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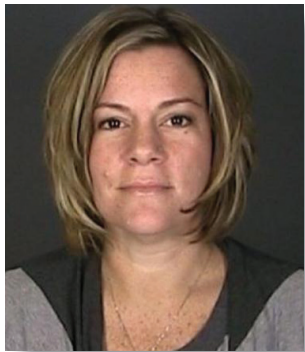
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Bethlehem looking at ways to curb overtime spending, especially with police.

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TOP STORY



Bethlehem Chabad Rabbi Nachbar Simon speaks at the 2013 Hanukkah menorah lighting ceremony at the Four Corners.

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Light the way

Bethlehem Chabad's Hanukkah celebration grows



Mendel Simon, son of Rabbi Zalman Simon, plays with a dreidel.

Submitted

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — This year, Bethlehem Chabad will put a new take on the Festival of Lights with a Glow in the Dark Hanukkah Extravaganza.

Since 2008, the group has hosted one of the largest Hanukkah events in the Capital District by gathering to light the giant Menorah at Bethlehem's Four Corners. The celebration eventually grew to include more activities for children, such as Hanukkah Wonderland held at Town Hall.

Rabbi Zalman Simon said the activities at this year's event will better reflect the true meaning of Hanukkah.

"Every year, we hold our annual Hanukkah celebration, and the message is to spread light," said Simon, who organized the

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ENTERTAINMENT



Princesses and heroes

Disney On Ice's latest production features characters from some of its best-known movies.

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Rough night at Shen

The Bethlehem boys basketball team made only 14 shots from the field in a 61-35 Suburban Council loss to Shenendehowa Dec. 12.

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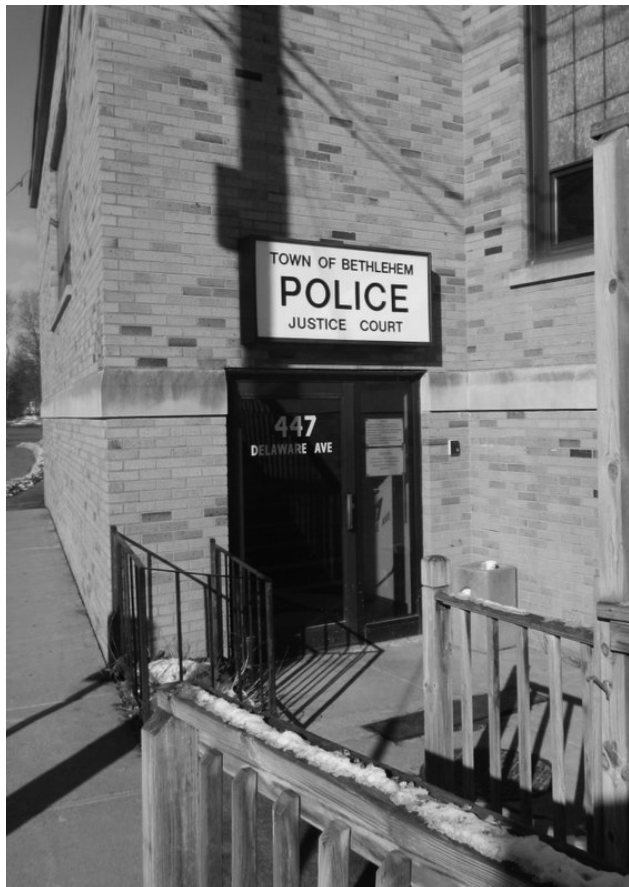
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■ BETHLEHEM

Town seeks to reduce overtime



Police force biggest offender; unions unhappy with sick leave policy change

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — Changes are being made in management policies at the police department in an effort to curb overtime spending.

Town Supervisor John Clarkson said the changes were being instituted after a consultant hired by the town released several reports to better understand how to rein in overtime use. The reports showed overtime was far greater in the police department, but highway and water department numbers were also high. The town spent about \$1.4 million on overtime last year.

“This is not about the police officers, but improving management. The Town Board has been talking about, scrutinized and been concerned about overtime for more than a decade,” said Clarkson, adding that changes were being made throughout the town.

Consultant’s report

Last year, the police department — which currently has 37 officers — went over its overtime budget by \$227,528. Dispatch came in second, overspending by \$31,275, and highway followed with \$19,734.

According to the consultant’s report released on the police department, 8,115.5 hours of overtime was used in 2013, resulting in payment of \$443,487 to officers and sergeants. This equaled about \$10,000 per week in overtime payments. The report noted the highest amount was paid to one patrol officer, who earned in excess of \$40,000 last year, and “three sergeants were in the top five highest overtime earners.”

To address the issue, the 2015 work schedule for patrol officers has been reconfigured, and a headquarters sergeant is being shifted to the patrol unit.

“The new schedule both improves coverage and reduces overtime, because the higher need and weekend peak hours have more officers scheduled for duty. This means that when time off is given, it will be much less likely to require overtime

to fulfill minimum staffing goals,” said Clarkson.

Sick time has also led to excess overtime. The police do not have a set number of sick days, but have unlimited time, which is contractual. According to the report, the average officer used 169.5 sick hours last year, which equals 21.2 days per officer. Each time someone calls in sick, the officer who covers the shift is paid overtime.

Clarkson said after subtracting for those injured in the line of duty and those on disability, the number drops down to 14.3 days.

“Even so, that’s still very concerning. Our goal is to get it down to about 10 days per year or less to address the problem,” he said.

The new policies also change the rules for time off and sick leave. Officers will now be required to put in for time off sooner, except in emergency situations, and a medical note will be required for those who are out sick for two or more days.

“Bethlehem has an unlimited sick leave policy for sworn officers, like many other police departments, because police work is hazardous and

Town Supervisor John Clarkson wants to trim overtime costs, starting with the police department.

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■ COPS, COURTS and EMERGENCY CALLS

Teen flees police in stolen car; crashes

A Clifton Park teenager allegedly fled from police in a stolen vehicle, which was reported to be stolen from their father's business.

Bethlehem police on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 8, observed a sedan traveling eastbound on Kenwood Avenue with no front license plate and no registration or inspection sticker on its front windshield. The driver also was allegedly talking on a cell phone without a hands free device.

Police initiated the patrol vehicle's lights, but the operator did not initially pull over and passed a car that had pulled over to the right. After the patrol car's siren was activated the driver pulled over and stopped. As police began to exit their vehicle, the stopped driver allegedly sped away and turned onto Oakwood Road.

The driver, later identified as Brian Elias Monroe, was reportedly

paced traveling 48 mph over the speed limit on Oakwood Road, according to police. Monroe, 17, allegedly moved in and out of his lane unsafely and drove westbound in the eastbound for about a quarter of a mile.

When Monroe attempted to turn left onto Bender Lane, police said he ended up driving straight across Bender Lane and crashed into the woods on the opposite side of the road. Police ordered him out of the vehicle and he complied without further incident.

Monroe, of 425 Moe Road in Clifton Park, was found to be driving with a Learner's Permit.

Police said the vehicle Monroe was driving, a tan 1992 Mercedes Benz, was reported as a stolen vehicle out of the City of Albany.

The rear license plate was also registered to a 2013 Toyota Rav4, according to police.

Monroe was arrested

and charged with criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree, a felony, criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree, fleeing police in a motor vehicle in the third degree and 17 separate traffic infractions.

The owner of the vehicle was contacted, who said it was stolen from his car dealership. As police spoke with the owner, it was revealed he was Monroe's father.

Police contacted the person who owned the vehicle registered to the rear license plate attached to the Mercedes Benz. The victim said they had noticed their license plate was missing, but "did not think much of it," according to police. The victim allegedly did not give anyone person to take or use her license plate.

Monroe was arraigned and released under the supervision of probation

to his parents and was scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Underage drinking initiative finds compliance

State Police recently conducted an underage drinking initiative in Albany County checking local bars and retailers for compliance with state underage drinking laws. Police checked 25 on- and off-premise alcohol sale locations countywide and all were found in compliance.

State Police congratulated and thanked those businesses for supporting the reduction of underage drinking in our state.

Other arrests:

• Bethlehem police

arrested Henry Leonard Hicks, 58, of 4 Zuni St. in Albany, at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18, and charged burglary in the second degree hate crime, conspiracy in the fourth degree hate crime and petit larceny hate crime, all felonies. The Albany County Sheriff's Office brought Hicks to Bethlehem police for an arrest warrant on the charges. Hicks was remanded to Albany County jail without bail due to prior felony convictions. He was scheduled to return to Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

• Bethlehem police arrested Pasquale Paul Marotta, 44, of 41 New Road in East Greenbush, around 4:10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, and charged him with DWI, moving from lane unsafely and no signal. State Police Capt. Joseph

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State Police kick off holiday 'Drive Sober' campaign

State Police is participating again in the national "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, which started on Friday and continues through New Year's Day. The holiday campaign increases drunk driving enforcement.


Additional troopers will be patrolling major highways and sobriety checkpoints will be conducted. Unmarked State Police patrol vehicles are also on highways. Police are also watching for distracted drivers, people who are not properly buckled and "Move Over Law" violations.

To keep roads safe, State Police and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration offer the following tips:

- Plan a safe way home before celebrating
- Designate a sober driver before drinking
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation
- Use a sober ride program if available
- Report any suspected drunk drivers on the road to police
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■ GUILDERLAND

McClaine resigns from teaching post

Guilderland teacher convicted of felony reaches agreement with school district

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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GUILDERLAND — Former middle school math teacher Brenda McClaine has resigned from the school district following her felony conviction for stealing from the Guilderland Teachers' Association.

The Guilderland Board of Education unanimously approved McClaine's resignation agreement during a special meeting on the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 10. McClaine's resignation was effective Nov. 21. She was previously convicted of stealing more than \$100,000 from the teachers' union.

"I think it was the best

possible resolution for all parties," Guilderland Superintendent of Schools Marie Wiles said Friday, Dec. 12.

Under the agreement, the school district will continue providing McClaine health insurance until June 30, 2015. If McClaine is enrolled in a family plan, it's roughly an \$18,000 benefit annually with the district covering 80 percent of that expense.

Wiles said providing McClaine health insurance for the rest of this school year would be less expensive than continuing the termination proceedings against her. A hearing officer could have instead made a binding decision in opposition to the district's charges

against her.

"You are rolling the dice a little bit there, with the judgment of a hearing officer," said Wiles.

The district also agreed to continue letting her children attend elementary school tuition free for this school year. Her family moved outside of the district over the summer, according to Wiles.

"It seems to be the right thing to do, not to make children pay the price," said Wiles.

District employees are allowed to have their children attend the district without facing typical out-of-district tuition fees and residency policies. The district isn't required to keep the children enrolled, who are in fifth-grade, but Wiles said the district intends to let them stay enrolled.

Spotlight News filed a Freedom of Information Law request to obtain the resignation agreement.



Brenda McClaine

McClaine had served as treasurer of the Guilderland Teachers' Association during the 2012-13 school year. Between Aug. 13, 2012, and Oct. 28, 2013, she pilfered approximately \$100,382.50 from the union. Authorities said McClaine forged the union president's name on checks and collected dues from members that were illegally deposited into her personal bank account.

The Guilderland Teachers' Association is the district's largest bargaining group and covers around 450 staff members, which includes teachers, social workers, school counselors, psychologists, nurses and other staff members.

On Nov. 14, McClaine was sentenced to serve six months in the Albany County Correctional Facility, followed by five years of felony probation. McClaine repaid the union funds she stole before

pleading guilty to grand larceny in the third degree on Sept. 9.

Wiles had filed disciplinary charges against McClaine, which led the school board on Sept. 23 to start the hearing process required by state Education Law for tenured teachers to be terminated.

Judge Stephen Herrick is allowing McClaine to serve her six-month sentence through reporting to the county jail on weekends. She would arrive to the jail each Friday evening and then be released on Sunday evening. This does not reduce McClaine's sentence, but allows it to be served over a longer time frame.

McClaine joined the school district in 1999 as a combined eighth-grade math and science teacher. She received tenure in 2002, teaching math for several years at Farnsworth Middle School. Most recently, she worked with

approximately 70 students in grades 6, 7, and 8 in an Academic Intervention Services classroom setting.

Shortly after police released evidence, she was reassigned to the district office. She was then placed on paid administrative leave following her arrest. Wiles said she eventually returned to working in the district office before her resignation.

A certified math teacher had been covering McClaine's classroom duties. The school board was scheduled to vote on making the replacement teacher a probationary employee at its meeting Tuesday, Dec. 16.

"We had gone through a complete and thorough hiring process for that position," said Wiles.

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■ COMMUNITY

Vacation time is coming up

The library will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 24 and 25, for the Christmas holiday.

School vacation activities for kids

Regular storytimes will take a break from Dec. 23 through Jan. 7. Join Kathy Domery for a special Noon Years Eve storytime on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 11:30 a.m. to ring in the New Year with your little one. There will be crafts, stories and treats.

School age kids will find lots of boredom busters at the library over vacation. Kids can get creative on Friday, Dec. 26, at 3 p.m. making a felt snowman pin. Catch the new release of "Dolphin Tale 2" at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 29. Lego Construction Zone returns on Friday, Jan. 2, at 10:30 a.m. Free play for all ages with the library's Lego collection.

Come to these programs as they fit into your schedule. No need to register.

Last Tuesday Book Discussion

The Last Tuesday book

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group will be reading "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 7 p.m. This novel is thought to be responsible for fueling the abolitionist movement and laying the groundwork for the Civil War. The book was a best seller in the 1800's, second only to the Bible in sales for that century. It should provoke some interesting discussion. The group is open to the public, and copies of the book are available for check out at the library.

Computer classes

Our weekly computer classes are free and open to the public. Class size is limited, so you will get your questions answered.

Organize & Share Ideas with OneNote or EverNote: Capture ideas anywhere with virtually any web device. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m.

— Carol Melewski

Winter transportation

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.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Cardio Circuit
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

No 1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Thursday, Dec. 18

Scheduled Shopping
Scheduled Legal Appts.
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
No 12:30 p.m.
Mahjongg
No 1 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, Dec. 19

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

Be like Ronald Reagan

The Dixon Family YMCA is located just off the shore of the Rock River that runs through Dixon, Ill., a city not too far west of Chicago. That Y offered lifeguard training, just like the training available at the Bethlehem YMCA.

Some 88 years ago, a 15-year-old boy from Dixon decided to take lifeguard training at the Y, and it helped shape the person he became.

When a lifeguard job opened up at a nearby swimming park on the Rock River, young Ronald Reagan decided to take a lifesaving course at the Dixon YMCA, and he was hired for his very first job. He worked 12 hours a day, seven days a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day and loved every minute of it.

Reagan worked as a lifeguard for seven summers, and over that time he saved 77 lives. He kept track by putting a notch in a log each time he rescued someone from the water. For the man who would become our 40th President, walking into the YMCA that day in 1926, taking that course, getting that job and creating a safer community became a



defining moment in his life.

Starting in January, that same opportunity — to be a lifeguard, not President — can be yours at the Bethlehem YMCA. From Jan. 5 through 8, the Y will be offering American Red Cross Lifeguard Training. The 27-hour class is for people interested in being certified as a lifeguard.

Lifeguard positions can actually be an excellent second job for adults looking to supplement their income, and can even lead to a new full-time career. Guards are trained to effectively scan a body of water and the surrounding area to prevent and respond to emergencies. They are trained in professional rescuer CPR and first aid practices, and how to anticipate potential problems before they arise.

The class is open to 20 people. So if you are interested in lifeguard training and opening the door to new opportunities for employment as a lifeguard, please stop by



Santa Claus was the special guest at the Capital District YMCA Circle of Champs program's annual holiday party last weekend at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. The program helps children battling terminal illness and provides support for their parents and siblings. More than 100 people from Bethlehem and Guilderland attended the party.

Submitted photo

the Bethlehem YMCA to sign up, or sign up online at CDYMCA.org (click on locations/Bethlehem/programs/ and aquatic).

The cost for lifeguard training is \$400 for members and \$475 for non-members. There will also be a course on Friday, Jan. 2, from noon to 5 p.m., for American Red Cross lifeguard recertification.

In addition, the Bethlehem YMCA will be offering a swimming instructor training course next month for people

over age 15 who are interested in learning to be a swimming instructor. The course will run from Jan. 5-8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will be required to complete CPR certification before the completion of the course, which will be offered at the YMCA.

So if you are interested, sign up for one of these courses today. It could help you find a summer job, a second job, a new career, or even help you become President.

— Mark Hansen

Community Christmas dinner

The annual Community Christmas Day Dinner will take place on Thursday, Dec. 25, at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Hospitality will begin at 1:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 2 p.m. The turkey and ham dinner is open to all Town residents. There is no charge. A goodwill offering will be taken. Senior transportation will be available. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Town Hall will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. There will be no senior transportation from Dec. 22 through Jan. 2. However, staff will be



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available during the recess to take reservations for senior transportation in 2015.

The Bethlehem Food Pantry at Town Hall is in need of tea, coffee, cleaning products, toothpaste and deodorant. Donations may be dropped off at the Senior Services Office.

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. The Bethlehem Food Pantry offers assistance to those in need and accepts donations of non-perishable food, as well as paper and household products. Come

to the Senior Office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at townofbethlehem.org. You can also make an appointment for counseling on health insurance, housing issues, health and income related programs and heating costs support. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

— Wilma DeLucco

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■ COMMUNITY

Take a musical break from the holidays

Come to the Guilderland Public Library on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m., to enjoy a musical respite from the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

Suburban Sounds, the ever-popular chorale group, will sing seasonal favorites and some selections sure to become new favorites. Their calming, peaceful and entertaining renditions are just the thing to put the joy back into this joyful time.

Giving back to Guilderland

In the spirit of holiday giving, the staff of the Guilderland Public Library took part in the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Angels Program.

The Holiday Angels Program is designed to reach out and help families in need or who have fallen on hard times this holiday season right here in Guilderland.

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Gingerbread Friends storytime

Kids and their folks are invited to join us for a special holiday Gingerbread Friends storytime at GPL on Monday, Dec. 22, at 10:30 a.m.

You'll hear wonderful gingerbread stories and music, do some fun movement and make your own gingerbread friend to take home with you.

Please give to the Foundation's Winter Giving Tree

When you contribute to the Foundation's Winter Giving Tree, you're helping underwrite many special library programs and services that are not funded by taxpayer dollars.

So next time you visit GPL and you see the Giving Tree in the Lobby, think of all the events — for kids, teens and adults — you've enjoyed. Thank you for your generosity.

This year, you're, in effect, giving double. An anonymous donor will match your contributions, dollar for dollar.

Parents: Looking for a special gift for your child's teachers? Give them a Star on the Giving Tree. We'll send an acknowledgement to you and the teacher.

Holiday Hours

GPL will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24, and Thursday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday. It will reopen at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26. Your virtual hometown Library is always open at www.guilpl.org.



The Guilderland Public Library's Holiday Angels — from left, Kim, Laurie, Tim and Heather — stand behind the gifts library staff members donated to the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce's annual program.

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About the Library

The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Visit the library's website

at www.guilpl.org to get information on these and other upcoming programs, and to register online via the homepage's "Events & Registration Calendar." Check out

the "unofficial" library updates at [facebook.com/GuilderlandLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/GuilderlandLibrary), and follow the library on Twitter (@GuilderlandLib).

— Mark Curiale

A look back at 2014

3D printers are coming of age, emerging from the world of creative play to answer real-world needs. The library's MakerBot 3D printer is no exception. Bethlehem Public Library's IT department is using it to produce custom-printed Braille library cards for our patrons. They are made of biodegradable plastic and measure 1.5" x 4".

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Holiday hours

A reminder that the library will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 24 and 25, for the Christmas holiday. We'll close at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, and remain closed till 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 2. We're always open online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Winter Sew-cial

Friday, Dec. 26, at 3 p.m. Use the library's sewing machines or hand-sew your choice of winter-related sewing projects. Grade 6-12.

Science of Magic

Sunday, Dec. 28, at 2:30 p.m. The Amazing Mr. Snide performs classic magic. His alter ego, Dr. Heckle, performs the same feats using the tools of modern technology. Physics or phabulous? Space is limited. Families.

Building Challenge: Straw Bridges

Monday, Dec. 29, at 3 p.m. Team up and build a weight-bearing bridge out of drinking straws and tape. How many pennies will your bridge hold? A STEM program for school-age children; call 439-9314 to sign up.

— Louise Grieco

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them on our "donations for pets" table display. For a complete list of acceptable items, go to www.mohawkhumane.org/wishlist.html.

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.

Humane Society donations

This year, the library is collecting donations for the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society. Bring in any pet related item (food, leash, treats, etc.). Place

Teen movie matinee

On Dec. 22, at 2 p.m., you are invited to stop by and watch an aMAZE-ing new video release to start off your vacation. The snacks will be pretty good too. Rated PG-13, teens in grade 7 and up are welcome to drop in.

Lego events

Stop by at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 29 for the Lego Junior Maker Event. Come in to make, tinker, build and explore at the library. Parents and caregivers will join in this creative journey meant to foster creativity and encourage storytelling. Grades K to 2, please register.

At 2 p.m., the tween Lego Club will be exercising their mad building skills and playing Lego games on the Wii. Bring one of your mad creations to show off to the other Lego-maniacs. Grades 3 to 6, please register.

Tuesday morning movie

Drop by the library at 10:15 a.m. on Dec. 30 to watch "How To Train Your Dragon 2." When Hiccup and Toothless discover an ice cave that is home to hundreds of new wild dragons and the mysterious Dragon Rider, the two friends find themselves at the center of a battle to protect the peace. PG (102 m)

Closed for the holidays

The library will be closed on Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas.

— Lynn Kohler

■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Annual winter ice show Saturday

BETHLEHEM — The Albany Figure Skating Club is holding its annual winter ice show Saturday, Dec. 20, at noon, at the Bethlehem Area YMCA, 900 Delaware Ave.

The show features young skaters from across the Capital District in solo and group performances, as well as skaters from the club's basic skills program. The club's synchronized skating teams will also perform.

Admission is \$5 per person, \$3 for seniors and students, and free for children 5 years old and younger. There will also be a bake sale, a basket raffle and a 50/50 drawing, with all proceeds supporting the club's activities and programs.

For more information, call David Felberbaum at (973) 876-1085, or visit www.albanyfsc.org.

Solstice hike at Thacher Park

NEW SCOTLAND — There will be a winter solstice hike Saturday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m., at John Boyd Thacher State Park. Hike through the woods to find views of the Capital District from the Helderberg Escarpment.

For information about the hike and where to meet, call 872-0800.

New BAA art show at Bethlehem Chamber

BETHLEHEM — "Bethlehem Scenes" is the theme of an art exhibition by Bethlehem Art Association members currently on display at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce in Main Square Plaza on Delaware Avenue.

Pictures include one of the oldest houses in Bethlehem, the Delmar Farmers Market, the town clock, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and several more familiar scenes. The show runs through the end of January.

Also on display is a painting by Edwin Becker, one of the town's most famous artists. The painting is this year's prize in the BAA raffle, which benefits the



Assisting an annual tradition

The Junior League of Albany had 20 volunteers helping prepare meals for the annual Equinox Thanksgiving Dinner. Among the volunteers were, clockwise from front left, Maggie Dunham, Stacey Stump, Emily Juda, Gretchen Wilber, Laura Collins and Terry Blymsa.

Submitted photo

organization's scholarships for Bethlehem Central High School students.

For more information, visit www.bethlehemartassociation.com.

Blood drive at St. Stephen's

BETHLEHEM — The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive Wednesday, Dec. 31, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Elsmere Ave.

Everyone who comes to donate blood will receive a long-sleeve Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last. Eligible donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with type O negative, A negative or B negative.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

Introduction to snowshoeing

BETHLEHEM — Five Rivers Environmental Education

Center, 56 Game Farm Road, is offering an introduction to snowshoeing Saturday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m.

There will be an indoor presentation to learn about snowshoes, and how to walk and turn in them. Participants will then head out onto the trails to apply those skills. In the event of insufficient snow, the outdoor portion of the program will be conducted wearing normal shoes. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The program is free, but space is limited. Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 by Wednesday, Dec. 24, to reserve snowshoes and/or to register. The snowshoe rental fee is waived for this program.

At 2 p.m., there will be a guided walk around the Beaver Tree Trail. Participants will search for the beavers' lodge and survey the last of the open water on Beaver Pond. For more information, call 475-0291.

Adopt-A-Wish to help area children

CAPITAL DISTRICT — Make-A-Wish Northeast New

York has launched its annual Adopt-A-Wish campaign to help grant wishes to area children.

Wish stars are available for a \$3 donation at Aviation Mall in Glens Falls, Colonie Center, Crossgates Mall, Rotterdam Square Mall, Wilton Mall, Champlain Center in Plattsburgh, Clifton Park Center and branches of First Niagara Bank. Stars are also available at many local schools and businesses, and they can be ordered by calling 782-4673 or online at www.neny.wish.org. Mobile donations of \$19 can be made by texting "DONATE" to 80088.

Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. The Northeast New York branch serves 15 counties and grants approximately 100 wishes per year. For more information, visit www.neny.wish.org.

Take the Farmers Market survey

CAPITAL DISTRICT — Farmers' Market Federation

of New York is asking for farmers and other vendors who participate in farmers markets to fill out a brief, anonymous survey on market benchmarks.

The in-depth survey covers many areas, including the amount of an average sale, marketing strategies and market preparation time.

"The survey [results] will give farmers a standard by which they can measure themselves, in terms such as sales volumes or staffing levels," said Diane Eggert, Executive Director of Farmers' Market Federation of New York.

The standards will also allow market organizers and management to better understand how their farmers and vendors measure market success.

The survey is available online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/FMFNYBenchmarks. The results will be published in the organization's newsletter and website, as well as presented at conferences.

AJCC hosts co-ed volleyball league


ALBANY — The Albany Jewish Community Center is offering a four-week co-ed volleyball league on Tuesday nights beginning Jan. 6.

Early registration is encouraged, since spots will fill up fast. For more information, call 438-6651, ext. 123, or email TomW@albanyjcc.org.

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■ NEW SCOTLAND

Parks study outlines \$1.3M improvements

Town likely to tackle projects in phases; local little league hopes for home field

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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NEW SCOTLAND — Town officials are looking towards a phased approach to more than \$1.5 million of parks improvements outlined in a draft plan.

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, New Scotland Town Board members heard a presentation from consultant Ted Kolankowski of Barton & Loguidice on potential renovations and enhancements to Stephen P. Wallace Swift Road Park and Feura Bush Park. The draft New Scotland Parks Master Plan builds off the town's 2003 Recreation Master Plan Study. Two alternative concept plans for each park are described in the draft plan — a minimal plan and a more aggressive plan.

After hearing the projected \$1.51 million price tag, which could be reduced if some work is done in-house or through volunteers, board members focused on the best approach to complete improvements.

"This is a little outside our budget," said Town Supervisor Tom Dolin.

Kolankowski said a phased approach would probably be the best

approach to construction. Initially, he suggested expanding the parking area at both parks first and then moving on to other projects.

Swift Road Park improvements total around \$1.17 million, if contracted out, which include several targeted areas.

The park's baseball field would have its drainage improved, adding a new dugout and bleachers, replacing the backstop and relocating it closer to home plate, and regrading the outfield. A second softball field is proposed, with parking added near the two fields. Constructing a multi-use field is also proposed.

Other targeted improvements include formalizing the park's cross country trail, relocating the skating rink to a permanent location and replace the maintenance facility with a new open picnic pavilion that has restrooms. A new maintenance facility building would be constructed on a less visible site at the 69-acre park, with more space and amenities.

Feura Bush Park enhancements would build upon active uses at the park and existing features.

A second softball field is proposed, which could double as a field for the little league that does not have a field. Drainage would be improved at the existing softball field, and basketball and tennis courts.

A multi-use field could also be formalized, which is currently used as a soccer field. Perimeter fencing is suggested around this field to redirect ATV users to the established ATV path along the park edges.

The nature trail through the woodland area at Feura Bush Park would be formalized to expand passive recreation opportunities. The park's pavilion area would also receive several improvements and additional recreation options, such as a volleyball court, horseshoe pits and bocce courts.

Dolin said the plan outlines a good start to discussions about park enhancements and what direction the town should head.

"We have to start somewhere, and we are starting big," said Dolin.

James Conway, president of the Voorheesville Baseball Club, altered board members there are no little league fields in the town. The local little league started around three years ago, said Conway, which ended a roughly two-decade absence of an established little league.

To help the club advance, Conway suggested a home field for the teams be included in park improvements. He said the club is interested in a baseball field for older and younger kids.

"I would suggest maybe the town could consider a

possibility of partnership with organizations and private citizens," said Conway. "I know the economy is tough all around, but when there is an interest, I think those partnerships can be beneficial to everybody involved."

Board members

generally appeared receptive to the club's proposal. Town officials are planning to work with the club on hopefully setting up at least a temporary solution to provide a home field before its next season in the spring.

"We really are trying

to find out what the needs are out there," said Dolin. "The town has plenty of land, so we should be able to accommodate this need."

To view a copy of the draft Town of New Scotland Parks Master Plan, visit www.spotlightnews.com.

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■ ALBANY COUNTY

Legislature OKs 'Toxic-free Toys Act'

Albany County bans the sale of children's products with known carcinogens

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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ALBANY COUNTY — Legislators are hoping a new law will protect children from playing with toxic toys, but industry lobbyists say adequate regulations are already in place and lawmakers are overstepping their reach.

The Albany County Legislature on Monday, Dec. 8, voted 34-4 to approve Local Law J, known as the Toxic-Free Toys Act. The new law would ban the sale of children's products containing benzene, lead, mercury, antimony, arsenic, cadmium and cobalt within the county.

Around a dozen

environmental advocates rallied for the law's passage shortly before the legislature's meeting.

"We've seen failed leadership, both at the state and federal level, and this is the appropriate time to pass legislation like this," said Saima Anjam, government affairs associate for Environmental Advocates of New York. "Albany County needs to protect kids. They need to take this first step in order to protect children."

Passage of the bill comes after the recently released report from Clean and Healthy New York and the New York League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, which found a dozen "toxic toys" for sale in the county.

Bill sponsor Bryan Clenahan, D-Guilderland, predicts the law being implement would have a "tremendous deterrence" effect.

"No one in the season of giving should receive a toy with toxins in it," Clenahan said before the meeting. "With the number of toys parents can buy in the store, it is very difficult to research and find out what's in the products. We want to give parents the piece of mind if they buy products in Albany County they know it won't these seven deadly toxins in them."

Legislator Richard Mendick, R-Selkirk, pointed to this "peace of mind" as possibly giving consumers a false sense of security.

"We expect that parents shopping in Albany county will get a comfort level that products sold in Albany County will be free of these toxic substances, but in order to accomplish that we're going to have to test an awful lot of products," said Mendick.

Voting against the bill, Mendick contested the

county could never test 100 percent of the products on shelves, but parents would assume they had been.

Peter Crouse, R-Loudonville, also worried about enforcing the law. "If we are not going to put the money behind it to enforce it then it's window dressing. Hopefully that will not be the case," he said.

Though Crouse did urge his fellow legislators vote in favor of the bill if "enough isn't being done" to regulate toys and children's products as advocates contend. He felt in that case the county should intervene.

Opponents contended current regulations are sufficient; while others said stricter rules should come from the federal government to avoid creating a patchwork of laws.

David Garriepy, director of State Government Affairs for the Toy Industry Association, said organization members "go above and beyond federal regulations" to ensure the safety of toys.

"There is a whole breadth of federal legislation that is federally preemptive, meaning the implementation of this law is in question surrounding toys," said Garriepy.

Advocates said federal regulations only set the minimum requirements and don't preclude the county from enacting stricter rules.

Alison Walsh, assistant director of Government Relations for the Retail Council of New York State, said the proposed law is too broad. She warned there would be "unintended consequences" if the law is implemented.

"An undefined ban on (antimony) would effectively ban polyester, the world's most widely used synthetic textile, in children's products," said Walsh. "Furthermore, cobalt is an ingredient in many dyes being used in the apparel industry."

Many Democratic legislators touted the county as being a vanguard for initiatives statewide, such as banning smoking in restaurants and bars, and said other communities could follow suit.

"We love our children enough to do this," Mary Lou Connolly, D-Guilderland, said. "Maybe, just maybe, the residents of the counties in surrounding areas, if the state doesn't do it, will act on it if they love their children as much as we do."

However, there was no financial impact laid out in the bill, which troubled

Mendick. "I'm not saying that the cost overrides the concern, but we at least need to know what we're dealing with," he said.

There were debates over whether the cost could hinder the effectiveness of the law.

The law gives the county health commissioner the power enforce the regulations, which holds an initial \$500 fine for an infraction and increases to \$1,000 for additional violations.

Other than employees' time spent to enforce the law, the largest expense would likely be the X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzer, which is a portable device that can detect levels of chemicals on the surface of nearly any object. Some legislators contended the county Health Department already owns at least one of the devices. Each device cost around \$35,000.

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 use the analyzer to screen for residential lead paint.

Albany County Executive Dan McCoy will hold a public hearing on the proposed law on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 6 p.m. in the Cahill Room at the Albany County Office Building.

The law, if passed, would take effect a year after it's filed in the Secretary of State's Office.



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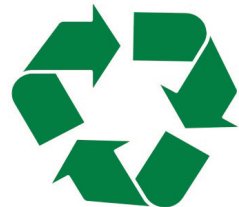
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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



ANDREW PLATEK

Guilderland's Andrew Platek is the Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Saturday, Dec. 13. Platek scored 28 points to lead the Dutchmen past Niskayuna 64-50 in a Dec. 12 Suburban Council boys basketball game. Platek has topped 25 points twice in Guilderland's first three games.



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

■ INSIDE



Stepping up

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk wrestling team took on other top programs at last weekend's Linda Stuart Memorial Tournament in Colonie.

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■ BASKETBALL

No fly zone at Shen

Bethlehem boys hit only 14 shots from the field in loss to Plainsmen

By **ROB JONAS**
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BETHLEHEM – It was a long night for the Bethlehem boys basketball team.

The Eagles made only 14 shots from the field in a 61-35 loss at Shenendehowa in a Suburban Council game Friday, Dec. 12.

The Plainsmen (3-0) raced out to a 19-4 lead after the first quarter, and Bethlehem (1-2) never recovered.

Tom Huerter made three three-pointers and went 10-for-12 from the foul line on his way to a game-high 25 points for Shen. Petar Bebic contributed 15 points.

Kevin Weber led Bethlehem with 11 points, nine of which came on three-point shots. John Sica was limited to eight points.

The Eagles played their first home game of the season Tuesday, Dec. 16, against Ballston Spa.

FINAL SCORE

- Shen Plainsmen, 61
- Bethlehem Eagles, 35

Girls basketball

The Bethlehem girls basketball team suffered its first loss of the season at the hands of the defending Section 2 Class AA champions.

Shenendehowa outscored the Lady Eagles 20-9 in the third quarter and defeated Bethlehem 64-53

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Bethlehem's Aaron Carrk (33) attempts a shot over a Shenendehowa defender during a Dec. 12 Suburban Council game.

John McIntyre/Spotlight



◀ Bethlehem's John Sica, left, battles with Shenendehowa's Erik Kromer down low as they watch a shot during a Dec. 12 Suburban Council game in Clifton Park. Sica was limited to 11 points in the Eagles' 61-35 loss.

John McIntyre/Spotlight

■ BASKETBALL

'Vliet spoils home opener

Voorheesville suffers first loss of the season

By **ROB JONAS**
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VOORHEESVILLE — Watervliet spoiled the Voorheesville boys basketball team's home opener.

The Cannoneers started strong with a 21-9 run, and they never looked back in beating the Blackbirds 57-35 in a Friday, Dec. 12, Colonial Council game.

Ty'Jon Gilmore led the way with 20 points for Watervliet (2-0), which made eight three-pointers as a team. Zach Sierra chipped in with 11 points.

Isaiah Meaux had 11

points for Voorheesville, while Alex Minnick and Shane Parry each added eight points.

The Blackbirds traveled to Cohoes Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Girls basketball

The Voorheesville girls basketball team also lost to Watervliet on Dec. 12. The Blackbirds couldn't overcome a 24-16 halftime deficit and suffered a 48-40 Colonial Council defeat against the Cannoneers.

Voorheesville's Jordan Pettograsso led all scorers with 16 points. Shelby Dugan netted 14 points for Watervliet, and Kiki Szczepanski added 10 points.

Voorheesville hosted Cohoes Dec. 16.

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■ WRESTLING



Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's Dave Ingraham, back, tries to pin his opponent during the second day of the Linda Stuart Memorial Duals Tournament Sunday, Dec. 14, at Colonie Central High School.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Raising the bar

RCS wrestlers take on bigger competition

By **ROB JONAS**
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RAVENA — The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk wrestling team was put to the test at last weekend's Linda Stuart Memorial Duals at Colonie Central High School.

The Indians competed against quality large-school programs such as Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, Division, Minisink Valley

and host Colonie. Though they struggled in the team scores, they had several individuals who posted winning records.

Lightweight Brandon Mogul led RCS with an 8-2 record in the 99-pound division. Middleweight Jerome Gladney posted a 6-2 record in the 126-pound weight class, while heavyweights Keith Houghtaling (220 pounds) and Dave Ingraham (195)

each finished with a 7-3 mark. Naphtali Steward (170) and Ryan Allman (106) each won six of their 10 bouts.

RCS entered last weekend's Linda Stuart Memorial Duals off a 60-12 Colonial Council victory over Fonda-Fultonville Thursday, Dec. 11.

Mogul, Steward, Ingraham and Dakota Delisle all won their bouts by pin to lead the Indians. Allman posted a technical fall over Justin Newcomer, while Houghtaling and Gladney added shutout victories.

team struggled to hit its shots in a 45-30 Colonial Council loss to the Academy of Holy Names Friday, Dec. 12.

The Lady Indians made only 10 shots from the field, as Holy Names pulled away. RCS was more successful at the free throw line, where Carly Cross and Bailey Kross hit nine of their 12 foul shots.

Kross finished with 15 points to lead the Lady Indians. Ce'Dirra Laws netted 14 points, and De'Janaire Deas added 10 points for Holy Names.

After traveling to Albany Academy Tuesday, Dec. 16, RCS hosts Watervliet Friday, Dec. 19.

Girls basketball

The RCS girls basketball

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Bethlehem girls also fall to Shen

Friday, Dec. 12.

The Lady Eagles (2-1) led 25-23 at halftime before Shen (3-0) made its run. Carly Boland and Sydney Brown led the charge to keep the Plainsmen perfect.

Boland finished with 24 points, and Brown added 15 points for Shen. Gabby Giacone netted 23 points, and Kaylee Rickert contributed 10 points for Bethlehem.

The Lady Eagles visited Ballston Spa Dec. 16.

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▲ Chef Art Wise of Shoprite gives a latka demonstration during last year's Bethlehem Chabad Hanukkah celebration. Wise will be back this year to host a latka competition.

▶ Daniel Scher and his son, Evan Scher, light a candle at the can-orah exhibit of donated food.

Submitted photos



From page 1 ... Latkas, dreidels and more

ceremony and event with his wife, Chana. "So this year, we have added some elements to tie in with that theme."

The day will start at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21, with the official lighting of the menorah at the Bethlehem Four Corners. This will be followed by a parade held for the first time since the event began.

Families who wish to participate in the parade are asked to register with Bethlehem Chabad either by phone or through the website. No one will be marching in this parade. Instead, participants are asked to decorate their cars as imaginatively as possible. Working in conjunction with the town police, the parade will proceed down Delaware Avenue to Normanside Country Club, where the Glow in the Dark Extravaganza will take place.

"We want the community to be aware of the message of Hanukkah, which is that a little bit of light can dispel much darkness," said Simon, adding that anyone who would like to learn more

about the holiday and have a day of fun is welcome to attend.

At Normanside, a host of activities will be set up for the whole family to enjoy. The theme is glow in the dark, so those who attend will find glow-in-the-dark dreidels, crafts like snow globe making, face painting and more.

One of the main attractions will be a latka-making competition similar to the television show "Top Chef." Three groups of contestants will be making their own secret latka recipes, with Chef Art Wise of Shoprite acting as MC. Local chefs and restaurateurs will then judge the dishes, and a winner will be announced.

In addition, Wise will do some latka-making demonstrations and will have some different variations available for sampling. There will also be a hot latka bar with all of the toppings and a doughnut bar.

Raffle tickets are being

sold for \$5 on Bethlehem Chabad's website and at the door. Some of the prizes include golf for a party of four at the Normanside Country Club, five sessions of personal training at Top Form and gift certificates to Terra, a new kosher restaurant in Albany.

Rob Kasper, who moved to Bethlehem in 1999, said he's thankful Bethlehem Chabad has worked hard to hold more activities in town.

"For a long time, to be Jewish in Bethlehem meant you had to go to Albany," Kasper said. "That's not always the case anymore. There are plenty of churches, and there is a nice integration of the different religions, but Judaism was under represented."

Kasper said he has three children who very much enjoy the newer Hanaukkah celebrations held in town.

"It's very hard to be Jewish and not appreciate Christmas trees and Christmas-time in general," Kasper explained.

"Everything is very beautiful and you want a piece of that, but Chabad does a good job of teaching (the kids) about their identity and making sure they are included in the festivities of the season."

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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

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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

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Notice of Formation of 148 E 98 ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/30/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68483

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Notice of Formation of 1822 RW LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/20/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68601

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 227A MX, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/3/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68442

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 regis-

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tered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#65148

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 484 7TH AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68441

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 487 7TH AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68440

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION The name of the limited liability company is 51 VAPE LLC. The Articles of Organization of LLC were filed with the New York Department of State on August 28, 2014. The office of the LLC is in ALBANY county and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served is to STEVEN M SARGENT; 20 CHURCH ST; SCHENECTADY, NY 12305. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which the LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State. Ad#67826

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, Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#67107

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 5732 RW LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/26/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68366

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Notice of Formation of 689 Myrtle Avenue, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 12/12/14 with the Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY). Office Location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 689 Myrtle Avenue, LLC c/o The Bronsther Law Firm, 12 Century Hill Drive, Latham, NY, 12110. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#67792

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Notice of Formation of 711-713 Myrtle Avenue, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 4/15/14 with the Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY). Office Location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 711-713 Myrtle Avenue, LLC c/o The Bronsther Law Firm, 12 Century Hill Drive, Latham, NY, 12110. Purpose: Any lawful activity Ad#67793

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 868 LORIMER BUILDERS, 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#68203

LEGAL NOTICE

AAT Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/05/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. 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 of ADOPTIONENGINE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/14/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68386

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ANAELLE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/30/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA

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Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68476

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Notice of Formation of ARM CORNELIA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/12/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68432

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

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Notice of Formation of AVID REVELATIONS MARKETING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/31/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68459

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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 Formation of BERZENA USA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/10/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA

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shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68420

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Notice of Formation of BOLDER ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/16/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68598

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BUILDING DEPOT 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#68204

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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 LLC-Central Discount Depot LLC has filed an Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on 11/10/2014. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any process shall be mailed to 16 Central Ave., Albany NY 12210. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. Ad#68282

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

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LLC, at 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Ad#65282

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

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Notice of Formation Davi Realty of NY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/21/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#67503

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 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

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is FUNERAL SUPPORT SERVICES, LLC
2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability company were filed on November 21, 2014 with the New York Secretary of State.
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
4. Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to PO Box 621, Newtonville, NY 12128.
6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Haggerty Insights, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/28/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered

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7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. Ad#67827

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of foreign limited partnership (LP). Name: Galaxy Storage Two, L.P. Authority filed with NY Secretary of State (SSNY): 12/1/2014. LP organized in Nevada on 9/2/2004. NY Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o CT Corporation System, 111 Eighth Ave., NY, NY 10011. CT CORPORATION SYSTEM, 111 Eighth Ave., NY, NY 10011 is the registered agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. Principal office: 1250 E. Missouri Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85014. Name and address of each general partner is available from SSNY. Copy of the Cert. of LP on file with the Nevada Secretary of State, 101 N. Carson St., Suite 3, Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: To acquire, develop, own, operate and manage self-storage projects and conduct other activities related thereto; to borrow funds from Lender, whether directly or through the General Partners and undertake and engage in such activities as shall be necessary, desirable or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing purposes; and to otherwise engage in any enterprise or business in which a Limited Partnership may engage or conduct under the Act consistent and to further the foregoing purposes. Ad#67550

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Notice of Formation Health Family Capital, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/26/2014 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#67506

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Holland News LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/4/14. 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#68279

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 Haggerty Insights, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/28/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered

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agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68586

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HALF BAKED CITIZENS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/4/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68448

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation-Health Family Capital, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/26/2014 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#67506

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Holland News LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/4/14. 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#68279

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Notice of Formation of HUBCEL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68600

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Notice of Formation of INTERNATIONAL TAX COMPLIANCE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/21/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68365

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of IRONWILL HEALTH, LLC. Authority filed with SSNY on 10/17/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/7/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 910 Sylvan Ave, #125, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#68364

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK-BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: JAK 1893 Central, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 12/10/14. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o TRG Property Management LLC, 18 Computer Drive East, Ste 201, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#68628

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Notice of Qualification of LENEY 534 INVESTOR LLC. Authority filed with SSNY on 10/17/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/6/14. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr. #101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#68620

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Notice of Formation of LASTRES CAPITAL GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/27/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68522

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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

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LLC, 1574 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159 Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#66287

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Notice of Formation of LIGHT HORSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/27/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68593

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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 LRN HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/31/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68451

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Maison Modern, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/13/14. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 10 Coot Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560. Purpose: General. Ad#68280

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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 MOLL PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/29/14. Of-

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fice location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68490

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

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Notice of Formation of NEX GEN ENTERPRISES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/29/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68491

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NG Realty NY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/25/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. 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

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Notice of Formation of ODYSSEUS INSTITUTE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/10/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68415

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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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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: PARC I, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 26, 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 Goldman Attorneys PLLC, 210 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Ad#67290

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: PARC II, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 26, 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 Goldman Attorneys PLLC, 210 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Ad#67294

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: PARC III, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 26, 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 Goldman Attorneys PLLC, 210 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Ad#67292

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: PARC IV, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 26, 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 Goldman Attorneys PLLC, 210 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Ad#67295

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Perry Road Development LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/29/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 18 Computer Drive East, Suite 201, Albany, New York 12205. Purposes: to temporarily acquire, own, obtain municipal approvals, maintain, mortgage and otherwise manage the real property, consisting

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of vacant land, located in the Town of Wilton, County of Saratoga, State of New York, among other things, to engage in any lawful act or activity under the LLCL consistent with the purpose of the Company, and to engage in any other lawful purpose or purposes permitted by the LLCL or the laws of any jurisdiction in which the Company may do business to the extent approved by a majority vote of the Members. Ad#65189

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Notice of Formation of PROCEDURE REFERRAL AFFILIATE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/29/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68500

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RECOVERY RACING HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/20/14. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68438

LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC 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 10 day of December 2014, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows:WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to fund engineering design services for upgrades at the Clapper Road Water Treatment Plant.WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said work will not exceed \$360,000; and WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the Water Capital Reserve Fund; and,NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete the engineering design services for upgrades at the Clapper Road Water Treatment Plant as described above; andBE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is autho-

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ized to expend from the Water Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$360,000 in said reserve fund; andThis resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman Kuhn, was seconded by Councilman Reinhardt and duly adopted by the following vote:AYES: Supervisor Clarkson, Councilwoman Dawson, Councilman Kuhn, Councilman Reinhardt, Councilwoman Sasso NOES: none ABSENT: none DATED: December 10, 2014 Ad#68634

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■ GOVERNMENT

County Legislature reduction advances

Public hearing to be held on contentious downsize, some question timing

By **JOHN PURCELL**
purcellj@spotlightnews.com

ALBANY COUNTY — Legislators tugged a contentious proposal forward to reduce its number of seats, but opponents questioned the

bill's timing and legality.

The Albany County Legislature voted 22-14 in favor of holding a public hearing Monday, Dec. 29, at 7:15 p.m., on amending the county charter to reduce the amount of legislators from 39 to 29 members. Chairman Shawn Morse and Majority Leader Frank Comisso initially proposed following the Charter Review Commission's recommendation of cutting

14 seats, but reduced it to a 10-district reduction following a Democratic Party caucus held days before the legislature's Monday, Dec. 8, meeting.

Legislator Gary Domalewicz, D-Albany, said he is interested in hearing what residents have to say about the proposed reduction.

"As far as the size of the legislature is going to go, we will be debating that at a future time," said

Domalewicz. "This is the first step in moving that process forward."

Albany County has the largest county legislature statewide, with the amount of legislative districts unchanged since its formation in 1968. Prior to the forming the county legislature, it had a board of supervisor also with 39 members.

Minority Leader Lee Carman, R-Guilderland, said he supports the Charter Review Commission's recommendations and has been waiting to vote on the complete package. Carman questioned however why the reduction proposal was moving forward while the county is embroiled in a lawsuit over its 2011 reapportionment.

"Can someone tell me what has legally changed since the Voting Rights Act litigation is still

pending?" asked Carman. "If we put this ahead of the trail it would affect the county in the lawsuit."

Morse said lawmakers tried to reach a settlement in that case, but it failed and the legislature was moving forward.

"As far as we were concerned we are out of that process now," said Morse after the meeting. "We are just moving on to the next issue that needs to be resolved."

Democrats could not secure enough votes during the legislature's special meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 2, to approve a settlement in a voting rights lawsuit against the county. The resolution on the settlement was tabled. The lawsuit argues the recent redistricting is unfair to minority voters.

County Executive Dan McCoy had sued the legislature over its

authority to even negotiate and reach settlement.

McCoy previously criticized Democratic legislative leadership for not favoring the reduction earlier, but chided fellow party leaders for advancing it now.

"Now that we are in the trial process and possible settlement discussions ... the majority legislative leadership is looking to derail any further settlement attempts," McCoy previously said in a statement.

Mary Rozak, spokeswoman for the county, said McCoy could not comment on legislators approving to hold the public hearing because of the lawsuit against the county.

"We can't talk about it while there is ongoing litigation ... because they are connected," said Rozak.

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From page 3 ...

Unions say police force undersized

physically demanding duty. But we also want the BPD's oversight of this benefit (to be) strong," said Clarkson.

Monthly reports on townwide overtime usage will be given to the Town Board every two pay periods starting on Jan. 15. Clarkson said they are also looking for about a 20 to 30 percent reduction in overtime spending over the next year. For the police, the new schedule will be analyzed to see how it impacts overtime use.

The supervisor said all of the changes are ones that could be made outside of contractual negotiations, which are currently happening with both of the town's police unions. Clarkson, Police Chief Louis Corsi and command staff were all said to be involved in the changes; however the presidents of both unions felt the policy changes would negatively effect negotiations.

Union unhappy

In a joint statement, Bethlehem Police Supervisor's Union President Stephen Kraz and Police Benevolent Association President Michael Berben said union members found it "troubling and disturbing" the supervisor did not respect the ground rules concerning negotiations.

Kraz felt the only way to appropriately reduce overtime was to hire more officers, adding the report did not take into account circumstances like an increase in police investigations in certain years, additional emergency calls and inclement weather. However, portions of the report were redacted

so as to not disclose contractual information currently being negotiated.

"If we don't hire more police officers to address the growing nature of this town, the only result is to cut services, and that's the question the taxpayers have to ask themselves," said Kraz. "Are they willing to cut the level of service they receive from the police department? And if they are, are they willing to maintain that level of service? The growing population is not considered."

The two union presidents described officers missing meal breaks, investigations that are not appropriately followed-through with and calls from dispatch that seem to never end.

"We have a community policing model we are proud to uphold, but some of the nature of the calls require attention and time. And when the phone keeps ringing, sometimes you're not afforded the time and the extra five minutes needed to resolve an issue," said Berben.

Clarkson said he thinks the new schedule would help provide better coverage during peak periods, so some of these issues could be addressed. However, Berben and Kraz said the shift in scheduling would impact the personal lives and families of officers.

"Our membership has been required to work excessive overtime as a result of the shortage in staffing. It has had a detrimental impact on employee morale, officer health issues and family issues," said Kraz.

The pair said the types of calls officers respond to leads to increased stress

and a greater likelihood of getting sick or injured on the job than the average employee. That is part of the reason officers do not have a set number of sick days.

New hires unlikely

Both unions want to see staffing restored to at least 44 sworn officers, citing a 2007 report by the state Division of Criminal Justice Services that recommended hiring at least six additional patrol officers. In 2008, the consultant's report showed staffing of sworn officers at 41, but police records have the number at 44.

Clarkson argued the 2007 report is out-of-date and that other police departments, like Guilderland, are working at similar staffing levels. He said it would cost an additional \$1 million a year to hire seven more officers, and at this point he is not willing to recommend the hiring of any more officers.

"We're trying to better utilize the workforce we have. No one is upsizing public sector resources. Everyone is downsizing," said Clarkson.

Both union presidents claimed the town was unwilling to hire more officers so it could save money on benefits by using overtime.

"The town has saved money by doing that because the increased overtime the officers have picked up has allowed the town to not hire the bodies and pay employee benefits," said Kraz.

Clarkson said "real world comparisons" need to be made in order to come up with the appropriate solutions.

Corsi was unable to be reached for comment, but information provided by the department contributed to this report.

From page 4 ...

Cops, courts and calls

Flagler observed Marotta driving erratically on Route 9W in Glenmont, which included swerving from lane to lane and failing to use his turn signal on several occasions. Police observed Marotta to have an odor of alcohol on his breath. He allegedly admitted to drinking a glass of wine at lunch with his brother. Police said he failed all three standardized field sobriety tests that were administered. Police said he tested positive on a pre-screen device for alcohol, but he refused to take a chemical breath test to determine his BAC level. A 750 ml half-bottle of wine was allegedly found on the driver's side floor area, which Marotta admitted to consuming.

• State Police arrested Sheldon Victor, 40, of Pittsfield, Mass., around 1:10 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, and charged him with aggravated DWI. Police stopped to check

on a disabled vehicle and found Victor to be intoxicated. A breath test revealed he had a BAC of 0.23 percent, according to police.

• Albany County Sheriff's Office arrested Timothy M. David, 24, of 1721 Helderberg Trail in Berne, around 12:35 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, and charged him with DWI, drinking alcohol in a motor vehicle and inadequate license plate lamp. Police observed David driving westbound on New Salem Road in New Scotland with both license plate lamps being defective and inadequate. Police stopped David for the traffic infraction and observed him to have slurred speech, flushed face and glassy, droopy eyes. There was also an odor of alcohol allegedly emanating from his vehicle. Police observed an open beer can behind his seat laying next to several open containers inside a cardboard box.

Police observed David to have an odor of alcohol on his breath and impaired motor coordination while being interviewed. David allegedly admitted to drinking two cans of Budweiser beer before driving. A chemical breath test revealed he had a BAC of 0.08 percent.

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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A compromise must be made

The battle between the Town of Bethlehem and its two police unions over overtime pay and staffing levels is reaching a boiling point, and it needs to end with a compromise.

Town Supervisor John Clarkson said he wants to see the amount of overtime and sick days being used by the police department to decrease, while the heads of Bethlehem's Police Supervisor's Union and Police Benevolent Association said they want to increase the number of officers so the department can better serve the community.

Each side has a valid point. According to a consultant's report commissioned by the town, Bethlehem spent nearly \$1.4 million in excess overtime over all of its departments in 2013. The police department had the highest amount by a wide margin at more

than \$227,000. The town can't be expected to spend that extra amount of money on overtime every year. It's not sustainable.

On the other hand, the reason why the police department has logged so much overtime is because they are simply short staffed. When someone goes out on sick leave, another officer must be called in to act as relief. And with the volume of calls the police department receives in a day, those officers are being pushed to their limits both physically and mentally, which leads to more sick time. A more personal approach may be needed to see the other side, perhaps by shadowing an officer.

Clarkson claims that the town simply doesn't have the funds to hire seven more police officers, which is what the two police unions are asking for. Yet, the town is implementing

new measures next year to cut back on overtime pay by asking officers to put in for vacation days sooner, and those who need more than one day of sick leave must get a note from their doctor. These changes weren't negotiated with the unions, since they are seen as managerial issues.

We feel there needs to be a compromise between the two sides. If Clarkson doesn't think the town can hire seven new officers because it would cost too much, a smaller number of new hires should be granted to bridge the gap. The amount of money paid in excess overtime claims in 2013 alone could go to pay for one new officer. Two or three new officers would help more.

At the same time, the police unions need to understand that the days of free-spending government are over in Bethlehem and in most other

municipalities. The town has to live within its means and cut costs wherever it can. If that means not getting what they want right now, then the police unions — like everyone else — will have to do the best they can.

It's a tough situation for both sides to be in, but this is where compromise comes into play. If you can't get everything you want, you should at least find a solution where everyone gets something.

TALK BACK

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The reason why the police department has logged so much overtime is because they are simply short staffed. When someone goes out on sick leave, another officer must be called in to act as relief. And with the volume of calls ... those officers are being pushed to their limits.

■ GET TO KNOW ...



Mike Cavotta

**Shaker boys
basketball coach**

• *Hometown: Stillwater*

What type of music do you listen to?

Country music. I'm from Stillwater. It's a small, country-like town, and I like my country music.

What are you watching on TV?

I watch "Parenthood." I watch ESPN, and I watch "Gas Monkey Garage."

What was the last book you read?

"Seven Habits of a Successful Family." I like learning. When I read, I like to learn.

What was the last movie you saw?

"The Internship." I love comedies.

What is one of your hobbies?

Flying model airplanes. I started when I was probably 15 years old. I just like the challenge.

Who is the one person (dead or alive) you would like to meet?

I'd like to meet Joe Namath. I love his confidence.

What would your dream vacation be?

Hawaii. I want to learn how to surf.

What would your last meal be?

My mother's pasta. You don't mess with that. That was it.

What three things would you want on a deserted island?

A TV, a microwave and a cow.

What was your favorite local moment?

The Travers in Saratoga Springs. Any of them. I live right there.

If you were the NBA commissioner for one day, what rule would you make?

I would eliminate sleeves ... actually, I would eliminate all extra clothing except for the original game-day outfit. Even my guys are wearing those things now.

What is a surprising fact about you?

My wife is a better athlete than I am. When she was in high school, she was voted the best athlete in her class.

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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VCSF presents first play

Editor, *The Spotlight*,
This holiday season, the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation is thrilled to present our first theatrical event at the Voorheesville Performing Arts Center for the entire community's enjoyment. Straight from Schenectady's Proctors Theater, the Classic Theater Guild will perform "It's a Wonderful Life" at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20. Open-seating tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children, students, and seniors; and are available for purchase online at: <http://www.vcsfoundation.com>. The Performing Arts Center is located through the middle school entrance on 432 New Salem Road in Voorheesville. In case of severe snowfall, the show

will be performed on Dec. 21.

"It's a Wonderful Life" has become almost as familiar as Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." George Bailey has dreams of adventures that have been quashed by family obligations and civic duty. On Christmas Eve, an angel in training, Clarence, descends to save George from despair. Clarence shows George what the world would have been like had he never been born and that he really is living a wonderful life. The play celebrates the season and the American philosophy that hard work, fair play and the love and support of one's family and community will be rewarded.

For more than a decade, the Foundation

has supported the Classic Theater Guild's free outdoor Summer Theater Festival at Indian Ladder Farms. The Guild, a local grassroots theater company, performs four to five main-stage shows each year at Proctors. Its mission is to advance theater arts through education, presenting plays on an array of diverse topics, encouraging new performers and support emerging playwrights.

Please join us for this memorable theater experience. The proceeds from "It's a Wonderful Life" will help the Foundation support our local performing arts.

Happy Holidays.

Nancy Rucks
VCSF Board Member
Voorheesville

Easement welcomed

Editor, *The Spotlight*,
Bethlehem is a wonderful mix of residential developments, commercial and industrial centers, farms, and open spaces.

To help keep farms and open spaces here, the town recently offered a new open space protection tool to interested landowners. It's called a term conservation easement, and it means participating landowners can receive tax reductions of 50 to 90 percent in return for not developing their lands for 15 to 75 years. The Bethlehem Town Board granted these tax benefits for property taxes earlier this year, and the Bethlehem

Board of Education is currently considering whether or not to give participating landowners relief from school taxes as well.

Farms and open spaces in Bethlehem absorb storm water (which helps reduce flooding), provide wildlife habitat and furnish beautiful views. The costs for these services are borne by the landowners, but the benefits are reaped by the rest of us.

Town officials project that the average increase in school taxes would be well under \$1 for the average household. (This is a far cry from the misleading \$93 figure recently cited by Dan Cunningham in his letter

to The Spotlight. His figure was based on \$86 for a veterans credit, plus \$7 for term conservation easements, with the preposterous assumption that every parcel larger than 15 acres would not be developed for at least 50 years.)

School taxes are far higher than property taxes, so tax relief from the school district will be extremely helpful for landowners wanting to keep their lands in agriculture and open space. It's a good move for our whole town, and I hope the Bethlehem Board of Education hears this message at its public hearing on Dec. 17.

David VanLuven
Delmar

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Public hearing set for Dec. 29

Legislator Christine Benedict, R-Colonie, argued the county is likely not even legally allowed to move forward any reduction for several years.

"Albany County appears to be barred from reducing the size of the legislature until 2020," said Benedict. "By voting for this, I believe that we may be opening ourselves to a lawsuit."

Legislator Charles Dawson, D-Glenmont, questioned what the difference is between "redistricting" and "restructuring." Morse simply answered that the

opinion he received from the county attorney was the "restructuring" being proposed is legal.

Dawson said in the Charter Review Commission's recommendation there is case law cited regarding why the legislature would be unable to move forward with any change to legislative districts before the release of the 2020 U.S. Census.

The Commission cited the state Supreme Court's decision in *Rock v. Murphy*, which ruled Rensselaer County change its legislative districts in

1984 after redistricting its legislature in 1981.

The decision pointed to Municipal Home Rule Law barring any local government from restructuring its legislative body more than once in each decade, which became effective in 1970.

"By its clear language, the statute permits only one restructuring in each 10 year," said the decision.

Commission members also cited the 2007 state Supreme Court decision in *Wright v. County of Cattaraugus*, which surrounded similar circumstances, ruling the county could not restructure its legislature twice in each decade.

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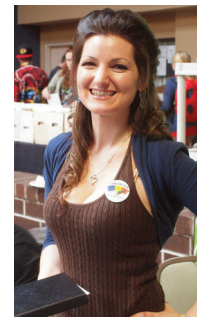
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PICK OF THE WEEK



Local skaters shine

The Hudson Mohawk Figure Skating Club is holding its annual Holiday Happiness Ice Show Saturday, Dec. 20, at RPI's Houston Field House in Troy. The show features some of the top young talent in the Capital District, as well as those learning to skate. There will also be a performance by Capital Community Voices. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more information, visit www.hmfsc.org.

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ENTERTAINMENT

The magic returns

Disney on Ice's 'Princesses & Heroes' includes characters from 'Frozen'



Elsa, one of the characters from the hit movie "Frozen," joins the cast of Disney on Ice's latest show.

Submitted

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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All it takes to bring some of the most beloved children's characters to life is a little ice and a lot of talent.

Disney On Ice returns to Albany's Times Union Center with the presentation of "Princesses & Heroes" over a five-day stretch from Wednesday, Dec. 17 to Sunday, Dec. 21.

The show invites audiences to enjoy tales of inspiring princesses and their heroes, focusing on the moments where the princesses' dreams come true. Using high-energy music, fantastical sets and dramatic choreography to promise a breathtaking experience, Tinker Bell guides guests through a number of different storyline that range throughout Disney's entire collection of celluloid classics.

From "The Little Mermaid," Ariel's dreams are unlocked from under the sea and, in one magical moment, Prince Eric breaks Ursula's slithering spell to reclaim his one true love. From "Sleeping Beauty," it's a race against time for Prince Philip to rescue Aurora from the evil Maleficent, and it gets no easier as she transforms into a fire-breathing dragon. Rapunzel fulfills her dream to escape the tower and see the floating lights, Tiana celebrates her ambitions of owning a restaurant down in New Orleans, and Jasmine discovers a whole new world with Aladdin. In addition, Snow White finds her one true love, and Cinderella makes it to the ball, and Belle sees the beauty beyond the beast.

"Before dreaming up this show, we reflected on what makes Disney's princesses and heroes so special," said producer Kenneth Feld. "It didn't take long to realize that every princess had one thing in common — each embarked on an adventure to find

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FAMILY

Skating with an Olympian

Johnny Weir visits Empire State Plaza Saturday

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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Champion figure skater Johnny Weir will make a special appearance at the Empire State Plaza ice rink from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20.

Weir is a three-time U.S. champion figure skater, two-time Olympian, and World medalist. He is the 2008 World bronze medalist, a two-time Grand Prix Final bronze medalist, the 2001 World Junior Champion, and a three-time U.S. national champion from 2004 to 2006.

The event already has one tourist excited.

“Johnny Weir?” said Ryan Elizabeth Coombs, principle skater for Disney On Ice, which will also be in Albany Dec. 17 through Dec. 21. “I’ve watched

him just on TV, but never live. We’ll be in town at the same time. That would be something to look forward to.”

Weir has a larger-than-life personality that has translated both on the ice, and on the screen. Skating fans admire his elegant and edgy performance and fashion sense. The American skater, who is said to have an affinity towards the Russian culture and style of skating, has garnered a strong fan base there as well.

On screen, Weir has enjoyed a modest reality television career, appearing



Johnny Weir

on TLC’s “Say Yes to the Dress”, Food Network’s “Rachael Vs. Guy: Celebrity Cook-Off” and Bravo’s “Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List”.

Weir’s appearance in Albany will take place at the start of the traditional holiday school break. Children and families skate free daily and enjoy free skate rentals on Fridays, courtesy of Hannaford Supermarkets.

RoAnn M. Destito, New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner, made the announcement last week. The exhibition is made available by Hannaford Supermarkets.

The schedule for the free event starts at 11 a.m., with a skating demonstration. The public is invited to join Weir on the ice at 11:15 a.m. for a public skate until noon. Afterwards, fans will be able to meet,

get autographs and take pictures with the championship skater for an hour.

There is no charge to skate, and skate rental run from \$3 for children younger than 12 and \$4 for everyone 12 and up. Skate rentals will be available whenever the rink is open.

A photo ID is required to rent skates. Every Friday is free skate rental. For skate rental information, call (518) 473-6299. For all other ice rink related inquiries call (518) 473-1527.

For additional information about Winter at the Plaza

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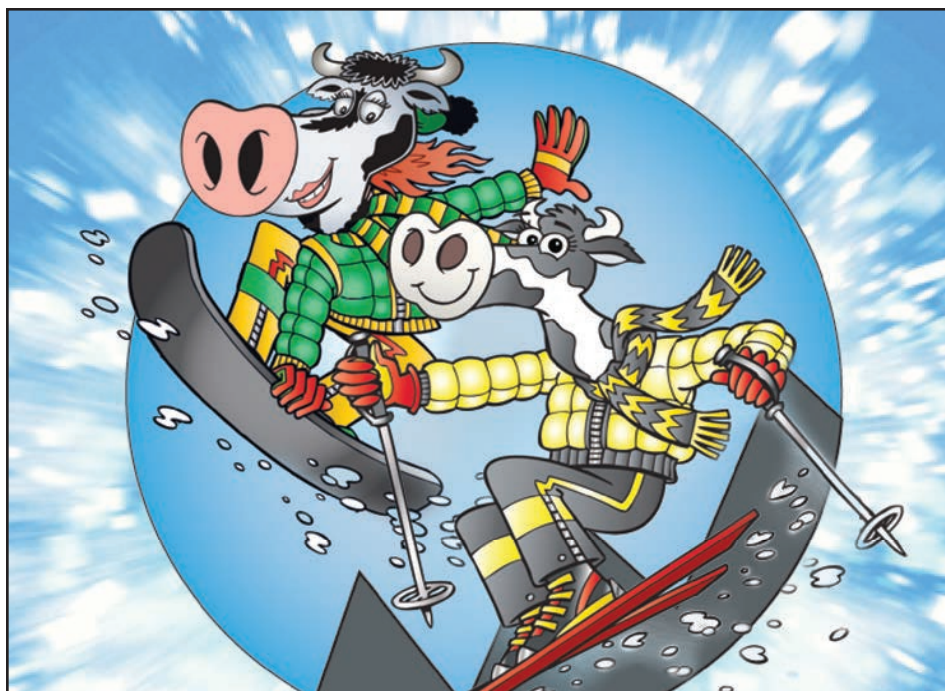
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COMIC BOOKS

Wonder woman

Jelenic talks about writing horror and life in a male-dominated industry

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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In the warmth of The Comic Depot in Saratoga Springs, Nikkol Jelenic prepares for

her book signing.

It is the release date of her latest comic, the third installment of her horror series "A Taste for Killing" published under Acid I Comics, to which

she is also the publisher. Several of her books and prints are sprawled out on a table before her in a display she has practiced time and time before. The West Coast transplant recently moved to the Capital District, and has since made a practice of attending many of the comic cons throughout

the region.

"I love when people ask for anything related to horror," said Jelenic.

The world is enamored with horror, with urban legends of a zombie apocalypse and the popularity of the television series "The Walking Dead," with graphic violence and plot lines that leave fans on the edge brings people begging for more.

Jelenic is a huge fan of the genre, and her artwork reflects that, but she also likes to put her own spin on iconic figures. Her newest installment has a sea creature theme.

"I find inspiration in many things and it varies from one day to the next," said Jelenic, who mentions some of her mainstream favorite characters as The Joker and Spawn. "Reading comics and the visual intake of art definitely



Nikkol Jelenic displays one of her comic book creations.

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From page B4 ... West coast transplant

fuels my need to make comics and art. A lot of the time I get lost in my thoughts when in complete silence and this triggers my creativity in writing and art.”

The Internet has shifted power to the artist in the publishing world. Social networking hubs like Facebook and LinkedIn help artists collaborate both in work and with marketing strategies. Self-publishing websites enable writers to take the reins on how books are designed, presented, advertised, and ultimately priced to consumers. Google and Lulu.com even allow wordsmiths to publish and sell eBooks. According to Publishers Weekly, more than 750,000 books were self-published in 2009, compared to less than 300,000 titles sold through traditional publishing houses.

Jelenic is a personification of this empowering movement, and also represents a shift in the comic book industry. The fact that she's often outnumbered by the opposite gender at conventions is more of a cursory observation than political statement.

“There are actually quite a number of women working in comics,” said Jelenic, “but I have noticed that there are not as many doing sequential work or hired on as pencilers.”

Nonetheless, she is often presented questions about her drawings that her male colleagues escape.

“I was just at a show [recently] in Rhode Island and three gentlemen had asked about the way I draw women and wondered how I felt about other women being offended that I draw their figures the way I do,” said Jelenic, who said her own work is drawn with no pretense except to draw something beautiful. She draws women with the

same alluring lines as Barry Windsor-Smith, associated with creating the image of Red Sonja, or Spawn-creator Todd McFarlane, to which she admires.

Jelenic is a woman in an industry predominately run and stereotypically catered to men. But, that trend is changing. More women are taking an interest to comics, thanks in part to the boom in popularity fueled by Hollywood. Women easily comprise half the fans who attend today's comic conventions. Some dressed in costumes, like their male counterparts. There are even Internet groups devoted to women fans, like Lady Geek on Facebook. This dynamic shift has jolted the graphic novels themselves. For example, Marvel Comics recently introduced Tarene, an Asgardian goddess, to replace the Son of Odin as the iconic Thor

“Now, I have never had any woman come up and tell me that my art bothers them. Instead [they] embrace it and find it beautiful. They also are always pretty stoked to see another girl drawing, making books and doing sketches at shows. I have had a number of little girls either come up to me, or their mothers bring them over for some advice or critiques, [and] about



Nikkol Jelenic talks to a couple of fans during a recent book signing at The Comic Depot in Saratoga Springs.

Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

their desire to become artists,” said Jelenic. “I don't intentionally draw anything to be over-the-top provocative, unless it's an established character that is typically drawn that way. But, I do like my art to be somewhat intensely eye-appealing.”

The comic artist said her background of art is horror-based, which she feel reads through in her own style, and for the most part that can have a dash of protectiveness. She more so describes her style as

having a desirable edginess to it, “that lacks stiffness or boredom.” And at the end of the day, she said she just wants her books to look cool.

Whether she is at a comic book convention or at

a local store, Jelenic's work is side by side with the giants of the industry – DC, Marvel, Image. Even her own work pays homage to the characters from those books. But, it's not far-fetched to believe her own creations will take flight on their own. She

said, it's her dream.

“I'd also like to be able to get every single one of my stories – and I have a lot – out there in tangible form, and out of my head, so I can share them with the world.”

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Road, Albany. Shows: 7 p.m. Dec. 20, 22, 23 and 25; 1 p.m. Dec. 21. Tickets: adults \$15, students/seniors \$12. Information: 489-4706, ext. 10.

The Jungle Book

Stage adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's story. Presented by Home Made Theater. Dec. 12-21, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga

Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Tickets: adults \$18, children 12 and under \$12. Information: 587-4427 or www.homemadetheater.org.

A Child's Christmas in Wales

Dylan Thomas' story about the holidays in his homeland. Dec. 19-21, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Shows: 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$20. Information: 438-5503 or www.steamer10theatre.org.

A Charlie Brown Christmas

Famous TV special comes to life on stage. Presented by Park Playhouse. Dec. 21, 3 and 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, corner of Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany. Tickets: adults \$20, children \$10. Information: 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.com.

MUSIC

Matisyahu

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Blame Arthur Guinness

Irish folk music. Dec. 19, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

Nick Lowe's Quality Holiday Revue

Acclaimed singer-songwriter brings his own twist to holiday music both solo and with backing band Los Straightjackets. Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$35. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Terri Roben and MaryAnn Kosek

American Latin jazz/R&B. Dec. 20, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

"Images of Adoration"

Christmas concert directed by David Johnson and accompanied by Terry Johnson. Dec. 21, 3 p.m., United Methodist Church, 7 North Main St., Mechanicville. Free. Information: Lee Sponable 664-7958 or lsponab1@nycap.rr.com.

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Featuring Kim & Reggie Harris and Magpie. Dec. 21, 7 p.m., Eighth Step at Proctors (GE Theatre), 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: advance \$24, day of show \$26, Gold Circle \$35. Tickets and information: 434-1703, 346-6204 or 8thstep.org.

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An evening of ballroom dancing with DJ Bob Englert, a quickstep lesson with Erick Singleman and a demonstration by Tom and Tamara Russell. Dec. 21, 6:15 p.m., Polish Community Center, 225 Washington

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The Nutcracker

Albany Berkshire Ballet performs the classic Russian holiday tale. Dec. 20, 1:30 and 5:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: adults \$38, children 12 and under \$25. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

FILM

"It's a Wonderful Life"

Holiday classic starring Jimmy Stewart. Dec. 19, 3 and 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, corner of Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany. Tickets: adults \$5, children \$3. Information: 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.com.

"White Christmas"

The holiday movie that spawned a classic song. Dec. 22, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, corner of Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany. Tickets: adults \$5, children \$3. Information: 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.com.

EXHIBITS

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Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center

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

Albany Public Library

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

Arts Center of the Capital Region

"Abecedarius," a collaboration between Colin Boyd and Michael Oatman, through Dec. 23. 265 River St., Troy. Information: 273-0552 or www.artscenteronline.org.

Brookside Museum

"Through the Lens of Time: Treasures from the Brookside Museum Photograph Collection," through Dec. 23. 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa. Information: 885-4000 or brooksidemuseum.org.

Esther Massry Gallery

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

Mabee Farm Historic Site

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

miSci

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

The Opalka at Sage

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



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her heart's fondest wish, and through believing, it comes true. We wanted to share that inspirational message with our audiences by celebrating the stories of these enchanting princesses and their heroic princes."

A new addition to the production will likely interest many children, too.

"We're really excited to add 'Frozen' in the show," said Ryan Elizabeth Coombs, who plays Ariel in the production. Anna, Elsa and the hilarious snowman Olaf now share their story of sisterly love.

The story-line from the hit animated film adds to the original cast of eight Disney Princesses as they realize their wishes and dreams through artistic skating and acrobatics.

The Frozen addition to the show is presented in a special second act. Audiences are taken to the land of Arendelle and journey up the North Mountains with Olaf, and rugged mountain man Kristoff, as they help the royal sisters along the way.

"Being able to include these new and exciting characters from, the Academy Award winning tale, Frozen keeps our shows current and ever evolving," adds Feld.

Adapting the inspirational moments to the ice presented an interesting challenge to the creative team. To cause audiences to re-experience the emotions evoked by the films would take glittering sets, dramatic lighting,

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Aladdin swings into action during Disney On Ice's latest show, "Princesses & Heroes."

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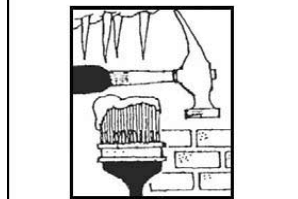
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Disney classics hit the ice

brehtaking choreography and a few surprises. Each member of the creative team approached this challenge with their own unique perspective.

For director Patty Vincent, it was about realizing her goal for the overall vision of the show.

“My favorite part of this entire experience was actually piecing it together from my original dream,” she noted. “Starting with a blank piece of paper then gathering ideas, finding music, working out the choreography and costumes – I really loved creating it from scratch. One of the most perfect moments for

me was when I found the song ‘If You Can Dream’ on the Disney Wishes album. It just embodies the wishful and inspirational tone of the show. There’s nothing like seeing ideas that start with your imagination become something real – it’s an incredible experience.”

An example of this creative process is evident in Vincent’s favorite part of the show. “I love the ‘Under the Sea’ production number because I was able to combine bubbling special effects with the most fantastic costumes and high-energy skating. The scene is even more fun than I imagined it would be.”

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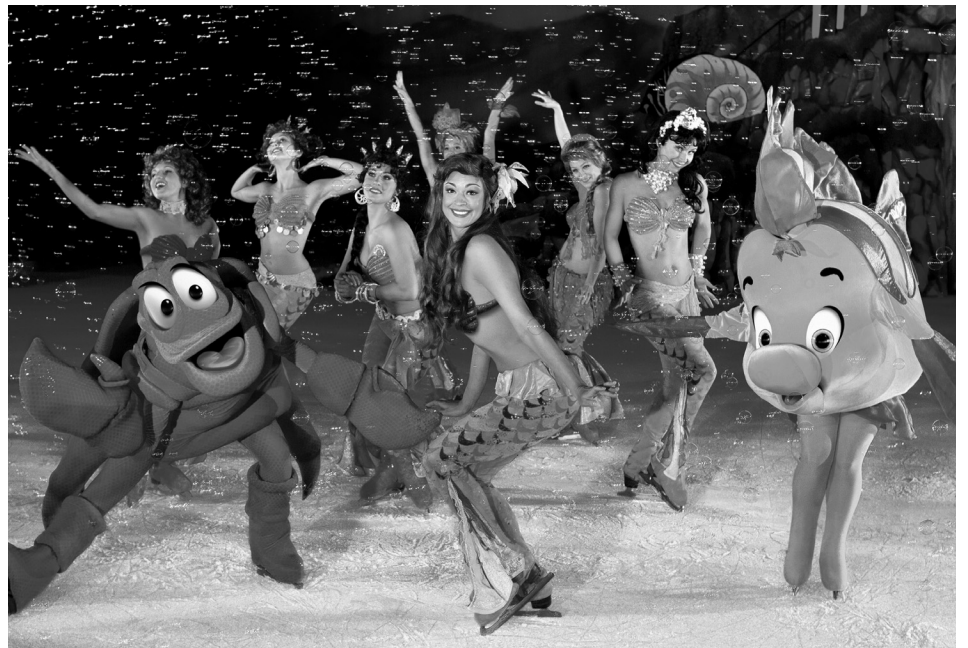
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Recognizing the timeless nature of the stories, creative director Jerry Bilik sought a cast whose talent would make the stories relatable and inspiring. “To me, the most exciting part of the show is really the cast,” Bilik said. “These exceptional performers help translate the stories to the ice magnificently. Their portrayal of the princesses and princes sweeps the audience away because they capture the essence of the characters’ hopes, dreams and heroism.”

The way Coombs describes her job, she is living a dream.

“I’m having the time of my life doing something I absolutely love, and I couldn’t be happier,” said Coombs.

Since joining the cast a few years ago, she said it has been one of the best



Ariel and her undersea friends from “The Little Mermaid” are part of Disney On Ice’s “Princesses and Heroes,” which takes place Dec. 17-21 at the Times Union Center. Submitted

decisions she has made. “It’s pure magic on the ice. It’s so rewarding for me to bring a character to life for kids and adults.” said Coombs.

The 24-year-old Coombs said she’s traveling seven months out of the year with the tour. In addition to skating, she said she considers herself lucky to be able take in the sights while on tour. Her thirst to explore is a trait she says is shared with her “Little

Mermaid” character.

“I like to go out and explore,” said Coombs. “When we travel I like to go sight-seeing and take in the different cultures. With Ariel, she is so curious about everything. I really think with these stories it’s about going after your goals and not being afraid to pursue what you want.”

After skating with Disney On Ice, Coombs plans to go to college

and pursue a career as an orthodontist.

For young fans who dream about skating, she said, “I know how much work goes into this sport, but you will feel such a sense of achievement performing for a crowd and knowing all your hard work as paid off, so go for all of your dreams.”

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