmar to donate a new, unwrapped toy, and you can pick up a free copy of one of our Spotlight editions.

This is the first year we've participated in the annual program, which delivers toys to young children who wouldn't otherwise receive presents for the holidays. However, it's not the first time we've helped out at holiday time. Last year, our office bought and delivered gifts to a local family in need, so getting involved with the Toys for Tots Train is a logical continuation of our goal to help those in our community. Bethlehem reporter Marcy Velte deserves a special thanks for being the driving force behind our involvement in these programs.

More than 400 other locations across the region are also serving as drop-off points, with the goal of delivering presents to 200,000 children in the Greater Capital Region. Winter coats are also being accepted at select locations across the region.

The Toys for Tots Train campaign began earlier than usual last month in an effort to reach its goal of serving those 200,000 children in need of a little holiday joy. In order to make it happen, several companies, including Dunkin' Donuts, Freihofer's, Wal-Mart,



Spotlight staffers stand behind the Toys for Tots Train drop box located in the lobby of our office at 341 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Dec. 13. Staff members include, from left, Martha Eriksen, Dave Abbott, Marcy Velte, Rob Jonas, John Purcell, Evelyn Necroto, Kristen Roberts, Billy DeLap and Kathy Bryant.

John McIntyre/Spotlight

Keeler Motor Car Company and Sondra's Fine Jewelry have donated money to make certain the train will run again this year.

There was a time in 2009 when it appeared the Toys for Tots Train might be derailed due to a lack of funds, but Dunkin' Donuts stepped in to donate the money necessary to keep the program going. Since then, more companies have gotten on board financially to allow toys to be delivered via train from Binghamton to

Rouses Point.

Our goal is to deliver a full box of toys to the train. Therefore, we're asking you to drop by our office between now and Friday, Dec. 13, during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday) with your donations. Teddy bears, board games, model cars – anything you believe a child would like to have for Christmas is welcome.

You can do your part for the program in other ways, too, such as raising money

and volunteering to help at the distribution center, which will be located at Integra Networks at Albany International Airport. Visit toysfortots.org to find out how you can participate.

We realize that with economic conditions still shaky for many area families, it's not always easy to find the extra money to spend on a toy for others. But if you think about the look of joy on a child's face when he or she opens a present on Christmas morning, you know that it's worth it.

Guest Commentary

So much to be grateful for

By Daniel P. McCoy

This Thanksgiving, as families in Albany County come together to share a meal and reconnect, I am reminded of what makes Albany County such a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. I am proud to live and work here and am grateful for the love and support of my family. In the spirit of the season, it is important to pause and reflect.

Most importantly, I believe that we need to give our deepest thanks to the men and women who bravely serve our country in the armed forces. Their personal

sacrifice is one that we can never fully repay. I hope you will join me in thanking them for their selfless service to all of us in New York and our nation.

I want to let you know how much I value the time I spend talking to the people in our community. I always enjoy meeting with residents at town board meetings or events throughout the year. It's important to me that I hear directly from the public about things happening in their neighborhoods. It truly helps me to do a better job as County Executive.

This time of year also reminds

me that the people of Albany County are capable of great things. Your spirit of community and generosity comes through in many ways. Each year our neighbors and schoolchildren hold coat and food drives or other efforts to assist those in need. At a time when resources are stretched thin, your grassroots efforts help the less fortunate enjoy the season. It also shows that the people who live in our community care deeply about their neighbors. It's gratifying to see us all come together to help out. These values that we share coupled with the work we do as

partners demonstrate how much we can accomplish.

At Thanksgiving, I am humbled when I see just how generous people can be toward others. I am thankful that so many people in the region take time to assist others in this special season of celebration and giving. We have much to be grateful for.

I wish everyone in Albany County a very Happy Thanksgiving. May you and your families be richly blessed as you come together to give thanks.

The writer is the Albany County executive.

The word on the street

Should stores be open on Thanksgiving?



Brittany Barstein, New Haven, Conn.

"That's too early. Stores shouldn't be open."



Tyler Yaturo, Millstone, N.J.

"It's the holiday season. People gotta go shopping, trying to do it early."



Melissa Dubin, East Greenbush

"It kinda like takes away from it if you can shop on Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving, you just want to sit on your couch after eating a ton of turkey, anyway."

Asked Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Siena College

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Health plan help available

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Community Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and remain closed for Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28. Regular library hours will resume at 10 a.m. on Friday morning.

Meet with a navigator

On Monday, Dec. 9, and Monday, Dec. 16, you can choose and buy health insurance through the Affordable Care Act with the help of a trained health plan navigator.

Call the library at 756-2053 to make an appointment. You will be given the navigator's phone number so you can ask her what information you need to bring to the appointment. The navigator will meet with you for an hour to review plans, costs and what help you can get paying for health insurance. This service is free.

In New York state, the insurance is sold through the Department of Health. There is an information display near the library's copy machine. Every plan offers the same level of coverage, but the deductibles, co-pays and premiums vary.

You also can enroll by calling (855) 355-5777 to talk to an in-person assister or online at <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov>. The https without the www indicates a secure site for confidential transactions.

Stories with Sweets and Santa

There's a chill in the air, and holiday decorations are popping up around town already. Welcome the holiday season with your friends and neighbors at the library on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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the Library invite the community to their annual fundraiser, "Stories and Sweets with Santa." There will be a bake sale of homemade goodies to raise money for the purchase of new furniture for the children's area. Santa arrives at 11:30 a.m. to read a story voted for by the children. Cast your vote the next time you are in the library.

While younger siblings visit with Santa, children ages 8 to 12 can get ready for the holiday by making duct tape holiday decorations in our Community Room. Sessions are at 11 a.m. and noon. Registration is preferred but not required.

Bakers are needed for the sale. If you would like to make one of your specialties for the sale, email rcsclfrinds@gmail.com, or call the library at 756-2053.

Computer classes at the library

Class size is limited, so you will get your questions answered. All classes are free and take place in the library. Registration is required: call 756-2053, or email info@rcscommunitylibrary.org

Shopping Online: Avoid long lines and shop comfortably in your PJs. Discover basic tips and tricks to shop safely online with major retailers and online auctions. Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 11:00 a.m., or Thursday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m.

The New World of Tablets, iPods, iPads and More: Have fun exploring the features and possibilities of tablet computers like the iPad or iPod. Bring your own in, or experiment with an iPod or iPad at the library. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m.

1-on-1 Tech Coaching: Get advice and answers to your technology questions. One person may sign up per session. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 11 a.m.; Thursday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 26, at 6:30 p.m.; or Thursday, Jan. 2, at 6:30 p.m.

What's new? New adult non-fiction

"The Complete Beer Course" by Joshua Bernstein

"Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital" by Sheri Fink

"Fun with Yarn and Fabric: More Than 50 Easy and Fun Projects to Sew, Crochet and Embroider" by Susanna Zacke

"I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai

"Lidia's Commonsense Italian Cooking" by Lidia Bastianich

"The Pioneer Woman Cooks: A Year of Holidays" by Ree Drummond

"Stolen Valor: How the Vietnam Generation Was Robbed of Its Heroes and Its History" by B. G. Burkett

"Twelve Years A Slave" by Solomon Northrup

"Why Can't I Get Better? Solving the Mystery of Lyme & Chronic Disease" by Richard Horowitz

Mooney recounts trail trip

El Camino de Santiago is a 1,200-year-old Christian pilgrimage trail that runs through France and Spain to the medieval city of Santiago (St. James), where the bones of that saint are believed to be buried.

In 2009, at age 59, Delmar resident T. Brendan Mooney hiked the trail, completing it in 28 days. He returned to the trail the next year as a certified hospitalero—a volunteer providing information and practical aid to other pilgrims.

Mooney shares his extraordinary experiences in an illustrated talk at Bethlehem Public Library next Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m.

Mooney has lived and studied in Spain and speaks fluent Spanish. His studies and travels have also taken him to American Samoa, Australia, Central America, Ireland and Colorado. An alumnus of Marist College, he was a project manager for the State of New York for 31 years.

This program is part of the library's ongoing Russell Travel series.

Holiday closing reminder

The library will close at 5 p.m. today, Nov. 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen Friday at 9 a.m.

Also, please note that the library will open at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, to accommodate a staff development program in the morning. There will be no phone service that morning, but the outdoor book drops will be open.

Musical reminder

Our winter concert series "A Little Sunday Music" continues Sunday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m. with Spiral Tango — guitarist William Simcoe and flutist Elisabeth Williams — and special guest guitarist Raymond Andrews.

Next Friday, Dec. 6, at 1 p.m., the



Bethlehem Senior Chorus presents "Light Sings." Please note that this performance will be held in Bethlehem Town Hall.

Library staff and trustees wish all our patrons a safe and happy holiday season.

Louise Grieco

Public Information Specialist

Teen Advisory Group

Friday, Dec. 6, 3:30 p.m. TAG meets monthly to talk about teen programs and activities at the library. Grade 6-12.

Daybooks

Monday, Dec. 9, 1:30 p.m. "The Cove" by Ron Rash. New members welcome. Copies available at the information desk. Audio copies may also be available.

Tabletop Gaming Night

Monday, Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m. New monthly series. Drop in for games and snacks. Adults, teens age 16 and up.

Bethlehem Public Library Board

Monday, Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m. Open to the public.

Afterdinner Too

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m. "Arcadia" by Lauren Groff. New members welcome. Copies available at the information desk. Audio copies may also be available.

Pajama-rama

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m. Bedtime stories and fun for children up to age 6 and families.

Origami Club

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 3:30 p.m. Learn basic techniques; get help with a special project. Grade K-12.

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Old Fashioned Christmas Party

The New Scotland Historical Association is planning an “Old Fashioned Christmas Party” on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

There will be vocal and instrumental music performed by local musicians, and audience members are encouraged to sing along. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 765-4212.

Singers needed for V’ville festival

The 24th annual Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival takes place on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave.

Area singers are invited to join the community choir for the show. Practice sessions are on three consecutive Thursdays beginning Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

For more information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

Old Songs hosts community dance

Old Songs Inc. will hold its monthly community dance at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, at its community arts center, 37 South Main St. in Voorheesville.

Music will be provided by Fireflies, and Paul Rosenberg is the caller. Simple dances — folk, square and contra — from the United States and around the world will be performed.

The dance is open to people of all ages and abilities, and no partner is necessary.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6 to 12.

For more information, call 482-9255 or email Rosenberg at paul@homespun.biz.

Skating club offers lessons

The Albany Figure Skating Club begins its



Drug take back program a success

The Town of Bethlehem’s police, recycling/sanitation and highway departments partnered with the DEA to host a National Drug Take Back Collection event on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Town Park on Elm Avenue. More than 200 households participated in the anonymous event, and several hundred pounds of expired or unwanted prescription and other medications were collected and securely destroyed by incineration. Among those who helped in the program are, from left, Adam Garrison from the highway department, recycling coordinator Dan Rain and police detectives James Cross (seated) and Ken Beck.

Submitted photo

United States Figure Skating-sanctioned basic skills program on Nov. 30 at the Bethlehem Area YMCA on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Group skating lessons will be held on Saturdays at noon and 2 p.m. from Nov. 30 through Jan. 18. Skaters can choose a six-week or an eight-week program. Each session begins with a 30-minute group lesson, followed by 30 minutes of supervised practice.

The basic skills program provides ice skating instruction for skaters of all ages, abilities and interests. Recreational, figure skaters and hockey skaters preschool age through adults are welcome.

Specialty classes will also be offered, including learn to compete, synchronized skating and moves in the field.

For more information, visit the Albany Figure Skating Club’s web site at www.albanyfsc.org, or call program director Karla Schallehn at (413) 388-4773 or e-mail AlbanyFSCBasicSkills@gmail.com.

Family dance at Delmar Reformed Church

Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. is offering a family dance at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Participatory contra, square and international folk dancing will be taught. There will also be singing and party games.

Paul Rosenberg is the caller, and Tame Rutabaga is providing the music. No experience or partner is needed.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 6 to 12.

For information, call 482-9255 or visit www.homespun.biz/interfamilydance.htm.

Bethlehem Youth Sports Day

The Bethlehem Youth Sports Council is holding a Bethlehem Youth Sports Day Saturday, Nov. 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Golden Town Buffet, 385 Route 9W in Glenmont.

The event includes an

all-you-can-eat luncheon buffet for players and parents. Athletes are asked to wear their youth team jerseys and hats.

The Bethlehem Youth Sports Council held its first meeting on Saturday, Nov. 16. The council’s purpose is to unite town sports organizations to share concerns, challenges, ideas and solutions.

For more information about the Bethlehem Youth Sports Council, visit its Facebook page.

New Baltimore Seniors Christmas party

Once again, the New Baltimore Senior Committee will be hosting a Christmas party for all senior citizens living in the Town of New Baltimore. This event is being proudly sponsored by the Town of New Baltimore for the pleasure of its senior residents.

The party will be held at Pegasus Restaurant, located on Route 9W in West Cossackie, on Wednesday, Dec. 4 beginning with a social

time (cash bar) at noon. The lunch, at 12:45 p.m., will be served buffet style and will include a relish tray, soup, salad and two main entrees: pork loin and chicken parmesan. Dessert and beverage are also included.

Following the meal, there will be drawings for prizes.

Seating is limited to 50 people and will be by reservation only, on a first come/first served basis. To reserve, call Conrad or Dorothy Jurgens at 756-8076. If you need transportation, please make that known when you reserve.

Reservations must be made by Nov. 26 at the latest, and only those who have made reservations will be able to attend.

“Tyger’s Heart” at BCHS Dec. 6-15

A Theatre Without a Net — Bethlehem Central High School’s Shakespearean company — will perform “Tyger’s Heart: The Original Game of Thrones” Dec. 6-8 and 13-15 in the high school

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auditorium.

“It’s a collection, the best-of hits, of Shakespeare’s histories so to speak,” said James Yeara, drama and English teacher at the high school and the creator and director of the play. “It is a production that the community can embrace and enjoy.”

Forty students make up this year’s cast and tech crew. Casting took place in September, and rehearsals began shortly thereafter. Some scenes are delivered in French, and there are two vocal numbers.

Performances will take place at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$6 for students, senior citizens and military personnel.

Tickets are available at the door, or they can be reserved at theatrewithoutanet.org.

Pop Warner cheerleaders slate fundraiser

The Bethlehem Pop Warner junior pee wee division cheer squad is holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the American Legion on Poplar Drive in Delmar.

Money raised from the dinner will help to offset travel costs to the National Pop Warner Cheer Championships Dec. 9 at Walt Disney World. Bethlehem qualified for nationals for the first time with a second-place finish at the Eastern Region Cheer & Dance Competition in New Jersey.

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G'land Seniors host holiday lunch

The annual Guilderland Senior Services Holiday Luncheon takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at noon at Mallozzi's Clubhouse at Western Turnpike Golf Course on Route 20.

The entrée choices are sliced sirloin of beef or stuffed filet of sole. The cost is \$19 per person, and transportation is available for seniors.

Tickets are available through Dec. 3. Please make checks payable to the Town of Guilderland.

Basic STAR registration

The registraion deadline for the Basic STAR exemption with the state Tax Department is Dec. 31. Registration may be done on-line at www.tax.ny.gov or by telephone at 457-0206. If you have any questions, please call our

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Assessor's Office at 356-1980, ext. 1013.

Calendar

Nov. 27

- Scheduled Shopping
- 10:30 a.m. — Strong Bones
- 10:30 a.m. — Senior fitness
- 1 p.m. — Needlecraft
- 1:30 p.m. — Strong Bones

Nov. 28

- Town Hall closed
- Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 29

- Town Hall closed



Annual Campaign kicks off with testimonials

Rachel Criscione of Bethlehem and Bruce Cole of Rotterdam told their inspirational stories at the kickoff of the Bethlehem YMCA's 2014 Annual Campaign Thursday, Nov. 21. Criscione is a breast cancer survivor who walked with friends every day at the Y to help her through surgery, treatment and recovery. Cole participated in the Y's 50 Moving Forward program, which helped him lose weight and alleviate his asthma and diabetes. The Y's Annual Campaign, formerly know as Reach Out For Youth, is a scholarship program that helps thousands of low income Bethlehem individuals and families access programs at the Y. The goal for the 2014 campaign is \$105,000.

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TumbleBooks arrives at library

The Voorheesville Public Library now offers TumbleBooks – digitally animated, talking picture books that help parents and kids share the joy of reading together at home or on the go.

Users of iPads, tablets, smartphones, or computers can connect through our website, www.voorheesvillelibrary.org, to the TumbleBooks elibrary; a collection of more than 300 fiction and nonfiction ebooks.

TumbleBooks are based on print titles with added features such as animation, sounds, music and narration, transforming the book into an electronic picture or chapter book. The collection also offers read-alongs, puzzles and games, language learning,



and short videos.

Retirement Party for Mrs. Laiosa

Please stop by the library, on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. to help us say good-bye to Youth Services Director Joyce Laiosa.

As many of you know, Joyce has been at the library for 16 years, working in the youth services area. She has been a part of many of our lives through our children and grandchildren. We will be hosting an open reception in the community room and, courtesy of the friends of the library, there will be light refreshments. Please

join us.

December Artist of the Month

Our December Artist of the Month, Jean Mackay, will be displaying watercolor sketches from her artist journals, as well as finished paintings.

For more than 20 years, Jean has used art as a way to study nature and to share its beauty and diversity with others. Jean's journals and paintings aim to help people see anew and appreciate both the remarkable species and ordinary things we encounter close to home.

Jean will be hosting a reception to highlight her gallery display. Please stop by on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 3 to 4:45 p.m. to view Jean's work and enjoy some light refreshments.

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| The Floral Garden | Tangora Technologies |
| The Paper Mill | Tiffany's Barber Shop |
| Tomo Asian Bistro | |

Holiday Shopping Cards will be available at the Delmar Turkey Trot, in the SpotlightNews, at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and participating businesses. For a listing of business offers, visit www.bethlehemchamber.com

Happy Holidays!

Get crafty with your gifts this holiday season

So, you tweens out there: Do you have a clue as to what you're going to give the adults in your life this holiday season? Just possibly, the staff at the Guilderland Public Library can help.

Come to the library on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m., and learn how to "Stitch a Gift." You'll find out how to make the coolest treasures (believe us; the folks will love it) by cross-stitching using plastic canvas, needle and yarn. Draw your own design, stitch it and then turn it into a keychain or an ornament ... or a gift.

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4, and let us know you'll be there.

"Sisters"

If the classic movie the library is showing on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m., does not get you into the holiday spirit, then we don't know what will.

Think Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, and "sisters" Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen. (Throw in Dean Jagger and Mary Wickes for good measure.) Add a failing Vermont Inn and

the plot line of a successful song-and-dance team becoming romantically involved with a sister act, and you have two hours of warm and fuzzy moments. It's all about what happens one white Christmas.

The popcorn we serve just makes the whole experience a classic.

Li'l Lego Club for Li'l Kids

Our Li'l Lego Club for children in kindergarten through second grade

meets on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 3:30 p.m., in the Storyhour Room. Young children will gather and create imaginative, wondrous, "what-is-that?" structures with Legos.

It's all about imagination and creative play with friends. Bring your own bricks, or create with ours. As usual, creations that you bring to show off will be kept separate from the library supplies. Please call 456-2400, ext. 4 so we can "block" out some space for you.

Were there monsters at your university?

There probably weren't monsters where you went to school, so if you want to find out what the experience would've been like, then you need to come to the First Friday Film on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

Bethlehem seniors visit holiday lights

You will not want to miss a holiday trip through Washington Park to see the winter wonderland of Capital Lights.

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, we will have dinner at Bob and Ron's Fish Fry, cost on your own, and then drive through the park to see the lights. We will also stroll through the fully decorated Lakehouse filled with craft vendors.

Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 4:30 p.m. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation is \$5, which will support the Albany Police Athletic League. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Get a good start on your holiday shopping.

Senior Action



Town of Bethlehem

Senior transportation will go to Wal-Mart in Glenmont on Monday, Dec. 2. Call 439-5770 to reserve your seat.

We are going to Krause's Homemade Candy Shop in Albany on Thursday, Dec. 5, followed by lunch at Smokey Bones Restaurant, cost on your own. (Separate checks will be provided.) Krause's uses the finest ingredients to make the most extraordinary chocolates you will ever enjoy. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 9:30 a.m. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$5. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.



The Bethlehem Senior Chorus will present "Light Sings" at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Friday, Dec. 6, at 1 p.m. We will have lunch before the show at the Windowbox Café in Slingerlands. Join us for lunch, or come on your own for the performance. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 10:30 a.m. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$3. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

The Senior Discussion Group, facilitated by Jane Sanders, will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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New Scotland's \$7.16M budget within tax cap

Town Board adopts spending plan raising taxes 1.7 percent, reserves tapped for \$334k

By JOHN PURCELL
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Despite revenues budgeted to only increase around \$34,000, or less than 1 percent, New Scotland's 2014 budget is increasing taxes within the politically-touted 2 percent limit.

The New Scotland Town Board on Wednesday, Nov. 13, unanimously adopted next year's budget totaling almost \$7.16 million and holds an overall property tax levy increase of 1.7 percent. Minimal changes were made from the supervisor's tentative budget proposal, with the adopted plan decreasing expenses around \$20,000.

Town Supervisor Tom Dolin said staying within the town's state-imposed property tax cap was a "struggle" because there isn't much that can be cut to lower expenses while not effecting town services.

"The increase in the pension contributions and the increase in the health insurance premiums just about consumed the recommended increase."
- Town Supervisor Tom Dolin

"The increase in the pension contributions and the increase in the health insurance premiums just about consumed the recommended increase," Dolin said. "We already rely on several part-time employees to save (money), so it is going to be difficult to obtain savings based on retirements or layoffs."

Expenditures across the town's four main funds is increasing by \$12,370, which totals nearly \$5.79 million and accounts for 80 percent of the budget. The remainder of the budget comes from special districts — fire, water, sewer and emergency medical service — totaling \$1.37 million, which is increasing \$21,200.

The budget drains nearly \$334,000 from fund balances, but the town

officials are projecting more than \$2.59 million will remain in reserves, which is still around 30 percent of its 2014 budget.

This year, the town budgeted around \$375,000 from its fund balance, but its four main funds will actually see \$146,000 going into reserve accounts, according to town officials. Dolin previously said the town's fund balances have increased over a five-year period.

Town employees are receiving a 1 percent cost-of-living-allowance salary increase. Town judges will also be receiving a \$15,000 salary increase, Dolin said, because their workloads are increasing in April as the Village of Voorheesville closes its court and transfers duties to the town.

Dolin said the town is

exploring if there is grant funding is available to help offset the increased cost to the town through consolidation of the courts.

"We think there is some money for this," he said. "Most of the monies are for studies and planning, but we are actually doing it."

Town homeowners bear a significant portion of the tax burden at 95 percent, with commercial or industrial property owners covering the remaining amount.

There is approximately \$794 million of assessed residential property in the town, and there is more assessed value of vacant

land (\$39.4 million) than there is of commercial (\$33.4 million). The town's taxable value of land totals \$885 million between 4,161 parcels.

Dolin said town officials are interested in trying to bolster its commercial sector.

"We are very interested in some new commercial development," Dolin said. "We are competing with the new Vista commercial development. We are a participant in that at the very rear, so they might not get to us for a few years."

New Scotland Democrats have touted

blocking "big box" development, and the town recently reduced the amount of industrial zoned parcels. Dolin previously said if the town did get "heavy into retail," it would likely be forced to provide its own law enforcement. The Albany County Sheriff's Department provides police coverage for the town. Local municipalities typically see police department costs as its most expensive department.

To view a summary of New Scotland's 2014 Adopted Budget visit SpotlightNews.com or the town's website at www.townofnewscotland.com.

Flag law honors fallen Guilderland native soldier

Flags lowered to half-staff at the State Capitol in honor of a fallen soldier will be given to loved ones at no cost through a new law named after a Guilderland native.

Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the "Lt. Colonel Todd Clark Memorial Flag Presentation Program" into law on Sunday, Nov. 10, which took effect immediately. Family members of a deceased armed service member honored through the governor ordering flags to be lowered at half-staff will not have to pay to receive the flag.

Clark, who the law is named after, was a 17-year veteran of the U.S. Army when he was killed on June 8 in Afghanistan.

"As we honor the service of all those who served this Veteran's Day, I am proud to sign this legislation to provide this lasting symbol to the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our

freedom," Cuomo said in a statement. "By giving these flags to the loved ones of our heroes, we will help further honor their memory and courage."

Clark, while recuperating from serious wounds sustained during a tour of duty, traveled to the State Capitol to discuss veterans' issues with legislators. He served multiple tours in the Middle East.

Clark was called back to active duty in Afghanistan, and in June he confronted an enemy combatant threatening soldiers in his unit. During the confrontation, he was shot and killed. The governor honored his service through ordering flags be lowered.

Senator Hugh Farley, R-Niskayuna, said he was pleased to work with the Clark family, who brought the issue to his attention, and thanked Cuomo for supporting the law.

Previously, such lowered flags were retired after their initial use, but

the new program ensures flags are presented for free to the next of kin.

Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy, D-Albany, said sponsoring the bill was a "true privilege" to create the flag program honoring Clark's "ultimate sacrifice."

"This is a small expression of our enduring gratitude to the families of fallen veterans such as Lt. Colonel Clark and all of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great country," Fahy said in a statement.

Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk, a co-sponsor of the law, said the program will provide "support, respect and appreciation" to the families of armed service members.

"It is a fitting tribute to Lt. Colonel Clark, a true hero who always answered the call of duty," Tkaczyk, D-Duanesburg, said in a statement.

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National Grid braces for season's storms

Company spending \$3B to upgrade electric infrastructure

By JOHN PURCELL
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Tackling some of what the worst winter storms inflicts has National Grid “hot stick” workers preparing for the chilly reality of living in the Northeast.

Mike Pommer, chief line mechanic hot stick for National Grid, displayed how utility crews replace old porcelain insulators with modern polymer ones at company’s training facility in Schenectady on Tuesday, Nov. 19. The porcelain insulators will develop cracks, which Pommer believes is mostly caused from being in the elements.

Pommer said the old technology was probably “state-of-the-art” when it was installed, but when he started working on lines 24 years ago they were the standard.

“We are trying to increase our reliability, so we are changing them out of all of our disconnect cut-out boxes,” Pommer said. “With our new cut-out box they are not failing, they are not cracking, so through all the weather

... customers lights don’t go out.”

Pommer said the company has been “very proactive” in changing out the older technology and not waiting until the lights go out.

“We are trying to change them before they fail,” he said. “We are going around through all our circuits and changing them out, and it has increased reliability a lot. We would get quite a few calls of people (without electricity), and it was due to these cracking and failing.”

Pommer said the upgrade has made a “really big” difference in reliability, but it also creates safer conditions for line workers to work in. When this equipment fails, he said there can be a “big flash” and “quite a fault.”

Another upgrade the company has been doing is installing guards over wires to prevent animals from involuntarily short-circuiting electricity. Pommer said this has proven effective at reducing such occurrences. There are also some wires with thicker coating surrounding it, called “tree wires,” that helps reduce wires breaking.

“I have seen it where a tree limb will lay across all

three wires, and nothing will happen,” Pommer said. “The insulation will protect the circuit from going out, and they have been very proactive in doing that a lot, too.”

Pommer said it is a lot tougher to “skin” the wire during work, but there are new tools used to ease the process. The wire is heavier though, so during an ice storm there is more weight on the wire. Construction design can help offset the added weight, he said.

National Grid started to upgrade its electric infrastructure in 2006, and plans to complete the effort in 2016. The company has committed more than \$3 billion to perform the upgrades across upstate New York.

“Our first concern is the safety of the public and our employees,” Kenneth Daly, president of New York state for National Grid, said in a statement. “Then, our goal is restore electricity and gas service as quickly as possible.”

National Grid begins planning their response days before a forecasted severe weather event, which includes planning for additional outside crews, preparing to implement the Incident



National Grid chief line mechanic Mike Pommer demonstrates how he replaces porcelain insulators during a Nov. 19 press conference. The utility company is busy replacing antiquated equipment before winter begins.
John Purcell/Spotlight

Command System to coordinate preparation and restoration, and consistently monitoring a storm determine where to position resources for response efforts.

The company also reaches out to area emergency management officials to discuss storm preparation and service restoration plans.

Customers have several ways to learn about service issues or interruptions during storms. National Grid provides real time information on its Outage Central map on its website, which can viewed at www1.nationalgridus.com/OutageCentral. For those with smartphones, there

is also an app available for Apple and Android devices.

By text messaging the word “STORM” to 64743 (NGRID), customers can also sign up to receive text message alerts and updates. Email alerts are also available to customers who create an online profile on the company’s website.

Company emergency crews follow a “time-tested plan” to restore service as safely and quickly as possible. Damage surveys and resource estimates provide the forecasted time for service restoration.

Crews will first clear away any hazards, such as live, downed lines,

but clean-up of storm-damaged trees and removed branches are the responsibility of the customer or property owner.

Workers then tackle repairing main transmission infrastructure including towers, poles and high-tension wires that deliver power from generating plants. Another high-priority is repairing local substations that feeds power to homes. Finally, neighborhood circuits, transformers and wires are repaired starting with the areas holding the most customers.

National Grid advises customers to be prepared for service interruptions. It’s a good idea to have a number of working flashlights, at least one battery-operated radio and an extra supply of batteries in your home. A radio is a good way to stay in touch, as National Grid provides news media with timely information regarding service restoration efforts.

Also, post National Grid’s emergency outage reporting number — 1-800-867-5222 — near your telephone so it will be handy if needed.

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Soldier On benefit bash set to rock Albany

Money raised will help build a home for local veterans

By BILLY DeLAP
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Legendary musicians are coming to Albany to help raise money for a program that plans to build a housing center in Albany for veterans.

On May 31, following an all day block party, Brett Michaels, Marshall Tucker Band and Charlie Daniels Band will perform at the Times Union Center to raise money for Soldier On.

Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy announced during a Tuesday, Nov. 19, news conference at the Times Union Center that benefits from the concert will go toward building a campus for veterans at the former site of the Ann Lee Home in Albany County.

“This is going to be a great partnership for the 18,000 veterans in the county, some of whom need these services,” said McCoy. “The fact that these great recording artists are coming to Albany in support of Soldier On affirms that this is an organization that deserves our support.”

Soldier On CEO and President John Downing, Times Union Center General Manager Bob Belber, concert promoter Jim Anderson of Willjam Productions and Patrick Brisson, a local charity event coordinator and veterans advocate, were in attendance with McCoy.

“When I heard about the county’s partnership with Soldier On to build a home for returning veterans, I got the idea that we could help out by putting on a concert to raise funds for the effort,” said Anderson. “I immediately thought of three bands who have demonstrated sincere and dedicated support to our troops and veterans over many, many years. I am so pleased that all three bands were available to perform on May 31, 2014.”

Charlie Daniels is a country music legend has played for troops in Iraq several times. Brett Michaels performed at Al Asad Air Base in 2007 and works with Operation Homefront. The Marshall Tucker Band has played numerous concerts to benefit the armed forces and related non-profits.

“How do we end homelessness for veterans? Veterans are three times more homeless than any other community in our society,” said Anderson. “The reasons are complex and difficult, but they have



A Soldier On employee speaks at the Tuesday, Nov 19, announcement at the Times Union Center.

Billy DeLap/Spotlight

to do with being separated from friends and family, call to duty, being under stress that people don’t understand unless they have been there and doing very important and brave work and coming back and not being able to find employment or find a place to fit in easily anymore.”

This gave Soldier On the idea to build 110 to 120 permanent, limited-equity housing units that veterans could live in and manage. There would also be a center for returning veterans and assistance from the VA so veterans wouldn’t have to go the Stratton VA Medical Center.

Soldier On serves 40

counties in New York. The project that could cost \$30 million would be paid for with grants and money from donations and fundraisers.

“The hardest thing in government right now is to do things like this, to do things outside the box, to find the funding for it. Times are still tough; we’re still coming out of this great recession,” said McCoy. “People are having a hard time paying their bills, paying their rent, paying their mortgage, putting food on the table. We owe it to our veterans to get them off the streets, get them back into society and let them have the life they deserve.”



Waiting to step off

Members of the University of Massachusetts Marching Band from New York will be in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade this year. From left to right are: third row, Gavin Verity (Belmont), Pat Conboy (Garden City), Chris Moehring (Bethlehem), Andrew Schuman (East Meadow);middle row, Jess Clarke,(Norwood,Mass.) Kathy Greco (Saugerties), Alyssa Gallo (Rockaway), Rachel Oestreicher (Harrison);first row, Sam Mchugh (Garden City), Alexis Sabol (White Plains), Sandee Hirsh (Harrison), Clair Cangialosi (White Plains), and Claudia Carbone (Hurley).

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Ruth G. Rundell, 85, passed away peacefully at Albany Medical Center Nov. 18. Born in Hudson, NY, she was a private duty practical nurse while her children attended college. Ruth loved to play cards, travel and she truly had a wonderful sense of humor. She was a strong willed and determined character who was loved by many. Ruth was the mother of Ruth Ann of Selkirk; William of Indiana; Rebecca Finn of Mississippi and Gary of Arizona. She had many

grandchildren and great grandchildren. There will be a gathering of family and friends in the Spring. Those wishing to remember Ruth may make contributions to the Bethlehem Senior Projects Food Pantry, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Ruth's family would like to thank her compassionate caregivers and the staff at Albany Medical Center's Trauma Unit for their constant unconditional care. We are so grateful for everyone's prayers.

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CVS proposal for Bethlehem Center seeks site plan approval

By MARCY VELTE
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After receiving a height variance from the Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals in July, the Bethlehem Soccer Club is moving forward with its plans to build an indoor soccer dome on its Wemple Road property.

The project went before the town's Planning Board for an initial presentation on Tuesday, Nov. 19. Approval and a special use permit is needed for the project to move forward.

"We were running into a constraint in the amount of fields that were available and usage was being limited," said Mark Sweeney, a former president of the club. "We do use fields at the town park frequently for our rec program and even some travel programs, but this site doesn't (currently) accommodate for all we would like to use it for and the programs we would like to provide for the kids."

The soccer facility is being proposed through a new partnership between the soccer club and Afrim's Sports in Latham. Afrim

Nezaj, owner of Afrim's Sports, will be paying for the project and taking over day-to-day operations, with the soccer club acting as landlord. Nezaj also has a proposal before the town of Colonie to build an athletic complex near the Memory Gardens memorial park. A zoning board hearing on that proposal was held Thursday, Nov. 21, with the town tabling the matter until January.

The Bethlehem plans call for a 43,000-square-foot indoor, inflatable soccer dome to be built at 450 Wemple Road. Two regulation fields would be inside the facility. Also included would be a 3,000-square-foot lobby, which would hold offices, a concession stand and a small retail area for soccer equipment.

The soccer club originally wanted to build a permanent structure facility but could not raise the funds or had the volunteers to run the facility full-time.

Neighbors had previously been against the plan, fearing the large dome structure would reduce property values and harm the tranquility of the area. Developers said they are now working more closely with neighbors to compromise on the facility's location and aesthetics.

The new plans call for relocating some of the outdoor fields on the property in order to place the indoor facility farther away from neighbors. The

property's parking lot will also be improved, with two smaller lots added.

Members of the Planning Board said they appreciated the extra work that was put in to rearranging the fields and proposed facility to appease the neighbors. Some said they were still concerned about noise, but Planning Director Rob Leslie said the department was happy with the information provided by the manufacturer.

The board wanted the developers to look further into additional plants and vegetation. They were also concerned about what signage would be used. A public hearing will be held at a future date before official action is taken.

Two people spoke before the meeting in favor of the project.

One resident said he believes the project will allow more children to participate in sports at a younger age because parents won't have to drive their kids to another facility to play indoor sports.

Town Councilman Kyle Kotary said as a parent of three kids who participate in the soccer club and other sports who will benefit from the facility, he "whole-heartedly" supports the project.

Route 9W at Bethlehem Center was also brought before the board.

The project was first brought before the town's Development Planning Committee last February and then before the Planning Board in July. Site plan approval is needed to go forward with the project.

The plan would call for relocating the current pharmacy within Glenmont Plaza to a new larger building proposed to be built on the corner on Route 9W and Glenmont Road. A USA gas station currently sits on the site. The gas station, along with several local businesses and residences, would be demolished.

The demolition would allow for the development of a 13,225-square-foot store with 65 parking spaces and a double drive-through. The plan would also allow for a traffic circle to possibly be installed at the corner in the future under a proposal by the state Department of Transportation.

Plans were updated to add more vegetation, move islands in the parking lot and extend the right-of-way from the road. The board had additional questions about the graphics on windows and what they would look like.

The color scheme would also be changed to reflect a more "colonial" style.

Members of the Planning Board asked for more information on aesthetics, land grading and transportation before the plan moves forward.

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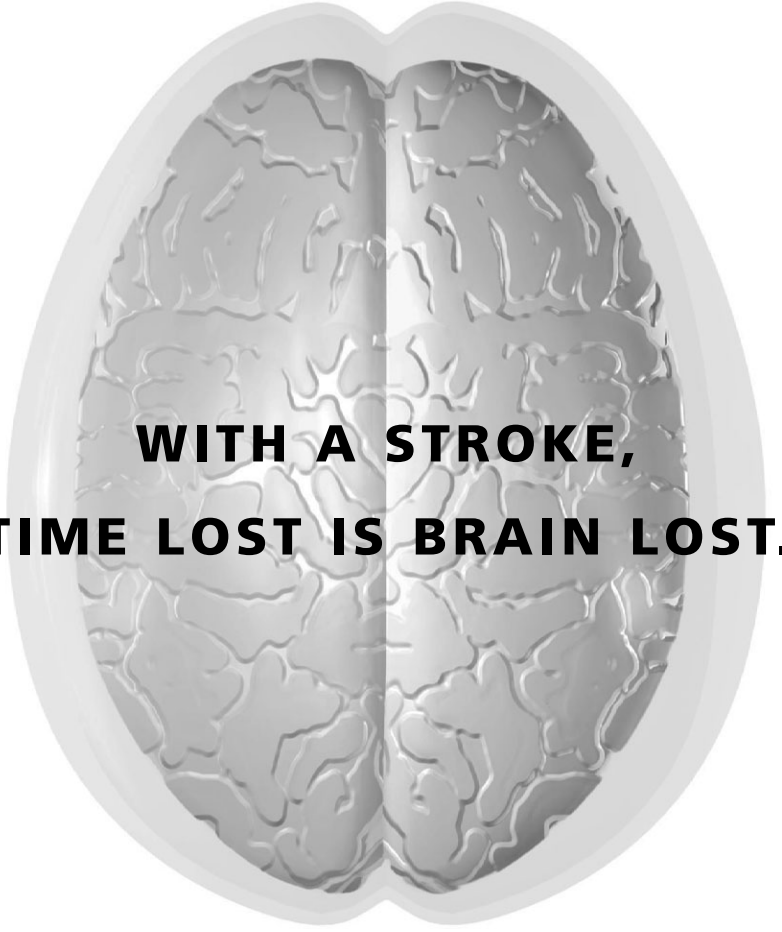
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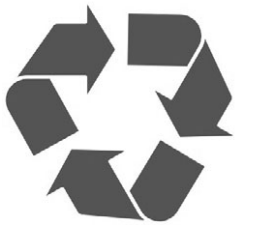
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For years, the library kept copies of the paper and bound them by year. Library volunteers also began clipping certain articles and obituaries to keep an index, while residents would also clip out articles they found interesting. Kirkpatrick said eventually they had so many clippings, it became unworkable.

“People want the local, historical record, but

keeping track of it has always been an issue,” he said.

Since some of the issues will be missing information, Spotlight News will be providing copies of their back issues in order to provide a complete reference.

As time goes on, future issues of The Spotlight past 2005 will be digitized as well.

The entire project will cost about \$24,000.

The money is being provided by donations from the estates of two local residents and money given to the library by a defunct acting troupe in the town. A matching grant of \$12,000 was then provided by the town’s Friends of the Library Association.

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Bird

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region remains the event held each year in Troy, but for the past four years a smaller race has been held in Bethlehem.

“At first, we thought we were going to be taking people away from Troy, but actually their numbers are bigger than ever,” said John Guastella of Our Towne Bethlehem, who organizes the event each year. “I think more people want to get physically fit.”

The race is held to benefit the Bethlehem Food Pantry. Additional money raised through registration fees also goes toward the Bethlehem Community Fund and the Parker Mathusa Community Service Scholarship Fund at the High School. Thousands of dollars have been raised for those three organizations over the past four years.

“People care where the money is going because it stays in town,” said Guastella. “Take care of where you live first, and then branch out.”

this Thanksgiving.

This will be the second year Judy Lasher will be holding a 90-minute Zumba session in Slingerlands on Thanksgiving morning. Lasher said she decided to hold the morning class after hearing from people who were looking to shed calories before the big feast but weren’t big on running.

“People want to eat a big meal, and now they can work out and not feel guilty,” she said.

Typical Zumba sessions last one hour. Lasher said she increased the time because of the large portion people typically eat on Thanksgiving.

“It’s a holiday surrounded by eating food,” she said.

The workout can help the average person burn about 750 calories, depending on a person’s size and their fitness level.

The event runs from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands. The cost is \$10 per person, and \$5 for kids under 11.

“People are intimidated, but once they come, they realize this is something they can do,” she said

Once the digitized copies are received by the library, the content will be uploaded and searchable on the Internet. The library will also keep microfilm copies on hand, while another set will be sent to the NYS Library to be archived with the rest of the NYS Newspaper Project.

“It’s important for us to send copies to the state, because then, if our collection was ever destroyed in a fire, the records would still be on file with the state,” said Kirkpatrick.

The process is expected to take about 6 months to complete, and some additional time may be needed before the documents can be uploaded to the web.

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Trees

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be working with the Lions Club to make sure additional thefts do not happen.

“People stepped up,” said Ryan. “I actually think we got some additional customers because of the publicity.”

The sale is now in its 27th year and is a major fundraiser for the Lions. The money is used for various programs sponsored by the club, like purchasing hearing aids for senior citizens or glasses for needy children, funding the File of Life project in conjunction with Bethlehem Senior Services or sponsoring scholarships for graduating seniors.

Ryan said he thinks members of the community look forward to the sale as an annual tradition, and it has become expected of the club. The money also goes back to



Bethlehem Lions Club members Dan Ryan and Ulrich Rudofsky, co-organizers of the sale, stand in the tree lot on Route 9W after receiving this year’s tree shipment.

Submitted photo

the community, which encourages local residents to buy their tree from the Lions.

“We also have a quality product at a suitable price,” he said.

The trees are ordered each year from a company in Nova Scotia.

Typically the trees arrive the day after Thanksgiving. This year, the delivery arrived with little warning on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Since the trees arrived early, the sale will start early. The sale began on Saturday, Nov. 23, and will last until the trees are gone. Ryan said the trees typically remain in stock for three weekends.

“We’re hoping for another successful year,” he said. “We start out with a good attitude each year and enthusiasm.”

The tree sale will take place on weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Trees cost \$35 and wreaths are \$10.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ROB KNIESE AND SON BUILDING, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/03/2013. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC c/o Michelle H. Wildgrube, Esq., Cioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 88704(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of ROGUEVISIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/10/13. 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. 88527(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: SCHWANG LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 1, 2013. 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 37 Summit Avenue, Latham, NY 12110. 88528(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of formation of LLC- Lilai LLC has filed an Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on 9/9/13. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any process shall be mailed to 11 Copenhagen Ct., Cohoes, NY 12047. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. 88529(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WATERFRONT LIVING, LLC Art. of Org. filed with NYS Dept. of State 09/10/2013. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, c/o Paul Chamberland, 751 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, New York 12110. Formed to conduct any lawful purpose. Filed by Brian S. Lyda, Esquire, The Lyda Law Firm, PLLC, www.lydalaw.com. 88531(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of CHARTER COMMODITIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/11/13. 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. 88532(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: METICULOUS ENTERPRISING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/11/13. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 202 Thousand Acre Road, Delanson, New York 12053. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 88533(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of formation of Tea & Jam LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on September 20, 2013, office location: Albany County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail service of process (SOP) to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, NW Registered Agent LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, purpose is any lawful purpose. 88535(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 1556 E. 19TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/15/13. 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. 88536(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MUSEUM HACK LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/18/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 27 West 10th St. #5, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 88538(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Newbiz1121 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/03/13. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2818 W. 8th St., #3L, Brooklyn, NY 11224. General Purposes 88540(D) (November 27, 2013)

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150 Charles Street 3GS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/30/13. 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. 88541(D) (November 27, 2013)

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MFM Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/15/13. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 159 Bay 29 St., Apt A-7, Brooklyn, NY 11214. General Purposes 88542(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Total Foot and Ankle Care of New York, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/26/13. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 110-35 72nd Rd., Apt 409, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Podiatry 88543(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: American Mowing, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 04, 2013. Office location is in Albany County. The 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, at 587 Boght Road, Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 89850(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of South Oyster Bay Road LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 89851(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Fernando D. Contracting LLC - Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 9, 2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, c/o Fernando Diaz, 71 Lawn Avenue, Albany, New York, 12204. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 89854(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of 380 S 5TH LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/24/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 894 6th Ave. #604, NY, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 89856(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Life Extension, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/18/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 89857(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Qualification of FERRER'S MANHATTAN, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/15/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 9/27/13. 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. TX

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address of LLC: 2603 Oak Lawn Ave., Ste. 300, Dallas, TX 75219. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos St., Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 89858(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of BANDA NATION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/17/13. 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. 89860(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: Rocky Trail Properties, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 04, 2013. Office location is in Albany County. The 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, at 587 Boght Road, Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 89861(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Universal Healing LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/10/13. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 183 Cross Rd, Berne, NY 12023. Purpose: General. 89862(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of HIPSTERS & HAMPTONITES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/19/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: all lawful activities. 89864(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is KELLER HERKENHAM, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on May 13, 2010. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 17 British American Boulevard, Latham, New York 12110. 89865(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of PARK 205 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/18/13. 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. 89866(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Qualification of Simply Wheelz LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/11/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/17/07. 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. 89867(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Crown Digital Records, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/10/2009 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 347 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1300, New York, NY, 10016. Purpose: all lawful activities 89868(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is 16 First Street Properties LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 18, 2013. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. 89869(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 108 CHESTNUT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 22, 2013. 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 1072 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110. 89870(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of ANTIQUE RICHES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/21/13. 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. 89872(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of Mining Policy Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1015 8th Ave., Apt. 4, Brooklyn, NY 11215. The registered agent upon whom process may be served: Northwest Registered Agent, LLC, 90 State St., Ste. 700, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 89873(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Jade's Hair Envy, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/10/2013. 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 Jade Gibson, 1839 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12205. The phone number is 518-869-3689. 89875(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Maxim Investor Relations LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 89876(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Oaxaca Bedford, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/22/2013 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. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 89877(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Mari Vision, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/8/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 89878(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation MJB Home Entertainment, LLC Application for Authority filed with SSNY on 10/7/13. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. Arts. of Org. filed with SSCO on 2/9/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Address required to be maintained in CO: 11864 West Auburn Dr., Lakewood, CO 80228. Name and address of the authorized officer in CO where copy of Arts. of Org. is filed: Colorado Secretary of State, 1700 Broadway, Ste. 200, Denver, CO 80290. Purpose: all lawful activities. 89879(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of formation of OHD-KINGSBOROUGH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 10/11/2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: I. David Swawite, 40 Beaver St., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 89880(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: VIAGRA TRANSPORT LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York

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(SSNY) on 10/16/13. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1255 Tenth Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 89887(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: D2 Tech Consultants, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State (SSNY) on September 26, 2013. Office Location: Schenectady County. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 12 Pinewood Drive, Glenville, NY 12302. Purpose: any lawful activity. 89810(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of DJJM GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/23/13. 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. 89811(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: THE BAYBERRY GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/05/13. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Law Office of Michael Braccini, P.O. Box 3339, Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 89812(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of organization of MKR ASSOCIATES, LLC filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/10/13. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Richard D. Cirincione, PO Box 459, Albany, NY 12201-0459. Purpose: any lawful act. 89813(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 144 STATE HOSPITALITY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 24, 2013. 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. 89814(D) (November 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Bourbon Holdings Corp, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/24/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Arizona (AZ) on 2/25/13. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. AZ address of LLC: 4400 North Scottsdale Road, Ste. 705, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Arts. of Org. filed with AZ Corp Commission, 1300 West Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 89815(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Qualification of The Jamie Herzlinger Collection, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/24/13. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Arizona (AZ) on 9/23/13. 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. AZ address of LLC: 4400 North Scottsdale Road, Ste. 705, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Arts. of Org. filed with AZ Corp Commission, 1300 West Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 89816(D) (November 27, 2013)

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S&B5 LLC, Art. filed with NY SOS 09/20/2013 Office of LLC is located in Schenectady County, NY. SOS is designated as agent upon who process may be served. NY SOS shall mail copy of process to 437 Saratoga Road, Glenville, NY 12302. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 89817(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 7618 15TH AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/25/13. 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. 89818(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 474 ENY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/25/13. 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. 89819(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of EN-ZULI MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/24/13. 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. 89820(D) (November 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Pursuant to Section 206 (c) of the New York Limited Liability Law. 1. The name of the limited liability company is Colleen Mahoney Consulting, LLC 2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on October 24, 2013.

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3.The office of the Limited Liability Company will be located in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: Colleen Mahoney Consulting, LLC 28 Burton Lane Loudonville, New York 12211 5. The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes. 89821(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Maldeo Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/28/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 89823(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Broz Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/28/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 89824(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of LUMINOUS INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/28/13. 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. 89825(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of Lark Center Square LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/24/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 502 Vly Pointe Dr, Niskayuna, NY 12309. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 89826(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of 2330 Realty LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/1/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 79 Heisser Ct., Farmingdale, NY 11735. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 89827(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of Packerberrie Productions LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/3/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 366 W. 11 St. #1B, NY, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of Thrive Technology Partners, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/4/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 114-06 Queens Blvd. #D4, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 89835(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of Nicodemus Pictures LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/3/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 336 W.37th St. #800, NY, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 89836(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of Feminine Bias, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 1485 5th Ave. #9A, NY, NY 10035. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 89837(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of Ethicx LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 606 Park Ave. #1B, Bklyn, NY 11206. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 89838(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of Ninja Penny LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 404 E. 79th St. #6B, NY, NY 10075. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 89841(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of CIP LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 17 State St. #1575, NY, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 89842(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of GOLF-2-A-TEE, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as

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agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 80 Orange Tpk., Sloatsburg, NY 10974. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 89843(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of Ridge Realty Capital LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 7304 5th Ave. #307, Bklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 90431(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of H & Allen Restaurant Group LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/18/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 510 17 St. #3, Bklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 90432(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of The Tango Company, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/18/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 51 Maccdougall St. #183, NY, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 90433(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Legal Notice Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company TAKE NOTICE of the information of Park Ridge Estates LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on October 8, 2013. The office location of the company is in the City of Schenectady. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the company for service of process and shall mail copy of such process to the company at 600 Franklin street Suite 103, Schenectady New York 12305. The Company is formed for any lawful business purpose. 90434(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of THE PRODUCTION ACADEMY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/29/13. 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. 90440(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of formation of 40 STEUBEN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State(SSNY) on 10/30/2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: I. David Swawite, 40 Beaver St., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 90441(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is POLISH AMERICAN IMPORTS EXPORTS LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on July 23, 2013. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 13 Lapham Drive, Albany, New York 12205. 90450(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Prankster, LLC Application for Authority filed with SSNY on 10/31/13. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. Arts. of Org. filed with SSDE on 10/30/2013. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Address required to be maintained in DE: 3500 S Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19903. Name and address of the authorized officer in DE where copy of Arts. of Org. is filed: Delaware Secretary of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful activities. 90454(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Mary Diver Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/31/2013. 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. 90455(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 5126 STATE ROUTE 28 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 621 Columbia St., Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: any lawful activity. 90456(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: RK HAGEN LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/02/13. Office location: Warren 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, 20 Elm Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. TU 6t (3708535) 90457(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Limited Liability Company Name: JVR Property Management, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the New York State Secretary of State on March 13, 2013. Office Location: Albany County Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company

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upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of the process to the limited liability company at 1313 Chestnut Street, Watervliet, New York 12189. 90460(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation 3000KINGS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/5/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 90462(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 149 E 62ND 1A 10065 LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/30/2013. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Corporate Service Bureau, 283 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12206, which is also the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 157 E. 64TH St., NY, NY 10065. 90463(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Section 206 151 E 62ND 1AB PARTNERS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/30/2013. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 157 E. 64th St., NY, NY 10065. 90464(D) (November 27, 2013)

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151 E 62ND 2B LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/30/2013. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Corporate Service Bureau, 283 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12206, which is also the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 157 E. 64TH St., NY, NY 10065. 90501(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: Call The Catchmaker, LLC. ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on Sept. 10, 2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designed as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 91 Hazelhurst Ave, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 90502(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 70-17 JUNIPER BLVD. SOUTH LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/1/13. 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. 90503(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 54-17 69TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/1/13. 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. 90504(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of SATURN V STUDIOS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/11/13. 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. 90505(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation NYNC DEVELOPMENT, LLC. Art. of org. filed Secy. of State NY (SSNY) 10/29/13. Off. loc. in Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, PO Box 8781, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful purpose 90507(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Premium Investigations, LLC filed with SSNY 07/30/2013. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, Premium Investigations 19 Sutherland Drive Watervliet, NY 12189 Purpose: all lawful activities. 90510(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of FIN-DAR HOLDINGS LLC, Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/4/13. 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. 90528(D) (November 27, 2013)

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PUBLIC ELECTION NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the Selkirk Board of Fire Commissioners of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, will hold the Annual Public Election for the position of (1) Commissioner, for the term of five years commencing January 1, 2014. The election will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the following locations: Fire Station No. 1, 126 Maple Avenue, Selkirk Fire Station No. 2, 301 Glenmont Road, Glenmont Fire Station No. 3, 480 Bridge Street, South Bethlehem The last day to file petitions for candidates of office is November 20, 2013. Petitions must be obtained from, and filed with the District Secretary. Note, as with public commis-

Thacher Park enhancements plan finalized

Rock climbing, caving, mountain biking and more trails pitched for park

By JOHN PURCELL
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A series of improvements are being planned for John Boyd Thacher State Park and Thompson’s Lake Park. The two parks will be merged into one, according to the master plan that was released on Tuesday, Nov. 19. Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the master plan, which was designed by the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation with input from residents in the surrounding Albany County communities of Berne, Knox and New Scotland, as well as several

organizations. Capital improvements and operational enhancements will occur during the next 10 to 15 years. The exact timing of or possibility for proposed improvements isn’t clearly defined because it hinges on several factors including availability of funds. Overall, the projects are expected to “cost tens of millions of dollars,” according to the master plan. “Thacher State Park is one of the Capital District’s most popular destinations for mountain biking, trail running and cross-country skiing for outdoor adventure and exploration,” said Cuomo in a statement. “The state is putting forward a plan to make this great park even better by creating adding

more hiking trails, creating a new mountain bike park and much more.” Thacher Park Manager Chris Fallon said he is “truly excited” to implement the proposed enhancements, which are also timed rather well. “As we approach the 100th anniversary of the park in 2014, what better time than to adopt a plan that will guide the park into a bright, new future?” Fallon said in a statement. State Parks Commissioner Rose Harve thanked Cuomo for providing resources to revitalize the parks “in a way that we haven’t seen in generations.” “The master plan recommends new facilities and new partnerships to build on the park’s tradition of outdoor recreation, encourage healthy physical activity and open the park to more diverse activities such as rock-climbing and caving,” Harve said in a

statement. The plan seeks to make the park “a well-known and appealing destination for exploration, protection, interpretation and education of the public about the geologic, natural, scenic and historic resources of the Helderberg Escarpment.” Immediate priorities are expanding the bird conservation area through both parks and creating a Natural Heritage Area that includes the Calcareous Cliff Community and land below the cliffs. Capital infrastructure improvements are broken into three priority levels, and operational enhancements have two priority levels. Priority 1 improvements include demolishing and repurposing material from the barn on Ketcham Road; adding four comfort stations throughout the park; viewshed restoration of Hailes Cave, Horseshoe and Indian Ladder trails; and several trail improvements.

Another first priority improvement is creating the Tory Cave Trail, which will extend north from Indian Ladder Trail and offer a view Hailes Cave opening. A bat gate will also be installed at the cave opening. A key trail enhancement, which is also a first priority, involves creating a 4.6-mile bike path connecting the escarpment trails to Thompson’s Lake. A mountain bike skills park will also be installed through cooperation area mountain bike groups. The skills course is planned to offer multiple levels of difficulty, along with a series of looped trails to practice skills. “The trails and skills area will be a great recreational opportunity for riders of all ages throughout the Capital Region,” said Chris Morris, vice president of Saratoga Mountain Bike Association. Rock climbing enthusiasts have also been praising the plan for opening portions of the Helderberg Escarpment to climbers. “The Thacher Climbing Coalition is excited for the consideration and addition of climbing at Thacher State Park,” coalition member Gabriel Miani said in a statement. “We look forward to working with New York State Parks to establish this activity in

a thoughtful, sustainable and responsible manner for the mutual benefit of the Park, the surrounding communities and the East Coast climbing community.” The plan also seeks to expand Thompson Lake beach and building a new visitor’s center to provide rentable gathering space, educational exhibit space, and visitor orientation and information. Operational enhancements being eyed first include opening all park gates during the day to increase access to areas; planning and implementing rock climbing proposals; seeking proposals for a commercial adventure course; and upgrading lighting and mechanical systems to increase efficiencies. Thacher Park encompasses more than 2,150 acres, and Thompson’s Lake State Park adds another 308 acres. Portions of Thacher Park are located in the towns of New Scotland, Guilderland, Berne and Knox, with Thompson’s Lake approximately 3.5 miles west of Thacher. The plan is posted on State Parks’ website at www.nysparks.com, and copies are also available at the Voorheesville, Guilderland and Berne public libraries.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: CAMPUS ASSOCIATES VII LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 8, 2013. 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. 90531(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: DRL STATE STREET LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 8, 2013. 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. 90532(D) (November 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 242 HIGHWAY PROPERTY, LLC, Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/5/13. 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. 90533(D) (November 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MedMine LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 5/23/13. 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 Allstate Corp. Services, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260, the Reg. Agt. upon whom proc. may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities. 90534(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of Prime Highway Contractors, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/16/13. 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 Linda Isabelle, 50 Colvin Ave., Ste. 103, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful activities. 90535(D) (November 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of AlvaradoLittle Consulting, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/15/13. 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 270 W. Lawrence St., Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful activities. 90536(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of California Avenue Hotel Associates, L.L.C., Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/21/03. 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 c/o Stulamke Kohn & Richardson, Edward S. Knapp, 296 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful activities. 90537(D) (November 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qual. of Pon-Top Holdings LLC, Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/31/13. Office loc.: Albany County. LLC org. in UT 4/8/13. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of proc. to 911 Central Ave., #188, Albany, NY 12206. UT off. addr.: 10421 S Jordan GTWY, Ste. 600, S. Jordan, UT 84095. Art. of Org. on file: UT Dept. of Commerce, 160 E. 300 St., Salt Lake City, UT 84111. Purp.: any lawful activities. 90578(D) (November 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1965 OCEAN PROPERTY, LLC, Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/5/13. 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 is: USA Corporate Services Inc, at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 90579(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of SE-QUOIA DRIVE PROPERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/5/13. 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. 90580(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Qualification of LeaseStar LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/5/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/5/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o United Corporate Services, Inc., 10 Bank St., Ste. 560, White Plains, NY 10606. DE address of LLC: 874 Walker Road, Ste. C, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 90582(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: LIGHTER LOADS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/31/13. 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, 46 Tracey Road, Ravena, NY 12143. Purpose: For any

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lawful purpose. 90583(D) (November 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WJP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/8/13. 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. 90589(D) (November 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Malpani Consulting LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/12/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 90609(D) (November 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Green Road, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/21/13. 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. 90610(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: McD METALS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of

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State, November 12, 2013. 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. 90612(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of formation (domestic) of 30/30 LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on 9/27/2013, office location: Albany County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail service of process (SOP) to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, NW Registered Agent LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, purpose is any lawful purpose. 90613(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: 1211 Western Avenue Associates, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 6, 2013. Office location is in Albany County. The 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, at 1 Winners Circle Suite 140, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 90661(D) (November 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of WEATHERWOOD PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on

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11/15/13. 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. 90664(D) (November 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Authority of Med-Watch, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/10/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware on 11/27/2002. Princ. office of LLC: 120 International Parkway #220 Lake Mary FL 32746. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to MedWatch, LLC addr. PO Box 952679 Lake Mary FL 32795. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of Delaware, 401 Federal St. Dover DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 90666(D) (November 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 7:00 PM, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on an application from Jacqueline Conti, 80 Darroch Road, for an area variance Under Article VI, Section 128-47, Fences. Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals 90226(D) (November 27, 2013)

Guild/Mohon adds Scotia to keep team going

One dozen players make up the Storm for 2013-14 season

By ROB JONAS
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Guilderland High School's ability to field an ice hockey team has become so tenuous, it needs two schools to partner with it to have enough skaters to barely exceed the state minimum.

This season, Guilderland has teamed up with Mohonasen and new addition Scotia-Glenville to create the Storm. Even with that assistance, there are only 12 players on the roster. The state minimum is nine players.

"If I had all of my kids who were eligible to play, I'd have 18 to 20 kids," said G/M/S coach Ed Koivula. "But there were a couple who I felt weren't ready yet, and several more decided not to come out."

The dozen players Koivula has have some talent, he said. But without any depth, wins will be hard to come by.

"The expectation this year is first and foremost keep the program going," said Koivula. "Play some close games. Maybe win some games. And then, use that moderate success to draw interest from other

kids. But the first goal is to keep the program going."

For the Storm to have any success, sophomore goaltender Tim Brisley will likely have to be the backbone of the team. That, though, may take some time, according to Koivula.

"He's got some technical issues that we're working on and some physical issues that we're working on," said Koivula. "He can stop the puck, but he's having some trouble moving side to side right now."

Two Scotia-Glenville players – defenseman Jimmy Brady and forward Chase Howard – are among those Koivula said he is hoping will provide some offense.

"He's probably our strongest kid," Koivula said of Brady. "He plays defense, but he'll probably score a couple of goals for us."

Senior forward Tyler Phillips – one of six Guilderland students on the roster – is another player Koivula said will be counted on for some offense. But with only seven forwards on the team, everyone will have the chance to contribute.

"I have enough for two lines (of offense) plus one player," said Koivula.

That's only if there are



Guilderland/Mohonasen/Scotia-Glenville goaltender Tim Brisley, right, makes a save during last Thursday's practice at Union College. Brisley is the only goalie on a 12-player roster for the Storm.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

no injuries or illnesses. If too many players get sick or injured at the same time, Koivula said he won't be able to put a team on the ice.

"The state says you can play with nine on the ice. So as you can see, we're

tiptoeing close to that number," said Koivula.

The one thing Koivula can control is the condition his players are in. Since all can expect to log a lot of minutes, Koivula and his staff have been running drills to give their legs a

chance to handle the high workload.

"I probably run about 15 to 20 minutes of drills, and then we do some other things to improve their conditioning," said Koivula. "At least, the kids are in good shape out

there and can play a lot of minutes."

The Storm won't have it easy out of the gate. They host Shenendehowa Saturday, Nov. 30 and defending state champion Saratoga Springs Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Union College.

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Spotlight on Sports

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The Storm has arrived

With the addition of three Scotia-Glenville players, the newly-minted Guilderland/Mohonasen/Scotia Storm take to the ice for the first time Saturday when they host Shenendehowa in a Capital District High School Hockey League game. But even with a third school in the mix, the Storm enter the 2013-14 season with only 12 players, which treads close to the state minimum.

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Weekly poll

What should be done to curtail the number of concussions associated with youth football?

- Safer helmets
- Limited or no head contact
- Limited or no tackling
- Older starting age

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

Previous poll results:

Which team has the best chance to win a state title?

- BC boys volleyball 39%
- CBA football 37%
- G'land boys soccer 12%
- V'ville girls volleyball 12%



Bethlehem defenseman Robert Lemieux, right, battles for the puck during a recent hockey practice at the Bethlehem Area YMCA. The Eagles begin their season at this weekend's Shaker/Colonie Thanksgiving Tournament at the Albany County Hockey Facility. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Experience is necessary

Caswell and Carroll return to lead Bethlehem's top line into the 2013-14 season

By ROB JONAS
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Will this be the year the Bethlehem hockey team finally reaches the Section II Division I finals?

The Eagles have had opportunities before, only to be denied in the Sectional semifinals. But with a roster featuring a mix of senior leadership and young talent, coach Andre Rodrigue

"With the talent we have up front, we can average three or four goals a game this year."

Andre Rodrigue

Rodrigue is hopeful they can make the jump this season.

"Every year, it's our goal to win a Sectional championship," said Rodrigue. "There's a lot of parity in the (Capital District High School Hockey) league this year with a lot of teams losing kids to graduation and kids transferring. The league is wide open."

The Eagles graduated several key players from last year's team, including forwards Joe Verstandig and R.J. Diego, as well as goaltender Kevin Cooley. But, they have two of their leading scorers back in Andrew Carroll and Chris Caswell.

"Carroll and Caswell have been playing



Andrew Carroll and Chris Caswell will anchor Bethlehem's top line again. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

together (on the same line) all four years on varsity, and before that they played together in youth hockey," said Rodrigue. "They work very well together."

"We know where each other will be on the ice," said Caswell.

Rodrigue is moving senior forward Zach Flagler to Caswell and Carroll's line to replace Verstandig.

"Adding Zach to that top line adds that much more leadership and that much more speed to it," said Rodrigue.

"He adds the speed factor, so he should be fine out there," added Caswell.

The rest of Bethlehem's offense will feature younger talent such as sophomore Evan Davis, junior Owen Talmage and freshmen Brian Harder and Zachary Nunez.

"I'm hoping to be able to rotate three (forward) lines," said Rodrigue. "The majority of Section II has two solid lines. But the top teams that have a third line that can go out there and hold their own, those are the teams that win Section II titles."

Replacing Cooley in goal is a bigger challenge, though. Rodrigue said junior Carl Cusack is the leading candidate to be the starter, but he'll have a lot to live up to.

"You know, it's big shoes to fill. We've had solid goaltending the last four years between Kevin Cooley, Patrick Miron and Alex Cooper," said Rodrigue.

Cusack or senior goaltender Taylor Nunez will have help in front of them, as Bethlehem returns a pair of talented defensemen in junior Nicholas Brenier and senior Robert Lemieux.

"With the talent we have up front, we can average three or four goals a game this year," said Rodrigue. "But we're solid on the defensive side, as well. If we take care of the puck at the defensive end, we won't need to rely on our offense like other teams in the league do."

The Eagles start their season at this weekend's Shaker/Colonie Thanksgiving Tournament at the Albany County Hockey Facility in Colonie. Bethlehem meets Section IV's Ithaca Friday at 4:45 p.m. and plays Section I's Mamaroneck Saturday at 10 a.m.

**Pick
of the
week**



Plaza rink opens

The Empire State Plaza ice rink will open the day after Thanksgiving, and lots of new events have been added. For full details visit www.empirestateplaza.org.

The rink will be open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week, and skating is always free. Lockers and skate rentals are now located on the Plaza level adjacent to the rink. Each Friday, including opening day, will feature free skate rentals, courtesy of Hanaford Supermarkets. Friday evenings will also feature family-friendly entertainment, including live music. Also, BlueShield of Northeastern New York will once again sponsor a series of Learn-to-Skate clinics throughout the season.



Coming attractions

The Spotlight arts calendar highlights happenings all over the Capital District.

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A model holiday

Train exhibit at miSci an intergenerational favorite

By DANIA BIANCHI
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Trains and the holidays go together like peanut butter and jelly. There is just something about the sound of a train chugging around the base of an evergreen that brings people back to a simpler time.

"There is always that iconic image of a train going around the Christmas tree, people coming home for the holidays and kids wanting a toy train set ... a popular present back then," said Susan Whitaker, from Schenectady's Museum of Innovation and Science.

Whitaker said it's that nostalgic feeling that brings people back to the museum year after year for miSci's annual holiday train exhibit.

"It just captivates people," she said. "I see it every year, multigenerational groups of family members come and watch them, point out things and talk to each other. It has become a family tradition."

Whitaker said the adults are just as excited as the kids to see the trains, and she finds parents and grandparents eager to share the experience as a cherished piece of their own childhood memories.

Whitaker adds that the model trains are a sure sign of the holiday season at miSci, and each year visitors from across the region visit the museum to catch a glimpse of the model trains in action.

Every year, volunteers from



The model train display at miSci takes about a week to set up and runs through Jan. 20.



ABOVE: The exhibit appeals to many grandparents, who enjoy pointing out the nostalgic details to their grandchildren.

BELOW: MiSci will once again host its popular 19-by-27-foot display of running O Gauge model trains.

Submitted and file photos

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Shining example

Capital Holiday Lights celebrate 25 years of the Police Athletic League

By BILLY DeLAP
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When Capital Holiday Lights kicks off in Washington Park this year, it will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Albany Police Athletic League.

On Friday,

Nov. 29, the 17th annual Price Chopper Capital Holiday Lights in the park will open at 6 p.m. The Silver & Gold Celebration will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Police Athletic League (PAL).

"The average life expectancy for one of these shows is 3 to 5 years," said Lenny Ricchiuti, a retired police officer who works for PAL. "Washington

IF YOU GO

- **What:** Capital Holiday Lights
- **When:** Through Jan. 3, 6-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday
- **Where:** Washington Park, City of Albany
- **How much:** Admission is \$15 per car; \$25 for 10-18 passenger vehicles; and \$75 for buses
- **Info:** www.albanycapitalholidaylights.com

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This year's Capital Holiday Lights in Washington Park marks a major milestone for PAL.

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The model train display includes details like a windmill, skating pond and amusement park.

Trains

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Upstate Train Associates construct elaborate displays of running model trains at the museum. This year's creation is a 19-by-27-foot display of running O Gauge model trains, the trains most people know as the Lionel trains.

"There is an amusement area, downtown area, industrial area, which includes classic Lionel pieces that move and some buttons kids can press to make the cows move on and off the car. There is also a log loader unloader and something for coal," said Chris Hunter, curator of collections and exhibits.

The volunteers spend the entire year working on the layout.

"They always try to add something new," Whitaker said.

Over the years, items such as an amusement park with Santa riding a roller coaster and a pair of children ice skating on a pond have been added.

"It's always been one of

We see grandparents bring their grandchildren and then tour them around the galleries pointing out objects, such as some of the first television and radios, and be able to share memories of what it was like when these technologies were brand new ... these experiences are a great springboard to exploring new technologies on display throughout miSci."

— Chris Hunter, curator of collections and exhibits

our most popular events," Hunter said. "It's wonderful to see families enjoy the model trains together. We see grandparents bring their grandchildren and then tour them around the galleries pointing out objects, such as some of the first television and radios, and be able to share memories of what it was like when these technologies were brand new ... these experiences are a great springboard to exploring new technologies on display throughout miSci."

Hunter said the trains are a major inspiration to get

kids interested in science and engineering.

"They start with trains and move on to erector sets or something where they can actually start building themselves," he said.

The model trains have been operating through the Upstate Train Associates since 1991. The group is an organization that was established in 1969 made up of model train enthusiasts.

"They have been helping up for years and years. They love trains and are happy to

Trains Page B3

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Trains

(From Page B2)

display their trains here,” Whitaker said.

The display takes about a week to set up.

“There are a variety of different trains and locomotives from different eras and different rail lines. The New York Central and Santa Fe are the more popular ones,” Hunter said.

Hunter added that there are three sets of tracks so three locomotives can be going at one time.

In addition to the model trains, this year’s holiday exhibit also features toys most kids don’t have at home such as a walk-on piano, oversized building blocks and a variety of other science and technology-related toys.

“We thought that since people were coming to see the trains, we would have hands-on things that they can do,” said Mac Sudduth, director at

miSci. “That’s part of the new miSci, to provide the hands-on opportunities to explore and learn by doing.”

In addition to the trains and toys, for an extra fee, the museum will be offering a holiday planetarium show, “Tis the Season.”

“The “Tis the Season” show talks about different celebrations that have come about around the winter solstice and how different cultures wanted to find ways of bringing light to such a dark time of year,” said Megan Dominguez, the museum’s planetarium manager.

The show is a collection of images along with a narrative and festive background music.

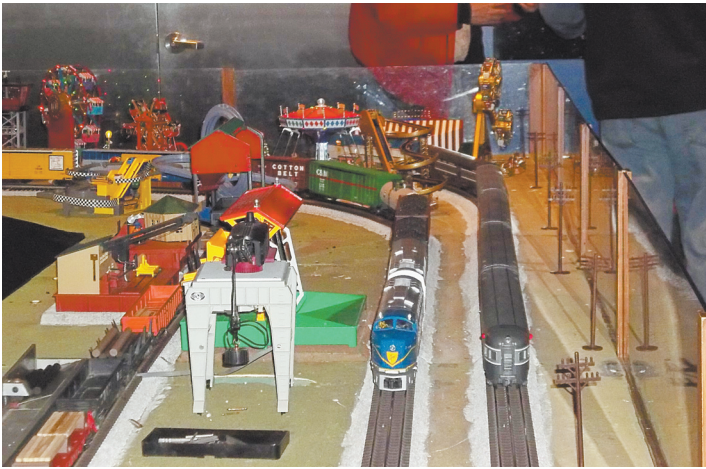
“It holds the attention of the whole family,” she said, adding that with all of the planetarium shows, a live tour of the current night sky will be included.

The trains are on display through Monday, Jan. 20, at miSci, 15



Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. The exhibit is free with museum admission. The “Tis the Season” planetarium show opens on Friday, Nov. 29, with shows daily at 2 p.m. in addition to 11 a.m. on Saturdays. Admission to the planetarium is \$5. The museum is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit misci.org.



The model trains are on display through Monday, Jan. 20, at miSci, 15 Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady.

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Lights

(From Page B1)

Park is great because of the contour and terrain. Every turn you take and hill you climb, you see something different, which creates what we call that ‘ooh and ah’ effect for the kids in the back seat.”

This year, there is a new customized LED display from Price Chopper as well as new interactive LED displays at the light house that are choreographed to music. LED lights use less power, which cuts down on costs and is better for the environment.

“A lot of other places that do this are flat so you come in and bam, everything’s right there, which is kind of anticlimactic,” said Ricchiuti.

Price Chopper, PAL and the City of Albany are the main sponsors of the event, with nearly 70 other local businesses, organizations and franchises donating to make the event possible.

All the proceeds go to PAL, which was founded in 1988. PAL created after-school programs to help keep kids off the streets. Albany police officers, volunteers and college interns work together by holding athletic, educational and recreational programs to provide kids with something safe and constructive to do when not in school.

There will be various walk nights this year to benefit local non-profits. One of those walks will be to raise money for The Damien Center, which was destroyed in August by an early-morning fire. There will also be walks for the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society and Out of the Pits, a not-for-profit that rescues and educates the public about pit bulls.

PAL is able to keep the light display interesting because, while PAL owns 60 percent of the display, 40 percent is leased. The leased lights change each year so people will get plenty of variety from year to year.

At the end of the light display, which runs 2 miles through Washington Park, people are invited to stop in the Lake House to check out the crafts or have refreshments. Children will be able to visit with Santa through Dec. 23. The display will be up through Jan. 3.

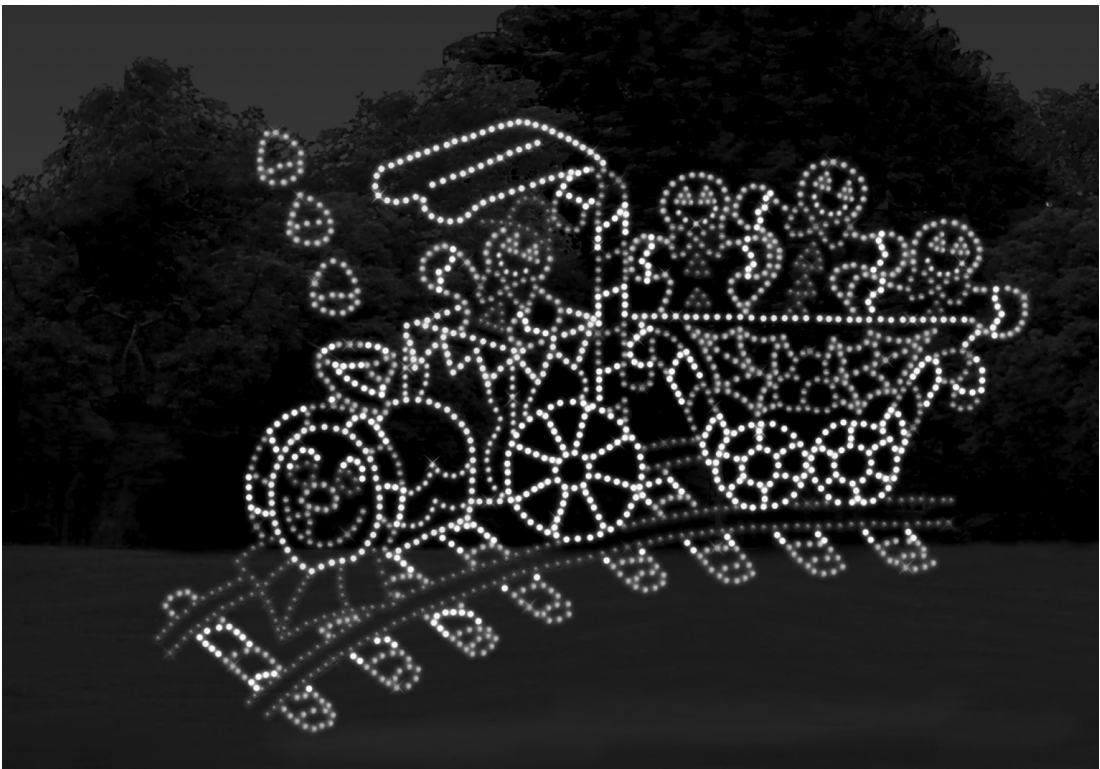
On Wednesday nights, there will be reindeer, as well as people dressed as different characters like Elmo or Winnie the Pooh

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“It’s a great way to build on tradition and give back. It goes with the holiday spirit,” said Ricchiuti.

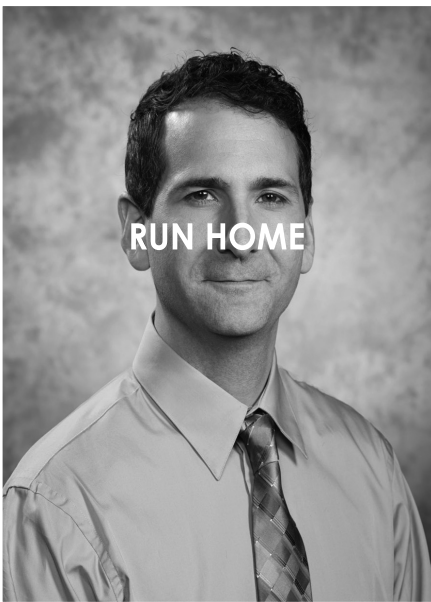
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The Capital Holiday Lights display runs 2 miles through Washington Park, after which people can stop at the Lake House for refreshments and activities. Children will be able to visit with Santa through Dec. 23.


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Arts and Entertainment

THEATER

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Bermuda Avenue Triangle

Comedy about two widows living in a Las Vegas retirement condo who fall in love with the same charming swindler. Nov. 29 to Dec. 28. Curtain Call Theatre. 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham. Shows: Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m. All tickets \$23. 877-7529. www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

The Santaland Diaries

Play based on a David Sedaris story, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, Dec. 6-15. Shows: Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m. All tickets are \$17. Tickets and information: 346-6204 or www.civicplayers.org.

MUSIC

An Nollaig: An Irish Christmas

Celtic fiddler Eileen Ivers, a founding member of Cherish the Ladies and an original Riverdance star, plays Celtic and original music. She’ll be accompanied by dancers from the Boland School of Irish Dance in Green Island and vocalists from the Chancel Choirs from the First Reform and Union Presbyterian Church and Friends in Schenectady. At Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$36, \$5 discount for students. Information: 273-0038.

Music Company Orchestra

All-volunteer community orchestra performs a holiday concert series featuring popular music of the season. Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School; Dec. 8, 4 p.m., Niskayuna Reformed Church; and Dec. 15, 2 p.m., St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Scotia. All concerts are free. Information: www.mcomusic.org.

An American Christmas

Capital Community Voices’ annual holiday show featuring a collection holiday songs from the American folk, African-American spiritual and popular traditions. Saturday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., Genet Elementary School, Route 4, East Greenbush. Tickets: general admission \$10, students and seniors \$8.

Dorothy Welch Christmas Concert

Featuring director Vern Hillijis and accompanist Kathy Funaro, Sunday, Dec. 8, 3 p.m., All Saints on the Hudson Church, Main Street, Mechanicville. Tickets: general public \$5, children under 5 free.

Christmas ‘Round the World

The Glens Falls Symphony performs holiday favorites from around the world, accompanied on select pieces by the symphony’s Children’s Chorus. Sunday, Dec. 8, 4 p.m. at Glens Falls High School. Tickets: adults \$25-\$28, students \$10. Tickets and information: 793-1348 or theglensfallsymphony.com.

EVENTS

Chanukah concert and dinner

Featuring violinist Joshua Sussman performing a concert of Jewish music including Hasidic, Carlebach, cantorial and Israeli traditions. At Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, Dec. 2, 4 to 6 p.m., \$13 prepaid reservations are required. Reservations and information: 438-6651, ext. 112.

RGHS Holiday Greens Show

The Rensselaer County Historical Society and the Van Rensselaer Garden Club’s annual show, Dec. 5-8, the Hart-Cluett House, 57 Second St., Troy, noon to 5 p.m. each day. Tickets: adults \$7, seniors \$5, children over 4 \$3, free for children under 4. Information: 272-7232.

Candlelight House Tour

A tour of Saratoga Springs historic houses on Union, Madison, Fifth, Lake and York avenues, featuring a Peppermint Pig Hunt, followed by an after-party at Union Gables Bed & Breakfast, 55 Union Ave. Dec. 6, 5 to 9 p.m. Presented by the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation. Tickets: Tour only — \$40 for foundation members, \$50 for non-members; tour and reception — \$75 members, \$85 non-members. Tickets and information: 587-5030 or cht@saratogapreservation.org.

COMEDY

Mop and Bucket Company

“Spontaneous Broadway,” a weekly show of improv comedy and music, Nov. 30, 8 p.m., Underground at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$14, students and seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Comedy Works

Mike Finoia with guest. Performing Nov. 29 and 30 at 7:30 and



Artist Kenneth Hawkey’s oil paintings will be part of an exhibition called “Small American City: Painting of Schenectady, New York” on display at Schenectady Light Opera Company’s performing arts center through Dec. 16. Submitted photo

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EXHIBITS

Annual Members’ Exhibition

Each year during the holiday season, Saratoga Arts recognizes its talented member artists by showcasing their work in the Annual Members’ Exhibition. Nov. 16 - Dec. 31. Opening reception and holiday potluck on Dec. 7, 6 - 8 p.m. 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.

Small American City: Paintings of Schenectady, NY

Featuring 27 oil paintings by artist Kenneth Hawkey, at Schenectady Light Opera Company, 427 Franklin St., Schenectady, through Dec. 15. Hawkey will appear at a meet and greet event on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 1 to 3 p.m. Information: 212-641-0740.

For the Public Good

Health & Medicine in Rensselaer County, 1860-1960. Runs Sept. 9 through Dec. 21. Sponsored by the Lucille A. Herold Trust and E. Stewart Jones Law Firm, PLLC. Rensselaer County Historical Society, located at 57 Second Street in downtown Troy.

Gracelines

New Art show installed at the Art de Cure gallery for CMT at CPO (Clinical Prosthetics+Orthotics) benefiting the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association. Showing through Jan. 10, 2014. Starry Night Reception Dec. 5, 4 - 7 p.m. with dedication of gallery in memoriam for Christine A. Hook. 149 South Lake Ave., Albany.

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

Weekly Crossword

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- 15 City on the Rhone
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- 18 Dallier
- 19 Brown rival
- 20 Understood
- 21 Decreed
- 22 ___ O’Neill Chaplin
- 23 Three-pointed hat
- 25 Pixie
- 26 Carmelite
- 27 Aquarium favorite
- 32 Canea’s island
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- 36 Lear’s daughters, e.g.
- 37 “What ___ God wrought?”
- 38 Bitter purgative
- 39 Beer ingredient
- 40 Dies ___
- 41 Cut into planks

- 42 Taut
- 43 Glove material
- 45 Cry of contempt
- 46 Roker and Pacino
- 47 Plaids
- 51 RisquÉ
- 53 Haifa dance
- 54 Cole and Turner
- 56 Place for an earring
- 57 Fortune-teller’s card
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Holiday house tour features Lustron gem

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Historic Albany Foundation's 11th annual Holiday House Tour on Sunday, Dec. 8, from noon to 4 p.m. is a self-guided tour that provides a chance to view the interior and exterior of some of Albany's most fascinating and historic homes, decorated for the holidays. Highlights include a 19th century carriage house, a mid-century all-steel home, a classic Arts and Crafts residence and a Spanish-style bungalow. Architectural variety and festive décor abounds on the 2013 tour that includes the historic Washington Park, Pine Hills, and Manning Boulevard neighborhoods.

One highlight of this year's tour is "The Mews" on Spring Street. In 1898, Henry R. Wright built a brick carriage house for his rustic brownstone overlooking Washington Park – now the Morgan State House on State Street. The current owner of this carriage house has set out to revive its late Victorian charm with a hint of the modern age. Great care has been put into the preservation of

IF YOU GO

- **What:** Historic Albany Foundation's 11th annual Holiday House Tour
- **When:** Sunday, Dec. 8, from noon-4 p.m.
- **Where:** Albany neighborhoods
- **How much:** \$25 before Dec. 4, \$30 after
- **Info:** www.historic-albany.org/hht.html

this home. For instance, in the living room, the original chimney has been uncovered and relined and now sports a Gothic Revival white marble mantelpiece from Historic Albany's Parts Warehouse – from which stockings will surely be hung with care. Visitors will learn of this home's great and unique history, and enjoy the charm of its holiday decorations.

Another stop on the tour is the "Lustron House," on South Main Street. This pre-fabricated, all-steel house is one of only 2,492 houses of its kind built in the United States between 1948 and 1950, to ease the housing shortage for returning World War II soldiers. Lustron houses are quite rare in the Capital Region, so visitors should look forward to this chance to see one of the most unique

homes in our area.

While the architecture of this year's tour is the most diverse yet, the Holiday House Tour will also showcase beautiful holiday decorations. From Mark Brogna, whose home is featured on this year's tour: "As owner of Capital Wine, the holiday season is a really busy time, so I like to keep my decorations simple. Fresh pine and greenery along with a few items that have

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The "Lustron House" on South Main Street in Albany is a pre-fabricated, all-steel house and one of only 2,492 houses of its kind built in the United States between 1948 and 1950.

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Tour
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At another stop on the tour, a classic, custom-built 1958 ranch on Woodlawn Avenue, visitors will be treated to room-by-room displays of decorations spanning 50 years. The owner of this home has been collecting Christmas items since

she was 16, when she bought a nativity scene with her first paycheck.

“The 2013 tour is a capsule of Albany’s history, from the 1800s through the 1950s. There will be at least 12 sites, most homes being new to the tour. Although there might be a few houses for sale on the tour, we feel that this might be the one and only chance to see the historic house, in its original incarnation,” said Susan Holland, Historic Albany’s executive director.

Presale tickets are on sale from Tuesday, Nov. 12 through Wednesday, Dec. 4. Presale tickets

can be purchased online at www.historic-albany.org/hht.html and in person at Historic Albany Foundation, 89 Lexington Ave.; Capital Wine at the corner of Lark and State Streets; and the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center, at the intersection of Broadway and Clinton Avenue. Presale prices are \$15 for students with a valid ID; \$20 for HAF members and \$25 for general public. Tickets prices increase to \$20, \$25, and \$30 after Dec. 4, through the day of the event. Visit www.historic-albany.org/hht.html for more information.



The all-steel Lustron house has distinctive design elements inside and out.

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