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TOP STORY

New sidewalks in Feura Bush

Phase two of the project to begin next year

By MARCY VELTE

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BETHLEHEM — Residents and local officials celebrated the first phase of sidewalk installed along Feura Bush Road last week.

A ribbon cutting was held on Wednesday, Nov. 12. Residents from the nearby Colonial Acres neighborhood were in attendance, along with Bethlehem Town Board members, members of the Chamber of Commerce and Highway Superintendent Brent Meredith.

"We have received an overwhelming positive response, and I think it's clear residents want sidewalks where we can add them," said Supervisor John Clarkson. "We have to keep eye on the money involved, but providing

The first phase of new sidewalks along Feura Bush Road has been completed. A ribbon cutting with residents, town officials, and the Chamber of Commerce was held on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

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Capital Holiday Lights presents its annual winter wonderland starting a week earlier than past years.

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What a ride

The Bethlehem girls soccer team's season ended with a state semi-final loss, but not before the Lady Eagles made a memorable playoff run through the Section 2 and regional rounds.

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SCHOOLS

The man behind the wimpy kid

Author of popular series talks to G'land students

By **JOHN PURCELL**

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GUILDERLAND —

Three years after trying to get syndicated and years after the first draft was sketched out, a wimpy kid finally got his time in the spotlight. That light is still shining, too.

Jeff Kinney, author of the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series, spoke to Guilderland elementary school students on Thursday, Nov. 13, with students bused in and gathering at the new gym in the High School. Kinney provided insight into how he develops each "Wimpy Kid" story, while looking to inspire students to follow their passions even if they face several hurdles along the way.

"I didn't get my dream of becoming a newspaper cartoonist, but I got something really different," Kinney said. "Now, I'm a children's author, which is

actually a lot better for me."

As a children's book author, Kinney said he has gotten to do "all sorts of crazy things," such as meeting celebrities, athletes and three United States presidents, along with traveling the world.

"The Obamas actually have the same dog that we have, a Portuguese water dog, so that actually gave us something to talk about," he said. "The coolest thing I got to do was to create a giant helium balloon for the Macy's day parade in New York City."

After going through all the ideas laid out in his original sketch book, Kinney starts fresh for each book in January to release a new book annually. He said around 350 ideas, or jokes, are needed for each book.

He showed how the cover of his book went through several different versions, but



Jeff Kinney, author of "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul," told students how he developed ideas for his latest book.

Photos by John Purcell/Spotlight

he ultimately settled on his second idea. Each book also has a unique color, which easily distinguishes it from the others.

"On the cover of every 'Wimpy Kid' book, Greg looks unhappy, and it's usually because of the choices that he made," he said. "This book I pretty much knew was going to be orange, because we are running out of color ideas. ... I worked for a long time getting the

exact right shade of orange."

Kinney's latest book, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul," is his ninth in the series. The book follows the Heffley family preparing to go on a road trip and the inevitable discourse that follows. Each book is made to look like the journal of the main character, Greg.

After completing the manuscript, which Kinney said he usually thinks is "perfect," the editor will



Kinney's tour bus features his "Wimpy Kid" designs. The author spoke to Guilderland students recently.

send it back with several markups pointing out things that should be corrected or revised.

"All of those blue and green notes are notes from my editor, and they are very similar to the note from a teacher that tells you you've done something wrong on a test or an essay," said Kinney. "My book is actually covered in markups, so everything that I thought was perfect comes back with all sorts of changes that need to be made. So I have to work on that for a few more weeks."

All of the drawings are done electronically, said Kinney. He admitted he is not good with the tools of a

"normal cartoonist." He then showed how he goes from his rough sketches to "inking" images, or creating the final version.

At the end of the talk, Kinney took questions from the hundreds of students. One student suggested he should make a television show. Kinney said he is working on creating to animated television specials for "Diary of a Wimpy Kid."

Kinney also said he "doesn't have an end number" for how many books he will make for the series. Over the years, it has changed, but he's settled on letting the series run for as long as he still has ideas to fill the pages.



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■ NEWS

Utility substation proposed

Some concerned about Van Dyke site's proximity to schools

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — The public hearing for a proposed National Grid substation in Delmar will be extended as the utility prepares more information for the town's Zoning Board of Appeals.

National Grid went before the zoning board on Wednesday, Nov. 5, with an application for a new substation to be built at 109 VanDyke Road near the Bethlehem Central School District's bus garage.

The utility already owns the vacant land, but a use variance and area variance would both be needed for the project to move forward. Utilities are not allowed in areas zoned

"Residential A." Also, the proposed fence, lights and lightning rods are all taller than allowed, along with the use of a spotlight, which isn't allowed in residential areas.

National Grid's representative Andrew Leja of Hiscock and Barclay, said variance approval is different for utilities than other development projects.

"It was felt early on that public utilities, because they serve a special purpose and a special benefit to communities, their location may sometimes be dictated because the need of a community for a certain power source, as opposed to what might look the best or fit the best into existing zoning," Leja said. "Over the years, some municipalities have actually adopted specific zoning for public utilities and have reserved areas where they are generally permitted. That has not been the case in the Town of Bethlehem."

The property was purchased by National Grid in the 1960s with the specific purpose of building a substation at that location. Nothing came of it at that time, and eventually the area was developed and rezoned as residential.

A variance can be granted for a utility if there is a need and there are no other alternatives that could minimize the disruption to the neighborhood. An environmental assessment has already been done.

Project manager Joseph Stadelmaier said there is a need for the new substation to relieve stress on the area's smaller and older substations as development increases. This will help to upgrade the system in the area and reduce brownouts in the future.

Building a new substation would also let National Grid retire two smaller substations in the area, the Juniper substation near the Delmar Bypass and the Delmar substation.

Stadelmaier said two alternatives were reviewed in preparation of the

project.

One alternative would see a smaller substation built at the Van Dyke location while rebuilding the Delmar station. This plan would not be able to meet regulations and would only be a temporary fix. The second would see adding another transformer at the newer Krumkill station and upgrading the Delmar station, but this would not meet the scheduled needs of the Vista Technology Campus. More land would need to be acquired at the Krumkill station, and a new line would need to be installed under the state Thruway. That would extend the project another two years.

Some board members asked if the Van Dyke substation was being proposed merely to provide more power to Vista. Stadelmaier said no. Only two transformers would be reserved for future needs of Vista, while the other four would help service the rest of the town.

Other board members were concerned about the proposed station's proximity to two schools. Not only would the school district's bus garage be next door to the property, but Eagle Elementary and the high school are just down the road.

National Grid was asked to provide more information on how much electricity would be lost by getting it all the way to Vista, what other substations in the Capital District were in close proximity to schools or in residential areas, and why the Juniper station could be ruled out as an alternative site. They also wanted to know what type of screening could be done, because the substation would change the makeup of the neighborhood.

According to early plans, the facility would be set back about 500 feet from Van Dyke Road. The location was also chosen because of its location to a high-voltage T-line, according to Leja. He also said there are numerous failsafes built into the

system to stop the power if a problem occurs.

"There's no fireball because there's nothing there that can explode," Leja responded to a question about the potential size of an explosion.

He said the oil is inflammable and the rest is metal.

"There's no wood structure, no containers of flammable fuel kept on site," he said.

Leja said the stations have been in people's backyards for many years, and the new substation would be totally up-to-date with all new safety measures in place.

Neighboring property owner Charles Preska asked if any thought had been put into updating the Unionville substation that currently provides power to the area, and how Monolith Solar's intended solar panel farm in Vista would impact their analysis.

Preska also said that the last time the power was upgraded in the area, special grounding needed to be done because it was affecting his dairy cows in the barn. He wanted to know if additional grounding would need to be done to isolate the barn from any back-feed from the ground.

Bethlehem School District's Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe said the district is concerned about safety and traffic disruption.

Stadelmaier said the target date is to do the work during the summer break and the hope is to minimize impact. Ductwork would be done in the right-of-way, but Leja said a traffic mitigation plan would be prepared. Board members said they are concerned about the students walking to school, and the number of cars and buses that need to use the road for access to the two schools.

The public hearing will continue on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m.

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■ NEWS

Cumberland Farms rezone gets the OK

G'land Town Board will vote on change for Route 20 property, tied to DOT follow up review

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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GUILDERLAND — Town planners have clashed with developers of a proposed Cumberland Farms at a busy intersection, but a compromise was reached to allow for the rezone.

The Guilderland Planning Board on Wednesday, Nov. 12, gave a positive, if somewhat hesitant, recommendation to the Town Board on the proposed rezone of 2444 Western Ave. from local business to general business. Tri-Way Services is seeking to build a Cumberland Farms gas station on the vacant land across the intersection from Stewart's, but the potential traffic impact has led to lengthy debates. The primary contention has been the placement of the sole proposed driveway to Western Avenue, particularly left turns entering the property.

While rezoning the property is a town decision, the state Department of Transportation must approve any proposed driveways onto the two state-owned roads the property abuts.

David Kahlbaugh, of CHA Consulting, said the Western Avenue access is proposed to be restricted to right-turn exits only, with no entrance restrictions, in response to concerns of DOT and town officials.

"The location for the Western Avenue access involves considerations of the operations and safety along Western Avenue as well as the shared access on-site circulation for the two Tri-Way Services properties," Kahlbaugh said in his letter to the town. "Our investigations of queuing, gaps and sight distance shows that the current proposed location of the driveway gives appropriate consideration to all of these factors, and represents the best solution to balance all of these access, safety and

operational issues."

DOT Regional Traffic Engineer Mark Kennedy wrote the town a letter responding to changes CHA, the project engineers, have taken from the state's original recommendations.

Kennedy contended there is not enough evidence to conclude the Western Avenue access has been "optimized from the perspective of traffic operations and safety." DOT again recommended location the driveway further east, away from the intersection, because there would be less potential for negative traffic implications.

In an untypical move, the DOT said it would allow the access as CHA proposed, but conditioned it to an "after-evaluation" two years after opening. If the DOT found mitigation measures were needed, up to eliminating left turn entrances from Western Avenue, Tri-Way Services would be required to make any such changes.

Planning Board Chairman Stephen Feeney proposed memorializing the DOT's condition in its positive recommendation, but developers clashed over whether it needed to be included.

"It's specific in their letter," said Board member Thomas Robert. "That's DOT's condition for allowing it."

Tom Burke, president

of Tri-Way Services, Inc., said it's the company's position that the driveway is properly located, but they would continue discussions with the board and DOT.

"My sense from the board is, I think, that to move forward with a positive recommendation to the Town Board is that we at least reiterate to some degree DOT's concerns here ... that any rezone is conditioned on what they want to see," said Feeney.

The board ultimately included the condition in their recommendation.

"To be so specific to say DOT's condition of this two-year study in your recommendation is not the direction I am hoping to go," said Stefanie DiLallo Bitter, an attorney representing Tri-Way.

Bruce Sherwin was the only Planning Board member voting against the positive recommendation



Cumberland Farms is proposing a new store at a busy Western Avenue intersection. The Guilderland Planning Board expressed some concern with the proposed exits before moving the plan forward.

Artist's rendering

for the rezone. The Town Board still holds the final approval, but in the past has sided with the recommendation of its planners.

Tri-Way is proposing to build a 4,500-square-foot store, with six pumps each having two dispensers. The local business zoning allows for the convenience

store usage, but not gas pumps. The company also owns the adjacent property, which is not being rezoned, where a vacant building sits.

Company representatives have said redevelopment of the adjacent property will be spurred by construction of the new gas station. Town

Planner Jan Weston has previously said she was "hesitant" to recommend the rezone without a comprehensive approach to redeveloping the two properties.

Once the property is rezoned to general business, any permitted usage could not be restricted.

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■ AROUND THE COUNTY

Nursing home set for nearly \$2.5M in fixes

ALBANY—Several modernizations and improvements are scheduled for the Albany County Nursing Home, which will be bonded over the next two years for a total of \$2.456 million.

County legislators on Monday, Nov. 10, unanimously approved bonding \$1.456 million next year and \$1 million in 2016 for capital projects at the nursing home, which includes various common area renovations, room furnishing

replacements and unit living area alterations. These projects were included in the adopted Capital Program for 2015-16.

“There are a lot of exciting things happening at the nursing home, right now and in the future,” Legislature Majority Leader Frank Commisso said in a prepared statement. “I want to thank my colleagues for making this possible and giving our nursing home the attention that it deserves.”

There are three separate projects rounding out improvements. The largest, totaling \$1.5 million is modernization of resident rooms and living areas. This would include new drapes, cubicles, HVAC units, bathroom improvements and updating flooring in the units. Two-sixths of the units would be completed next year, with the remainder finished in 2016.

Room furnishings would total \$571,000, which includes replacing

beds, bureaus, bedside stands, over-bed tables and high-back chairs.

The least expensive of the three project areas, at \$385,000, is common area renovations, which includes remodeling main bathrooms and showers, modernizing outer restrooms, along with replacing tables, chairs and wall covering.

County officials recently announced more than \$7 million is estimated to be saved in next

year’s nursing home budget. A Local Development Corporation is expected to eventually take over management of the facility.

For several years the facility has operated at a deficit. The operational deficit of the home would be reduced to about \$6.3 million next year, County Executive Dan McCoy has said. Several concessions were included in union contracts, which helped realize savings.

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■ BUDGET TIME

N.S. OKs \$7.2M budget within tax cap

Spending plan holds 1.94 percent property levy tax increase

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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NEW SCOTLAND — Town Board members adopted next year's budget totaling almost \$7.23 million, which stays within the tax cap while tapping about \$70,000 less from fund balances.

Board members unanimously approved New Scotland's 2015 budget during its meeting Wednesday, Nov. 12. The plan holds a property tax levy increase of 1.92 percent. The average town homeowner with a property assessed at

\$250,000 would see their tax bill increase almost \$10, according to Deputy Supervisor Douglas LaGrange. The budget appropriates about \$263,000 from fund balances, and includes almost \$4.37 million in revenue outside of taxes levied.

Town Supervisor Tom Dolin was absent from the Nov. 12 meeting due to an illness, according to town officials.

LaGrange said there were some "little tweaks" from the supervisor's tentative budget, but nothing major.

"It was a great process, and we were fortunate to have a good board and a lot of good employees to come to the final conclusion for the budget for next year," said LaGrange.

The most significant change was giving all town employees a 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment, including elected officials. The four Town Board members however are receiving an 8 percent salary increase, which totals \$8,740 per member.

Appropriations across the town's four main funds, excluding special districts,

are increasing about \$47,400, or 0.82 percent. The overall budget totals nearly \$7,227,000, which is a 0.97 percent increase, or just over \$69,000.

Retirement expenses are projected to be relatively flat next year, but medical insurance is estimated to increase around \$21,500.

Additional revenue from the proposed tax increase is less than \$50,000. Revenue outside of the taxes is increasing \$91,000 and totals nearly \$4.37 million. Sales tax revenue is continuing to grow steadily, but mortgage taxes fell below estimates for this year and are only starting to rebound.

Staying under the state-mandated tax cap is important because of public perception about exceeding it, according to LaGrange. He said the board members had been trying to conservatively budget before the tax cap was implemented.

"Unfortunately, the tax cap was designed to corral some of the spending in other places, so it almost penalizes a town or municipality like us who has always worked very hard to keep the tax rate from going up any great degree," said LaGrange.

He said the board is always looking to keep any tax increase "very

modest," while continuing to provide services to the community. Next year's budget does not hold any layoffs.

Town officials are projecting around \$2.69 million remaining in its fund balance, which is equal to 37 percent of its 2015 budget. This year, the town budgeted \$334,000 from fund balances, but its four main funds had \$146,000 going into reserve accounts.

Dolin previously said the town has a "substantial" amount of reserves built up, so dipping into it would keep the town within a "reasonable" amount.

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Crosswalk, signs slated for future

safe pedestrian routes is a fundamental town service, so we're going to keep looking at that."

Clarkson said Bethlehem has been ranking the town's need of sidewalks since 2009, and the area of Feura Bush Road had ranked high on the list for some time. However, town resources had not been allocated to new sidewalks, which meant only bits and pieces of new paths had been installed over the year.

Pedestrian safety had also been a growing concern for some time, as Glenmont is becoming a more populated.

Installation of more sidewalks in Glenmont was a major component of Clarkson's past two State of the Town addresses. Last year, the supervisor said he wanted to place a greater emphasis on completing the goals of the town's comprehensive plan and to enhance pedestrian safety.

The entire project was expected to cost about \$450,000, with \$100,000 coming from a state grant. The town board approved the bond to pay for the remainder of the project in July.

In 2013, the town received grant money

through the state's Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program. The town was given \$776,107 for "departmental restructuring of the town's payment system and maintenance staff." The grant is paid out over three years, with some of the money set aside by the town to pay for capital projects and some used for temporary tax relief of the town's EMS services.

The cost of the project did not include the amount for labor, since most of the work will be done in-house. An easement agreement also had to be worked out between the town and one homeowner for the project to move forward.

The second portion of the project is expected to be completed next year. Additional sidewalks will be installed along Feura Bush Road, from Elsmere Avenue to Elm Avenue. New crosswalks will be also installed to help guide pedestrians, along with the appropriate signage.

Residents Ed and Maryanne Bender told Clarkson and other town officials at the event they

were very excited to finally see the installation of the new sidewalk, since they can now walk to go shopping or for a cup of coffee in Bethlehem Center. They also said it will be safer for their grandchildren, who live a few large blocks away, to come visit them.

"We were very sincere in what we said to them," said Ed Bender. "This has been need for some time."

Clarkson said he has been getting a similar response from other residents, but it also increases the number of calls from those in other areas of town also wanting sidewalks installed or fixed. The issue is the amount of money it takes to do so.

The supervisor previously said he is also in talks with the state Department of Transportation to hopefully get the speed limit reduced on Feura Bush Road. It is now 40 mph, which may be too high of a speed now that it is expected more pedestrians will be using the crosswalks.

Kenwood sidewalks

Construction is also taking place along Kenwood Avenue as new ramps are installed at

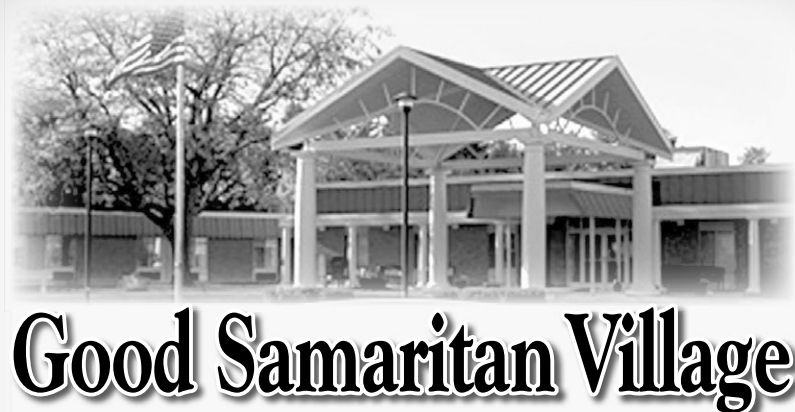
intersections of sidewalk.

Meredith said this is being done by the state DOT to comply with new ADA regulations. Anytime a road is repaved, the sidewalks must also be

fixed so they are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Gradual ramps are installed for easier accessibility, along "detectable warning" panels to help those with vision impairments feel they are

about to transition from sidewalk to street.

About 20 intersections along the street are being changed. The work should be done before winter begins.



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Bethlehem Public Library offers free one-on-one job coaching for adults seeking to enter or re-enter the job market. Find out how to craft effective resumé and cover letters; learn the finer points of written and online applications, LinkedIn accounts and interview protocol. Call 439-9314 ext. 3009 for an appointment.

Holiday hours

The library will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, and remain closed Thursday, Nov. 27, for Thanksgiving.

— Louise Grieco

Book club holds first meeting

Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way. — Native American saying

Holiday hours

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26, and will remain closed on Thursday, Nov. 27, for Thanksgiving.

Book discussion group

The Last Tuesday Book Group will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold. The book was a best seller when it was released and has remained popular throughout the years.

Copies are available for checkout at the library.

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Family movie day at the library

Whether you are up before the sun on the day after Thanksgiving for shopping or not, schedule some family time at the library. The original Annie movie will be screened in the Community Room at 1 p.m. There will be snacks and a trivia contest.

Computer classes

Our class size is limited, so you will get your questions answered.

Round Up and Rein In those "Wild" Files — Learn to find, organize, create, save, and delete files on your computer. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m.

— Carol Melewski

Dedicated to helping kids

March 19, 1958. He had been a United States Senator for five years. He would be elected president in two years. On that date, then-Senator John F. Kennedy delivered a dramatic speech in Washington, D.C., at an annual dinner of the YMCA.

He spoke about the challenges faced by teenage youth of the country at that time and the tremendous need to give them guidance, teach them leadership, and help them achieve a better life for the good of their community and the nation. Kennedy praised the YMCA for taking a leading role in this important cause.

Kennedy said: "We honor a great organization and the work it has accomplished. We pay tribute to the leaders of the Y and its members, to their progress in a variety of athletic, educational and other activities. The Y's emphasis is positive and optimistic. We are proud of the young boys and men who have made this



organization what it is."

This essential part of the YMCA's mission has remained steadfast, particularly through two special programs — "I Can," and the Black and Latino Achievers program.

Recently, about 30 local students in the YMCA Black and Latino Achievers program visited Wall Street. At the New York Stock Exchange, they learned about economics and how the stock market works. They also went to the headquarters of Bloomberg Media to talk with executives about the business world. Two teenagers from Bethlehem, Taylor Blue Clark and Schylar Arrington, gained new mentors to work with going forward.

I Can, which is a partnership with Bethlehem High School, focuses on helping teenagers who may be struggling with their confidence and fitness.

It is a unique blend of character building and exercise training that teaches skills many people take for granted, such as speaking, listening and social interactions.

The 15 students participating in the program recently heard from La-Shaun Sams, the Capital District YMCA Coordinator for the Achievers program. Sams, who recently moved to Bethlehem, is also a personal trainer and motivational speaker.

"I spoke with them about the components of success and how to achieve them," Sams said. "They have two options, win or learn, and that they must take charge of their bodies and minds, stop putting limits on themselves and get out of the mindset of lacking confidence."

Sams told the group, "If we can change our social environment, or those that place limitations on our success, then we can impact our community and our lives. It's called, 'getting like what you desire to be like.' Surround yourselves with those who are physically, mentally,

spiritually and socially better than you. For we have to wake up and start operating out of our competitive social nature, which compels us to capitalize on someone else's failures and success."

By giving these young students new learning experiences and helping them build confidence and strong character, the Bethlehem YMCA is fulfilling the commitment that John F. Kennedy spoke about 56 years ago, when he said:

"The boys of the YMCA have improved their athletic skills, they have toughened their physiques, they have truly increased in stature. But, in addition, they have increased in wisdom. They are better members of their group, better neighbors in their community, better citizens of their country and the world. The boy who finds at the 'Y' a leader who is both strong and good ... these are boys who recognize that the future of the man depends, in large measure, upon the character of the boy."

— Mark Hansen

Thanksgiving 5K race

Celebrate Thanksgiving in "Our Towne," Bethlehem.

The 5K Fun Run or Walk on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27, is enjoyable for all ages. The run starts from the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar, at 9 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:05 a.m. (Packet pickups begin at 7 a.m.) Register on-line at www.ourtownebethlehem.com. Or email your questions to John@ourtownebethlehem.com. Please consider bringing a canned food item for the Bethlehem Food Pantry on Thanksgiving morning. Help us help others. And on Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, come to the Bethlehem Middle School at 7 p.m. and enjoy



the holiday fireworks.

On Thanksgiving Day, enjoy the traditional Equinox Thanksgiving Dinner, serving from 1 to 4 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, 362 State St., Albany. The dinner is free, and no reservations are needed.

Join us for a trip to Proctor's on Saturday, Nov. 22, for the 2 p.m. matinee performance of "Dancing Pros LIVE," a competition to decide the best dancing couple on the planet. "Growing Pains" star Alan Thicke will be featured, along with guest judge Edyta Sliwinska and dancer

Chelsie Hightower. The cost is \$37, payable to Town of Bethlehem. Call 439-4855, ext. 1176, to make your reservation. Suggested van donation: \$10.

The Caregiver's Support Group will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 26, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Join others who are caring for a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another dementia. Call Jane Sanders at 439-4955, ext. 1174.

Bethlehem Town Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28, for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no Senior Transportation Monday through Friday, Nov. 24-28.

Income eligible households can get federally funded assistance with heating and energy

costs. Call our Outreach Workers at 439-4955, ext. 1173, 1174, or 1175, to make an appointment to get assistance with the HEAP application process.

Medicare Open Enrollment continues through Dec. 7. Our Senior Outreach Workers will be available for counseling appointments on Medicare and other health insurance issues. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a lunch and play pinochle, bingo, or mah jongg. Or, just come for a chat with friends.

— Wilma DeLucco

■ COMMUNITY

Get creative with light

This month's Digital Photo Forum at GPL on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. focuses on creativity with light. Everyone is invited to attend this practical, hands-on class.

Photographer Dorey Olmer will report on a day-long photo seminar offered by National Geographic. The key take-away from the seminar is that the right light is the secret ingredient that lets you turn an ordinary subject into a magical photograph. Examples will be shown.

The Digital Photo Forum is where area photographers gather to discuss work they are doing and to share information about how to improve their work. This is an open forum, with occasional special guest photographers. All are

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welcome and are invited to bring their work to share and also their questions. Bring work on memory cards, USB drives, CDs. The group meets the third Thursday of each month, except December and August.

Giraffes Can't Dance?

It's true: giraffes cannot dance. Children ages four through seven can witness the humorous proof of this startling fact at GPL on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 10:30 a.m.

First you'll watch the "Giraffes Can't Dance" movie, and then read books about jungle animals, music and dance.

Then you will make your very own giraffe puppet.

This program is presented by Barbara Lukas of WMHT.

Every child who attends this program will receive a personal copy of the book "Giraffes Can't Dance" to take home, read, and keep for their very own. Please: each child must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Please call 456-2400, ext. 2 to let us know you're coming.

GPL hosts blood drive

The Guilderland Public Library will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, Nov. 24,

from 1 to 6 p.m.

The need for blood locally remains constant, and donations are needed to offset holiday blood shortages. You can donate a pint of blood every 56 days. You're encouraged to eat a meal prior to giving blood and drink plenty of water. Photo ID is required at donation time.

Blood donation requirements include a minimum weight of 115 pounds and minimum age of 17. A 16-year old may donate blood with written parental consent. There is no upper age limit for donating blood. Many health conditions and medications do not prevent someone from donating blood. People taking insulin, blood pressure, thyroid and cholesterol medications, aspirin, antidepressants and hormone replacement

can give blood. Tattoos are also okay as long as they are healed and have been done in a reputable tattoo facility.

To make a donation appointment, please call the Red Cross at 1-800 RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Quick: Name the Seven Dwarfs

That's the kind of challenge you'll face when you come to Tuesday Night Trivia at GPL at 7 p.m. on Nov. 25. Trivia master Joe Michon-Huneau will pit you and your team so that you can and test your command of UBI (Useless Bits of Information).

Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams. Teams should be made up of four or fewer people. No registration required

— just come with your team. This experience will probably dwarf any other trivia competition you've faced.

And, oh, by the way, from the classic 1937 Disney "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," they're Doc, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Bashful, Sneezy, and Dopey. (How many did you get?)

Happy Thanksgiving

The library will close at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26, so that our staff can prepare for their Thanksgiving gatherings. GPL will be closed all day Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 27.

The library will be open regular hours — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — on Friday, Nov. 28.

Have a happy Thanksgiving.

— Mark Curiale

Senior citizens luncheon

The annual Town of Guilderland Senior Citizens Holiday Luncheon takes place Tuesday, Dec. 9, at noon, at the Cider House Restaurant, 6700 Dunnsville Road in Altamont.

The menu features the choice of stuffed meatloaf with mashed potatoes or roaster turkey with butternut squash.

The cost is \$20 per person. Transportation service is available for Guilderland seniors. Tickets are available from Nov. 10 to Dec. 2. Please make checks payable to the Town of Guilderland.

Movie of the month: '42'

Thursday, Nov. 20, at 10:30 a.m., in the Guilderland Town Hall Court Room. RSVP by Nov. 13 to the Senior Service Office at 356-1980, ext. 1048.

This biopic focuses on the relationship between baseball icon Jackie Robinson and Brooklyn

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Dodgers general manager Branch Rickey, who signed Robinson and in 1947 made him the first black Major League Baseball player of the modern era. Cast: Chadwick Boseman, Harrison Ford, Andre Holland and Nicole Beharie. 128 Minutes. Rated PG-13; thematic elements including language.

HEAP program

Cold months approach. Heating costs increase. People with monthly incomes under \$2,194 for one person, or \$2,869 for two people, etc. are eligible for the Heating Assistance Program called HEAP. This grant can be received each heating season and goes directly to the heating company. The amount of the payment to each person is determined by income, living expenses and type of fuel used. Applications to the program should be available Nov. 17 in the Senior Office, and if you need assistance, please call

to set up an appointment.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

Scheduled shopping
9 a.m. Cardio Circuit
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Thursday, Nov. 20

Scheduled shopping
Scheduled Legal Appts.
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg
1 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, Nov. 21

Scheduled shopping
10 a.m. Painting
10 a.m. Bridge
1 p.m. Quilting

Monday, Nov. 24

Scheduled shopping
9 a.m. Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness
1 p.m. Harmonic Group
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Tuesday, Nov. 25

9 a.m. Strong Bones +

Holiday shopping for FOL

Where does the time go? The holidays are right around the corner, and it's time to start getting ready. If you will be doing some of your holiday shopping online at Amazon.com, please consider using the boxed Amazon link on the library website. Just click on the link and you will be directed to the Amazon webpage. For every dollar spent using the library link, Amazon will donate a small portion back to the friends of the library.

NYC Bus trip

And speaking of the holidays, you are going to want to write this on your calendar. Saturday, Dec. 6, is the friends of the library annual NYC Holiday Bus Trip. Here's the itinerary: Departure from the Voorheesville Elementary School at 7 a.m.; arrive in Manhattan around 10 a.m. Leave from Bryant Park (Manhattan) at 8 p.m.; arrival back in Voorheesville around 11 p.m. For the low price of \$45 (\$40 for FOL members), you can enjoy a day at one of New York's

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most exciting holiday destinations and support the library at the same time. Check out the fun holiday ideas box link on our website for some tips on great food, fun and, of course, shopping. Payment in advance is required, and paid reservations are only accepted at the library.

Thursday Afternoon Movies

Please join us on Thursday afternoons for an old movie, some fresh popcorn and great company. Every Thursday at 1:30 p.m., we show a classic movie on the big screen. We've got a great group of regulars who enjoy sharing some little known trivia and lots of laughs. Stop by the library and pick up a movie schedule or check online to see what's playing next.

Holiday hours

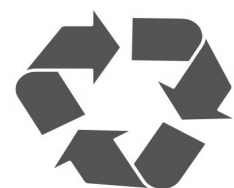
The library will be closing at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26,

and will re-open at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 28, in observance of Thanksgiving. If you would like to renew an item, you may do so online at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Sign up now

Join local author and historian Dennis Sullivan as he guides you on a journey through your own history. The program will be held every other Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., from Jan. 13 through March 24. The sessions offer the opportunity for you to share what you are writing with the group and receive a helpful critique of your work. Limited seats are available, so register early.

— Lynn Kohler



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■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Sportsmart returns to high school Nov. 22

BETHLEHEM — Boy Scout Troop 75 from Delmar is holding its annual fundraiser, Sportsmart, Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Bethlehem Central High School cafeteria.

Sportsmart is an annual sale of sporting goods, with an emphasis on winter sports and equipment such as skis, ski boots, snowboards, skates, snowshoes and hockey gear. There are also other sporting goods for sale such as soccer cleats, golf clubs and bags, clothing, bikes, lacrosse and baseball gear.

Members of the community can bring in their sporting goods for sale, set a price and, if it sells, receive 75 percent of the sale. Community members can also donate items. The troop has an outside vendor supplying some of the items.

Community members can bring their items to sell from 8:30 to 11 a.m. The sale takes place from 1 to 4 p.m., and the public can pick up their items and checks for any items sold from 5 to 6 p.m.

Sportsmart is also holding a silent auction and drawings for several items and packages. The troop is also asking everyone who comes to Sportsmart to donate at least \$1 to the Regional Food Bank.

See how the borders have changed

BETHLEHEM — Albany City Historian Anthony Opalka and Bethlehem Town Historian Susan Leath will illustrate how the border between the two communities have changed over the years during the Bethlehem Historical Association meeting Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m., at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, 1003 River Road.

See how Albany evolved from Fort Orange and Beaverwyck, while Bethlehem evolved from Rensselaerwyck and the Town of Watervliet. Discover how Bethlehem was divided to form New Scotland, while Albany annexed several more sections of the town.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information,



Entering the Shark Tank

Bethlehem Central High School members of the Future Business Leaders of America club presented their business ideas to local community leaders in the style of the television show "Shark Tank" last week. Spotlight Publisher John McIntyre was one of the judges at the event, which was held Thursday, Nov. 13.

Submitted photo

visit BethlehemHistorical.org.

Good Books for Good Works

ALBANY — The Woman's Club of Albany and the Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza are hosting an evening of holiday book suggestions Thursday, Nov. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the book store.

Called "Good Books and Good Food for Good Works," the program features Book House staff discussing their favorite choices for adult and children's books. A portion of all book sales will benefit the Giffen Elementary School in Albany. Light refreshments will be provided.

See seldom seen places in Thacher Park

VOORHEESVILLE — Thacher Park and the Thacher Nature Center host "Geology of Seldom Seen Places in Thacher Park" Saturday, Nov. 22, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Explore and discover more parts of Thacher Park with

geologist Dr. Chuck Ver Straeten from the New York State Museum. Dress of hiking on and off-trail.

To register or for more information, call 872-0800.

Watchable Wildlife focuses on turkeys

DELMAR — In preparation for Thanksgiving, learn about wild turkeys at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center Saturday, Nov. 22.

At 10 a.m., there will be a program about the natural history of turkeys including a discussion, a craft project and an outdoor search for the birds. Then at 2 p.m., there will be a walk along the Wild Turkey Trail for another search for turkeys.

The programs are free. Space is limited for the morning program, so reservations are requested by Wednesday, Nov. 19.

For more information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Guilderland students selected for festival

GUILDERLAND — Eleven Guilderland High School

students are performing in the Area All-State Music Festival Nov. 21 and 22 at Saratoga Springs High School.

Angelo Amore will play clarinet in the Concert Band; Kiera DeCotes, Etaseme Elonge, Dylan Fader, Avery Heaney, Josh Kahn and Derek Petti are singing in the Chorus; Claire Amiot, Julianne Kim and Therese Giordano are performing in the Symphony Orchestra; and trombonist Joe Giordano will play in the Jazz Band.

All of the ensembles are made up of students from a nine-county area. They were selected by their NYSSMA evaluation scores.

The concert takes place Saturday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m., at the Saratoga Springs High School auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and \$3 for students.

Benefit sale for churches council

ALBANY — Ten Thousand Villages in Stuyvesant Plaza is holding a benefit sale for the Capital Area Council of Churches Sunday, Nov. 23, from

noon to 5 p.m.

Ten Thousand Villages offers artisan-crafted home decor, jewelry, personal accessories and gift items from around the world. Fifteen percent of the event's proceeds will benefit CACC's programs, with other money going to the artisans who created the items.

For more information, call Paula Wheeler at 435-9307.

BAA November art show at library

BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Art Association's Fall Member Art Show is on display at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., through the end of the month.

More than 60 local artists have their work on display. Artwork is in a variety of mediums, including photography, oil, watercolor, pastel and mixed media.

For more information on the organization, visit www.bethlehemartassociation.com.

Grange seeks new members

BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Grange is seeking new members. Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 24 Bridge St. in Selkirk.

For more information, call Mary Starr at 767-9672 or Jo Downey at 767-2985.

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Why and how you should use your credit card for holiday spending

By CARIN URBAN,
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Retail Banking, KeyBank

Traditionally, Thanksgiving is a day of celebration, giving thanks and spending time with loved ones. It is the “unofficial” but well recognized kickoff to the holiday season, marked by parades, football games and lots of food. In recent years, it has also come to symbolize something else, something much more commercial... the start of the seasonal spending blitz—Black Friday.

Let's face it, for most of us, our spending ramps up in November and December. We largely attribute it to the gifts we buy and the parties we plan. What we often overlook are the peripheral expenses—decorations, extra family dinners and breakfasts, spirits, travel and charitable donations. The result: we spend more than we want and often accrue debt.

This holiday season, you can avoid the headache of losing control of your spending by setting a limit, making a plan for how you will handle payments and tracking expenses so you don't exceed your budget. The tool for helping you accomplish all of this—your credit card.

Make credit a tool, not a vice

According to the National Retail Federation's Holiday

Consumer Spending Survey, the average person celebrating Christmas, Kwanzaa and/or Hanukkah will spend \$804.42 in 2014—up nearly 5 percent from last year's projection of \$767.27.

Ideally, you've been regularly depositing money into a holiday savings account throughout the year. If you have, congratulations, you're in rare company. Most people get through the holidays on credit.

Typically, credit card spending gets a bad rap. However, when done right, using credit cards to make your holiday purchases might just save you money. It can even help hold you accountable to your goals.

Here are two of the major benefits of using credit for your holiday spending:

- **Rewards.** If you're in the market for a new card, the holiday season is a good time to be looking. Creditors often offer a generous signing bonus for spending up to a certain amount of money within your first billing month. Others offer points for items purchased on credit. So you can reap major rewards—cash, travel or coupons—for purchasing the gifts you already plan to purchase.

- **Discounts.** Most retailers offer savings and

special promotions on in-store purchases made with their credit card. If you're purchasing a big-ticket item or the smaller items on your list add up, consider opening a store credit card. You can save as much as 20 percent on your total purchase.

Of course, there are caveats. Too many open credit cards with outstanding balances will negatively affect your

credit rating. The key words being: “outstanding balances,” because one of the biggest factors in scoring a strong credit rating is to maintain a low ratio of debt to the amount of money you can borrow. So the idea of too many credit cards being bad for your credit is an oversimplification of your credit rating. Other factors, such as average age of your credit cards, are considered as well.

This second point is directly tied to the first. You must pay off your balances. If not, any of the savings and rewards gained will quickly be erased by the interest you pay on your purchases.

If you already have credit cards, look through your wallet and utilize the credit cards that have a great rewards program attached to them. Many cards have

up to 5 percent cash back on purchases. If you aren't sure if your credit card has rewards you can call the financial institution or you can create an account online and check there. Some credit cards offer rewards that need to be activated before you can begin to accumulate them. So make sure they are activated. Put as much as you can on the same credit card to maximize your rewards faster.

Talk to your bank

Most banks are also in the credit card business. Ask if there are any rewards programs involved with debit or credit cards linked to your account. Often banks will offer cash back or gift cards when a certain amount of rewards are accumulated. For example, KeyBank's relationship rewards programs lets customers earn points through everyday banking activities such as

bill pay, credit card and debit card purchases, as well as provides discounts and coupons for shopping with their favorite retailers.

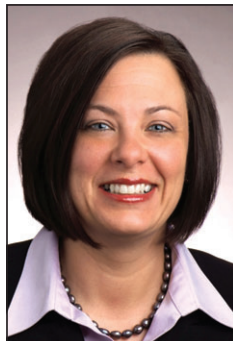
An added benefit of using your bank credit card or debit card is that it is connected to your bank account, which means you can set up mobile banking alerts to better manage and track your spending. Also, many banks have specialized services that allow you to set goals and monitor your progress in achieving them. For example, with KeyBank's myControl Banking, customers can specifically set a target, like holiday spending, and easily stay-up-to-date with how their holiday spend measures against their planned budget.

Maintain your discipline

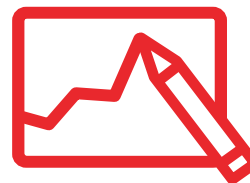
Just because you worked so hard racking up the rewards and cash back

during this holiday season, don't use it as an excuse to spend more than you planned. Also, commit to having a better plan for next year. By knowing how much you spent and on what, you can set a more accurate budget. Then you can start setting aside a little bit each month, so that next holiday season you can spend on your credit cards and have the confidence to know you can and will pay it all on time, while reaping major rewards along the way.

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5 Tips to Smart and Secure Online Shopping

With all the hustle and bustle and so many consumers shopping with credit cards during the holidays, it's a great time for predators to strike. In fact, credit card fraud can increase by as much as 20 percent in November and December.

According to the National Retail Federation, 56 percent of consumers plan to shop online—up 4.5% from last year and the most in the survey's 13-year history. With this in mind, here are five tips for using your credit card smartly and safely during the 2014 holiday season:

- **Avoid using a debit card online.** Always use a credit card (some even have free fraud protection, and most have no fraud liability). If your bank account information is stolen from your debit card that money will come out of your account immediately, and recovering stolen funds is a hassle best to avoid. Also, Federal law prohibits credit card fraud victims from being responsible for more than \$50 of the stolen funds.
- **Try to use the same credit card for all online transactions.** This way if your account information is stolen, you won't have to close multiple accounts and spend extra time

tracking down suspicious activity on those accounts.

- **Avoid using public computers to make online purchases.** Public computers are less secure, creating a greater chance for any of the personal or financial information you enter to be stolen. This same information can even be stolen when you use your personal laptop on a public wireless network. It's better to make purchases at home on your own network and computer.

- **When shopping online, make sure you are shopping with trustworthy merchants who require security information such as address verification and the CVV2/CVC2 number on the back of your card.** Check to make sure you are on a secure form before filling out any personal information. You can do this by looking for the “s” at the end of “http” in the web address. Also, avoid clicking on email links to any website. Instead, go directly to the real website by typing the web address in your internet browser.

- **Consider third-party payment processors for online shopping.** For example you could use PayPal or Google Checkout to avoid putting your credit card information into various sites during the checkout process.

■ NEWS

Transparency efforts recognized

Bethlehem receives top marks for website

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — The website for the Town of Bethlehem has been named among the top in the state by a local, independent think tank.

The Empire Center for Public Policy based in Albany annually conducts a review of municipality and school district websites statewide. The SeeThroughNY Local Government Website Report Card looked at websites for 500 of the state's largest municipalities and districts, with 85 percent of them earning a failing grade.

None of the websites scored higher than a "B" grade.

"We're very proud of our website," said Supervisor John Clarkson. "If you look

at some other municipality's websites, ours provides a lot more information."

The town's website went through a redesign last year, with Kansas-based company Civic Plus. The hope was for the website to become more user-friendly and to integrate further use of social media. With the upgrade came a mobile application, which residents can use to access the town's website through their smartphone.

The cost of the project was \$25,000, with an annual maintenance fee of \$4,000. Funds for the project had been set aside in the 2013 budget.

A tool on both the website and mobile app includes a request and complaint tracking system. Residents are able to notify the town about subjects such as potholes or code violations immediately, and the messages will automatically be sent to the correct department.

Another feature

called "My Dashboard" allows residents to create a login account, and then customize the site by picking the types of town information that most interests them. Notifications, meeting schedules and agendas are then e-mailed to them.

Bethlehem received a grade of "B," scoring a total of 118 points.

Clarkson agreed the upgrade provides residents with more modern tools and is something he uses himself. The town scored extra points for its webcasting system, which broadcasts and archive videos of town meetings online.

"It's something very few municipalities do, which is a shame because it costs very little money," said Clarkson. "It's not only great for residents, but great for town officials themselves who may want to go back and review something before a meeting."

Points were given based on how easy a municipality's website was to navigate and certain information could be found online such as contact information, public meetings, budgets, public information, financial reports, taxes and fees, facilities and services, along with contracts.

Clarkson said the town scored well, but missed points because the town doesn't put its contracts online. He now plans to review this, and will hopefully soon be placing employee contracts online.

"We're pleased to be recognized," said Clarkson. "Anything that can help people get access to more information is good, and we're very pleased with the ranking."

Scores for neighboring municipalities

- Town of Colonie: Grade C, 118 points
- Village of Colonie: Grade F, 15 points
- Town of Guilderland: Grade F, 68 points

Scores for area school districts

- Bethlehem Central: Grade D, 96 points
- Guilderland Central: Grade C, 98 points
- North Colonie Central: Grade F, 84 points
- South Colonie Central: Grade F, 63 points

■ OBITUARY

Irving Van Woert, Jr. MD

DELMAR - Irving Van Woert, Jr. MD, of Delmar passed away on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014, with his three daughters at his bedside.

He was born May 15, 1924, to Harriet Holmes Van Woert and Irving Van Woert, Sr., MD. A native of Delmar, he was predeceased by his wife of 45 years, Priscilla Van Woert, in 2005, and recently his sister, Marian Van Woert, whose care he guided.

Dr. Irving Van Woert was a graduate of the Albany Academy (1942), Williams College and the Albany Medical College in 1948. His internship was in Bridgeport, Connecticut. His Radiology training began for one year at Albany Medical Center (1949-1950) and was completed at John's Hopkins University Hospital (1950-1952.) Following his residency, he served in the Public Health Service from 1952-1954 in El Paso, Texas, as part of the doctor draft. This is where he developed his love for Mexican food.

He began his career as assistant professor of Radiology at the Albany Medical Center in 1954. In April 1959, he opened one of the first community medical imaging centers, in Delmar, and practiced there until he retired in 1989. He was a staff radiologist at the former Child's Hospital in Albany from 1961-1967 and later served as Chief of Radiology there commencing in 1977, while still maintaining his private practice.

A sports enthusiast, he was a diehard Pittsburgh Pirates fan and a staunch NY

Giants follower. He once threw out the first ball at a Pittsburgh Pirates game as he was a loyal booster club member, spending some winters in Bradenton, Fla., to watch spring training.

In 1971, he helped create the Bethlehem Tomboys Girls Softball League and coached for several years. He was a great promoter of women playing sports.

He is survived by his daughters, Joanne (Jim Connolly) of Voorheesville, Judith (Paul Connolly) of Delmar, and Janet (Derek Ratliff) of Cooperstown. He was Papa to 11 adoring grandchildren: Joseph Irving, James, Margaret Rose, Daniel, Michael, Bridget, Matthew, Kathleen, Kristin, Stephen and Juliette.

His positive and kind disposition was and will be an inspiration to his family. He was a wonderful father. His easy nature allowed him to make friends wherever he went. We will miss him dearly.

The family wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to Dr. Lawrence Garbo and his staff at NYOH for their excellent medical care, and to the entire staff at the Terrace at Beverwyck for creating a "home" with excellent care, cuisine and activities. The family also wishes to thank the St. Peters Hospital staff on 3 Gabrilove, the ICU, and at the St Peters Rehab Center for their superb and compassionate care.

A funeral service was held at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Tuesday, Nov. 11. Burial is at the Bethlehem Cemetery. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made in memory of Irving Van Woert, Jr., MD, to the Albany Medical College. Arrangements by Applebee Funeral Home.

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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



EMILY BINI

Guilderland cross country runner Emily Bini is the Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Saturday, Nov. 15. The seventh grader led the Lady Dutch to a fifth-place finish at the New York State Federation Championships by finishing 11th in a field of 237 runners with a time of 18:51.6.

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If you have a high school athlete you'd like to nominate for our Player of the Week, please e-mail Sports Editor Rob Jonas at jonasr@spotlightnews.com.

■ UPCOMING



Basketball starts

Area high school basketball teams have begun practicing for the 2014-15 season. Look for Spotlight's hoops preview stories starting Nov. 26.

■ GIRLS SOCCER



The Bethlehem girls soccer team reacts after winning the Section 2 Class AA championship Nov. 5 in Stillwater. The title was unexpected for the No. 6 seed in Sectionals.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Young Eagles defy odds

Bethlehem's dream playoff run ends
in state Class AA semifinals

By **ROB JONAS**
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BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem girls soccer team proved age is only a number.

With a roster featuring mostly juniors, sophomores and freshmen, the Lady Eagles reached the state Class AA semifinals before losing to Section 1 champion North Rockland 1-0 Saturday, Nov. 15, outside Cortland (see related story on Page 14).

Bethlehem entered the Section 2 playoffs as the No. 6 seed, but quickly proved to be the top team in the area by knocking off No. 3 Columbia, No. 2 Shenendehowa and No. 1 Saratoga Springs for the Sectional championship. The Lady Eagles then edged Section 3 champion Liverpool 2-1 in overtime to win the regional title.

Defense and goaltending were the keys to Bethlehem's success. The Lady Eagles allowed only six goals in their last 14 games and 12 goals for the season. Goaltender Miranda Manzano stopped more than 90 percent of the shots she faced.



◀ Shannon Russo, left, is one of several starters expected to return next year for the Bethlehem girls soccer team. The sophomore was the leading goal scorer for the Lady Eagles this season with seven markers. Nine of Bethlehem's 11 starters were underclassmen.

Spotlight file photo

North Rockland ends Bethlehem's run

Young Eagles eliminated in state semifinals

By PHIL BLACKWELL
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DRYDEN — Young, resilient and fearless, the Bethlehem girls soccer team would not back down from the odds thrown at them, all the way through earning Section 2 and regional Class AA girls soccer championships.

Only when the Eagles got to the state semifinal round did it confront an obstacle it could not quite overcome.

Bethlehem fell 1-0 to Section 1 champion North Rockland in Saturday's state Class AA semifinal at Tompkins-Cortland Community College — offering up

plenty of resistance, but unable to generate many scoring chances.

"We knew we were going to have to play a lot of defense," said Bethlehem head coach Tom Rogan. "We didn't see a team like that (North Rockland) in our area this year."

For the most part, the young Eagles held up well. Bethlehem's back-line quartet of Madison Ehring, Selin Gumustop, Andrea Saxe and Ellie Warner-Rousseau maintained their

discipline in the face of constant pressure from the Raiders' talented group of forwards and midfielders.

It helped North Rockland that it had gone through this before, reaching the state final in 2013 before a loss to Massapequa. And on a chilly morning with snow cleared off the Tompkins turf just before kickoff, it didn't take too long for the game's theme to emerge.

Over and over, North Rockland pushed and got near the net. Each time, the Bethlehem defenders were ready. So was goalie Miranda Manzano, who made nine saves and caused plenty of frustration for the Raiders by deftly handling the shots sent to her.

"She (Manzano) was

unbelievable," said Rogan. "She proved again why she's the best keeper in our area."

Only on occasion did the Eagles break North Rockland's spell of possession, and its best chance came just past the midway point of the second half, in the 23rd minute. Ehring had a free kick from 25 yards out, but she sent it mere inches over the net.

Then Bethlehem went back to defense. "The game plan worked, to the degree that we wanted it to," said Rogan. "Except for the goal they got."

That goal was attained with less than four minutes left in the first half. From a corner kick hit by North Rockland's Taylor Aylmer, the ball fell amid a scrum

of Eagles and Raiders players until Amber Alfonzo poked it past Manzano into the right side of the net.

Throughout the second half, North Rockland attempted to add to its lead, and could not do so. But though it just needed one break to pull even, Bethlehem was constantly thwarted any time it tried to attack, as the Eagles were held to just three shots that Raiders goalie Jenna Brunagel scooped up.

So a magical run for the Eagles — that included rising from a No. 6 seed to beat the top three seeds in the sectional tournament and rallying from behind to beat Liverpool in overtime in the regional finals — came to an end.

"When you look at the whole season, to get all the way here (to the state final four) is a fantastic run."

— Tom Rogan

However, with just two players (Warner-Rousseau and Kaylee Rickert) graduating and a wealth of young, talented and hungry players back for 2015, Bethlehem's quest for a first-ever state championship might only be in its initial stages.

"When you look at the whole season, to get all the way here (to the state final four) is a fantastic run," said Rogan.

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Dutchmen place third

Guilderland boys top Section 2 team at Fed meet

By ROB JONAS
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WAPPINGERS FALLS — The Guilderland boys cross country team turned in a third-place finish at the New York State Federation Meet Saturday, Nov. 15, at Bowdoin State Park.

The Dutchmen had four runners among the top 100 in a race that featured 257 of the top boys runners in the state. Guilderland finished with 237 points, 16 points behind runner-up Pittsford Mendon from Section 5. New York City private school St. Anthony's won the team

title with 59 points.

Sophomore Noah Carey paced Guilderland with a 12th-place finish in a time of 16:03.1 on the narrow, hilly Bowdoin State Park course. Carey was the second Section 2 runner across the finish line, as Saratoga Springs' Aidan Tooker turned in a fifth-place finish with a time of 15:46.5.

Eighth grader Noah Tindale placed 66th for Guilderland with a time of 16:53.7. Senior Jonathan Feil was 75th with a time of 16:57.1, and Jared Capuano placed 92nd with a time of 17:04.0.

The Guilderland girls

team took fifth place at the Federation meet with 175 points. Saratoga Springs defeated Shenendehowa 81-104 to claim first place.

Seventh grader Emily Bini and senior Emily Burns each had top-15 finishes for the Lady Dutch. Bini placed 11th with a time of 18:51.6, and Burns finished 14th with a time of 19:01.7.

Sarah Forman added a 58th-place finish with a time of 19:36.2 for Guilderland.

Overall, Section 2 had seven of the top 20 female runners at the Federation meet, led by Shen's Danielle Jordan in eighth place with a time of 18:44.3.

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■ AROUND THE COUNTY



Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy and program head Kaitlyn Drobner helped kick off Katie's Koats third year during an announcement at Crossgates on Thursday, Nov. 13.

Emily Drew/Spotlight

Katie's Koats keep veterans warm

Program collects outerwear to help those in need

By **EMILY DREW**
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ALBANY COUNTY — At areas around the Capital District, residents will once again find drop boxes for Katie's Koats to provide warmth to the homeless and veterans around the area during winter months.

Drop boxes can be found at Crossgates Mall, county offices in Albany, the Homeless and Travelers Aid Society at 138 Central Ave. in Albany and at any Best Cleaners dry cleaning services locations. The program asks for used coats, which will be taken from the bins to Best Cleaners to be sure the coats are clean when handed out to the people who need them.

"I started Katie's Koats three years ago in hopes to help keep veterans and their families warm," said Kaitlyn Drobner at this year's Katie's Koats announcement at Crossgates Mall on Thursday, Nov. 13. "The first year, we collected a

little over 1,200 coats, and that was absolutely astonishing, because I really didn't have a goal going into this. And then last year, we topped that at 3,500."

Katie's Koats partners with county officials and the Homeless Travelers Aid Society to help as many people as possible during the winter.

Last year, the drive began to make a push for children's coats to be donated, since when a veteran is in need, their family is as well, said Liz Hitt with the Homeless and Travelers Aid Society. This year, Hitt hopes to see more women's coats in the mix.

"These coats go not just to male veterans. When you're thinking about donating a coat, while we have lots of men who need coats, we also have women veterans. . . . Last year, too, for the first time, we had lots of coats donated for children. Veterans have children. They want to see their children in good coats," said Hitt.

Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy, who has been backing Katie's Koats since it began, said he hopes to see 5,000 coats going to

veterans this year, which would be more than four times the amount of coats donated in 2011. He said a drive like this is an opportunity for the community to give back to local veterans.

"Unfortunately, more and more veterans are walking the streets without the proper clothes, so this type of drive out there really enforces an opportunity to give back a little bit, to pass it on," McCoy said.

The drive takes coats that people no longer wear, either due to a style that has gone out of fashion or they have just not been used for a while. A lot of people hold onto clothes they will never wear again, Hitt said.

Since the program began in 2011, the program has grown exponentially, according to Hitt, expanding naturally on its own over the past years. However, she said everyone hopes the program continues to grow even more.

"As Mr. McCoy said, he would like to collect 5,000, and as I told him, I never really had a goal, but 5,000 would be an absolutely amazing number," said Drobner.

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■ COMMUNITIES

It's a wonder

Voorheesville Middle School Drama Club to present a musical twist on a classic this weekend

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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VOORHEESVILLE — Two years ago, Stefanie DeFronzo took a summer workshop at the Mac-Haydn Theatre in Chatham and played the white queen in the musical “Wonderland.” After some school staff and her friends went to see her perform, they knew it was a production middle school students could do justice to.

Steve Suriano, director of the Voorheesville Middle School Drama Club’s upcoming production of “Wonderland,” said he “absolutely” loved the concept of the musical. This is the first time the “Stuck in the Middle Players” have presented the production, which is a contemporary version of Lewis Carroll’s “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland” and its sequel, “Through the Looking-Glass.”

DeFronzo, an 11th-grade student director for “Wonderland,” said she enjoys working with the middle school students. DeFronzo said stepping off the stage and into a director’s chair has been a

learning experience.

“I’ve learned to be more mindful of the directors, or the creative team, when I am in the cast,” said DeFronzo. “Now I actually know how much work goes into it.”

There will be three performances of “Wonderland” in the Performing Arts Center at the high school, which include a 7:30 p.m. show on Friday, Nov. 21, and Saturday, Nov. 22, along with a final performance at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. Tickets can be purchased at the door, and cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Suriano described the musical as, “Alice in Wonderland’ thrown into a blender, stirred up and poured out to be something completely different.”

There are a few different genres of music throughout the production. Auditions were held the second week of school and students have been rehearsing four to five days a week.

“This show in some ways really showcases the talent of the whole ensemble more than other shows we have done,” said Suriano. “Yeah, there are some featured characters here, but there are so many kids involved and so many things in this show that they are really quite active for the show.”



Cast members from Voorheesville Middle School Drama Club’s upcoming production of “Wonderland” are ready to entertain audiences with the zany performance that puts a twist on the traditional Alice in Wonderland tale.

John Purcell/Spotlight

There are a total of 55 kids performing in the musical, with about a dozen doing behind-the-scenes work. Suriano said there are some adlibs and “craziness,” which the four student directors thought up.

Jaynie Parmenter, a 10th-grade student director, said she likes the “backwardness” of the musical because it will surprise the audience. Parmenter said she enjoyed acting and wanted to see it from the director’s perspective.

“I’ve learned how to really respect the directors more

and grow as an actor,” said Parmenter.

Suriano said she has even learned things from the younger students, too.

“I learned things from the kids that I am going to use later on, which is crazy,” said Suriano. “You teach them, but they also teach you.”

Sydney Wilson, who plays the White Knight, said she enjoys her role because she gets to act funny and be one of the smarter characters. Although she has been in many productions, Wilson said she likes this one because she gets to

be more of her own character.

Daniel Curren, who plays the Royal Assistant, is acting alongside his brother, Chris, who is the Red King.

Daniel said he likes the music in the play, which includes a lot of fun songs. He said this is the most dialogue he has ever had in a production. At one point, he has to memorize seven pages of lines.

“It’s a lot different from any of the other plays that I have done,” said Ian Longden, who plays the Red Knight. “It’s a lot more fun being a comical part than a really serious part.”

Town passes nearly \$40 million budget

Plan sparks little feedback, stays under state tax cap

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Town Board unanimously passed its 2015 budget last week.

The decision was made with little fanfare on Wednesday, Nov. 12. Although there was some feedback from residents at earlier meetings or through letters, no one spoke at the public hearing held earlier in the process.

“We held a public hearing, though it was somewhat under attended,” said Supervisor John Clarkson. “We’ll take that as a good sign.”

There were no major changes from the preliminary budget, and board members did not speak regarding the spending plan, but workshops were held in October. The town was once again shown to be in stable condition financially.

The budget was presented in September by Clarkson and Comptroller Michael Cohen. The proposal includes a 0.4 percent spending increase of about \$140,000. This is mostly to help pay for the rising cost of employee benefits and allow for a slight cost-of-living raise.

The proposed \$39.7 million budget would hold a tax levy increase of 1.8 percent, which is below the state tax cap for the town. However, many homeowners will see a reduction

in their tax bills following the townwide reassessment completed earlier this year.

About 6,000 homeowners will see their tax bills lowered next year. The tax rate should decrease an average of 4.1 percent. Another 2,000 should see their bills stay the same, while about 3,000 homeowners are projected to see an increase.

The current spending plan, called the “good news budget” by Clarkson when it was presented last year, also called for no cuts and mostly relied on the use of the town’s fund balance and grant money to stay balanced.

The one piece of bad news for 2015 is a sharp decline in the mortgage recording tax because of low refinancing numbers. That loss resulted in the town

receiving \$225,000 less than last year.

The budget includes a cost-of-living increase for employees of 2 percent. Clarkson previously said the raise was warranted because employees have had to take on a greater workload in recent years as positions were consolidated or went unfilled. Staffing has been reduced by 10 percent since 2008, decreasing from 241 employees to 216 in next year’s budget.

Town water rates will increase by 3 percent. The town expects to collect \$2 million in water charges next year, about \$241,000 more than 2014 because of higher rates and higher consumption.

Greater effort will now be put into finding more efficiencies for the town, and officials will work

in the coming year to reduce overtime spending. One of the largest proposals has been to potentially consolidate the town’s telecommunications staff with Guilderland to provide greater coverage.

The budget also includes \$215,000 in technology investments. The largest expense is \$97,000 for a computer system to update how the town manages timekeeping and scheduling for employees. A paper system is still used now. Other investments include new security cameras and recording equipment, upgrading the town clerk’s files to electronic records and modernizing the assessor’s office.

The public hearing for the 2015 sewer tax roll has been set for Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 6 p.m.

■ COPS, COURTS and EMERGENCY CALLS

Jail time for teachers union treasurer

A middle school teacher will be serving jail time for stealing more than \$100,000 from the Guilderland Teachers Association, according to county District Attorney David Soares.

Brenda McClaine, 39, of Altamont, was sentenced Albany County Court Friday morning, Nov. 14,



Brenda McClaine

to serve six months in the Albany County Correctional Facility, followed by five years of felony probation. McClaine

had pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the third degree, a felony, on Sept. 9.

McClaine had served as treasurer of the GTA during the 2012-13 school year. Between Aug. 13, 2012, and Oct. 28, 2013, she took approximately \$100,000 from the union. Authorities said McClaine forged the union president's name on checks and collected dues from members that were illegally deposited into her personal bank account.

McClaine had repaid the union for the stolen funds when she pleaded guilty.

Guilderland officials said McClaine has been at the school district since 1999 and most recently taught math at Farnsworth Middle School. She worked with approximately 70 students in grades 6, 7, and 8 in an Academic Intervention Services classroom setting.

The GTA is the district's largest bargaining group and covers around 450 staff members, including teachers, social workers, school counselors, psychologists, nurses and others.

Financial Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Daniel Lynch prosecuted this case.

Arrests

• Bethlehem police arrested Richard Hempstead, 31, of 275

Main St., Middleburgh, on Monday, Sept. 29, for an active bench warrant. Colonie police picked up Hempstead, who was wanted for an alleged theft at the Glenmont Lowes earlier in the month. He was charged with felony grand larceny in the first degree. Hempstead was remanded to the Albany County jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail or bond.

• Bethlehem police arrested Ramel Franklin, 19, of Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Oct. 1, on one charge of felony rape in the first degree at Glenmont Job Corps. Police responded to Jobs Corps for a sexual assault complaint around 6:45 p.m. The victim was interviewed, along with a witness who said the alleged incident had taken place around 3 p.m. The victim was transported to Albany Medical Center by staff, while Franklin was sent to the police station and a DNA sample was obtained. Franklin was sent to Albany County jail with no bail and appeared in court at a later date.

• Bethlehem police arrested Lisa Marie Kipp, 32, of 160 Mount Hope Drive on Wednesday, Oct. 22, after she turned herself in on an active bench warrant. Kipp was being sought for an earlier theft at the Price Chopper in Glenmont on charges of felony burglary in the first degree. She was remanded to Albany County jail and returned to court at a later date.

• Bethlehem police arrested Jacob Hawley, 22, of 82 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on felony charges of the criminal sale of marijuana in the first degree. Hawley turned himself in to police on Tuesday, Oct. 10. This was following an investigation earlier in the summer where undercover officers purchased some of the marijuana from Hawley and then had it tested. Hawley was processed, arraigned and released. He will return to court later this month.

• Guilderland police

arrested James Tyler Cole, 18, of 541 Summit Ave. in Schenectady, at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, and charged him with grand larceny in the fourth degree, a felony. A loss prevention officer observed Cole select 10 pairs of jeans while in Lord & Taylor at Crossgates Mall on Nov. 3, and place the items into a shopping bag, according to police. Cole then allegedly left the store without paying for the jeans, which were valued at \$1,930. He was remanded to county jail on \$5,000 bail.

Guilderland police also arrested Cole on Thursday, Nov. 6, and charged him again with grand larceny in the fourth degree for a separate incident that occurred on Saturday, Nov. 1. Cole allegedly stole six pairs of jeans valued at \$1,800 in a similar manner from the same store on Nov. 1, according to police.

• Guilderland police arrested Timothy Allen Carr, 18, of 1219 Bridge St. in Schenectady, at 4:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, and charged him with grand larceny in the fourth degree, a felony. Police said Carr was observed leaving Lord & Taylor through the west exit at Crossgates Mall. Carr allegedly worked together with James T. Cole to steal 10 pairs of jeans valued at \$1,930, with Carr possessing the jeans in a shopping bag. He was remanded to county jail on \$5,000 bail.

• Guilderland police arrested Sharod R. Thomas, 37, of 22 Bogart Terrace in Albany, and Jasmine V. Pinn, 35, of 11 Bohl Ave. in Albany, around 5:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, and charged them both with criminal mischief in the third degree, a felony, and petit larceny. Pinn was also charged with possession of burglar tools. The pair allegedly stole clothing valued at \$447 from Lord & Taylor at Crossgates Mall. Police said the pair entered a fitting room in the store and placed merchandise inside a bag Pinn possessed. Pinn

allegedly removed the security tags from clothing using a tool. Both were released on an appearance ticket and scheduled to appear in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, Nov. 20.

• Guilderland police arrested Kathleen Ann Niesen, 54, of 46 Schoolhouse Road in Albany, around 7:10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, and charged her with DWI. Police received a complaint of a suspicious vehicle parked off Western Avenue in the vicinity of its intersection with Windingbrook Drive. Police arrived at the reported location and found a car parked approximately 15 feet off the south shoulder of Western Avenue, which was approximately 100 yards from the intersection. Police said the vehicle was "parked in an odd location where nobody usually parks

their vehicle." Niesen was allegedly found hunched over the center console while sitting in the driver's seat, with the keys in the ignition and the engine not running. Police said she woke up after an officer shined a flashlight on her. Police allegedly observed Niesen to have an odor of alcohol emanating from her, slurred speech and glassy eyes. She allegedly admitted to consuming one and a half bottles of wine at a bar before driving home. Police said she later claimed to have consumed a bottle of wine at a bar, went to a friend's house who was mad the driver drank a bottle of wine, and then she left to drive home. While driving home, she reportedly decided she was "too intoxicated" to drive, so she pulled over and parked. Police said she failed three standardized field sobriety tests that were

administered. A chemical breath test revealed she had a BAC of 0.16 percent. During arrest processing, she was allegedly verbally combative and refused to sit on a bench after being told several times to sit down. She allegedly said to police just before 8 p.m. that she was "not that drunk." Approximately four minutes later she said, "I'm going home and I'm going to drink even more." She again asserted she pulled over because she thought she was too intoxicated to drive.

• Colonie police arrested Dylan Lewis, 31, of 30 Pine St. in Voorheesville, at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, and charged him with grand larceny in the third degree, a felony. The defendant allegedly stole over \$3,000 from a business by using business credit cards to buy miscellaneous goods and lottery tickets.

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Notice of Formation 003 Venus Tacos LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/6/2014 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. Ad#65541

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of 125 Beechwood, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/21/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 10/15/2014. 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. Principal office of LLC: 2727 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004. Arts. of Org. filed with NV Secy. of State, 202 N. Carson, Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#64621

LEGAL NOTICE

127 Mott LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/15/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 123 Bowersy, Fl. 4, NY, NY 10002. General Purposes. Ad#62191

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1308 71ST STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/19/14. 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. Ad#63742

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1403 Bay Ridge Parkway LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/18/14. 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, 1065 83rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#64806

LEGAL NOTICE

215 East Broadway LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/15/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 123 Bowersy, Fl. 4, NY, NY 10002. General Purposes. Ad#62192

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 222 AVENUE U, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/23/14. 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. Ad#63741

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 237-43 AVENUE U, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/23/14. 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. Ad#63739

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 245 AVENUE U, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/23/14. 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. Ad#63740

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 258 W. 93rd Street, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/14. 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. Ad#65148

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 34-11 REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/18/14. 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. Ad#63753

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 35-48 REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/18/14. 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

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agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63769

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 39-35 21ST STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/19/14. 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. Ad#63746

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ADOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)The name of the LLC is 405 MA Holdings LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 1, 2014. 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 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Ad#63893

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 43-18 49TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/19/14. 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. Ad#63751

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 5TH PLACE CLOTHING, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4/11/2013. NY office location: ALBANY County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 204 WASHINGTON AVE, ALBANY, NY 12210. Purpose/character of LLC: Any lawful purpose Ad#62189

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 663 MACDONOUGH HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/9/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of

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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. Ad#63794

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 868 LORIMER PROJECT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/14. 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. Ad#63788

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of A.N. HOLDING GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/8/14. 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. Ad#63811

LEGAL NOTICE

AAT Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/05/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 3202 Nostrand Ave., Ste. 3F, Brooklyn, NY 11229. General Purposes. Ad#65659

LEGAL NOTICE

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is ABP HOLDINGS, LLC 2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on July 15, 2014 with the New York Secretary of State. 3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. 4. Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. 5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 289 So. Main Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208. 6. The latest date to dissolve to dissolve is indefinite. 7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. Ad#63157

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation ABS New York Consulting LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/28/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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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. Ad#64372

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/8/14. 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. Ad#63799

LEGAL NOTICE

ADVANCED WEB SERVICES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, LLC, doing business as AWSITS, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/8/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 40 Woodlake Rd, Apt. 5, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#61565

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of ALIS INTERNATIONAL, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/11/14 using the fictitious name of ALIS INTERNATIONAL GROUP, LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 2/3/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. FL address of LLC: c/o Registered Agents Inc., 330 N. Rocky Point Dr. #150a, Tampa, FL 33607. Arts. Of Org. filed with the FL Dept. of State, Clifton Bldg., 2661 Executive Center Cir., Tallahassee, FL 32301. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#63731

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Allan DeFazio, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/22/2014. Office location: 446 Copeland Hill Rd, Coeymans Hollow, NY 12046, Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burke & Casserly PC, 255 Washington Ave Ext, Ste 104, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose is to perform any lawful act or activity. Ad#61995

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Amazing Day Yoga LLC Arts. of Org. filed with

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SSNY on 10/28/2014 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. Ad#64371

LEGAL NOTICE

AP Diagnostic, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/25/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2792 Ocean Ave., Unit 5A, Brooklyn, NY 11229. General Purposes. Ad#62202

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Auto Rx LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/2014 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. Ad#64805

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Ballistik Media LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/17/2014 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. Ad#63946

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BATSAVILLE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/19/14. 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. Ad#63738

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of BIOTE MEDICAL, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/21/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 7/10/09. 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 address of LLC: 800 W. Arbrook, Ste. 100, Arlington, TX 76015. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#64588

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BRAM Holdings, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 5/27/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to August Montgomery, 54 State St., Ste. 1003, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#62718

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BRANDCINEMA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/1/11. 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. Ad#63837

LEGAL NOTICE

Bronx Vision Associates LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/27/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 200 Baychester Ave., Space #111, Bronx, NY 10475. General Purposes. Ad#62199

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Bruce Research & Trading, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 9/3/14. 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 Maxwell & Van Ryn, 2 Normanskill Blvd., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 12/31/2112. Ad#62715

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CHATHAM 868 PARTNERS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/14. 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. Ad#63787

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Church Street North LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 29, 2014. 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 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Ad#65282

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Circles of Hope Family Intervention Services,

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LLC Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/3/2014. 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 P.O. Box 82, Slingerland, NY 12159. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#63918

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation Complete Perfection Construction LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/31/2006. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o LLC, 705 S. Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12202. Purpose: All legal purposes. Ad#62949

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CORIE HENGST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/7/14. 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. Ad#63823

LEGAL NOTICE

Couture Collective, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/01/14. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 410 E 57th St., Apt. 2C, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: General. Ad#63474

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CYBER SECURITY PLAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/15/14. 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. Ad#63755

LEGAL NOTICE

Elements of Life, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/23/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 734 Hillcrest Pl., North Woodmere, NY 11581. General Purposes. Ad#62200

LEGAL NOTICE

Emerge Dance Workshop LLC Articles of Org filed NY Sec of State (SSNY) 10/7/14. Office in Albany Co. SSNY

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designated as Agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC c/o Kim M. Aquilo, 3442 Gari Lane, Schenectady, NY 12303. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#65192

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of END OF ERA CREATIVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/29/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/14/12. 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. DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#63732

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Enervest Employee Services, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/25/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/13/14. 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. Ad#62113

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of ERHARDT HOLT, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on August 6, 2014. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, at 138 Western Avenue, Altamont, New York 12009. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful purposes. Ad#65578

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EXECUTIVE GLOBAL INSTITUTE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63764

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Notice of Formation of Fashionest LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/22/14. 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 Gold Law Firm, 1843 Central Ave., #187, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#62716

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of FINE ART INVEST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/19/14. 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. Ad#63736

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FIRST: The name of the Professional Limited Liability Company is FSI MUNICIPAL CONSULTANTS, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on September 29, 2014. THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 18 Caldwell Boulevard Slingerlands, NY 12159 FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is The Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. Ad#62100

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of G & G WHOLESALERS JEWELRY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/06. 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, 58 W. 47th St., Booth 28, NY, NY 10036. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63757

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GATSBY UNLIMITED, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed

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with SSNY on 10/8/14. 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. Ad#63806

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Graebel/Northeastern Movers, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/22/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 10/15/14. 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. NJ address of LLC: 9 Aspen Drive, Randolph, NJ 07869. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Div. of Rev., PO Box 450, Trenton, NJ 08646. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#64589

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF GREAT DISCLOSURE LLC. Appl. for Auth. Filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/5/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Michigan (MI) on 10/10/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 622 S. West St., Royal Oak, MI 48067. MI address of LLC: Same. Art. of Org. filed with MI Dept. of Lic. & Reg. Affairs, P.O. Box 30054, Lansing, MI 48909. Ad#64332

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of GSE Investments, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/30/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/11/13. 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. 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. Ad#65149

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF HISTORIC RAIL SERVICES, LLC On 9/12/14, Articles of Organization of Historic Rail Services, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The SSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office ad-

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dress within New York State to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is Historic Rail Services, LLC, 252 Glenmont Rd., Glenmont, NY 12077. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#63134

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Renewal, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/25/14. 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 Maxwell & Van Ryn, 2 Normanskill Blvd., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 12/31/2112. Ad#62714

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of INTUISTIC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/3/14. 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. Ad#63825

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation-Javid & Teddy LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/2014 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. Ad#63469

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation JSR Auto Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/2014 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. Ad#64373

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Konralvarez Properties II, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/3/14. 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 83 Grove Ave., Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#63848

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of KSV LSJ Real Estate, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/2014. Office location: 15 Bridget Cir, Cohoes, NY

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12047, Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burke & Casserly, 255 Washington Ave Ext. Suite 104, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose is to perform any lawful act or activity. Ad#63143

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Land Property Management, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/2014 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. Ad#63471

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TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM AMENDMENT TO SPRINT LEASE AT KENWOOD AVENUE WATER TANK WHEREAS, the Bethlehem Water District No. 1 (WD #1) has received a request from Sprint to amend their existing lease to their wireless communications facility, located at 308 Kenwood Avenue; and, WHEREAS, said request entails proposed amendments to an existing Lease that was previously executed by the WD#1 on May 28, 2001; and, WHEREAS, the proposed amendments would involve the relocation of antennas to a higher height on the Tank; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby Authorizes Water District No 1 to amend the lease agreement for the existing Sprint facility at Kenwood Avenue Water Tank. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amendment is subject to permissive referendum BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the amendment on behalf of Water District No. 1 upon termination of the existing Nextel Lease agreement. On a motion by Councilman Kuhn, seconded by Councilman Reinhardt, and by a vote of _5 for, 0 against, and 0 absent, this RESOLUTION was adopted on November 12, 2014. Ad#65880

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LEGACY TOUCH UPS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/9/14. 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. Ad#63785

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LEGACY TOUCH UPS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/9/14. 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. Ad#63785

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Notice of Formation LNY Real Estate Holdings LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/7/2014 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. Ad#65540

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MAGIC SPORTLIFE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/22/14. 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. Ad#62098

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MAIN MAN WATER MAIN & SEWER PLUMBING CO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/15/14. 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. Ad#63735

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Manhattan Fertility Services LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/2014 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. Ad#63470

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of MCBG, LLC (the "LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on 11/12/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process c/o the LLC, 124 Lincoln Ave., Albany, NY 12205. The LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Bl., Latham, NY 12110 Ad#65883

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: MFB Healthcare Consultants, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State's Office on October 4, 2010. Office

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location: Albany County. Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company 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 20 St. James Place, Albany, New York 12209. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Ad#63886

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FIRST: The name of the Professional Limited Liability Company is MILLENNIUM MEDICAL LEASING, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on September 30, 2014. THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 54 Dott Avenue Albany, NY 12205 FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is The Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. Ad#62092

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MISCELANEA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/7/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Guillermo Guevara, 122 West St. Ste. 4B, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#63136

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of MLK TROY ASSOCIATES L.P. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 10/9/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the L.P. upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: OHD - MLK LLC, c/o Omni Housing Development LLC, 40 Beaver St., 5th Fl., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#63135

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company: MReid & Associates, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on

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10/8/2014. Office location: Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is 14 Computer Drive East, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#62709

LEGAL NOTICE

NG Realty NY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/25/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2216 Avenue X, Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes. Ad#65653

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Oaxaca Hoyt, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/2014 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. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63472

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Oaxaca Prospect Heights, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/2014 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. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63948

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of OHD - MLK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 9/30/2014. 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. Ad#62085

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of OHD - OS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 10/8/2014. 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. Ad#63131

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company, LLC is: ORmetryx, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the

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State of New York August 25, 2014. Location: 36 Douglas Road, Delmar, New York 12054 under section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law. The designated agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served is United States Corporation Agents, INC. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. The purpose of the company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. Ad#61989

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Pain Management of Ramapo, PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/30/2014. 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. Ad#64799

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PEARLS & DIAMONDS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/02/2014. 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, 19 Rose Court, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For holding real estate. Ad#64052

LEGAL NOTICE

PECHETTE STUDIOS PRODUCTIONS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/08/2014. Office loc: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Joshua Pechette, 34 Frost Place, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Ad#63476

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Perry Road Development LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/29/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 18 Computer Drive East, Suite 201, Albany, New York 12205. Purposes: to temporarily acquire, own, obtain municipal approvals, maintain, mortgage and otherwise manage the real property, consisting of vacant land, located in the Town of Wilton, County of Saratoga, State of New York, among other things, to engage in any lawful act or activity under the LLC consistent with the purpose of the Company, and to engage in any other lawful purpose or purposes permitted by the LLC or the laws of any jurisdiction in which the Company may do business to the extent approved by a majority vote of the Members. Ad#65189

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing - Town of Bethlehem Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider the 2015 Sewer Tax Rolls. All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD-TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Ad#65881

LEGAL NOTICE

Potatopia Franchise, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with SSNY on 09/25/14. LLC org. in State of NJ on 07/06/12 NY Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall process to: The LLC, 1733 Sheepshead Bay Rd., Ste. 25, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Off. address in jurisdiction of org.: 330 Changebridge Rd., Ste. 101, Pine Brook, NJ 07058. Copy of Cert of org. on file with S/S NJ. General Purposes. Ad#62329

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Pramukh Bapa LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/22/2014. 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: 224 Quail

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Street, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed under section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law. Ad#62504

LEGAL NOTICE

Premier Painting & Contracting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/18/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 765 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11216. General Purposes. Ad#62198

LEGAL NOTICE

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 two (2) Commissioners for the terms of: one five (5) year term expiring on December 31, 2019; and one three (3) year term expiring on December 31, 2017. Both terms commence on January 1, 2015. The election will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 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 19, 2014. Petitions must be obtained from, and filed with the District Secretary. Note, as with public commissioner meetings, reasonable accommodations and access are available. Ad#65279

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: R. TEATOR REALTY II, L.L.C.- Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 22, 2014. 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, 29 Hartman Road, Glenmont, New York, 12077. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Ad#64386

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RELATIONSHIP & PSYCHOLOGY CONSULTING PLLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/14/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 270 Lafayette St. #1008, NY, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#64325

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SAVOY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/8/14. 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. Ad#63791

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Notice of Formation-SHELD 73 NORTH LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/28/2014 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. Ad#64803

LEGAL NOTICE

SIBLEN, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/24/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 861 Bay Ridge Ave., Apt. 1A, Brooklyn, NY 11220. General Purposes. Ad#62201

LEGAL NOTICE

Spine Design, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/03/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 130 Oceana Dr., West #3A, Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes. Ad#65655

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Notice of Formation-Suyog LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/30/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc-

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umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#64801

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of THE DRIVE COLLECTIVE NEW YORK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/2/14. 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. Ad#63831

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of The Neilson Group, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/17/14. 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 Maxwell & Van Ryn, 2 Normanskill Blvd., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#62713

LEGAL NOTICE

The RS Reed Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/16/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1086 Fox St., Bronx, NY 10459. General Purposes. Ad#62194

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation The Sports Solution LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/21/2014 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. Ad#63947

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of THE YOGA NOOK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/2/14. 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. Ad#63834

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Name: Three Bridges NY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with New York State Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/14/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 343 4th Ave Suite 3A, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#65843

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: TriSystem LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/30/2014. 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: 65 Rifle Range Rd, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#65409

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Notice of formation of limited liability company .Name: TWO GREEK SISTERS LLC, articles of organization filed with the SSNY on 10/17/2014.SSNNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served . SSNNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 283 Delaware Avenue ,Delmar NY 12054.Purpose : Any lawful purpose . Ad#64590

LEGAL NOTICE

Urban Cuts & Color LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/09/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 107-10/12 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, NY 11375. General Purposes. Ad#62193

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Tuesday November 25, 2014 at 6:00pm, at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to solicit comment on the Local Law Amending the Code of the Town Bethlehem Chapter 119, Ve-

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hicles and Traffic, Section 119-33, Schedule VII Stop Intersections for stop signs on Murray Ave. in the north and south direction at its intersection with Darroch Road..

All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Nanci Moquin TOWN CLERK Date: 11/13/2014 Ad#65882

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Vivace Maxvictor LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/7/14 with effective date of 1/1/15. 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. Ad#65545

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Wedgewood One, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on September 16, 2014. 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 219 Bell Court, Schenectady, New York 12303. Ad#64074

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of WHIZKID VENTURES LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/31/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 160-04 Cross Bay Blvd. #121, Howard Beach, NY 11414. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#64324

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WIGGAND, LLC On 10/15/14, Articles of Organization of Wiggand, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is lo-

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cated in Albany County. The SSSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is Wiggand, LLC, 252 Glenmont Rd., Glenmont, NY 12077. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#63132

LEGAL NOTICE

WISE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/16/2014. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 4 Loudon Pkwy., Loudonville, NY 12211, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#63467

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WYETH STREET CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/6/14. 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. Ad#63734

LEGAL NOTICE

YEMPL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/17/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 63-30 Cromwell Cres., Rego Park, NY 11374. General Purposes. Ad#62197

LEGAL NOTICE

Zaga Enterprise, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/24/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 80-23 190 St., Hollis, NY 11423. General Purposes. Ad#65651

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BC middle schoolers practice global giving

By **BILL REILLY**

Would you call your teacher a chicken?

That's exactly what the students of Bethlehem Central Middle School did to purchase more than 500 chickens and a cow for a sustainable project to help impoverished people in Uganda.

The students raised \$2850 to present to Mark Bertrand, founder and director of The Giving Circle Inc., a Capital District nonprofit that builds schools, orphanages and sustainable agricultural

projects in Uganda, where the average per capita income is less than \$5 per day.

The students held a coin drive, "penny wars" and showed a movie to raise the money. They called their fundraiser the "Call Your Teacher a Chicken" drive, where each homeroom could name the chickens they purchased after their teachers or famous people.

The money from this donation will be used to purchase a milking cow for the Giving Circle's Busoga Primary School

in Jinja, Uganda. The 500 chickens will be divided into groups of 20 and given to 25 families to start small sustainable businesses that will provide breeding chickens and eggs for people who are desperately poor.

A chicken breeding building will be constructed next to the school that will also serve as a life science and agricultural teaching classroom. The building will be named "The Bethlehem Central Middle School Friendship Building" in reflection of

the students' efforts.

These initiatives were part of the sixth grade global social studies curriculum at BCMS, where students learn about the social and economic factors affecting people in different nations, as the students develop global leadership and citizenship skills by engaging in projects that have a "real world" impact.

Matt Hicks, Nassir Young and Billy VanAmburgh, are three of the sixth-grade "coin



Bethlehem Central Middle School sixth-graders Nassir Young (second from left), Matt Hicks and Billy VanAmburgh, present Director and Founder of the Giving Circle Inc. Mark Bertrand with a check for \$2,850. The money will help impoverished Ugandans purchase more than 500 chickens and a cow.

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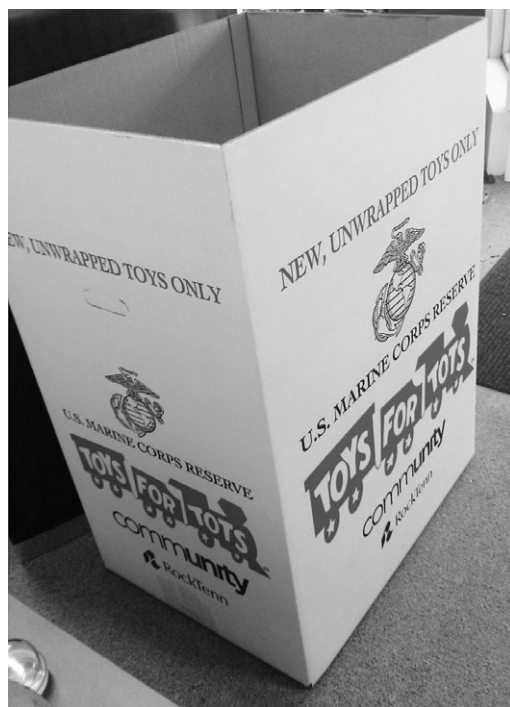
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All aboard the toy train



It's time to climb aboard the Toy Train. For the second year, Spotlight News is helping the Toys for Tots campaign.

We've set up our drop box just inside our office door at 341 Delaware Ave. in Bethlehem. Currently, the box is empty. What we're hoping is that you will come by with new, unwrapped toys, to fill it. We plan to be adding to it, as well.

You responded last year in ways we couldn't imagine. Thanks to your efforts, we supplied the Toy Train with three boxes' worth of toys that went to needy families across Upstate New York. That was far more than what we expected when we decided

to become a drop-off site for the first time.

The need is still there this year. Many families still can't afford to give their children new toys for the holidays, and that simply won't do in our eyes. Every child deserves to receive a gift that will light up their eyes and give them a sense of joy.

We're not asking for you to give anything more than you can afford, either. You don't have to bring a brand new video game system or iPad. Something as simple as a board game or a stuffed animal is plenty for a child who doesn't have a lot.

You can stop in at our office Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays

from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Thursdays, our lobby is open until 5 p.m. And if you can't get to our office, there are many more donation boxes around the region waiting for your unwrapped toys.

Let's fill the Toys for Tots boxes over and over again this holiday season and help more families have a happy holiday season.

TALK BACK

The Spotlight welcomes feedback on this editorial or any other hot topics in the news. Email us at news@spotlightnews.com.

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■ GET TO KNOW ...



Sabre Sarnataro

BOCES Communications specialist, Bethlehem

• *Hometown: Schenectady*

What are you listening to?

I just recently got into this band called The Last Internationale. They were just on tour with Robert Plant.

What are you reading?

I'm currently reading "The Circle" by Dave Eggers. It's about how the internet is proliferating our lives, but it's a fiction book.

What are you watching on TV?

I don't have cable, so I watch everything on Netflix and Hulu. I just recently started "House of Cards." I'm behind on everything. I haven't even watched "Breaking Bad" yet.

What was the last movie you saw?

"The Fault in Our Stars" was the last one I saw, to be honest with you. I'm behind.

Who is one person, dead or alive, you would like to meet, and why?

I'm leaning towards Jim Morrison because I feel like he would be an interesting one.

What is your favorite hobby?

Probably interior design. I just recently refinished my dining room table and I would like to do more of that. Refinishing furniture.

What is your dream vacation?

Somewhere with a balance of things to do. Like. I want to relax but I also want there to be cultural things to do and be able to learn something. My favorite so far has been Florence, but I am going to Ireland at the end of the month so maybe that will change.

What would your last meal be?

I'm going to say my mom's homemade sauce and meatballs. Which is sort of sad because she died this past summer and I will never have that again. She was the best cook ever.

What is your favorite local moment?

Recently, probably going to TedX Albany last year. That was pretty cool. It was an all-

day affair so there was a bunch of different speakers. My favorite was the Albany police chief, who spoke about community building and how it affects crime.

What three things would you bring with you to a desert island?

Music of some sort because I'm a music lover, so it will have to be a iPod or something. Probably durable footwear, and some kind of means of communication so I could call someone to get me off the island because I wouldn't do well on an island. Although I'm thinking a cell phone won't work so maybe I need to learn Morse code.

"Get to know" is a weekly feature where community members are asked questions that aren't necessarily related to their jobs. If you know of someone you think should be highlighted, email news@spotlightnews.com.

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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kenwood Avenue sidewalk needs updating

Editor, *The Spotlight*;
The sidewalks near Bethlehem Central Middle School are too close to Kenwood Avenue and are substandard by DOT standards. They do not meet the specifications of New York State Department of Transportation. Sidewalks

must be of a certain width and must include a buffer zone between the roadway and the edge of the walking area, according to NYSDOT.

The Kenwood Avenue sidewalks between Elsmere Avenue and Adams Street are very dangerous to walk on. They are used

extensively by children walking to BCMS and Saint Thomas, families going to the farmer's market, joggers, walkers, etc. They are narrow, slippery in the rain, icy in winter, extremely close to fast-moving traffic and should be upgraded immediately.

Frequently, I see children walking two or more abreast chatting happily (being kids) on their way to school, oblivious to the fast-moving cars, buses and trucks nearby.

To make matters worse, vehicles on Kenwood Avenue are often speeding

along, their side mirrors only inches away from pedestrians, oblivious to the fact that they could injure or kill someone.

It is only a matter of time before someone is struck by a vehicle. The town should absolutely prioritize the installation of standard-width

sidewalks with safety buffers on this section of Kenwood Avenue.

*Terry Rooney
Delmar*

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Community news
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Community helps 'Birds soar

Editor, *The Spotlight*;
On behalf of the Voorheesville Blackbirds Football program and their families, I would like to thank everyone for their support of the team this year. Time and time again our community has come forward with donations, cheers, kind words, and enthusiasm. We appreciate every person who came to a game, voted online, wore a team shirt, supported our fundraising, or encouraged the team and coaches.

High school sports are a different arena for learning; and the team learned many lessons this year. They learned that people are usually willing to help you if you first put in hard work yourself. They learned that good preparation, solid execution, and working together create good results. They learned that life brings both victory and defeat but in both you gather your team around you, work together, and do the best that you

can. When the battle of the day is finished, you leave the field as one united team secure in the knowledge that you gave it your all.

Thank you to the community for being part of the team this year and for helping the boys to achieve great things. You helped to make this truly a season to remember.

*Laura Minnick
Voorheesville Football
Booster Club*

From page 21 ... Gifts benefit Ugandan families

ambassadors" who spent time distributing the coin cans across the school and then counting thousands of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters at the end of the drive.

"We did this because we wanted to do the one thing that could possibly change the whole world" said Nassir.

Billy added, "From this project I learned that just one penny can make a change."

Matt concluded, "Students need to become

world citizens because they are the future citizens of this planet."

In response to the students' efforts, Bertrand replied, "We are so grateful to all the staff and to the wonderful caring students of Bethlehem Middle school for their hard work and compassion expressed in this wonderful gift. The students of Bethlehem Middle School understand so well that no child should go hungry. This cow and chickens will

provide milk and eggs for the students of our Busoga school. For most of the children, this meal will be the best meal of their day. For so many, it may be the only meal they will receive."

This coin drive has been an ongoing annual event that in previous years has helped the Giving Circle to build an orphanage, purchase school desks and plant a fruit orchard of more than 200 trees.

The children of BCMS really are making a global difference!

*The writer is a teacher at
Bethlehem Central Middle
School.*

Correction

In the Nov. 12 Spotlight article "No damages in ex-cop's civil suit," a sentence regarding Deputy Chief Tim Beebe's testimony should have read: "During the summer of 2009, Hughes and his father drove around town with billboards of Beebe depicted as a Teletubbie and Corsi in front of a Confederate Flag. Beebe testifies he was offended by the incident, meanwhile the police department received multiple calls from residents about the billboards."



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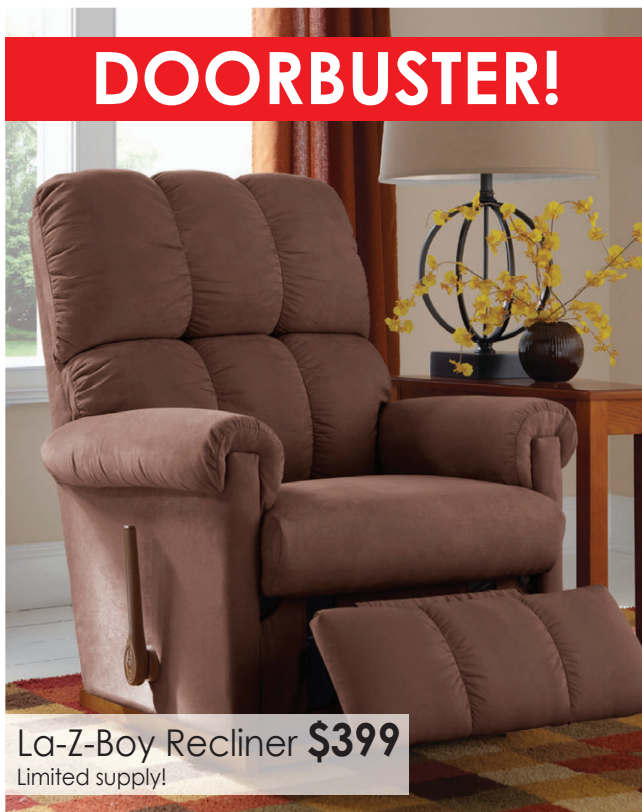
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Author visit

Gregory Maguire, the author of "Egg and Spoon," will be signing copies of his book on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 1-2:30 p.m. at The Open Door Bookstore and Gift Gallery in Schenectady. Maguire is also author of the popular "Wicked Years" series. For more information, call 346-2719 or visit www.opendoor-bookstore.com.

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EVENT

Putting a shine on the season

Capital Holiday Lights in the Park a tradition for many area families

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — When Lenny Ricchiuti speaks of the Capital Holiday Lights in the Park, he speaks proudly of how the annual event has become a tradition.

"It's a holiday tradition since 1997," said Ricchiuti, a retired sergeant of the Albany Police force and executive director of the Albany's Police Athletic League. "Coming from an Italian family, when I was a kid, we'd all go to grandma's because that's where dinner was. ... Families don't get together for dinners anymore. You have both parents that work. You have some single-parent homes. [The lights] is their family tradition now."

The 18th annual Price Chopper Capital Holiday Lights begins a new season with more



Santa will visit the Lakehouse in Washington Park on several days during the Capital Holiday Lights event.

During the event, Albany's Washington Park is transformed into a twinkling winter wonderland.

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- **What:** Capital Holiday Lights
- **When:** Nov. 20-Jan. 3, from 6-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday
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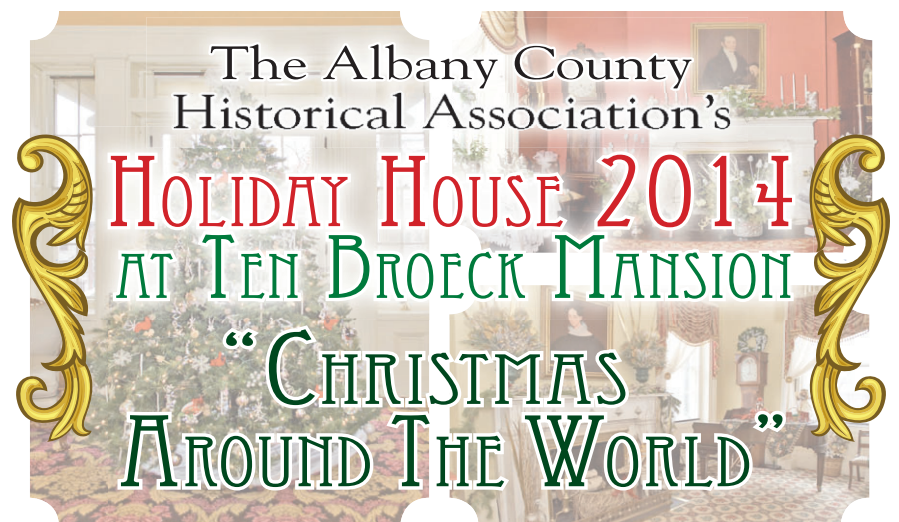
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■ DANCE

Tapping into a children's classic

Performer puts an urban twist on 'Peter and the Wolf'

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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ALBANY—Cartier Williams, who stars in the debut of "Peter and the Wolf, An Urban Tale" on Nov. 21 and 22 at The Egg Center for Performing Arts, said he was looking to bring an updated classic to the stage.

"I'm really into 'The Nutcracker.' I'm really into 'Little Red Riding Hood,' 'The Right of Spring,'" said Williams. "I'm really into the classical thing that's heavy into story and structure. My manager was talking about the classics, and I wanted to do something for the kids."

Williams, a longtime protégé to tap dancing legend Savion Glover, directs and choreographs the contemporary adaptation of the Russian classic, which features music by Sergei Prokofiev and a script from T.E. McMorrow.

The piece follows Peter as he tries to court Brenda Bird and fight off The Big Bad Wolf, Gangsta. Featuring a modern twist on other famous characters, including Mac Cool Cat and Doris Duck, the hip opera performance draws the audience into an update of the classic Russian children's story. William's choreography and his company of tap, ballet, hip-hop and modern

dancers brings the famous cast of characters into a 21st century urban setting.

Williams is keenly aware of the technological distractions today's youth are bombarded with. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram – are all facets of an Internet-saturated lifestyle that starts young and perpetuates into adulthood.

"Kids don't go outside to play," he said. "They go outside to be on their phone."

Despite this information age, the younger generation doesn't know enough about the classics, said Williams.

"They don't know the classical stories that I knew as a little child," he said. "Something about those stories were really cool. They gave you an imagination, a fantasy to go there, and I feel we're losing that today in the world. Every day. We're losing that day by day."

Williams' own childhood reads like a story of chance meetings with iconic individuals, from Steven Spielberg to Glover, to Gregory Hines and President Bill Clinton. The opportunities presented to him opened his eyes to different worlds, including the contrasting worlds within dance.

"There's two different worlds that exist in dance," said Williams. "There's the dance world that has everything: modern, ballet, ballet fusion, African – all of that is in one world. All right? Then, the tap world, stands alone. It's only because, at some point, not everyone was able to bridge



Cartier Williams, who stars in the debut of "Peter and the Wolf, An Urban Tale" at The Egg is an acclaimed dancer who has studied under some of the biggest names.

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and do both. The modern dance, the hip-hop, all that stuff was a little bit more easier [to get involved] than the tap. So, when that happened, you could be in two different worlds."

"Peter and the Wolf" is as much about revealing a classic to children as it is an effort to bridge the dance worlds together.

"I'm really into ballet. I really like ballet. There's something so elegant about it. It's classy. It's a great thing and I like to put elements of ballet into my dance," said Williams.

From the ages of 6 to 9, Williams studied at The Washington School of Ballet under the tutelage of Mary Day. When he was 10 years old, Cartier co-starred with tap legends Buster Brown, Jimmy Slyde and Dianne Walker in the international tour of "Footnotes." In this

■ IF YOU GO

- **What:** "Peter and the Wolf, An Urban Tale"
- **When:** Nov. 21 and 22
- **Where:** The Egg, Albany
- **How much:** From \$6-\$10
- **Info:** theegg.org/event/peter-the-wolf-an-urban-tale

choreography. But, he's best known as a hooper – a style of tap dancing that involves more improvisation, with a technique that incorporates the entire foot.

"So, hoofing is a lifestyle," he said. "When dancing with a hooper, you right away see they have something other tap dancers don't have. For example, Sammy Davis, Jr., Gregory Hines, Savion Glover, the Nicholas Brothers – they have a glow about themselves. This is what hoofing is."

He's focused on sharing that glow with children.

Through The Williams Davis Foundation for the Performing Arts, a nonprofit organization of which he is a co-founder, he is committed to bringing the joy of performing arts into the lives of people worldwide.

The Friday showing of "Peter and the Wolf" will be exclusively for 450 at-risk children in the Albany area.

With discounted tickets, \$6 instead of \$10, the debut promises to be a great experience that will provide children a contemporary fairy tale they can relate to while demonstrating the power of dance in storytelling. Tickets are available at www.theegg.org/event/cartier-williams-company. For more information and to purchase tickets for "Peter and the Wolf, An Urban Tale," visit www.theegg.org/event/peter-the-wolf-an-urban-tale.

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Jack, the Beanstalk, and Friends

A merging of several children's tales into one play. Nov. 7-23, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Shows: 7 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11. Tickets: general admission \$15. Information: 438-5503 or www.steamer10theatre.org.

Incommunicado

Tom Dulack's play about Ezra Pound's time spent in a military detention center in Italy while awaiting trial for treason. Presented by D&M Productions. Nov. 21 and 22,



Guest conductor visits Albany Symphony

Mei-Ann Chen, one of the premier young conductors today, will conduct the Albany Symphony at its next concert Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Palace Theatre in Albany. Violinist Caroline Goulding will also perform with the ensemble as it pays tribute to composers Mendelssohn and Beethoven.

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Arts Center for the Capital Region, 265 River St., Troy. Shows: 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15. Information: 273-0552.

American Medea

Artist in residence Holly Derr's re-telling of the classic story. Nov. 20-23, Janet Kinghorn

Bernhard Theater, Skidmore College, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Shows: Thursdays through Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets:

general admission \$12, students/senior citizens \$8. Information: 580-5439 or email boxoffice@skidmore.edu.

MUSIC

Nels Cline & Julian Lage

Two avant garde guitarists share the stage. Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$24. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Pete Furlong & Sarah Puig

Two singer-songwriters. Nov. 21, 7 p.m., Emack & Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

"Down with the Rent!"

A two-night concert for The Anti-Rent Rebellion of New York. Nov. 21 and 22, 8 p.m. Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: \$20.

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Judy Collins

Legendary singer performs her hits and some of her favorite Irish tunes. Nov. 21, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$28-\$37. Information: 273-0038 or www.troymusichall.org.

Alan Goldberg

Singer-songwriter. Nov. 22, 7 p.m., Emack & Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

Albany Symphony

Guest conductor Mei-Ann Chen and violinist Caroline Goulding join Grammy Award-winning local orchestra in a concert celebrating composers Mendelssohn and Beethoven. Nov. 22, Palace Theatre, corner of Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany. Information: 694-3300 or albanysymphony.com.

Chuck Prophet and the Mission Express

Americana rock group. Nov. 22, 9 p.m., Club Helsinki Hudson, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Tickets and information: 828-4800 or helsinkihudson.com.

Alexander Turnquist, Sontag Shogun and Julia Kent

Ambient instrumental music. Nov. 23, 9 p.m., Club Helsinki Hudson, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Tickets and information: 828-4800 or helsinkihudson.com.

DANCE

Cartier Williams and Company

Savion Glover's protégé demonstrates the evolution of modern tap dance. Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Information: 473-1845 or

www.theegg.org.

Dancing Pros: Live

National tour featuring host Alan Thicke and professional dancers Edyta Sliwinska and Chelsie Hightower. Nov. 22, 2 and 8 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$20-\$65. Information: 346-6204 or proctors.org.

FAMILIES

Peter and the Wolf — An Urban Tale

Choreographer Cartier Williams and his company of tap, ballet, hip-hop and modern dancers bring a new vision to a classic story. Nov. 22, 11 a.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$10. Tickets and information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

FILM

Blow-Up

Award-winning movie based on a story by Argentine fiction writer Julio Cortazar. Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m., Page Hall, University at Albany downtown campus, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

LITERARY

Community of Writers

Local writers in a variety of genres present their works to the public. A program of the Hudson Valley Writers Guild, in conjunction with the Schenectady County Public Library. Nov. 23, 2 p.m., McChesney Room, Main Branch, 99 Clinton St., Schenectady.

New York State Writers Institute

Celebrating the life and work of legendary publisher James Laughlin. Nov. 25, 4 p.m., Standish Room, University at Albany Science Library, uptown campus, 1400 Washington



HOT DATE

Cartier Williams and Company

Watch as the evolution of modern tap dance unfolds through the feet of Cartier Williams — a protege of "Bring In Da Noise, Bring In Da Funk" creator Savion Glover — and his dancers. Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets and information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Ave. Extension, Albany. Guest speakers include Ian MacNiven and Peter Glassgold. Free. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

POETRY

Third Thursday Poetry Night

Karen Skolfield will read from her works. Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m., Social Justice Center, 33 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$3. Information, 482-0262 or dwlxc@earthlink.net.

COMEDY

Comedy Works

Veteran comic Louie Anderson headlines. Nov. 21 and 22, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. 500 Northern Blvd., Albany. Advance tickets \$30, day of show \$35. Dinner and show: advance tickets \$54.95, day of show \$59.95. Information, 275-6897 or www.thecomedyworks.com.

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EXHIBITS

Albany Institute of History and Art

"2014 Exhibition by Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region," a juried exhibit featuring the best contemporary art in the Capital District. Through Jan. 19. Plus "Ancient Egyptian Galleries" and "The Hudson River School and the Nineteenth-Century Landscape." 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Artist talks: Nov. 7 and Dec. 5, 6 p.m. Information: 463-4478 or albanyinstitute.org.

Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center

"Pine Bush Perspectives," a juried photo exhibit. Through Jan. 1. 195 New Karner Road, Albany. Information: 456-0655 or www.albanypinebush.org.

Albany Public Library

"Written Response Requested," featuring the work of four visual artists and four local authors. Through March 21. Pine Hills branch, 517 Western Ave., Albany.

Arts Center of the Capital Region

"Abecedarius," a collaboration between Colin Boyd and Michael Oatman, through Dec. 23. 265 River St., Troy.

Information: 273-0552 or www.artscenteronline.org.

Esther Massry Gallery

Featuring new exhibition by Daniella Dooling, Through Dec. 7. "Black," an exhibition featuring narrative figure paintings of American images telling American stories by Brian Cirimo. Through Feb. 25. The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: www.strose.edu.

Hudson Valley Community College

"The 2014 Fine Arts and Digital Media Faculty Exhibition," through Dec. 6. The Teaching Gallery, 80 Vandenberg Ave., Troy. Information: www.hvcc.edu/teachinggallery.

Mabee Farm Historic Site

"Where Do You Come From?" Part of the Schenectady County Historical Society's "Exploring Schenectady County's Immigrant Past" project. Through Feb. 7. Plus, "Hops & Hogsheads: Beer from Colonial to Craft Brew," through February 2015. 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Information: 887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org.

miSci

"Making Sense of Sound," a hands-on exhibit from San Francisco's Exploratorium. Through June 2015. Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information: 382-7890 or www.miSci.org.

New York State Museum

"The Shakers: America's Quiet Revolutionaries," through March 6; "Along His Own Lines: A Retrospective of New York Realist Eugene Speicher,"

through March 22. Plus, "Binghamton University Paleobotany Collection" and "The Passenger Pigeon: From Billions to Zero." Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.

The Opalka at Sage

"Meander, Because You Don't See Much While Marching/Mike Glier, a 35 Year Survey." Through Dec. 21, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information: www.sage.edu/opalka.

Saratoga Auto Museum

Dino Petrocelli exhibit featuring the work of the highly-regarded automotive photographer. Nov. 29 through June 2015. 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: saratogaautomuseum.org.

Sorelle Gallery

"Giclee Print Show," featuring several area

artists. Nov. 7-20. "Holiday Miniature Show," opens Nov. 21. Stuyvesant Plaza, Western Avenue, Albany. Information: 482-2000 or www.sorellegallery.com.

Laffer Gallery

"Upstate Invitational," featuring works by Bob Augstell, Susan Stuart and Laura Von Rosk. Nov. 1-30. 96 Broad St., Schuylerville. Information: 695-3181 or www.thelaffergallery.com.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Schuylerville Community Theater

Holding auditions for production of comedy "Out of Sight – Out of Murder." Roles for four men and five women. Dec. 10, 7 p.m., Schuylerville Town Hall, corner of routes 4 and 29, Schuylerville. Information: Bonnie Thomas 798-5984 or thomasbp@hotmail.com; Lorraine Thompson 369-6558 or lorthomp@aol.com; or scctheater.org.

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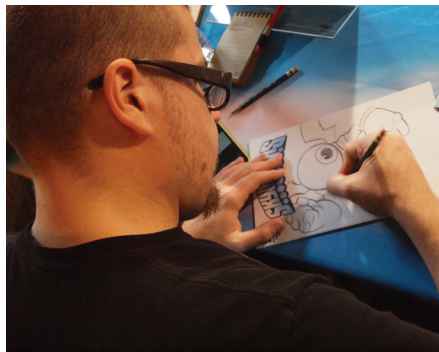
ON STAGE
Clothes call
Bringing Cirque du Soleil's vibrant Dinosaur costumes to the stage requires a wardrobe team that can think on its feet.
BY DANIA BIANCHI
I can't even begin to describe the excitement of the costumes of the "Dinosaur" show. It's a mix of the most colorful and the most intricate. The costumes are made of a mix of materials, including silk, sequins, and feathers. They are also made to be worn by a team of dancers, which makes them even more challenging to create. The costumes are also made to be worn by a team of dancers, which makes them even more challenging to create. The costumes are also made to be worn by a team of dancers, which makes them even more challenging to create.

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OUT AND ABOUT



ABOVE: Dave Phillips, concept artist for Vicarious Visions, makers of hit video game "Skylanders: Swap Force," draws a custom comic cover for a fan.



RIGHT: Paul Harding of DC Comics works on a drawing while at Albany Comic Con.



Comic event

ABOVE and RIGHT: The Holiday Inn on Wolf Road was a bustling place on Sunday, Nov. 9, during Albany Comic Con. There were costumes galore at the event, which is a celebration of the comic book medium.

Photos by Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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By **BEN WALLACH**

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Ben Wallach is the Marketing Director of the Niskayuna Coop, co-founder of the Amsterdam Farmers Market and Events Coordinator for Local First-Capital District. His monthly column will be discussing local products, food and community food events. Ben can be reached at 374-5463.



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From page B1 ...

New lights save energy, money

days and special events starting on Nov. 20 – breaking away from the traditional Black Friday opening day.

Ricchiuti and PAL have been involved with the Washington Park event since its inception 18 years ago. Gathering sponsorships to fund the program lasts all year long. The physical work – “the full court press,” he said – begins right after Labor Day, involving 12 weeks of refurbishing the equipment and preparing the electrical wiring.

This year's Holiday

Lights will feature more than 125 illuminated displays and scenes throughout almost 2 miles of Washington Park. Ricchiuti said much of this summer's work revolved around replacing incandescent bulbs with new LED ones.

“We try to be a little more conscientious and environmentally friendly,” said Ricchiuti.

He said the energy-efficient bulbs should ultimately help with the electrical bill. Every bit helps, as all proceeds benefit approximately

2,800 children through juvenile crime-prevention programs of Albany PAL, said Ricchiuti.

See the lights twinkle in Washington Park and enjoy “Christmas in Albany,” the theme for the newest edition of the lights that open nightly at 6 p.m. through Jan. 3.

The Reverberators will headline on Nov. 23 and 30, and Dec. 7 and 21. The group's song, “Christmas in Albany,” has become a regional favorite of those who have visited the Lights in Washington Park.

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For those who wish to walk the lights, special “Walk Around the Lake” nights are from 4-8 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 23, with the inaugural Chili, Chowder and Soup Fest with area restaurants. Samples will be sold for \$1 each. The lights will also be open to walkers on family and pet nights from 5-8 p.m. on Nov. 24 and 25. Proceeds from the themed walks will be going to three charities: The Albany Damien Center, Ronald McDonald House and Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., which provides bullet/stab protective vests for New York's police dogs. Suggested donation per walk is \$5 for an

individual and \$10 for a family.

The Lakehouse, full of crafts and plenty of refreshments, is open nightly with the exception of Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving Eve), Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 27) Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The last night the Lakehouse is open to the public is Dec. 30.

For the Ricchiuti family, visiting the lights is a part of their Christmas activities.

“We've been doing it for 17 years,” he said. “After dinner [and] before dessert.”

He said his kids, now in their 20s, make it a part of their tradition as well. And, it's a trend he and the staff members have observed in other visitors too.

“We'll get 500 visitors on Christmas Eve because every year it's about the same. Christmas, we know every year we'll get around 300 cars – year in and year out.”


In addition to music, crafts and lights, Santa

and his reindeer will visit on Nov. 20 and Dec. 3, 10, 16 and 23 before they leave for the North Pole. Father Christmas will be in the Lakehouse to visit through Dec. 23.

Horse-drawn carriage rides are offered Thursday through Sunday evenings at the Madison Avenue entrance to Washington Park by Dreaming Tree Farm. For more information or reservations (suggested), contact Dreaming Tree Farm at (518) 312-6387.

The hours for Capital Holiday Lights are Sundays through Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 6-10 p.m. Admission is \$15 per car, \$25 for 10-18 passenger vehicles (including limos and RVs), \$50 for 19-28 passenger capacity vehicles, \$75 for school buses and \$100 for commercial coaches.

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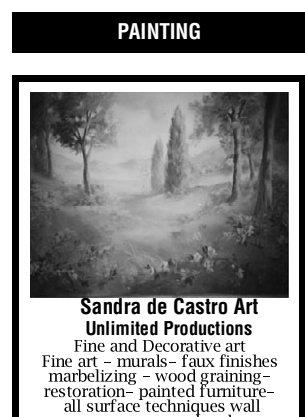
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■ FILM

'Animals' magnetism

Director to begin casting in the Capital District for film that has become a labor of love

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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CAPITAL DISTRICT — A Brooklyn-based production team — headed by acclaimed documentary director, Jeremiah Zagar — is preparing to spend the summer filming in the Capital District, and is currently auditioning local talent in search of the lead role.

Based on the 2011 best-selling novel "We The Animals" by Justin Torres, the film focuses on the harsh, yet loving dynamic, of a mixed-race, working-class family, as seen through the eyes of the youngest of three sons.

"This book is certainly about a family that is dysfunctional," said Zagar. "It's a very loving family that has its problems. ...

My first documentary was about my family. I had a very difficult but loving family, similar to the one that's in this book. And, also, it's a family of artists. This book is about a young man becoming an artist in many ways."

The Philadelphia native has a dozen directorial credits under his belt, including the documentary on his own family called "In a Dream," which screened theatrically across the United States and in film festivals around the world. It was broadcast on HBO, was shortlisted for an Academy Award, and ultimately received two Emmy nods, including for Best Documentary. The young director recently had another feature on HBO, titled "Captivated: The Trials of Pamela Smart," which premiered in competition at the

■ IF YOU GO

- **What:** Open-casting audition for "We The Animals"
- **When:** Nov. 21, noon to 4 p.m.; Nov. 22, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 23, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Albany School of Humanities, 108 Whitehall Road (Nov. 21-22); Creative Connections Arts Center, 305 E. Main St., Amsterdam (Nov. 23)
- **How much:** Free

Sundance Film Festival and aired on television in August.

However, Zagar said the past several years have been spent on what he describes as a "passion project." It started once he found Torres' book at a local bookstore.

"Basically, I picked the book up at the bookstore, read it right there," he said. "At this point, I must have read it 40 times."

It wasn't long before

Zagar reached out to the author with the intention of bringing the story to film.

Zagar has since earned a fellowship with the Sundance Institute to aid in funding the production. He's teamed up with Heremy Yaches, who produced "In a Dream," and Dan Kitrosser, with whom he co-wrote the screenplay.

"This is the main thing I've wanted to do for the past three years," said Zagar. "It will go on. Something I work on every single day, all day. As you start to make more and more work, the work becomes more of a fabric of your life. It makes you, and you make it. You can no longer separate it from yourself. The themes and emotions that run through it have to remain constant

with your loves and dreams."

With an in remaining authentic to the original book, which takes place in rural Upstate New York, Zagar plans to film in and around the Capital District.

"I'm very much interested in things being as real as possible, and that's also why we wanted to cast in Upstate New York and the surrounding areas, he said. "And, we want to use real kids, not actors."

An open-casting audition in partnership with the Albany School of Humanities is scheduled for Nov. 21 from noon to 4 p.m., and Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Albany School of Humanities, 108 Whitehall Road. Auditions are also scheduled in Amsterdam at the Creative Connections Arts Center (305 E. Main St., Amsterdam) on Sunday, Nov. 23, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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