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TOP STORY

Help heads west

Local emergency personnel assist Buffalo-area residents in the aftermath of epic snowstorm

By **MARCY VELTE**

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The call came in around 8 a.m.

With New York in a state of emergency, any willing emergency personnel who could be spared were asked to respond to the suburbs of Buffalo to help residents as the dug out their homes following a snowstorm that left the region buried under feet of snow. By about 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, units from Albany County had met at Crossgates Mall before heading west.

"As a firefighter, it's part of the job," said Bill Asprion, Selkirk Fire Chief. "It's exciting and challenging because we're not in our own neighborhood anymore. It can also be dangerous because we don't know the towns or streets."

Many of the area's fire departments sent crews and

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"It was overwhelming, the amount of initial snowfall. Some of the people, what they went through, you could see the fear on their faces. But everyone was very thankful we were there and appreciative."

— Bill Asprion,
Selkirk Fire Chief



ENTERTAINMENT



Holiday house

Historic Ten Broeck Mansion is the stately backdrop for a full slate of December events.

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SPORTS



Drop the puck

The Bethlehem hockey team began its season by playing in last weekend's Shaker/Colonie Thanksgiving Tournament at the Albany County Hockey Facility.

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Joseph Pollicino, honoring Vietnam War veterans

Joseph Pollicino, founder and president of the non-profit organization Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans (TCCVEV), made it his priority to restore the Albany's Vietnam Memorial in Lafayette Park. Unpleased with the conditions of the site, he went straight to work.

Pollicino secured more than 30 volunteers and received generous financial assistance from National Grid and Shop Rite. With their support and more than \$250,000 in donations, the landscape was revitalized with new soil, pavement, concrete, and benches.

As a former marine, Pollicino served in the Vietnam War from 1967-1968 and received numerous distinctions and honors for his service. For him, it's all about honoring the 77 names on the memorial.

"Those individuals represent the real heroes," he remarked. "They died for our freedom, and they will never be forgotten."

For his enduring efforts, he is our Capital Hero. Learn how you can help remember those that gave the ultimate sacrifice by visiting tccvev.com.

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CONSUMER TRENDS

Spending plans

Siena survey finds fewer looking forward to holidays statewide

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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NEW YORK STATE
— Residents are looking to spend about the same this holiday season as last year,

according to a recent survey, but a majority of shoppers are eyeing more practical gifts.

Siena Research Institute released its annual Statewide Poll of Holiday Spending on Monday, Nov. 24, which was conducted from Nov. 3 to 17 through random calls to landline or cell phones of 809 residents. Approximately 59 percent of the shoppers surveyed are planning to

spend about the same as last year, and nearly two-thirds are planning to buy gifts for the same number of people.

"Despite increasing overall consumer sentiment, holiday spending appears likely to be similar to last year," SRI Director Don Levy said in a statement. "Every indicator — intended spending target, number of people on your list and actual dollars budgeted — looks nearly identical to last year's plans."

While a majority of people are excited about this holiday season, with 58 percent "very" or "somewhat" excited, spirits apparently dampened from last year. This year, 41 percent of people are "not very" or "not at all" excited about the holidays, but last year it was only 27 percent.

There was a similar response regarding how many people are looking forward to the winter, which was at 60 percent. Many people apparently do not look forward to seeing a lot of snow piled up outside their windows.

"A strong majority is excited about winter's arrival but sentiment flips when the topic is snow," Levy said in a statement. "A majority, when thinking about the white stuff, describe themselves as someone that figures out how to endure it and as one that wouldn't be upset if we had very little of it."

As people unwrap their gifts, they are more likely to see a practical gift than something they want more than they really need. Overall, 65 percent of people opted to purchase practical gifts as

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invites members and friends
to its annual
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■ EVENTS

Holiday cheer in full bloom

Guilderland Garden Club to hold annual Greens Show at Mynderse-Fredrick House

By **JOHN PURCELL**

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GUILDERLAND— Snow might cover the ground outside, with plants nipped by the season's first frost, but a festive atmosphere of greenery arrangements could provide some warmth and merriment.

The annual Open House and Greens Show at the historic Mynderse-Fredrick House, located at 451 Main St. in Guilderland Center, will kick off on Friday, Dec. 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. The show continues through the weekend and is open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 7. This year's theme, "Memories of Christmas Past," will pay homage to the 50th anniversary of the Guilderland Garden Club through creating decorations highlighting themes from prior years. The Garden Club and Guilderland Historical Society sponsor the free event.

Maureen McNamara, a past president of the Garden Club, said

she enjoys getting to meet people and showcasing the house to the community.

"It is just really enjoyable to get people's response when they come in and see the home if they had never been there," said McNamara. "Every year it is a little something different, with always having the fresh greenery or dried arrangements."

There will be musical entertainment and performances throughout the weekend. Helene Runion, a soloist, will be accompanied by Jean LaCrosse on Friday starting at 4:30 p.m. Tom Thorpe, a folk and bluegrass performer, will perform on Saturday at 3 p.m. Children and adults can listen to stories told by Karl Felsen as Sinterklaas on Sunday at 2 p.m.

"We have complimentary refreshments made by the members — cookies and cakes. We also will have a warm spice tea and cold punch," said McNamara. "There will be ornaments wreaths

and flower arrangements made by members for purchase."

Since 1975, the Garden Club has decorated the house for its annual show with the Historical Society. This is the first time the event will showcase themes from prior years, which include "Ice and Snow" and "Victorian Christmas."

"Every year, we try to think of a different theme, so that takes a lot of time until we really nail something down that everybody agrees with," she said.

The event provides an opportunity for the public to see the inside of the Mynderse-Fredrick House, which was built by the first supervisor of the Town of Guilderland.

"It is not open that often. There are special tours conducted by the Guilderland Historical Society," said McNamara. "This is one of the few times it is open, and here it is opened three days in a row. ... That is what I think it makes it so special, too, for the community."

There will be historical society



The annual Open House and Greens Show at the historic Mynderse-Fredrick House, in Guilderland Center will take place Dec. 5-7.

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members available to give tours of the house during the event.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to the Pine Bush Discovery Center. There will also be a collection for non-perishables to be donated to a local food bank.

The Garden Club, with help from the town Parks Department and a local master gardener, began developing a perennial garden at the historic home in the summer of 2009. The ongoing project received a Landscape Design Award at the Fall 2013 District Meeting of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, according to President Merrill-Lee

Lenegar.

Club members have also won awards at local, state and national flower shows, including the Capital District Flower and Garden Show, and have prepared arrangements for sale and exhibits at the New York State Museum New York in Bloom show.

Through the clubs affiliation with the National and Federated Garden Clubs, members are eligible to attend seminars and other training sessions to learn about flower design and judging flower shows.

For more information, visit www.guilderlandgardenclub.com.



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■ ENTERTAINMENT

Back on track

Indoor kart racing facility that closed abruptly earlier this year reopens under new company

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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GUILDERLAND — Another California-based company has moved in to the former Fastrax Raceway and is offering a deal to those left with gift cards from the previous business.

K1 Speed opened its doors Friday, Nov. 21, at Crossgates Commons and has since rebranded the inside of the indoor kart racing facility, with plans to make changes to the track. The same general experience is offered at K1 Speed, which features high-speed electric go-karts, a snack bar and private rooms that can be reserved for parties. Anyone can walk in and hit the track, but race packages are also available.

Fastrax Raceway opened in the summer of 2013, but it abruptly closed in October due to a court-ordered eviction. The company also closed its facility in Poughkeepsie. Both locations were rented from Pyramid Management Group.

"We are a polished, professional national brand and we have centers all across the United States, and we are continuing to open new centers," said Mike Maguire, director of operations for K1 Speed. "We are on a nice growth pattern, so people can feel safe we are not going anywhere."

To help out former Fastrax customers left with gift cards, K1



K1 Speed opened its doors Friday, Nov. 21, at Crossgates Commons in the former site of Fastrax Raceway, which shut its doors in October.

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Speed is offering anyone with a gift card one free race, no matter how much is left on it. Maguire said some people might have more or less than what a race costs, but the company wanted to do something to help out people.

"Anybody that was a previous racer at Fastrax, we are going to honor their license," Maguire said. "We think this is a good community, and we have some avid racers."

Some former Fastrax employees were interviewed to work at K1 Speed. The company will also bring in new staff members.

When K1 Speed opened, the facility closely resembled the previous occupant, but changes have already been made to the environment inside. All the signage has been changed and areas have been repainted. The outside sign still needs to be replaced.

"Every day we will just continue to make the cosmetic

change," said Maguire. "We are going to change the track eventually. It will be a different design and system."

In about a month, the track layout will be redesigned, and there will be different barrier system installed, according to Maguire.

K1 Speed also opened at Fastrax's former site in Poughkeepsie Galleria. The company operates about two dozen facilities nationwide.

A single race is \$20, with a \$6 license fee if someone is a new racer. A package of three races can also be purchased for \$50.

People interested in a more competitive environment can test their skills in K1 Speed's Challenge GP. There are also race leagues and race package events, which offer two qualifying heats to determine starting positions before a standing-start race.

For information on K1 Speed and its Albany location, visit www.k1speed.com.

■ TOWN NEWS

Sewer charge to end

A decades-old front footage fee will reduce over time

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — Bethlehem residents will soon be billed differently for sewer usage as the town ends a decades-long charge that is no longer relevant.

According to Town Comptroller Mike Cohen, as new homes were built in the 1970s and '80s in underdeveloped parts of town, new sewer lines were also needed. Town officials needed to find a way to pay for this new infrastructure, and unlike today, the developers were not made to foot the bill.

The town decided to bond to pay for the projects, since at the time they could not get federal aid. It was decided the cost for the new sewer lines should be passed on to the homeowners.

Residents in those homes were billed with an extra charge on their taxes called a front footage charge. This was determined by measuring the curb of their property by feet and charging residents a certain amount per foot based on the measurement.

Cohen said not everyone is town will have this extra charge, and most that do, don't realize it. The bonds for the sewer work were paid off in the mid-2000s, but the charge has continued to be included in the tax bills of residents.

The number of parcels that currently are charged front footage taxes is 6,252. The number of parcels that are not charged a front footage tax is 4,575. Those who are not charged front footage simply pay their sewer taxes based on property value, along with

a smaller usage fee. Front footage rates also vary among neighborhoods.

"The theory is everyone receives the same services, so they should be charged the same," said Cohen.

At the Town Board meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 25, Cohen said he and Supervisor John Clarkson proposed to end the extra charge within five years. The charge has already been slowly decreased over the past several years.

Homes built prior to and after that period in the 1970s and '80s were not charged front footage.

In recent years, the town has worked to eliminate inequities in taxes. This was done by eliminating multiple water rates in 2011, eliminating multiple rates for sewer districts in 2012 and merging ambulance districts in 2013.

The town has three sewer districts, which were all charged different front footage rates in 2014. Some paid 44 cents per linear foot, some paid \$1.48 and some paid \$1.74.

Cohen said it is being recommended that all residents who are still charged the front footage tax see their rates drop to an even 34 cents per linear foot next year. Then, the charge will end within two to four years.

To make up the loss of revenue, residents who were previously not charged the front footage tax may see their sewer taxes slightly increase.

Cohen said since many residents saw a decrease in their taxes because of the property reassessment, town officials wanted to make sure the change

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■ COMMUNITY

Senior chorus performs

It's time for holiday music. The Bethlehem Senior Chorus will present "A Celebration of Music Sounds" at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 1 p.m. The Thursday Belles, a handbell choir, will also perform. We'll have lunch beforehand at the Windowbox Café in Slingerlands, cost on your own. Suggested van donation: \$3. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation.

We will also hear the Mendelssohn Club's holiday performance, "Seasonal Joy Around the World," at The Egg in Albany on Friday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$20, payable to Town of Bethlehem. Suggested van donation: \$3. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make your reservation.

The Friendship Singers will present an a cappella holiday program on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. Call 439-2360 for more information.

The Legal Services Program, staffed by the Legal Aid Society, will be available on Thursday, Dec. 11, between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. The program provides legal advice and service at no cost for residents of Albany County who are 60 years of age or older. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, for an appointment.

Senior Action

Town of Bethlehem

Are you turning 65 this year? Learn about Medicare and EPIC, (NYS Senior prescription Drug Plan), on Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. The program will cover Medicare, EPIC, supplemental insurance, and Medicare Part D. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make an appointment.

The Second Milers, a club for retired men, will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 10, for lunch and a speaker at the Normanside Country Club. Call Bob Mulligan at 439-3802 to make a reservation.

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. Call Yvonne Mendleson at 472-0202 for more information.

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

— Wilma DeLucco



Lessons in character and leadership

Capital District YMCA Executive Director Derek Martin speaks to a group of Bethlehem students participating in the Y's "I Can" program. "I Can," which is a partnership with Bethlehem High School, focuses on helping teenagers who may be struggling with their confidence and fitness. It's a unique blend of character-building and exercise training that teaches skills many people take for granted, such as speaking, listening and social interactions. Martin encouraged the students to follow their passion and to never set limits on what they can accomplish.

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New discussion group meets

How did it get late so soon? It's night before its afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get late so soon? ~ Dr. Seuss

Lunchtime Book Discussion

A new daytime book discussion group will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at noon in the library Community Room. The group will be led by Director Judith Wines,

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and the discussion will revolve around "Life After Life" by Kate Atkinson. Copies of the book are available for check out at the library.

Sip and Paint

Create a quick and easy snowman project on burlap canvas at the library's first Sip and Paint. This is a relaxing evening for grownups

before all the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Beginners are welcome. We'll provide the supplies and hot chocolate for sipping. All you need to bring your artistic side and some holiday spirit. Mark your calendar for Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

Class size is limited, so please call 756-2053 or email to register.

Computer classes

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

Organize Holiday Tasks with an Online Calendar — Get ready to tackle the holiday season with a free online calendar. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Buy and Sell Online with eBay, Craigslist, Amazon.com and Etc. — Avoid long lines, shop comfortably in your PJs. Discover basic tips and tricks to shopping safely online with major retailers and online auctions. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m.

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Guilderland Garden Club Open House and Greens Show

The annual Open House and Greens Show at the historic Mynderse-Fredrick House, located at 451 Main Street (Route 146), Guilderland Center is scheduled for Dec. 5, 6 and 7. Members of the Guilderland Garden Club have been busy making ornaments and developing ideas for decorating rooms. The theme this year — “Memories of Christmas Past” — will reflect the 50th anniversary of the Garden Club, which was established in 1964. By creating decorations that highlight themes from past years, visitors will take a stroll down memory lane.

There will be wreaths, arrangements and ornaments made by members of the Guilderland Garden Club for sale. Proceeds from these items will go to a community organization. Nonperishable donations will be collected for a local food pantry. Volunteers are welcome to help decorate or to help during the Open House.

This free event sponsored by the Guilderland Garden Club and Guilderland Historical Society provides a festive atmosphere, home-made refreshments and vocal

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

and musical entertainment throughout the weekend.

Hours are Friday, Dec. 5, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6 and 7, 1-5 p.m. For more information contact Merril-Lee Lenegar at glenegar1@nycap.rr.com or visit our website at www.guilderlandgardenclub.com

Transportation, weather conditions reminder

When the Guilderland Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all scheduled shopping trips and scheduled medical appointments will be cancelled.

When the Guilderland Schools are listed as delayed in opening, we will still provide transportation and we may be delayed in getting to you due to road conditions — be patient.

Aerobic-cardio circuit registration

Registration for the next session of aerobics, Senior Fitness and Cardio Circuit classes will take place Dec. 8-10 immediately following each class.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

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, Dec. 4

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg
1 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, Dec. 5

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

Two concerts at library

The 2014-15 season of A Little Sunday Music at Bethlehem Public Library continues this Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. with a performance of the music of Henry Purcell by bass-baritone Steve Dahlin and soprano Margaret Lampasi.

Mr. Dahlin has sung with the Columbia Festival Orchestra, the Hudson Valley Choral Society, the New York Opera Forum, the Seattle Opera Chorus and Vocal Arts Northwest. Closer to home, he has performed musical theater roles in “Assassins,” “HMS Pinafore” and “Berlin to Broadway.” He currently sings with St. Paul’s Church in Albany, where he has performed solos in Bach’s “Cantata 21,” Haydn’s “Mass in Time of War” and Haydn’s “The Seasons,” among others.

Ms. Lampasi has performed opera and oratorio solos throughout the Northeast, in works by Bach, Mozart, Schubert,



Bizet, Rossini, Donizetti, Verdi and Beach. She is currently on the music faculty of The College of Saint Rose and an adjunct voice teacher at SUNY Adirondack.

Bethlehem Senior Chorus

The Bethlehem Senior Chorus presents “A Celebration of Musical Sounds” next Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 1 p.m. The Thursday Bells will join the festivities this year.

Directed by Claudia Summers, the chorus is a mixed group of about sixty senior citizens who have enjoyed singing and entertaining folks in the community for almost a decade.

Open to all, the concert is cosponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Please note that this event will be held in the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Late opening Friday

The library will open at 1 p.m. this Friday, Dec. 5, to accommodate a staff development session in the morning. Our bookdrops will be open, but there will be no telephone service in the morning.

In memoriam

Trustees and staff respectfully note the passing last month of Howard Geyer, architect and designer of our library building. The facility opened its doors in 1972 and subsequently earned an award from the Eastern New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. More than 40 years later, it remains a valuable community resource and gathering place.

Tabletop Gaming Night

Monday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Drop in for games and snacks. Adults, teens age 16 and up.

Afterdinner Too

Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. “Frozen in Time” by Mitchell Zuckoff. New members welcome. Copies available at the information desk.

A Celebration of Musical Sounds

Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 1 p.m. Concert by the Bethlehem Senior Chorus and the Thursday Bells, cosponsored by Bethlehem Public Library and Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Location: Bethlehem Town Hall.

Just Dance

Thursday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m. Family dancing with Wii on the big screen.

Music and Movement

Friday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m. Dance, sing and play instruments together. Children up to age 6 with family and friends.

— Louise Grieco

Special musical storytime

You are cordially invited to join this fast paced program, led by the lively Mrs. Laiosa, on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 10:15 a.m. This very special musical storytime (perfect for working parents) is for toddlers through kindergarteners with an adult, featuring music and movement, stories, rhymes and fun activities.

Circle Time

Miss Amy’s Circle Time is a special program for preschool children aged 3-4 offered on the second Monday of every month at 10:15 a.m. Join Miss Amy Monday, Dec. 8 for a structured, themed storytime, as well as songs, fingerplays, stories and a follow-up craft.

Craft day

Children ages pre-k



through grade 4, with an adult, are invited to drop in on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and enjoy a snack and some holiday cheer while making crafts. Join the fun by putting together our famous “Gingerbread Houses,” making some ornaments and taking part in other holiday activities.

December Artist of the Month

Please be sure to stroll through the hall gallery and admire watercolors by Barbara McGeachen. Barbara is a local artist who does watercolors and stained glass originals. Our display case this month is a collection of nutcrackers, shared by

Pat Galvin. If you have a collection that you would be willing to share at the library, please give us a call at 765-2598 and let us know about it.

Cookie exchange

It’s that time of year again. We all want a variety of cookies and treats to put out for holiday visitors, but who has time to make so many different things? Here comes the Library Foodies to the rescue. On Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m., bring three-dozen of your finest treats along with a recipe card, and we’ll have a grand old time. Of course, we’ll have to do some taste tests, but the rest will be boxed up and sent home to share with your family and friends. The library will provide hot chocolate, tea and coffee and the take home containers.

Holiday shopping on Amazon

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. For every dollar spent using the library link, Amazon will donate a small portion back to the friends of the library.

Six-week writing workshop

Join local author and historian Dennis Sullivan as he guides you on a journey through your own history. This program will be held every other Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., from Jan. 13 through March 24. Limited seats are available, so please register early.

— Lynn Kohler

■ PUBLIC HEALTH

Report: Toxic toys sold locally

Advocates urge county legislators to OK 'Toxic-Free Toys Act'

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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ALBANY COUNTY — At least a dozen toys being sold in local stores had unsafe levels of chemicals, according to a recent study, and local lawmakers are looking to crack down on retailers selling such items.

The Albany County Legislature held a public hearing Tuesday, Nov. 25, on its proposed Toxic-Free Toys Act, which would allow the county health commissioner to inspect merchandise sold in stores and issue fines for toys found to have dangerous levels of, or banned, chemicals. Fines for each offense would range from \$500 to \$1,000. The public hearing was held about a week after a report claimed toys with hazardous levels of chemical were being sold locally.

Legislator Bryan Clenehan, D-Guilderland, said he introduced Local Law J because it's needed to protect families and children.

Clean and Healthy New York and the New York League of Conservation Voters Education Fund released its report, "Toxic Toys in Albany County," on Monday, Nov. 17, which found a dozen toxic toys for sale in the county. The report, which is not intended to be comprehensive of any product or brand, found at least one toxic toy sold at Ocean State Job Lot, Party City, Target, Wal-Mart and Ollie's Bargain Outlet.

"This is a common sense piece of legislation that will help to protect our families and our children," said Environmental Advocates of New York Policy Director Katherine Nadeau, of Delmar. "This type of legislation is very much needed."

Nadeau said the county needed to act since the state and federal



Environmental Advocates of New York Policy Director Katherine Nadeau, of Delmar, holds her child as she urges Albany County legislators to approve the Toxic-Free Toys Act. The bill is aimed to protect children from products with dangerous chemicals and heavy metals.

John Purcell/Spotlight

government are not taking any actions to band such items.

The state legislature has stalled for several years the "Child Safe Products Act," which would require manufacturers to reveal any dangerous chemicals used during production. The bill languished in the Senate this year after passing in the Assembly.

In Congress, legislation has been stalled for a decade to revise the 35-year old Toxic Substances Control Act.

The products were purchased during October and November, but the overall amount of toys tested was not disclosed. Only a "tiny fraction" of products tested were found to be of concern.

Two items in the report were tied for the largest variety of toxic chemicals present, with both sold at Ocean State Job Lot. A Charms & Angels bracelet making kit was found to have arsenic, antimony, lead, mercury and cadmium. A D.I.Y. Beaded Sparkle Charm Jewelry was found to have Antimony, cobalt, lead, mercury and cadmium.

One of the toxic toys in the report was a Breast Cancer Awareness charm bracelet found to have arsenic and cobalt, a

carcinogen.

Bobbi Chase Wilding, deputy director of Clean and Healthy New York, said finding toys with heavy metals still being sold in stores was troubling. Wilding is the mother of two children, whom she worries could be exposed to such chemicals.

"My 10-year-old, I have a conversation with her at least six times a day, 'Take that out of your mouth; it wasn't meant to go in your mouth,'" said Wilding. "Frankly, I wish I didn't have to be here today. ... Parents don't want toxic chemicals in children's products, period. Unfortunately that isn't that case."

Wilding said one of the charms included in a bracelet making kit was made of 25 percent cadmium, which is more than 250,000 parts per million.

"It's hard to believe that it's 2014 and parents still can't be sure the products that retailers are selling are only the toxic-free products," she said. "The good news is that I also tested a bunch of products that didn't contain chemicals of concern and heavy metals, so companies can do it. Store shelves are not going

to be empty.

Products were tested an X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzer, which is a portable device that can detect levels of chemicals on the surface of nearly any object. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has used the device to screen packaging, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration to screen food, and many state and county health departments to screen for residential lead paint.

To view the report and what products were found to be toxic, visit www.nylcvef.org.

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman on Tuesday, Nov. 25, issued a letter to retailers in the state reinforcing its legal obligation to ensure the safety of children's products before the holiday shopping season kicked off.

"As a retailer, you are in a position to safeguard children from toxic chemicals," Schneiderman said in his letter. "I urge you to implement measures to identify unsafe products and keep them off your shelves."

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■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Thacher Nature Center hosts bazaar

VOORHEESVILLE — The annual Thacher Holiday Gift Bazaar takes place Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Thacher Nature Center.

Hand-crafted wares by local artisans and artists, jewelry, jams and jellies, honey products, homespun wool products and knitted items, original artwork, pine needle baskets, hand-painted gourds, stained glass and painted glass works, bark baskets, homemade soaps and organic beauty products, folk art items and more are on sale. Tunefolk will provide live music, and there will be a 50/50 drawing both days.

Fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated to local charity.

For more information, call 872-1237 or visit www.nyspark.com.

Silent Night at Five Rivers

BETHLEHEM — Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, is hosting a night walk Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. Participants will take an easy walk on Five Rivers' level trails to explore the underappreciated world of night.

There will also be a family fun day Saturday, Dec. 6. The day begins at 10 a.m. with a program featuring games and a chance to learn how and where animals spend the winter. Then at 2 p.m., a Five Rivers naturalist will lead a walk along the Old Field Trail.

For more information about these programs, call 475-0291.

Make homemade soap at Cornell Coop

VOORHEESVILLE — There will be a Soap Making 101 course Saturday, Dec. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 24 Martin Road.

The workshop features a simple melt and pour soap-making technique using a goat's milk base. Each participant will craft four bars of soap, adding herbs or oils to create a special soap for gift giving or to keep.



Lending a helping hand at Thanksgiving

Tully Rinckey founding partner **Matthew Tully**, right, hand delivers a turkey to a veteran during the sixth annual "Turkeys for Veterans" event Monday, Nov. 24, at the law firm's office, 441 New Karner Road. **Tully Rinckey** and **Hannaford** provided approximately 170 Thanksgiving turkeys to Capital District military personnel and veterans during this year's drive.

Submitted photo

There will be a variety of mold choices and herbal additions to enhance the product, as well as a gift wrapping station to adorn each bar in a personal style.

The class costs \$25, which includes all materials, a book on soap crafting and an afternoon snack. Class size is limited to 20 participants, and pre-registration with payment secures a place in the session.

For more information, call 765-3516.

To Life! breast cancer conference Dec. 9

BETHLEHEM — To Life! will offer its fourth annual "Women's Health and Wellness Conference: Informed, Engaged Treatment & Empowered Survivorship" Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Carondelet Hospitality Center, 385 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham.

The event addresses state-of-the-art breast cancer treatments and advances, along with cancer-related wellness topics.

Afternoon break-out session topics include "Being Your Own Health Advocate," "Hyperbaric Therapy" for treatment of side effects, "Practical Massage Tools for Caregivers," "Oncology Nutrition Deconstructed," "The Reality of Disparity in Cancer Care" and "Developing Resilience: What We Know about People who Bounce Back."

Offered at no charge, the event includes a full day of workshops with coffee breaks and lunch included.

For more information, call To Life! at 439-5975 or visit www.tolife.org/events.

Woman's Club hosts seasonal fundraisers

ALBANY — The Woman's Club of Albany has selected two non-profit organizations as beneficiaries of its annual "Celebrate the Season" fundraising events: Grassroots Givers and the Bus Stop Club.

The events take place at the club's building at 725 Madison Ave. There are afternoon teas

on Dec. 5 and 6, from 2-4 p.m., and a Holiday Gala on Dec. 11, from 6-10 p.m. The gala features music by Mixed Company and a hot-and-cold buffet. Silent auction items will be displayed for bidding at all events.

Tickets for the teas are \$30, and the gala is \$75. Reservations are required. Proceeds will also support the Woman's Club.

For reservations or more information, call 465-3626 or visit www.womansclubofalbany.com.

Friendship Singers Christmas show

BETHLEHEM — The Friendship Singers present a Christmas program Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m., at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave.

The program consists of mostly familiar Christmas carols and holiday favorites, and it will include audience sing-a-longs.

Prior to the event, the local women's singing group will perform the same program at

four other locales. They will be featured at a luncheon meeting of the Second Milers on the same date as the evening show.

All ages are invited to attend.

Guilderland recycles in large numbers

GUILDERLAND — On Saturday, Oct. 25, the Guilderland Central School District hosted its Fall Recycling Extravaganza at Farnsworth Middle School.

Both residents and non-residents of the school district were invited to bring their unwanted papers, metals, electronics, textiles, plastics and bikes for free drop-off. Throughout the course of the six-hour event, the district collected the following amounts for re-use and/or recycling:

- Books: 1,400 (approximately 2,750 pounds)
- Rags: two van loads (approximately 7,350 pounds)
- Clothing/small household items: 169 boxes (approximately 4,225 pounds)
- Furniture: two truckloads (approximately 12,380 pounds)
- Metals: 14,000 pounds
- Papers (regular and confidential): 6,854 pounds
- Hard plastics: 1,350 pounds
- Electronics: 24,000 pounds
- Bottles: 3,000
- Bikes: 126 (approximately 3,350 pounds)
- Film plastic: more than 10,000 bags.

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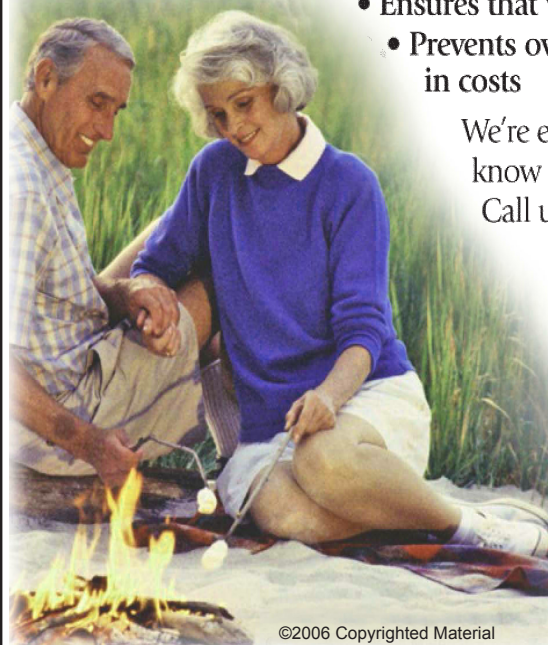
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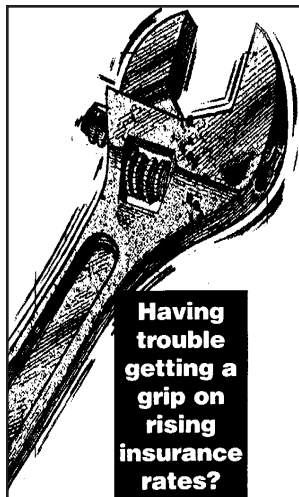
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Weekly poll

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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



NICHOLAS BREINER

Bethlehem hockey forward
Nicholas Breiner is the Spot-
light Player of the Week for
the period ending Saturday,
Nov. 29. Breiner was voted
the Eagles' top player in both
games of the Shaker/Colonie
Thanksgiving Tournament. He
had a goal and three assists in
the Eagles' 6-4 loss to Ithaca in
Saturday's second round.

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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
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■ INSIDE



Hoop dreams

A veteran-laden Beth-
lehem boys basketball
team is hoping for big
things in the 2014-15
Suburban Council season,
which began Tuesday.

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■ HOCKEY



Bethlehem's Owen Talmage, left, scores one of his two goals in a 6-4 loss to Ithaca Saturday, Nov. 29.

Dan Harder/Special to the Spotlight

Tough start for Eagles

Bethlehem drops both games at
Thanksgiving tournament

By **ROB JONAS**
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BETHLEHEM — For the first time in
his coaching tenure, Andre Rodrigue missed a
Bethlehem hockey game.

Slammed by a stomach bug,
Rodrigue stayed home while the
Eagles lost to Section 4 power
Ithaca 6-4 on the final day of
the two-day Shaker/Colonie
Thanksgiving Tournament
Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Albany
County Hockey Facility in
Colonie.

Bethlehem (0-2-0) played well
in Rodrigue's absence. The Eagles
tied the score at 4-4 early in the
third period before the Little Red (2-0-0) scored
the final two goals of the game.

"The first two periods, we played very well. We
just got a little out of hand in the third period," said
Bethlehem assistant coach Jason Wood.

FINAL SCORE

- Ithaca
Little Red, 6
- Bethlehem
Eagles, 4



Bethlehem goaltender Carl Cusack was very busy in the game against Ithaca.
Cusack stopped 46 shots in a 6-4 loss.

Dan Harder/Special to the Spotlight

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Height advantage

BC's guards will be taller than its forwards with Sica moving to the perimeter

By **ROB JONAS**
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BETHLEHEM — Will size matter in the Suburban Council this season?

If so, then the Bethlehem boys basketball team will have a distinct advantage in that department. The Eagles' roster features six players 6 feet, 4 inches tall or taller.

"I think our guards will be taller than our forwards because we're moving (6-foot, 7-inch) John Sica to the perimeter, and we're probably moving (6-4) Kevin Weber to the 2-guard," said Bethlehem coach A.G. Irons. "That gives us five senior starters with a bunch of juniors who have lots of playing experience behind them."

Moving Sica to a guard

position isn't as far-fetched as some would think. The Columbia University-bound senior is a good shooter away from the foul lane, and he's being groomed to play guard at the collegiate level.

"John's growing. He's becoming a more well-rounded player," said Irons.

Still, the idea of moving someone as tall as Sica away from the low post might seem unusual. That is, until you note the list of other talented forwards on Bethlehem's roster, including seniors Ben Zonca, Justin LaClair and Kyle Morelli.

"He's not a real tall kid, but he's strong," Irons said of Zonca, who is one of the shortest players on the roster at 5 feet, 11 inches. "We had him playing (small forward) last year

because we liked his aggressiveness down low."

In all, Bethlehem returns eight players to a team that finished third in the Suburban Council South Division last year and has its sights set on a division title this time around.

Bethlehem began its season Tuesday, Dec. 2, by visiting defending division champion Guilderland. The Dutchmen are in the opposite boat as the Eagles, having graduated four starters from last season and seeing their head coach, Ron Osinski, retire. However, Irons said Guilderland is still formidable with new coach Mike Parks and a team led by junior swingman Andrew Platek.

"We look at it as a very close rivalry, proximity-wise," said Irons. "The kids are looking forward to it, but it's only the first game."



Bethlehem's Andrew Yanowsky, far left, and Owen Talmage, center, station themselves in front of the Ithaca goal during a power play in Saturday's game. Dan Harder/Special to the Spotlight

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Talmage, Breiner lead the way

The Eagles hurt their own cause in the third period, as they took several penalties. That allowed Ithaca to dictate the flow of the game.

"It's very hard to keep up the pressure when you're playing a man down almost constantly," said Wood.

Senior forward Owen Talmage scored two goals, and senior forward

Nicholas Breiner added a goal and three assists to lead Bethlehem's offense. Goaltender Carl Cusack made 46 saves.

Bethlehem began the tournament with a 3-0 loss to Section 1 power Mamaroneck Friday, Nov. 28, at the Albany County Hockey Facility. Cusack was solid between the posts for the Eagles as he stopped 29

shots, but Mamaroneck goalie Tom Spero was better as he earned the first of his two shutouts for the Tigers. Spero stymied Shaker/Colonie 5-0 in Saturday's second game to earn the tournament's Most Valuable Player award.

Rodrigue — who was on the bench for Friday's season opener — said he was impressed with how Bethlehem played in the tournament.

"We were in both games in the third period before we let them slip away," said Rodrigue.

The goal for Bethlehem now is to improve on its efforts. The Eagles have two more non-league games before their Capital District High School Hockey League opener Wednesday, Dec. 10, against Glens Falls/Hudson Falls/South Glens Falls — home dates against Section 7's Beekmantown Friday, Dec. 5, and Saratoga Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Bethlehem Area YMCA.

"Even though we have a lot of young kids — 10th and 11th graders — I think we've matured a lot," said Rodrigue. "That's why I scheduled non-league games against tough teams."

Rodrigue said he believes Bethlehem should be a contender in the CDHSHL this season after falling to the lower half of the league standings in 2013-14.

"I think Saratoga is the team to beat, and Niskayuna/Schenectady is going to be very tough again. They returned 12 seniors," said Rodrigue. "We had good games against Saratoga and (defending Section 2 champion) Shen at the (preseason) jamboree this year, so I think we'll be up there."

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Florida man charged with DWI

Bethlehem Police arrested Paul Alcanter, 23, of Green Cove Springs, FL, on Sunday, Oct. 12, before midnight and charged him with driving while intoxicated. Police said they responded to the Wendy's in Glenmont following a report of an intoxicated driver. When police arrived, the driver had left the parking lot but was traveling southbound on Route 9W. The car was located pulled over in the McDonald's parking lot. Police said Alcanter allegedly first gave an

incorrect name and date of birth, but his correct name and age were eventually verified. He was found to have a suspended license in Florida. Alcanter confirmed he had given a fake name and age. Police said during the interview, Alcanter allegedly had watery and bloodshot eyes, with the strong odor of alcohol. According to the report, he told police he had eight beers within the past three hours. He was then driving from a local motel to McDonald's with a co-worker to get food.

Alcanter was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which police said he failed. He was taken into custody where he was administered a chemical test with the results of a 0.09 BAC. Alcanter was charged with DWI, false personation, misdemeanor aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and drinking alcohol in a motor vehicle. He was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded Albany County jail in lieu of \$2,000 cash or bond bail.

Other arrest

• Guilderland police arrested Anthony W. Squillo, 26, of 224 Droms Road in Glenville, around 1:10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, and charged him with DWI and illegal signal. Police stopped Squillo after he allegedly failed to use turn signal while on Western Avenue. Police observed Squillo to have an odor of alcohol on his breath and glassy, bloodshot eyes. A chemical breath test revealed he had a BAC of 0.1 percent.

From page 4 ... Fee phased out

in sewer taxes did not negatively affect the tax bills of residents. That is why it was decided to phase out the charge, with the largest amount absorbed this year.

The average homeowner should continue to see an overall tax reduction for 2015. This change will only be averaged out through the sewer fund, so properties without sewer will not be impacted.

"The importance here is we are treating everyone the same, which will always have some ups and downs," said Clarkson. "One year may accrue the benefit more for one geography more than others,

but if we are going to a fairer distribution of taxes, that's the most important thing."

A list of property owners who are billed the extra charge was provided by the town and included in the agenda packet on the town's website.

Only one resident spoke at the public hearing for a clarification. The town board passed the measure unanimously.

"Please note that we are not looking at this as 'winners' and 'losers,'" said Cohen in a later interview. "Residents of the community receive one service, and the service received in one part of the community is no different than in any other. We believe that similar services should be charged fairly and evenly."

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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

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

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,

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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 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

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(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 513 25th Street LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/29/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 513 25th Street, Water-vliet, NY 12189. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#67107

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 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

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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

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 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

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 Amazing Day Yoga 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

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to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#64371

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 Formation Bayack Management, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/18/2014 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#67109

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: BBL SYRACUSE REDEVELOPMENT GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 20, 2014. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, NY 12203. Ad#66864

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,

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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 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

Notice of Formation Cachet PR, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/14/2014 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#67113

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, 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

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Notice of Formation Complete Wellcare Medical PLLC Arts. of Org.

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filed with SSNY 11/12/2014. 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: Medicine. Ad#67098

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

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

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Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#63732

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

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

Notice of Formation of G & G WHOLESALAS 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 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

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Notice of Qualification of Graebel/Northeastern Acquisition 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 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

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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

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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

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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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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 it 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 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: STRAGILITY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/13/14. 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, 1574 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159 Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#66287

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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

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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 CompanyArticles 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

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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 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

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: MRP DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 10, 2014. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to MRP

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Associates, LLC, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. Ad#66319

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Guilderland Fire District will reschedule its regular monthly meeting from December 17th, 2014 at 7pm to December 9th, 2014 at 7pm and will be held at the Guilderland Fire House located at 2303 Western Ave., Guilderland, New York.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Guilderland Fire District will hold a special meetings on Wednesday the 17th of December, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting will be held at the Guilderland Fire House located at 2303 Western Ave., Guilderland, New York. By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Brian K Forte Secretary Guilderland Fire District Ad#67289

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

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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 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

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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

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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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Resolution # 2014-48 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 25th day of November, 2014, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows: WHEREAS, the Town previously intended to bond for certain projects, andWHEREAS, the Town will eliminate the need to utilize debt to fund certain capital projects by using \$170,000 of funds from the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund, \$475,000 from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund and \$95,983 from the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund, andNOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to identify the financing source of the projects as listed below; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend up to \$170,000 from the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund for Feura Bush Road and Borthwick Avenue sidewalk projects; andBE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend up to \$475,000 for Borthwick Avenue road reconstruction from the Highway Fund Capital Reserve Fund; andBE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend up to \$95,983 from the Sewer Fund Capital Reserve Fund for pump station repairs; This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.The foregoing resolution was presented for adoption by Councilman Reinhardt, seconded by Councilwoman Sasso and approved with the following vote:Ayes - Supervisor Clarkson, Councilwoman Dawson, Councilwoman SassoNays - none Absent - Councilman Kuhnman Kuhn Ad#67201

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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is this what you'd call winning?

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

So, it looks like we have Governor Cuomo for another four years. Here is something I'll bet you didn't know about this election: Mr. Cuomo lost the election in Bethlehem, even with the hundreds of political appointees here. As it turns out, Rob Astorino won Bethlehem by a few hundred votes. Jim Fischer, the unknown and underfunded businessman from Ballston Spa came within a few hundred votes of beating the venerable Paul Tonko in Bethlehem. Tonko must be reassessing his popularity — or lack thereof — at this point.

Many are feeling the pinch of no jobs, little economic growth, and taxes on the upswing. People are hurting. The big issue that overshadowed the election in Bethlehem was the treatment of businesses and landowners with this reassessment project that took place earlier this year.

John Clarkson, and the Town Board approved an assessment program that dramatically and intentionally shifted the burden of taxation in town to businesses and

landowners.

This policy shift has caused the following:

- Owners of "green space" in town are selling their properties - notice all of the "For Sale" signs around? This is going to get worse, not better.

- Trees are being cut by the thousands. Landowners cannot afford their taxes without bringing in cash. The "Conservation Easement" is a joke, and almost no one has signed up for it because it curtails landowner rights for 15 years.

- Plans will be flooding into Town Hall for subdivision approval on open land. Mr. Clarkson can slow it down, but he cannot stop it.

- The business community has been devastated - assessments have doubled or tripled. Many cannot pay their school tax bills. Expansion plans have been scrapped, employment will remain stagnant. The reassessment has been a disaster for our town. We are assured that the future for business development in our town is bleak. We are also assured that single-family homes are a thing of the past. Have you noticed the

apartment buildings going up in town? Yep, the American Dream has vanished for all but the affluent. Our school taxes went up over \$10,000, and now my property holdings are for sale — open land is now a burden to own, rather than a thing of beauty that I had allowed all of my neighbors to use.

I am breaking it all up and selling it. I am logging it. I have already sold two houses and attached land that I own. More will be sold in the near future. All of my rental properties will see dramatic increases in rent.

So, Clarkson beat those rich landowners. He beat those hard-working business people in town, because they were not paying "their fair share." Who's laughing now, John? Many are going to leave, and we are selling everything we have held in our families for a hundred years or more.

Bethlehem will suffer as a result.

Thanks, John Clarkson, Jeffrey Kuhn, Bill Reinhardt, Julie Sasso, Joann Dawson. You won. Or did you?

Keith Wiggand
Delmar

Sportsmart sale a major success

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

On behalf of Boy Scout Troop 75 in Delmar, we would like to thank the entire Bethlehem community for its support of our annual fundraiser, Sportsmart, which was held for the 42nd time at the Bethlehem High School Cafeteria on Nov. 22. Sportsmart is our annual consignment sale of all sorts of new and used sporting goods. Because of the tremendous support we received from the people of this community who came to Sportsmart and bought goods and those that helped us promote it, the Troop was able raise significant funds for its activities. More importantly, we raised close to \$400 in funds for the Regional Food Bank from your donations.

Troop 75 would also like to thank the following businesses, whose donations of time, equipment, food

and support once again help make Sportsmart a resounding success: TACS Auto; Glenmont Self Storage, Elk Sign Express and National Bank of Coxsackie. We also thank the wonderful assistance we receive from the administrative and custodial staff at Bethlehem High School. Further, we thank our Charter sponsor, the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

If you interested in learning more about Sportsmart, please visit our Facebook page by typing in "Sportsmart - Boy Scout Troop 75" (please "Like" our page) or by going to our website at www.delmartroop75.org and click the "Sportsmart" link.

Peter Lauricella

Rick Thompson

Sportsmart Co-Chairs,
Troop 75

From page 1 ...

Local crews help dig out city

equipment. This included departments from North Bethlehem, Elsmere, Delmar, Guilderland Center and Coeymans, among others. Firefighters from Slingerlands Fire Department also responded, but under other capacities.

Some areas of the Buffalo region saw up to 8 feet of snow after a lake-effect storm struck. The roofs of some homes and businesses collapsed under the weight of all that snow, and there was a fear that flooding could occur as temperatures rose later that week.

After responding to Buffalo, firefighters were stationed at fire departments throughout the region in order to provide a break for those who worked there.

"What happens is the local fire department gets overwhelmed," said Asprion. "That's where we come in to pick up the pieces. We help keep

them safe and alive."

Selkirk's team of seven men was stationed at Big Tree Fire Department near Hamburg, the heart of the storm. They stayed for 72 hours before another crew was brought in.

Mostly the crew responded to help pump out basements as temperatures rose.

According to the Selkirk fire chief, the snow was very deep but melted quickly. Sometimes the crew was called to check on carbon monoxide levels or for a gas main break. At one point, the unit had to rescue a man off the roof of a Home Depot who had injured his leg while dealing with the snow.

During down times, the Selkirk crew cleaned the fire station and its equipment. Asprion said they wanted to make sure the local firefighters were in good shape when they returned to their station,

"For us, it was amazing to see that much snow. I had never seen anything like in that short amount of time. You'd be driving along fine, and then all of a sudden be in 7 feet of snow."

— Delmar Fire Chief
Dan Ryan

and they seemed very grateful.

Delmar Fire Chief Dan Ryan said his department also sent seven firefighters and some equipment. They worked at a total of three stations while there and also responded to pump out basements and deal with downed wires.

"For us, it was amazing to see that much snow," said Ryan. "I had never seen anything like in that short amount of time. You'd be driving along fine, and then all of a sudden be in 7 feet of snow."

Ryan said members of his department responded

in order to help.

"Hopefully if we ever have the same situation, there is the same amount of people that would help us," he said.

The Elsmere Fire Department sent six firefighters and an engine. They first reported to a station in Hamburg, before splitting up to Lakeside Fire Department where they helped assist with sandbags and pumping. Sometimes they were called to car accidents.

"It's really a sacrifice on everyone's part, including the families," said Elsmere Fire Chief Jim Reagan, who was unable to respond with members of his department. "I know they were well taken care of... but they're glad to be back. Just a little tired."

Asprion said the experience was bittersweet.

"It was overwhelming, the amount of initial snowfall," said Asprion. "Some of the people, what they went through, you could see the fear on their faces. But everyone was very thankful we were there and appreciative."

From page 2 ...

Poll highlights holiday habits

much as they possible, but the more income someone has, the more likely they will purchase less practical gifts.

"Perhaps as part of the new economic normal, by 2-to-1, New Yorkers say that, as much as they can, they will buy practical gifts more than splurging on impractical items. While we won't be wrapping up coal, it is more likely we'll see needs, rather than wants, under the tree," Levy said in a statement.

Compared to last year, a similar percentage of people are planning to spend about the same amount on gifts (59 percent) and for about the same about of people (63 percent). There are 31 percent planning to spend up to \$299 on gifts, with a similar total looking to spend from \$300 to \$599 at 33 percent. On the opposite end, 23 percent are planning to spend more than \$1,000.

Despite a somewhat frugal approach to gift giving for many residents, the vast majority, at 75 percent, are planning to donate money, food or gifts to charitable organizations.

"The warmth of New Yorkers is evident in this survey as even in the face of a sluggish economy, across every demographic group, overwhelming majorities plan to give to help others enjoy this season," Levy said in a statement.

The amount drops off however with those looking to donate their time falling at 36 percent.

The poll has a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percentage points. Approximately 39 percent of the sample is from Upstate, 43 percent are New York City, and 21 percent is from "suburbs."

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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The little things can get you

Tis the season for carefully examining the toys we buy for our children.

On Nov. 17, Clean and Healthy New York and the New York League of Conservation Voters released a list of nearly two dozen toys that allegedly contained unsafe levels of chemicals or metals currently stocked in stores.

Clean and Healthy New York's list contained items that, on the surface, seem innocuous – key chains, charms, beads, hair clips, a luggage tag and jewelry. However, when the organization tested these items, they found chemicals such as arsenic, cobalt, mercury or lead. And yet, these items were found in stores such as Target, Party City and Ocean State Job Lots.

Naturally, we are very concerned about this because we thought in this day and age, it was understood by manufacturers that they shouldn't use any toxic materials to make things for children. Then again, many of the items on Clean and Healthy New York's list are made in China, which has different manufacturing standards than the United States. So unless China adopts the same standards as the U.S., we will continue to see these tainted items reach our store shelves.

It's not as if the companies selling these goods on our shores care about what goes into them. Until Clean and Healthy New York's study came out, consumers were probably none the wiser about what went into the hair

clips they bought their young daughters or the key chains they gave to their young sons. They just saw them as interesting trinkets that their kids wanted. And as long as the companies made a profit on each sale, they weren't going to demand a change in how the items were made.

At least, something may be done locally. Albany County has proposed a law that would fine stores for selling tainted items, but it has yet to pass it. If approved, the county would fine any store selling such items \$500 for the first offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense. It's unlikely to be a deterrent for major stores such as Target and Party City, but it's at least a step in the direction of holding store owners accountable for the

goods they sell. Unfortunately, it does nothing to hold the manufacturers accountable.

So, be aware of what you're buying your children for the holidays. Use Clean and Healthy New York's list as a guide to steer clear of items that contain hazardous material, and let's hope for the day when we won't need this list.

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 ...



Andre Rodrigue

**Bethlehem Central
High School hockey coach**

• *Hometown: Albany*

What kind of music do you listen to?

I listen to all kinds of music, but to be honest with you, I am a huge Phish fan. I've gone to 82 of their shows.

What are you watching on TV?

I watch "Homeland," "Boardwalk Empire" ... a lot of that kind of stuff. I also watch a lot of what my wife watches. She's into reality TV.

What was the last book you read?

I'm not much of a reader. Probably the last book I read was a FDR (President Franklin Roosevelt) biography. I'm into history.

What type of movies do you like?

I love "Lord of the Rings," "Harry Potter" and "The Hunger Games" – that sort of

stuff. And comedies ... obviously, I love comedies.

What famous person, dead or alive, would you want to meet?

Trey Anastasio of Phish.

What are your hobbies?

I golf in the summer. I love fishing – especially bass fishing. I also have two little kids, and I love playing with them.

What would your last meal be?

I love Mexican food. I could eat that every day.

What is your favorite local memory?

Sportswise, it would probably be making the Sectional finals against Queensbury or beating Shen for the first time in school history.

What three things would you need on a deserted island?

A fishing pole, an iPad and a beach towel.

If you could coach any NHL team, which one would it be and why?

The Montreal Canadiens. That's where my family is from. I grew up a Canadiens fan.

What is something about you that people would find surprising?

I'm a first degree black belt in taekwondo.

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Voices carry

The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys will perform Handel's 'Messiah.'

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Back in court

A retrial in Rensselaer County Courthouse on Dec. 7 aims to solve a centuries-old controversy over who really wrote one of the most beloved holiday poems in the world: "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Real court officers, a court clerk and a court stenographer will give mock trial goers an authentic experience. For more information, contact Duncan Crary at (518) 274-2723.

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Check out our expanded calendar of events at www.spotlightnews.com/events.

HOLIDAYS

Decking historic halls

Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany is hosting holiday events for all ages through the month of December

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

halliseym@spotlightnews.com

ALBANY — You better watch out. Better not pout. Sinterklaas is coming to town.

Yes. Sinterklass.

You may be less familiar with the Dutch figure whose characteristic red suit and white beard was adopted into the iconic Christmas figure of Santa Claus. But, a visit to Ten

Broeck Mansion in Albany will acquaint you with this charismatic man of the holiday season.

"Dutch Sinterklass," said Jillian Alterburg, executive director of the Ten Broeck Mansion. "He charms all the ladies."

The historic mansion, as in years past, is

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The Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany gets dressed in its holiday best for a full slate of events this month.



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House has a storied history

hosting a bevy of events this holiday season. And, even when there isn't a gala, concert or tea party, there is a Holiday Shop open each weekday on the second floor. The monthlong activity leads to quite the bustle at the 200-year old home.

"This is the busiest time of year," said Alterburg.

Preview the mansion's gracious rooms and halls as they are beautifully

decorated for the holidays by community volunteers. A light champagne reception, a silent auction, holiday gift shop and a visit from Sinterklaas are all promised for the evening Champagne Preview Party on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Pre-paid reservations of \$70 per person are required.

The holiday season gets a proper kick-off with Ten Broeck Mansion's Open

House. The day is known as Saint Nicholas Day in Belgium, Luxembourg, and neighboring regions of Northern Europe. Stroll through the mansion and ask questions of volunteers. Let the children enjoy holiday crafts and visit Sinterklaas from noon to 2 p.m. The open house lasts until 3 p.m. Price of admission for adults is \$5, and \$1 for children under 12 on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Rabbi Don Cashman, spiritual leader of the B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation, leads a



The Ten Broeck Mansion, which was built in 1797, has been maintained by the Albany County Historical Association as a local museum since 1948.

Submitted

Bring your children to hear stories read by the jolly man, play parlor games, crafts, decorate cookies and enjoy simple holiday refreshments. Admission is free.

The list of holiday events is capped off with the Holiday Madrigals, Coffee and Desserts on Saturday, Dec. 20. Afternoon coffee and desserts are served from 1:30-4 p.m. as holiday songs are performed by the full ensemble of the Helderberg Madrigal Singers.

Reservations are suggested, and admission of \$25 a person will be charged.

The Ten Broeck Mansion was built in 1797 by Elizabeth Ten Broeck for her husband, Abraham Ten Broeck, on land leased from her brother, the patroon Stephen Van Rensselaer. Years later, the home was purchased by prominent Albany business man, Thomas Worth Olcott and renamed Arbor Hill, to which the surrounding neighborhood still bears the name. The house was purchased from the Olcott family in 1948 by the Albany County Historical Association, which has maintained it as a local museum.

The Albany County Historical Association's HOLIDAY HOUSE 2014 AT TEN BROECK MANSION "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"



**The Holiday Shop Opens -
Friday, November 28 • 12 - 3:00 pm:**
Gift Certificates to the shop are available for purchase as well.

**Open House -
Saturday, December 6 • Noon - 3:00 pm:**
Begin the Albany holiday season with a visit to Holiday House at Ten Broeck Mansion's Open House.
- \$5 per adult • \$1 for children under 12

**Lecture, "Hanukkah" -
Thursday, December 11 • 1:00 pm:**
Rabbi Cashman will discuss the history and traditions of Hanukkah
- Admission is free, reservations not required.

**Musicians of Ma'alwyck -
Friday, December 12 • 7:00 pm:**
"A Sprig of Mistletoe, A Garland of Ivy." Enjoy refreshments while listening to this talented duo play a variety of Christmas tunes of different nationalities and early music.
- \$25 per person • Reservations encouraged.

**Holiday Tea at Ten Broeck Mansion -
Saturday, December 13 • 1:00 - 4:30 pm:**
Enjoy a festive Holiday Tea served in the formal dining room.
Seatings are from 1:00-2:30 pm and 3:00-4:30 pm
- \$25 per person, \$20 ACHA member price
Pre-Paid Reservations required.

**Children's Story Hour -
Saturday, December 20 • 10:30 am - Noon:**
Bring your children to hear Holiday stories read by Sinterklaas, play parlour games, crafts, decorate cookies and enjoy simple holiday refreshments. (Recommended ages 3 to 10), Free Admission.

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Hanukkah lecture on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. to discuss the history and traditions of Jewish holiday. Admission is free, and reservations are not required.

The mansion continues to recognize different cultures and nationalities with the Musicians of Ma'alwyck on Friday, Dec. 12. The date marks the first visit for the talented duo, as they play a variety of Christmas tunes of different nationalities and early period music. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. Reservations are encouraged at a price of \$25 a person.

Holiday Tea is to be served in the formal dining

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MUSIC

Timeless voices

Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys to perform Handel's 'Messiah'

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — An exhibition of nearly 350 years of musical experience will take place at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys will perform George Frederic Handel's "Messiah" with the support of a baroque instrument orchestra.

Under the direction of Cathedral Director of Music Woodrow Bynum, this performance of Messiah will feature guest soloists, soprano Ava Pine, alto Emily Marvosh, tenor Jack Swanson, and baritone Sumner Thompson.

Violinist Aysslinn Nosky, of the noted chamber ensemble "Tafelmusik" and concert master of Boston's Handel & Haydn Society, will serve as concert master of the period instrument orchestra.

This marks the fifth year of the renowned choir's performance of Messiah at the South Swan Street cathedral, and Bynum said the surroundings provide concert-goers with a "feast for the eyes, as well as the ears."

The Albany performers hold the distinction

of being the longest, continuously singing choir in the United States. Established in 1872 by Bishop William Croswell Doane, it predates the erection of the cathedral itself by 16 years. Doane had dreamt of a grand cathedral to mirror those found in England, and Bynum said, he wanted to have a choir prepared once it was completed.

In association with Boston's Handel & Haydn Society, who recently celebrated their 200th anniversary, the concert promises an authentic sound that remains true to the 1700s. Replicating that sound, said Bynum, involves attention to detail.

"The Messiah is similar to performances that commonly happen this time of year," said Bynum. "And, you can do a marvelous job by using modern instruments."

"Perfect attendance is more the norm than the exception."

— Cathedral Director of Music
Woodrow Bynum

There was a collective movement in the 1960s to perform baroque pieces with instruments that have not changed. For example, harpsichords – a cousin of the modern piano – are characteristic to such period orchestras. And, though music enthusiasts will easily recognize stringed instruments such as violins and cellos, the difference lies in the strings. "The violins use gut stings instead of steel," he said, providing a "softer" sound opposed to modern strings.

"And it matches beautifully with the boys' voices," said Bynum.

In addition to its annual Messiah performance, the



The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys will perform George Frederic Handel's "Messiah" with the support of a baroque instrument orchestra at The Cathedral of All Saints in Albany on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Submitted

choir sings choral services in the Cathedral during the academic term. The choir has performed with the Albany Symphony, with the Boston Symphony at the Tanglewood Music Festival, and has undertaken several tours to England

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

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THEATER

The Secret Garden
Tony Award-winning musical adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett’s book. Presented by Capital Repertory Theatre. Through Dec. 21. 111 North Pearl St., Albany. Shows: Tuesdays through Sundays. Tickets: \$20-\$65. Information: 445-SHOW or www.capitalrep.org.

The Game’s Afoot (or Holmes for the Holidays)
Ken Ludwig’s comedy about a house party that goes murderously wrong. Presented by Schenectady Civic Players. Dec. 5-7 and 10-14, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$17. Information: 346-6204 or www.civicplayers.org.

Shrek: The Musical
Stage adaptation of successful animated movie series. Presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company. Dec. 5-7 and 11-14, SLOC Theater, 427 Franklin St., Schenectady. Shows: Thursday through Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. Information: (877) 350-7378 or www.sloctheater.org.



Have yourself a jazzy Christmas

The Peanut Gallery Jazz Band tackles the music of Vince Guaraldi — the man who created the world famous “Peanuts” TV show theme song — in a show titled “It’s a Jazzy Christmas” Dec. 5, at 6 p.m., at the Kathleen McManus Picotte Recital Hall, Massry Center for the Arts, at the College of Saint Rose.

Submitted photo

Hollywood Confidential
V. Cate and Duke Ernsberger’s play about a washed-up actor trying to help a tempermental actress and getting into a scandalous

situation. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre. Dec. 5-21, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

A Christmas Carol
A fresh take on Charles Dickens’ classic story. Presented by the Theatre Institute at Sage. Dec. 3-7 and 10-14, Schacht Fine Arts Building, Russell Sage campus, Troy. Information: 244-4505 or sage.edu/theatre/season.

MUSIC

Kitka
Acclaimed American women’s vocal group. Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$15-\$25. Information: 273-0038 or www.troymusichall.org.

Winter Songwriters Round Tour
Featuring Hannah Holbrook, Ayo Awosika and The Arrow & The Bow. Dec. 4, Club Helsinki Hudson, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or helsinkihudson.com.

“It’s a Jazzy Christmas”
The music of Vince Guaraldi as performed by The Peanut Gallery Jazz Band. Dec. 5, 6 p.m. Kathleen McManus Picotte Recital Hall, Massry Center for the Arts, The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Tickets: general admission \$20, students \$10, children under 5 free. Information: Sal Prizio, 337-4871 or www.massrycenter.org.

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

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6 Soap ingredient
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9 Fuse
10 Draw
11 Tennis bad boy
12 Tilly and Ryan
13 Love god
18 Fourth-down option
22 Compares
24 All right, to Glenn
25 Night lights
26 Credo
27 Former pupa
28 Journalist Nellie
29 Common word

- 30 Seeps
31 Lurches
32 Lengthy theme
34 Come forth
37 Apply before feath-ers
38 Rosebay
39 Uncle or Spade
41 Curly’s tormentor
44 Beat
45 Make agree, briefly
46 Ship hold
48 Intended
49 Corporations’ VIPs
50 Astringent
51 Ruin
52 Peruvian, once
53 Dove’s place
54 Lifesaver
55 Light tan
56 Card game
59 Bill

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ARTS CALENDAR (cont.)



HOT DATE

Shrek: The Musical

Watch as the popular animated movie comes to life on stage with Schenectady Light Opera Company's production of the Broadway musical. Dec. 5-7 and 11-14, SLOC Theater, 427 Franklin St., Schenectady. Show times: 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Information: (877) 350-7378, www.sloctheater.org.

Pharmakon

Industrial electronics artist. Dec. 5, 8 p.m., EMPAC, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 110 Eighth St., Troy. Information: 276-3921 or empac.rpi.edu.

Solas

Irish-American Celtic band. Dec. 5, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$24. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Sacred Shakers

Eilen Jewell's gospel-honkytonk band, with Zoe Muth's Lost High Rollers. Dec. 5, 9 p.m., Club Helsinki Hudson, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or helsinkihudson.com.

Thursday Musical Club

Annual holiday concert featuring guest artists The Thursday Belles handbell choir and flautists Jean Hayes and

Natalie Posner. Dec. 6, 2:30 p.m. First Reformed Church, 8 North Church St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$15, students and seniors \$12.

"The Other Side of Visible"

Theatrical concert based on Hand Christian Anderson's "The Little Match Girl" and featuring the music of Simple Souls. Dec. 6, 7 p.m., Hart-Cluett House, 57 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$15-\$25. Information: 272-7232, ext. 13 or www.rchsonline.org/greens-show-2014.

Slambovian Circus of Dreams

Celebrating the release of its new CD, "A Box of Everything." Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m., Eighth Step at Proctors (GE Theatre), 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: advance \$26, day of show \$28, Gold Circle \$35. Tickets and information: 346-6204, 434-1703 or 8thstep.org

Whitney Wolanin

Performing holiday show to support the Siena College Scholarship Fund. Dec. 6, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$17-\$57. Information: 273-0038 or www.troymusichall.org.

Handel's "Messiah"

Annual performance of classic oratorio

featuring the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys and guest soloists Ava Pine, Emily Marvosh, Jack Swanson and Sumner Thompson. A period instrument orchestra led by violinist Ayslinn Nosky will accompany the performance. Dec. 9, 7 p.m., Cathedral of All Saints, 62 South Swan St., Albany. Tickets: \$10-\$40. Information: 800-838-3006 or www.brownpapertickets.com.

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FILM

1971: The Film

Documentary about a

break-in at an FBI office that exposed a secret government program of spying, followed by a commentary by the film's editor, Gabriel Rhodes, and journalist Betty Medsger. Dec. 5, 7 p.m., Page Hall, University at Albany downtown campus, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

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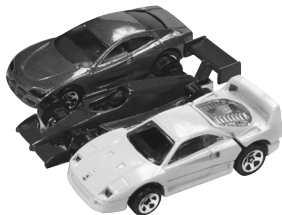
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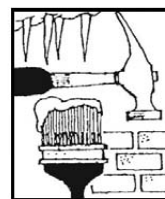
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FUNDRAISING

Station in life

WMHT seeks listener support in exchange for classical programming that uses new and traditional media to reach the masses

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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CAPITAL DISTRICT
— Listeners of WMHT-FM are familiar with the requests for donations heard throughout the year, but next week marks the station's annual blitz to seek essential funding.

WMHT-FM's Winter Fundraising Campaign will

take place from Friday, Dec. 5, to Friday, Dec. 12, and the station is targeting \$100,000 as the goal.

In just one week.

It's a goal WMHT Executive Vice President Scott Sauer is confident they can achieve, thanks to the loyalty listeners have shown before.

"During this past year,

the WMHT audience has accomplished more than at any time in our history," said Sauer. "Listener contributions made it possible to deliver more music to more listeners in more ways than ever before."

Sauer said contributions have enabled the station to broadcast programming by means outside of traditional radio. Now, listeners can enjoy broadcasts through digital radio, streamed media on personal computers and through smart phone applications. The new tools spread the avenues for which patrons can enjoy local broadcasts, but it also provides the non-for-profit radio station a fighting chance against other means of entertainment — computers, satellite radio, phone app games — that

compete for listener's attention.

"After 42-years of providing our region with daily access to Mozart, Bach, Copland, Beethoven and all of the great masters, there is always concern that listeners will take the service for granted," said Sauer. "That is not something that can happen, as listeners provide the majority of WMHT's support. The WMHT-FM Winter Fundraising Campaign will provide a direct opportunity for listeners to make the music accessible to everyone in our community."

Funding has also allowed programs featured through podcasts, and has sponsored live performances. In turn, up to 100 of such live concerts, recorded in the Capital District, were broadcast on WMHT-FM, said Sauer.

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Bynum has directed the choir for nearly nine years, constantly recruiting for performers and battling against "Mother Nature" as the boys' voices change as they grow into adulthood. He started with nine trebles, and had the singing corps as high as 16 recently. It provides him with a sense of accomplishment but, he

said, the credit goes to the boys and their parents.

"Perfect attendance is more the norm than the exception," said Bynum.

Every treble practices twice a week. A weekly dinner is shared among them as they practice on through the evening.

"If we didn't have the choir parents, we would be in a big, big mess," Bynum said.

Outside of their performances, Bynum can also measure the boys' level of commitment by how they occupy their time.

"When you consider the number of video

games they are not playing," he laughed.

Bynum also said there is a bond established between the choir and the performers. As the years slip by, the past has a way of returning. He recalled a visit from an alumnus who told him the choir was his second home. Another treble, his voice recently felled to Mother Nature, represented a legacy starting with his grandfather's performance with the choir in the 1930s.

The 1930s, Bynum said, was the zenith of tremendous popularity for the choir. Then-Director James William Jones mastered a corps of 40 trebles whose popularity stretched throughout the East Coast.

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Bynum said that anyone is interested in performing in the choir can contact him at The Cathedral of All Saints at 465-1342, or by visiting thecathedralofallsaints.org.

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The tools in which WMHT-FM has invested in has provided results. Sauer said last spring WMHT-FM had more classical music listeners per capita than any public radio station in the entire country.

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