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TOP STORY



A hero's honor

Tonko rewards local man's fight to honor another soldier

By JOHN PURCELL

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BETHLEHEM — A local Korean War veteran's elation was only beginning to subside two days after attending the 2015 State of the Union address, with him proudly pulling his gold-tinged ticket out an envelope.

"We've been walking on air," Maurice Thornton said the morning of Friday, Jan. 23, after sipping a cup of coffee in his Delmar home. "I'm still coming down to earth."

Rep. Paul Tonko invited Thornton, a retired University at Albany professor, to be his guest at President Barack Obama's address held Wednesday, Jan. 21, in the House of Representatives chamber of the United States Capitol. Thornton's wife, Elizabeth, joined him on the trip and watched the address in Tonko's Office.

Thornton said he was "overwhelmed" to receive Tonko's invitation to the speech.

"It was something almost beyond my dreams that I would be invited to hear and see the president's State of the Union address, and especially Barack Obama," said Thornton. "The view was just outstanding. I don't think there's a bad seat in the house."

Tonko, D-Amsterdam, officially announced the veteran as his guest Thursday, Jan. 15, at a site holding great meaning to Thornton — the Henry Johnson Memorial in Albany. For several

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There are no losers on Sunday if you pay attention to the tips provided by our panel of local experts.

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COMMUNITY

Historic church could be restored

Slingerlands Methodist could convert to dentist's office or apartments

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — The Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands may soon see new life as a dentist's office.

The project was recently approved by the town's

Zoning Board of Appeals and will now head to the Planning Board. Dr. Peter Forman of Delmar Family Practice is looking to purchase the entire property, with the church renovated into his new offices.

"The sense is this is the

best use for the church, it would preserve the church and it would effectively be an adaptive reuse as a doctor's office," said Chairman Dan Coffey.

The proposal unanimously passed the town's Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday,

Jan. 21. The area is zoned as a Core Residential district, where apartments and medical offices are not permitted, so a use-variance was needed.

The church was forced to close last summer after facing several years of low membership and financial difficulties. The original goal was to find another congregation who may be interested in the site, but after several months of little interest, sale of the property was opened up to the general public.

The proposed project would see the 200-year-old church turned into a dentist's office and four apartments. The rectory, which would also be purchased as part of the deal, would remain a single-family home. The applicant promised the church would essentially look the same from the outside, and the stain-glass windows would remain intact.

The church was originally established in 1871 after the town's Methodists split into two groups following an argument over where to build their new church. Land and building material were eventually donated by Albert I. Slingerland to the splinter group, and the new church building was dedicated that December. Slingerland also built the patronage next door a year later. It now sits in a historic district.

For several years, the church used endowments and grants in order to stay open. However, as the town's demographics changed, membership continued to decline. The church's former pastor, Rev. Laurel Phillips said at best, 25 people came to services each Sunday.

Both Thomas Andress

of ABD Land Surveyors & Engineers and Mary Beth Slevin presented on behalf of the United Methodist Church and Dr. Peter Forman. At a prior meeting, Slevin explained how the variance would "satisfy the goals" of the town's Comprehensive Plan, since a mixed-use development would put the property back on the town's tax rolls.

Zoning board members posed several questions about the project, including how the office could impact

for appointments. The applicant also said he would work with the town to possibly do grading to fix sight-line issues when leaving the parking lot. As for demolition costs, estimates from several companies said it would cost about \$200,000 to tear down the church if someone hypothetically wanted it removed.

A public hearing for the project spanned several meetings, and only two out of about 10 speakers were in opposition.

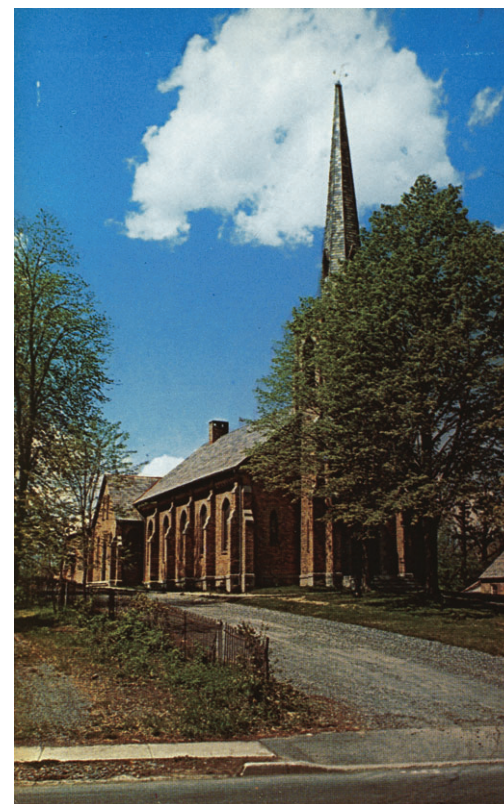
Both David and Gail Balluff, of 11 Surrey Mall, spoke against the proposal at an earlier meeting because of a potential increase in traffic, car accidents and patrons.

"The parking lot directly overlooks my backyard and back windows, so if there's 80 people or so a day coming in to that parking lot and looking into my backyard, it's an invasion of my privacy," said David Balluff.

Many of those who spoke in favor of the project were former congregation members or neighbors, who were happy to see a new use found for the church.

Submitted

"I think it's a fantastic idea," said Mark Flood, of 1496 New Scotland Road. "I would hate to see this opportunity go by the wayside ... Any use for this property, or any organization that has use for the building, is going to have to generate income. That building was built in the 1800s and to maintain that property, they will have to generate income. And we live in a society where we get in cars to go there."



The Community Methodist Church stands amidst Slingerlands Historic District. Here is how it stood in an undated post card.

traffic, and if there was substantial parking. They also asked to know the potential cost to demolish the church if someone wanted the property for a different purpose.

Andress said there would be a slight increase in traffic during the morning rush hour, since the majority of appointments take place in the morning before the average person goes to work. It was also determined parking would be fine, since the church and its other community uses typically saw more people than would be warranted

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RELIGION

From horses to harmonious hymns

Bethlehem man ordained as deacon later in life, seeking priesthood

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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BETHLEHEM

— Many people try to find, and fulfill, what they believe is their true calling in life. A local man, however, feels he found his second calling later in life.

Frederick Richard Lesser owned and operated the Equine Clinic at OakenCroft in the hamlet of South Bethlehem for more than 25 years with his wife, Marilyn Schmidt. The pair met while attending Cornell University, where Lesser earned his doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1981.

About nine years ago, Marilyn passed away and he later retired from his business.

Lesser had grown up in a traditional Catholic family in Bradford, Penn., where he attended

Catholic schools and then attended Penn State University. During high school, he had thought about priesthood, but it did not feel like what he was meant to do yet.

"From the time I was small I have always wondered if I had this vocation," Lesser said. "I think God knew I needed to be a little bit better informed by the real world."

He said there was no "aha moment" once he knew he should become a priest. It was rather a gradual process developing over time.

"This isn't really a decision I got to make," he said. "In the depths of my being I thought I was being called by God to do this."

Lesser was ordained as a transitional deacon Saturday, Jan. 3, in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany during a

ceremony at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Albany.

"We are indeed blessed that Rick, a man who has had a beautiful family and a very full and rewarding life to this point, is now called by God to serve his church and people in this very special way," Scharfenberger said in a statement.

Lesser is planning to become a priest in June, with becoming as deacon as a step in that process.

Receiving support and encouragement from Albany Bishop Emeritus Howard Hubbard and Revs. James Walsh and Anthony Ligato helped guide Lesser through the process of becoming a deacon.

Lesser received his masters in divinity from St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in

Albany. He then attended the Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Boston, Mass., which is a school focusing on men who pursue the priesthood later in life.

"I have accomplished a great deal in the previous parts of my life and this is not about accomplishments so much as just about being of service," said Lesser.

Religion has played an important role in his life, and he's been an active parishioner at St. Patrick's in the Village of Ravena. This community was also vital following the death of his wife.

"It was faith, family and friends that really helped our family in tough times," he said.

Connecting with people and service has played role throughout his life. As much as he loved horses and working with him, he



Bishop Edward Scharfenberger ordaining new deacon Frederick Richard (Rick) Lesser.

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said it was really his clients that kept him continuing the business and provided the most joy.

While he doesn't have his equine veterinary

business anymore, he passion for them has not stopped.

"I still have horses and I still ride," he said, "and I probably always will."

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■ COPS, COURTS and EMERGENCY CALLS

Child porn pinned on G'land man

A Guilderland man was arrested on child pornography charges after an ongoing investigation traced his IP address.

An investigator from the Colonie Police Department, acting undercover, was investigating the transmission of child pornography received from the same IP address on two dates in November. There were allegedly 112 images sent from the address during those dates.

The investigator, also a member of the FBI Child Exploitation Task Force, identified Timothy J. Marsh, 27, of 102 Heritage Road, Apt. 12, as the person who allegedly sent the images. Guilderland police and the FBI helped connect Marsh to the IP address.

On Friday, Jan. 16, a search warrant was executed at Marsh's apartment. Police seized computers and storage devices, which are being

forensically examined for additional images and videos. Police suspect the devices could contain thousands of images, which may result in additional charges.

Police do not believe Marsh had any contact with the underage victims.

Marsh was arrested and charged with promoting the sexual performance of a child, a felony.

He was remanded to the Albany County jail without bail. His preliminary hearing in Colonie Town Court was scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m.

Colonie police are asking anyone who may have more information to call the department at 783-2744.

Police: Pair bought items with fake information

Bethlehem police arrested two men for allegedly ordering heavy construction equipment using fake information.

In October, construction equipment was delivered to a location in the City of Albany at the request the purchaser, according to police. When the company determined fake information was provided to purchase the equipment after attempting to collect payment. The equipment included a skid steer, planer, a walk-behind roller and a plate tamper, which is valued at more than \$69,000.

Police said the items were recovered at various locations in the towns of Colonie and Bethlehem.

On Thursday, Jan. 15, police located Tom J. Clarke, 23, in Saint Regis Falls. Police arrested Clarke and charged him with grand larceny in the second degree and conspiracy in the fourth degree, both felonies. Police also arrested Isaiah Berrings, 34, of Altamont, on Tuesday, Jan. 20, on the same two charges.

Clarke was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to the Albany County jail in lieu of \$45,000 bail. Berrings was arraigned in Town Court and remanded to the Albany County jail without bail.

Police said the investigation is ongoing and additional charges are pending.

Other arrests:

- Albany County Sheriff's Office arrested Jacob G. Rice, 28, of 134 Maple Ave. in Altamont, around 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, and charged him DWI, refusal to take a breath test, speeding, failure to dim lights and failure to keep right. A sheriff's deputy observed Rice driving 6 mph over the speed limit on Route 85A in the Village of Voorheesville, along with failing to dim his headlights when passing the patrol car. After observing Rice commit other traffic infractions, stopped Rice on Altamont Road and observed him to have an odor of alcohol on his breath and "extremely" bloodshot, glassy eyes. Rice reportedly admitted to having his high beams, but denied consuming any alcohol. Police said he failed three sobriety tests. He refused to submit to a pre-screening device and chemical breath test to determine his BAC.

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Accident on Elsmere



A car flipped onto its roof Friday, Jan. 23, after Bethlehem Police say it went off Elsmere Avenue and hit a tree stump. The driver was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

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■ COMMUNITY

Y's Annual Campaign begins

The Bethlehem YMCA's 2015 Annual Campaign is underway. Our goal is to raise \$125,000, and every dollar will stay right here in Bethlehem to benefit people of all ages in our community. Our goal has increased significantly this year, and for good reason — the need in our community keeps growing. The Y never turns anyone away due to financial hardship. We can make and keep that commitment thanks to the generosity of our Y members, staff, volunteers and people in Bethlehem who recognize the good work we do and want to support and be a part of it.

Whether it's a family that has been hit with serious medical issues, the loss of income or a loved one, or any other reason,



the YMCA is there to help provide assistance and access to our facilities and programs through scholarships that are funded by the Annual Campaign.

Thousands of people of all ages come through the doors of the Bethlehem YMCA. Some come at 5 a.m. to spin, run, swim or play basketball. Some come mid-morning for an aquatics or wellness class. Many come after work to lift weights and work out.

However, the Bethlehem YMCA is much more than a gym. From exercise to

education, from preschool to preventive health, the Y doesn't just strengthen bodies and minds. It strengthens our whole community.

Every day, we see opportunities to help people meet challenges such as helping someone live with diabetes or Parkinson's, helping a young parent with child care or summer camp, helping a teenager build character and confidence, helping a young boy or girl grow and thrive, or helping a family struck by a life-threatening illness.

In some way or another, the YMCA touches so many lives through its mission of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility and, by doing so, we can see the hope, strength and determination of

our members. And for thousands of people, it is made possible by funds from our Annual Campaign.

So over the next couple months, when you get a call from a friend, a visit from a neighbor or see someone you know at the Y, you may get asked for a contribution to our Annual Campaign. Please consider making a donation. You can even donate online at cdyma.org or just stop by the front desk.

Where some see obstacles, we see opportunities for our members, volunteers and staff to make a difference and to build a better Bethlehem. But we need your philanthropic support to make it happen. Together, we can achieve so much more.

— Mark Hansen

Take Your Child to the Library Day

On Saturday, Feb. 7, we are joining our counterparts across the country with a slate of fun programming to encourage families with children to visit the library. Although the library has so much to offer kids and parents every day, this special event will feature bonus activities, including a Valentine's Day themed Creation Station all day long, as well as a special visit from Curious George from 2-4 p.m. Also scheduled is a Time Out For Tales storytime at 11am, followed by a performance from some of the cast members of the Cue Theatre's "HONK!"

This program is co-sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library — Kids and Friends.



Bethlehem Public Library continues on Sunday, Feb. 1, at 2 p.m. with a recital by flutist Jacqueline Wright.

Wright is principal flutist of the Capital Region Wind Ensemble and has performed with a number of area ensembles, including Albany Pro Musica, the Troy Children's Chorus, Burnt Hills Oratorio Society, and Delmar's Jubilate Singers. She performs regularly in the region as a member of the All Seasons Ensemble, and coaches students and ensembles for the Empire State Youth Orchestra program.

A Little Sunday Music is generously underwritten by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

— Kristen Roberts

Senior Project scholarships

Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. is sponsoring two \$500 scholarships for high school seniors who plan to pursue a career in human services, social work, or medical services, specializing in assistance to the elderly. The scholarships are established to honor Karen Pellettier, former Director of Bethlehem Senior Services and first president of Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., and Charles "Tod" Tobin III, current BSP Board member who



served as President for 25 years. The scholarships are being administered by Bethlehem Community Foundation. Information and application forms are available at the BCHS Guidance Office.

Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. is pleased to announce its new website, which includes information

on programs, services and fundraising. Look for us at bethlehemsenioproject.org. You can also check us out on Facebook, and remember to "like" us and "share" us.

Bethlehem Senior Services is hosting free Health and Wellness programs at the Town Hall on Fridays, from 1-2 p.m. Lunch at the Windowbox Cafe is available before the programs, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your lunch reservation. The program on Friday, Feb. 6, will be "Bullying and Seniors,"

presented by Karen Laing, Health Literacy for All, Inc. The program will examine bullying situations involving seniors, prevention, and resources to address these circumstances.

The Senior Discussion Group, facilitated by Jane Sanders will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Town Hall. Join others to discuss current events and human interest stories, and reminisce about the past. Call 439-5770.

— Wilma DeLucco

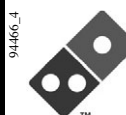
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■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Art demonstration at Bethlehem library

BETHLEHEM — Collage, the art of juxtaposing diverse fragments of various materials on a surface, is the subject of the Bethlehem Art Association's monthly meet Thursday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave.

Artist Kathryn Kosto demonstrates her approach to collage, using fabric and found materials to create windows into the past. Kosto says she often finds inspiration for her collages in poetry.

The meeting is open to the public.

Caregivers set orientation dates

GUILDERLAND — Community Caregivers is holding a series of orientations at its office at 2021 Western Ave. to train volunteers. Sessions take place:

Thursday, Jan. 29, at 8 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 11, at noon
Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m.
Thursday, March 12, at 8 a.m.
Monday, March 23, at 6 p.m.

Since 2010, Community Caregivers has had more than 230 volunteers provide services to nearly 500 individuals including visitations, transportation, shopping assistance, prescription pickup, help with paperwork and chores, and more.

To reserve a space at an orientation session, call 456-2898.

Winter/spring activity registration

BETHLEHEM — The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting 2015 winter and spring activity registration.

Adult activities include Active Aging, badminton, basketball, chair yoga, 30+ indoor soccer, pilates, three levels of volleyball, yoga, zumba and more.

Youth activities include pee wee basketball, Create Waves, Creative Kids Yoga, field hockey, Kitchen Kidz, Mommy or Daddy and Me, taekwondo, Toddler Splash and more.



Showing support

Berkshire Hathaway Home Services and Blake Prudential Realtors erected a sign showing support for the Bethlehem Police Department during a difficult time for the department.

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To view all of the activities and/or register, call 439-4955, ext. 2131, or visit www.townofbethlehem.org.

Winter Restaurant Week returns

GUILDERLAND — The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce announces its sixth annual Winter Restaurant Week from Sunday, Jan. 25, through Saturday, Jan. 31.

In honor of the new year, the Chamber has set the price to \$20.15 for a three-course meal at a number of area restaurants. Visit www.tasteofguilderland.com to see a complete list of participating restaurants.

Thompson's Lake ice fishing contest

VOORHEESVILLE — Thompson's Lake State Park will host its annual ice fishing contest Saturday, Jan. 31.

Registration begins at 5:30 a.m., with fishing and fish measurement taking place from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded in three categories — perch, pickerel and trout. Participants should

bring their own bait.

The registration fee is \$10 per adult and free for children under 12 years old. Hot food and refreshments will be available.

For more information, call 872-1237.

Snowshoe Five Rivers in the moonlight

BETHLEHEM — The public is invited to participate in an evening snowshoe hike Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m., at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road.

Participants will explore portions of the Wild Turkey and Old Field trails on snowshoes. People are asked to arrive by 7:15 p.m. if they need to rent snowshoes or want a quick review of snowshoeing techniques. Snowshoe rental is \$5 for the public and free for Friends of Five Rivers members.

Space is limited for this program. Call 475-0291 by Saturday, Jan. 31, to register. The program will be canceled if there is less than six inches of snow.

Dairy farming discussion Feb. 3

NEW SCOTLAND — "Dairying in New Scotland" will be presented by Doug LaGrange Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m., at the New Scotland Historical Association, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, off of Route 85 in New Salem.

LaGrange is a dairy farmer, as well as a town councilman. He will talk about the past, present and future of dairy farming in town.

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

V'ville scout troop hosts pancake supper

VOORHEESVILLE — Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop 73 will hold its annual pancake supper Saturday, Feb. 7, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Voorheesville American Legion Post.

The annual fundraising event for the troop features fresh pancakes, sausage, syrup, applesauce and coffee. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Tickets may be

purchased in advance from scouts or at the door.

For more information, contact Ray Ginter at 765-2069.

Grange offers monthly meals

BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Grange is offering meals on the first Saturday of each month at the Grange Hall, 24 Bridge St. in Selkirk.

The next dinner is the Grange's third annual chili cook-off Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. The meal includes salad, rolls, beverages and dessert. That will be followed by a corner beef and cabbage dinner Saturday, March 7, at 4 p.m. The meal includes salad, rolls, carrots, potatoes, applesauce, beverages and dessert.

The Grange holds its monthly meetings the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are welcome.

For more information, call Carol Carpenter at 421-1384.

Lynnwood Church hosts Brooks BBQ

GUILDERLAND — Brooks Barbecue visits Lynnwood Reformed Church, 3714 Carman Road, Saturday, Feb. 7, at 3 p.m.

Only drive thru service is available for the dinners. A full chicken dinner is \$10, a half chicken meal is \$6 and a rib dinner is \$12.

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*If you have a high school
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■ INSIDE



Red hot 'Birds

The Voorheesville boys
basketball team picked
up its fifth consecutive
win by beating Cobleskill
67-55 in a Colonial Coun-
cil game Friday, Jan. 23.

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■ BOYS BASKETBALL

Dutch top Eagles again

Simeone leads Guilderland past
shorthanded Bethlehem

By **ROB JONAS**
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BETHLEHEM — The Guilderland
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Bethlehem squad 71-54 in a Suburban Council
South Division game Friday, Jan. 23.

Ralph Simeone scored 25 points to help the
Dutchmen (10-1 league, 11-1 overall) end the
Eagles' 10-game winning streak and increase
their lead over Bethlehem to two games with
five left to play.

Bethlehem star forward John Sica suited up
but didn't play in the game due
to a mild injury he suffered in
the Eagles' 84-36 victory over
Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake
Tuesday, Jan. 20.

"He'd be the best player
on the floor," said Bethlehem
coach A.G. Irons. "He
averages about 15 points per
game, but he makes a 25-point
difference out there with his
ability to rebound and block
shots."

Guilderland took advantage of Sica's
absence. The Dutchmen outworked the Eagles
(9-3, 11-3) on rebounds, and without Sica to
clear some space near the basket, Bethlehem
had difficulty driving through Guilderland's 2-3
zone defense.

"I thought we did a good job with it," said
Guilderland coach Mike Parks. "A lot of times

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FINAL SCORE

- Guilderland
Dutchmen, 71
- Bethlehem
Eagles, 54



▲ Guilderland's Andrew
Platek defends Luke
Dole's shot during the
Dutchmen's 71-54 Subur-
ban Council victory over
Bethlehem Friday, Jan.
23, in Bethlehem. Platek
was limited to 14 points,
but he contributed at the
defensive end of the floor.

◀ Ben Zonca, right,
and a Bethlehem
teammate converge on
Guilderland's Andrew
Sischo after he grabs a
rebound.

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Spotlight

■ BASKETBALL

Streak hits five games

Voorheesville rallies past Cobleskill

By **ROB JONAS**
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VOORHEESVILLE — The Voorheesville boys basketball team extended its winning streak to five games with a 67-55 Colonial Council victory over Cobleskill Friday, Jan. 23.

After trailing 32-26 at halftime, the Blackbirds (7-2 league, 11-4 overall) outscored the Bulldogs

21-8 in the third quarter to take command.

Shane Parry scored 27 points, and Sean Nolan contributed 18 points for Voorheesville. Keenan Loder had 25 points for Cobleskill.

The Blackbirds host Cohoes Saturday, Jan. 31.

Girls basketball

The Voorheesville girls basketball team is

also on a winning streak. The Blackbirds won their sixth consecutive Colonial Council contest by beating Cobleskill 51-42 Friday, Jan. 23.

The game was a back-and-forth affair until Voorheesville (6-4, 8-7) outscored Cobleskill 16-7 in the fourth quarter.

Jordan Pettograsso netted 14 points, and Laura Patak added 11 points for the Blackbirds. Maya Nicholas' 12 points paced Cobleskill.

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Sica misses game with injury

when teams are missing their best player, other guys step up, and their guys certainly stepped up tonight. They played very well."

Most of Simeone's 25 points came in two 11-point spurts. The first happened in the opening quarter as Guilderland and Bethlehem traded baskets. The second 11-point outburst proved to be the difference, as Simeone sparked a 13-2 run to give the Dutchmen a 53-42 lead.

Andrew Platek — who was limited to five points in Guilderland's 56-43 loss to Shenendehowa Jan. 20 — was once again held under his average of 24.3 points per game by a concerted defensive effort by Bethlehem. However, the junior guard contributed 14 points to help the Dutchmen avoid their second consecutive loss.

"We need to have other kids step up because we know other teams are going to focus on Andrew.

It's no secret," said Parks. "All eight guys who played for us tonight contributed, which was nice to see."

Kevin Weber and Luke Dole each scored 10 points for Bethlehem, which had scored 70 or more points in five of its last six games.

"It was a tough night. That's what it comes down to," said Irons.

Sica and his Bethlehem teammates have a week to rest up before traveling to Mohonasen Friday, Jan. 30. Guilderland scheduled a non-league game against CBA Tuesday, Jan. 27, before playing Columbia Jan. 30.

■ HOCKEY

Futility ends for Storm

G/M/S beats Shaker/Colonie in overtime

By **ROB JONAS**
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GUILDERLAND — The longest losing streak in Section 2 hockey ended Friday, Jan. 23.

Troy Bennett's second goal of the evening helped Guilderland/Mohonasen/Scotia-Glenville defeat Shaker/Colonie 3-2 in overtime at the Schenectady County Recreational Facility.

G/M/S (1-7-0) had been on a 58-game losing streak dating back to the 2011-12 season, when it was known as Guilderland/Mohonasen. A lot of that had to do with a shortage of players, as the Storm

had barely more than the 10-player minimum needed to compete.

Things changed this year for G/M/S. An influx of young players from Guilderland and Mohonasen expanded the roster to 21 players, and the team decided to play a shorter, independent schedule, avoiding match-ups against Section 2 powers such as Shenendehowa and Saratoga Springs.

Everything came together for the Storm against Shaker/Colonie (2-10-2). Freshman goaltender Daniel Cooper made 36 saves to keep G/M/S in the game until

Bennett — one of five seniors on the team — won it in overtime with his third goal of the season.

The Storm couldn't keep the momentum going the following night, as they lost to Burnt Hills/Ballston Spa 12-3 Saturday, Jan. 24. BH/BS (12-2-0) scored five goals in the first period, and it never looked back.

Brandon Gaudin and Aaron Thorpe each had three goals and two assists for BH/BS. Tyler Popp tallied twice for G/M/S.

The Storm have four games left in their season, all of which are against out-of-region teams. They host Section 6's Kenmore East Saturday, Jan. 31, at Union College.

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Defining success

Real world mentors shape students at local school. **Page B2**

PICK OF THE WEEK



Aztec Two-Step

Veteran folk duo performs their songs and those of other classic duos such as Simon & Garfunkel and The Everly Brothers. Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m., GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady.

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SUPER BOWL



SEATTLE SEAHAWKS



Patriots

Super game plan

Local experts piece together a fool proof plan for Super Bowl Sunday

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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The day is soon upon us when the best gladiators of the gridiron converge into battle to signal the climactic end of another dramatic season.

There's also commercials and Katy Perry's halftime performance that's sure to fuel office chatter. But, if you're throwing a Super Bowl party this year, the one thing you want to make sure of is that your deflated preparations don't, too, become the fodder of office gossip.

There are essentials to every Super Bowl party - attire, presentation, food and

entertainment. Creativity goes a long way, but failing to address each aspect leaves your friends wondering if you really brought your A-game to the most important game of the year.

Before food can even be considered, one has to access the party environment. Sure, you have enough room. You invited only enough people to seat comfortably in your abode, but do you have the right television equipment?

"I've been doing this for 36 years, so I should be an expert," said Paul DeMilio, store manager at Towne TV in Schenectady. Towne TV has supplied televisions to the Capital District since 1956 and has outfitted

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▲ Entertainment is promised to be had for Super Bowl Sunday at Dave & Busters at Crossgates Mall.

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■ COMMUNITY

Success is a paper badge

Brown School students taught real life lessons

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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SCHENECTADY -- Nestled within the suburbs of a city once known to light the way of the world, a primary school is leading kids down the path of philanthropy, and doing so with a hands-on approach.

Brown School, a private, nondenominational elementary and middle school in Schenectady, enrolls 300 students from grades one through eight. Its mission statement is "to inspire each student to love learning while striving for academic excellence."

"I think the premise is that all kids have talents that can be pushed forward," said Patti Vitale, Head of School for Brown School.

Vitale smiles as she observes the daily scamper of running feet immediately halt to a walk as students

approach her open door. But she also she beams with an inner pride, describing how students wear curious badges of honor while at



Carmen Duncan

school. Vitale said the badges state: Ask me of my accomplishment. "And, they will tell you," she said. "They need to recognize that they can set goals and accomplish them."

Three years ago, Brown established the IGNITE program. The curriculum is designed to provide support and enrichment for

students, specifically in the middle school ages of sixth to eighth grade, said teacher and program director Nina Rae Benway. The current assignment calls for eighth graders to start a not-for-profit with an impact on the community. Some students focused on initiatives to help the poor gain better access to medicine, others looked towards establishing shelters and food pantries for animals.

To help the students along the way, IGNITE arranges for experts to visit them and talk about their areas of business. "Our goal is to get real world mentors in here to speak," said Benway.

In the simulated community the program creates, the lower grades are involved as well. They serve as potential investors. As Carmen Duncan, Founder and CEO of Mission Accomplished, explained to

students, figuring out how to fund your mission should be your first step towards a life in social philanthropy.

"Understand how money will come in before you put your heart into it," said Duncan, explaining the first steps include reaching out to local legislatures, corporations and other local leaders. Networking within the community helps drive funds, but it also helps to find people willing to help. "Get your support before you implement," she said.

In the hour-long tutorial, Duncan went into business details, holding

the classroom's attention as she discussed the structure of personnel, the chain of command and everyone's responsibility, and the benefits of establishing a 501c tax-exempt not-for-profit versus a limited liability partnership. Duncan started the morning seated in a round-table forum, listening and taking notes as each student shared the details of their not-for-profit and each of their desired goals. Once she was done, she proceeded to share her own experiences, some not learned in any business

school.

Duncan obtained her undergraduate degree at Maria College, and later went on to receive a graduate degree at Sage Schools. Her determination may set her apart from her peers, but her backstory underlines her conviction.

When she was a 16-year-old Albany High school student, Duncan's father was incarcerated and her mother did not live in the area. She became homeless. "It's been a journey," said the

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■ SPOTLIGHT ON SCENE

Guitar Hero rocks Palace

Joe Bonamassa stopped in Albany as part of his Fall North American Tour to play to a Palace Theatre crowd Jan. 19.

The guitar great played two sets, one acoustic and another electric, in a unique presentation involving an assortment of rare, vintage, organic and "oddball" instruments.

Bonamassa received his first Grammy nomination in 2014 for Best Blues Album, and garnered his 12th No. 1 Billboard Blues Album, more than any other artist.

Michael Hallisey

Joe Bonamassa played to a Palace Theatre crowd Jan. 19 in Albany.

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From page B1 ... Super game plan

commercial properties like the Recovery Room restaurants with their presentation needs. "For most people, the small stuff doesn't sell at all. They think: I sit ten feet away from the television, I want a 70-incher."

An over-zealous approach like that would be a rookie mistake in DeMilio's opinion. When shopping for a television, DeMilio said, you need to keep in mind the dimensions of the room and the lighting available within it. Amazon.com provides a simple equation to help determine the television size for you.

According to their math, the smallest set would equal the distance from your sofa divided by three, and the largest should not surpass the same distance divided by one-and-a-half. So, if you will be 10 feet away, you're looking at a set no smaller

than 40 inches, but no larger than 80.

"60-inches is a common set nowadays," said DeMilio. The television expert's advice is to look



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into a 4K UHD set. The resolution on the new technology surpasses the high definition sets of a few years ago. A 50-inch set, top of the line, can be had at around \$1,400, he said.

DeMilio's All Pro suggestion: "Add a sound bar to it," he said. "It amplifies the sound in the room, especially with a sub-woofer. It really rocks the room."

Once you secure yourself with the proper equipment to view the game, you can now worry about feeding your guests.

"One of the things to keep in mind when ordering food is to consider your audience," said Jen Felitte, Niskayuna Co-Op's general manager. The Nisky Co-Op has been Niskayuna's neighborhood grocer since 1943. Each week, the deli offers up a platter menu covering a wide spectrum of various tastes, including meat, cheese, fruit, veggie and shrimp. There are salads, sandwiches and wings too. Felitte suggests that if you order hot wings, to think about having the sauce on the side.

Failing to prepare is preparing the fail, said Felitte. A rookie's fatal mistake is "waiting to

the last minute," she said. "Waiting to Friday, or even Saturday to order the platters, and they don't get what they want. Everyone is thinking of the same thing."

The Co-Op's menu offers three-foot subs, but you better provide 48-hour notice should you want to avoid a strong, goal line stance. Felitte serves up additional advice to help cut down on confusion during the game.

"One thing I see at parties is hosts typically give guests a red, plastic cup for drinks and then no one knows whose is whose," said Felitte. "Take out a black Sharpie and get those names on there."

Whether you choose to host or attend a party, no one expects you to watch a football game in your Sunday best, unless your Sunday best is a Mitchell & Ness throwback jersey, or Nike authentic National Football League gear.

Chaz Betz, president and CEO of The Stadium at Crossgates Mall in

Guilderland, is already seeing jerseys sell out from his store.

"Tom Brady is already sold out," he said, pointing to a blank space on the wall.

The Stadium has served the Capital District for several years, and Betz said they provide the widest



Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

variety of team apparel in the area. There is a hat for every football team and a jersey to match. Throwback jerseys of football greats from the past can be found in the back of the store.

Following these

guidelines ensures there will be no losers this Super Bowl Sunday. But, should you find yourself without plans, you can lean on some relative newcomers to the scene.

"We have the ultimate viewing experience," said Maria Agresti, senior manager at Dave &

Busters at Crossgates Mall. The open floor plan of the restaurant allows patrons to view many of the several large screen televisions sets sprawled throughout the floor plan. The restaurant markets itself as a place to, "Eat. Drink. Play. Watch." In more elaborate terms, it's difficult for anyone's interests to wane once the game gets out of hand.

Hot and cold appetizers will be on hand. Everyone in the cocktail area receives raffle tickets, with awards tied to events as they happen in the game. VIP status is also available for those who call ahead.

"I'm looking forward to a great Super Bowl this year," said Agresti.

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How Water Behaves

Zany comedy about a couple's deception that goes awry. Presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany. Jan. 20 through Feb. 8. Shows: Tuesdays through Sundays. Tickets and information: 445-SHOW or www.capitalrep.org.

Rabbit Hole

Drama about a family whose life is turned upside down by an accident. Presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Jan. 30 through Feb. 8. Shows: Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$17. Information: 346-6204 or www.civicplayers.org.

MUSIC

Mariinsky Orchestra

Performing works by some of the Russian masters including Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev and Rachmaninoff. Hosted by Troy Chromatics Concerts. Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$50-\$60. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

Kitchen Jazz

Jazz quintet featuring vocalists Richard Genest and Sylvie Briber. Jan. 30, 7 p.m., The Stockade Inn, 1 North Church St., Schenectady. Information: 346-3400 or www.stockadeinn.com.

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Jan. 30, 7 p.m. Carney's Tavern, 17 Main St., Ballston Lake. Information: 952-7177 or www.carneystavern.com.

Aztec Two-Step

Veteran folk duo performs their songs and those of other classic duos such as Simon & Garfunkel and The Everly Brothers. Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m., GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$28 advance, \$30 day of show, \$35

Gold Circle. Information: 346-6204 or 8thstep.org.

2015 High School Choral Festival

Albany Pro Musica presents choirs from Guilderland, Queensbury, Shenendehowa and Saratoga Springs high schools. Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$10. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

Brian Patneaude

Local jazz artist. Jan. 30, 9 p.m., One Caroline, 1 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs. Information: 587-2026 or www.onecaroline.com. Also, Jan. 31, 9 p.m., 9 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information: 583-CLUB or www.9mapleave.com.

Black Abbey

Jan. 31, 7 p.m. Carney's Tavern, 17 Main St., Ballston Lake. Information: 952-7177 or www.carneystavern.com.

Running the River

Roots band begins "Howlin' at the Moon" concert series, with opening act Tophenjamin. Feb. 1, 7 p.m., Mabee Farm Historic Site, Route 5S, Rotterdam Junction. Tickets: \$5. Information: 374-0263 or www.schenectadyhistorical.org/howlin.

Hubbard Hall Opera Theatre

Performing the music of Giacomo Puccini to close out Bel Canto series. Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m., University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Tickets: general public \$10, students/seniors/UAlbany faculty and staff \$5. Information: 442-3997 or www.albany.edu/pac.

DANCE

Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company

A Capital District-based modern dance troupe performs three works: "Sea Ghosts," "Texture of the Whole" and "Speaking Duchamp." Jan. 31, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$26. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

FILM

William A. Wellman Film Festival

"The Public Enemy," Jan. 30; "Nothing Sacred," Feb. 20; "Beau Geste," Feb. 27; "Yellow Sky," March 27; and "Wings,"

April 24. Follow-up reading and discussion about the work of the acclaimed director May 1. Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Presented by the New York State Writers Institute. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

EMPAC Dance Movies 2015

Featuring several short films centering around dance. Jan. 31, 7 p.m., EMPAC, 110 8th St., Troy. Free. Information: 276-3921 or empac.rpi.edu.

LITERARY

Robin Antalek

Holding a launch party for her new book, "The Grown Ups." Jan. 29, 6 p.m., Northshire Bookstore, 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 682-4200 or www.northshire.com.

Katha Pollitt

Essayist, critic and poet reads from her work. Jan. 29, 8 p.m., Campus Center Room 375, University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave.

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Part of the New York State Writers Institute series.
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Christopher Scotton

Author will read from his debut novel, "The Secret Wisdom of the Earth." Feb. 1, 4 p.m., Northshire Bookstore, 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 682-4200 or www.northshire.com.

Karin Lin-Greenberg

Author will discuss her Flannery O'Connor Award-winning story collection "Faulty Predictions." Feb. 3, noon, Albany Public Library, Main Branch, 161 Washington Ave., Albany.

Peter Carey

Two-time Man Booker Prize-winning Australian novelist. Feb. 3, 8 p.m., Lecture Center 20, University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave. Part of the New York State Writers Institute series. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

POETRY

Josh McIntyre and Dave Jaicks

Two regional poets read from their work, with an open reading to follow. Feb. 4, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Admission: \$5. Information: 583-0022 or www.caffelena.org.

COMEDY

Demetri Martin

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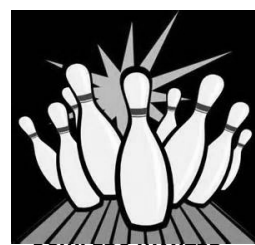
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From page B2 ...

Success is a paper badge

now 31-year-old Albany native. “In one time in my life I wouldn’t really talk about it. I thought people would judge me and not gravitate towards me. But, then I realized how much it helps young people and to further understand that, though you may go through obstacles, you can’t

◀ **Carmen Duncan talks to Brown School students about heading a social non-profit venture.**

Photo by Michael Hallisey

give up on yourself.” She proceeded to “bounce” from one house to the next, couch surfing. Her clothes would be scattered across five different houses. While she was in class, her focus would be on where she’d sleep, where she’d eat next. While her peers talked about college, she too shared her wishes to go to Spelman College, a liberal arts school in Atlanta. But, she found people weren’t listening to her.

Emotional support was another vital business

aspect Duncan impressed upon the aspiring entrepreneurs – something that’s important, regardless of how confident a person may be in oneself.

“I think being driven and having confidence in your work, and the individuals you surround yourself with to support you to succeed in your vision, is important,” said Duncan.

Fortunately, a friend listened to her, had her speak to her school guidance counselor, and they both followed each other through college.

“There are times you want to throw in the towel, and I think we have to have a certain level of

humaneness to help people understand that it’s never going to be easy,” said Duncan. “Whatever your success is, those obstacles are going to come, but make sure you have that network of people to help you through the process.”

The obstacles this mentor was able to overcome in her life provides an instant bond with those halted by their own.

“Being young and trying to start something like this: You don’t really know what you’re doing at first,” said sixth-grader, Lia Richter. “Being able to have someone to look up to and ask is really helpful.”

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From page 1 ... A hero's honor

years, Thornton has been fighting for the Albany-native to receive the Medal of Honor. This effort was part of the reason Tonko selected him.

Thornton is a member of the 369th Veteran's Association, which is dedicated to preserving and sharing the story of the all African-American 369th Infantry Regiment, known as the "Harlem Hellfighters." Thornton has been a member of the group since moving to Bethlehem in 1982 from Ohio.

Tonko pushed for legislation allowing the president to posthumously award Johnson the Medal of Honor, with U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer lobbying his respective legislative body.

Johnson died penniless more than 85 years ago, without the U.S. officially honoring his valor. France, however, awarded Johnson the Croix de Guerre with Gold Palm, one of its highest military honors, shortly after he was discharged.

In 1996, Johnson was

posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. In 2003, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second highest award.

Johnson served in an all-black New York National Guard unit and fought alongside French military units. The U.S. Army was segregated until 1950.

During the early morning hours of May 15, 1918, Johnson, along with Needham Roberts, were at a listening outpost in "No Man's Land" when a German raider party attacked the pair. Robert's was quickly injured and unable to fight, but Johnson did not relent.

"Despite sustaining numerous gunshot wounds, he fought off (more than) 20 Germans, rescued his fellow soldier from certain capture, and acquired a large cache of enemy weapons," Schumer said in his October 2011 online petition for Johnson to receive the Medal of honor. "If not for Johnson's bravery, with total disregard for his own life, his fellow soldier would have been captured ... and valuable intelligence would have gone to the enemy."

Johnson's discharge papers did not mention any injuries and he never received any military benefits, according to the New York State Museum.

His injuries left him disabled, and he died at 38 years old.

Thornton met Henry Johnson's son, Herman, who was a Tuskegee Airmen, at Arlington National Cemetery after Henry was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. While Thornton gazed at Johnson's tombstone, he looked out and saw the Pentagon, which had not been fully repaired from the attack on 9/11.

"The sun was shining on it and I said to myself, 'Henry Johnson is still fighting for us,'" Thornton reminisced.

On Dec. 12, the U.S. Senate provided the final

approval needed before the president could consider awarding Johnson the Medal of Honor, which traditionally must occur within five years after being discharged.

Thornton is hopeful the president will award the medal.

"I saw busses remove those signs (directing) blacks to sit at the back. And I saw water fountains become water fountains rather than for colored and white," he said. "I've seen a great number of things in my lifetime where policies and laws have been changed for the betterment of the country, so I have no doubt" Johnson will receive the medal.

■ COMMUNITY

Introduce kids to GPL

Saturday, Feb. 7, is "Take Your Child to the Library Day," an excellent opportunity to introduce your children to the marvels found at the Guilderland Public Library, if you have not already done so.

On this kid-centric day, we have two programs especially for our younger customers: "Social Robotics" and "Maple Sugaring."

At "Social Robotics" at 11 a.m., Jennifer Goodall and her team from the University at Albany will teach children about all the different ways that robots help people every day. Then kids will be able to "design" their own robot. Who knows—the next great inventor may be among the crowd. This two-hour program is for ages 8 and up. Please call 456-2400, ext. 4 to register.

At 2 p.m., kids' attention will turn to "Maple Sugaring with Anita Sanchez," a fun, family oriented program that explains the magic of maple syrup. It doesn't matter how old you are, everyone loves the taste of maple syrup. But why does a tree taste so sweet? Children will learn how trees work, why sugar is so important and — best of all — get a taste of real maple syrup. This program is for children Pre-K to Grade 4. Please call 456-2400, ext. 4 to register.

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www.guilpl.org

Local Connections Film Series

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 6:30 p.m., GPL's Local Connections Film Series continues with a 2003 film about the racehorse Seabiscuit, with scenes filmed at the Saratoga Race Track. "Seabiscuit" is the "true story of the undersized Depression-era racehorse whose victories lifted not only the spirits of the team behind it but also those of their nation." Review courtesy of the Internet Movie Database (IMDb). This PG-13 film is two hours and twenty minutes long. Popcorn will be served.

First Friday Family Films

Enjoy the time-travelling magic that only Mr. Peabody's "WABAC" (pronounced "Wayback") Machine creates when you bring the kids to GPL on Friday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m., to see the big-screen adventures of Mr. Peabody and Sherman. This non-dynamic duo — respectively a bow-tie wearing beagle with amazing creative and intellectual powers and his myopic straight man/adopted son — attempt to correct a near-catastrophic (hilarious) time rift

Sherman created while trying to impress his girlfriend.

The movie is rated PG (the puns are delightfully dreadful), and runs just over 90 minutes. Popcorn will be served.

"No Nukes" in Pix

A very special photographic display is going to be installed in the library's Helderberg Room at the end of January — that of the work of French-American photographer Lionel DeLevingne, who has been documenting the anti-nuclear movement since the early 1970s.

This exhibit complements Mr. DeLevingne's March

19 presentation at the Digital Photo Forum. There, he will discuss his work as a photojournalist, specifically as documented in his book "To the Village: From Montague to Fukushima." To view an online gallery of photos, please visit www.lioneldelevingne.com/galleries/no-nukes.

The Digital Photo Area photographers gather to discuss work they are doing and to share information about how to improve their work. This is an open forum, with occasional special guest photographers. All are invited to bring their work to share and also their questions. Bring work on memory cards, USB drives, CDs. The group meets the third Thursday of each month, except December and August.

— Mark Curiale

Acoustic concert series

The first Acoustic Doorways concert will be this Friday, Jan. 30, at 7:30 p.m., at Grace Methodist Church in Ravena. John and Orion Kribs join Brian Melick for an evening of blues, Americana and original music.

Single tickets: adults, \$10; children, \$5. Tickets are available at the library and at the door the night of the concert. Subscriptions for all four evening concerts: adults, \$30; children, \$20.

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, Feb. 7, is Take Your Child to the Library Day. Introduce your child (and maybe yourself, too) to all the library has to offer

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— you may be surprised. Stop by anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and play mini golf, complete a scavenger hunt, make a craft, play with some Play-doh and sign up for a library card. You can take your library card home the same day if you bring proof of your residency (a driver's license, rental agreement or postmarked piece of US mail).

Many studies show that reading to children early and often is strongly related to success in school. Give your child the best start possible with a library card!

— Carol Melewski

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals are sought and requested by the Bethlehem Central School District for Work of a Single Contract for Work at the Bethlehem Central High School in accordance with Drawings, Specifications, and other Bidding and Contract Documents prepared by Ashley McGraw Architects, 125 East Jefferson Street, Syracuse, New York 13202.	
Senior High School - N.Y.S.E.D. No. 01-03-06-06-0-006-030	
Bids are requested for General Construction Work. Project includes new doors, safety and handicapped access equipment and miscellaneous work within the High School Natatorium (swimming pool). Work must be completed on or before Tuesday, June 30, 2015.	
Sealed Bids will be received until 11:00 am, local time on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Department, 65 Elm Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054, at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud.	
The Bidding Documents shall be available beginning Wednesday, January 28, 2015 and may also be examined at the following locations:	
Associated Building Contractors of the Triple Cities, Inc. 15 Belden Street Binghamton, NY 13903 www.abcofthetriplescities.com	
Builders Exchange of Rochester, Inc. 180 Linden Oaks, Suite 100 Rochester, NY 14625 www.robex.-com	
Construction Exchange of Buffalo & Western New York, Inc. 2660 William Street Cheektowaga, NY 14227 www.conexbuff.com	
Eastern Contractors Association, Inc. 6 Airline Drive Albany, NY 12205 www.ecainc.org	
Mohawk Valley Builders Exchange, Inc. 728 Court Street Utica, NY 13502 www.mvbe.com	
Northern New York Builders Exchange, Inc. 22074 Fabco Road Watertown, NY 13601 www.nnybe.com	
Syracuse Builders Exchange, Inc. 6563 Ridings Road Syracuse, NY 13206 www.syrabex.com	
Reed Construction Data 30 Technology Pkwy South, #100 Norcross, GA 30092 www.reedconstruction-data.com	
McGraw Hill / Dodge Reports Online www.construction.com	
Works in Progress 20 Farrell Street South Burlington, VT 05403 www.worksinprogress.com	
Bethlehem CSD, O&M Offices 65 Elm Avenue Delmar, NY 12054	

Local contractors interested in bidding this project may obtain Contract Documents directly from the Owner, upon deposit of \$20.00 for each complete set, at the Operations and Maintenance Department, 65 Elm Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054

Otherwise, drawings, specifications, and bid form (Contract Documents) may be obtained from the Plan Holder: Plan & Print Systems, Inc., (315-437-5111) 6160 Eastern Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13211, upon deposit of \$20.00 for each complete set payable to Bethlehem Central School District. A separate, non-refundable check in the amount of \$15.00 per set payable to Plan & Print Systems, Inc. is required for shipping and handling.

- Checks for deposit for Contract Documents shall be made payable to the Bethlehem CSD (but delivered to Plan Holder).

- Checks for shipping and handling costs shall be made payable to the Plan Holder, or bidders may pick up documents in person. Cash is not acceptable as a deposit for Contract Documents. Partial sets requested, shall be obtained by interested parties, at their cost, with no money returned.

Documents may also be viewed free of charge at the Plan Holder's website.

CHECKS RECEIVED WITHOUT TELEPHONE NUMBER, FAX NUMBER, AND SHIPPING ADDRESS SHALL BE RETURNED: PLANS AND SPECS WILL NOT BE SHIPPED TO POST OFFICE BOXES. 1257.02 - BCSD - HS Pool Area Reconstruction Project Phase II

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Contractors who have paid aforesaid deposit for an entire set of Bidding and Contract Documents and return such sets to Plan Holder in good condition within thirty (30) calendar days after opening of bids, shall receive refund of such deposit for each set, not exceeding three (3), so returned to Plan Holder. As bid security, each proposal shall be accompanied by Ger-

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<p>tified Check or Bid Bond made out to Owner, in accordance with amounts and terms described in INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in, or to reject, any and all bids. No bidder may withdraw his proposal within thirty (30) calendar days of actual date of opening thereof. Pre-Bid Conference: The Bethlehem CSD has scheduled a Pre-Bid Conference for Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the High School Pool. Those interested in reviewing specific requirements of this contract, and in visiting the project site, shall make an appointment by calling Mr. Gregg Nolte, P.E., Director of Facilities & Operations, at 518-439-2123. Ad#71930</p>

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: R.B.R.E. Holding Company, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 1/20/15. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to P. O. Box 31, Newtonville, NY 12128. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#71760

LEGAL NOTICE

109 W 119 ST OWNERS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/15/14. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Ellen Minkow, 309 W. 57thSt., Ste. 301, NY, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 109 W. 119th St., NY, NY Ad#69182

LEGAL NOTICE

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 TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Slingerlands Fire District at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 13th, 2015, did declare its 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe Fire Chief's Vehicle, to be surplus property and no longer needed for the

purposes of fire prevention and control within the area protected by the fire district; said Resolution being made to sell said vehicle to the highest bidder for not less than Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars but not more than Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars. Copies of the vehicle's specifications may be obtained any time after January 28, 2015 at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office located at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bids must be submitted to the Slingerlands Fire District, P. O. Box 70, 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159 and will be publicly opened and read at the March 10, 2015 regular meeting of the Slingerlands Board of Fire Commissioners at 7:30 p.m. at the Slingerlands Firehouse. The Slingerlands Fire District has the right to reject any and all bids. Ad#71915

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

2563 38TH ST LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/18/14. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 3037 Avenue U, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#70019

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

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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 of 496 Dune Road, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/14/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#71741

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

LEGAL NOTICE

6817 Third LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/01/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Nathan Nathan, 31 Corn Crib Ln., Roslyn Heights, NY 11577. General Purposes. Ad#69622

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

Notice of Formation of 99 North Sixth Partners LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/8/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail process to: 1 North Oaks Court, Warren, NJ 07059. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#71210

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Activated Carbon for the Bethlehem Department of Public Works and other Town departments, as and when needed. The Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to allow all municipal and not for profit organizations authorized under the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York, to purchase any goods and/ or services awarded as a result of this bid in accordance with the latest amendments to NYS GML 100 through 104. However, it is understood that the extension of such contracts are at the discretion of the vendor and the vendor is only bound to any contract between the Town of Bethlehem and the vendor. Additionally, the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to purchase any goods or services included as part of this bid from any means legally available to it at any time. Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on the 19th day of February, 2015 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER AND SUBJECT OF THE BID. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Nanci Moquin TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 28, 2015
Ad#71745

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Addendum Date change on Materials and Services Bid published in Spotlight Newspaper

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January 21, 2015. Opening date of bid will be March 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Ad#71785

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 Albany Arthritis Associates LLP. Certificate of Registration filed with New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/6/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 23 Winthrop Ave., Albany, New York 12203. Purpose any lawful activity. Ad#70769

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Albany Imaging, LLC. Application for Authority filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 12/19/14. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to P. O. Box 1130, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#70049

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Albany Theatre Company, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 12/31/14. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 445 N. Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12204. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#70165

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Albany Theatre Supply, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 12/31/14. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to

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445 N. Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12204. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#70767

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: ALIRAN REALTY LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/21/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O ALIRAN REALTY LLC, 9 Loren Ave, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. Ad#69247

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of ALUM.: Commercial Sulfate of Alumina for the Bethlehem Department of Public Works and other Town departments, as and when needed. The Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to allow all municipal and not for profit organizations authorized under the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York, to purchase any goods and/ or services awarded as a result of this bid in accordance with the latest amendments to NYS GML 100 through 104. However, it is understood that the extension of such contracts are at the discretion of the vendor and the vendor is only bound to any contract between the Town of Bethlehem and the vendor. Additionally, the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to purchase any goods or services included as part of this bid from any means legally available to it at any time. Bids will be received up to 2:30p.m. on the 19th day of February, 2015 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER AND SUBJECT OF THE BID. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group

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through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
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TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 28, 2015
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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 Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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LEGAL NOTICE

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.
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LEGAL NOTICE

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.
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Notice of Formation Barjaktari Realty Holdings II, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/18/2014 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.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Barjaktari Realty Holdings III, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/18/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc-

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

Notice of formation of Baldy Burger Dewitt, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/09/2014. Office location: 15 Pheasant Ln, Menands, NY 12204, Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burke & Casserly PC, 255 Washington Ave Ext, Ste 104, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose is to perform any lawful act or activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Baldy Burger Elmira, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/09/2014. Office location: 15 Pheasant Ln, Menands, NY 12204, Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burke & Casserly PC, 255 Washington Ave Ext, Ste 104, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose is to perform any lawful act or activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Baldy Burger Ithaca, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/09/2014. Office location: 15 Pheasant Ln, Menands, NY 12204, Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burke & Casserly PC, 255 Washington Ave Ext, Ste 104, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose is to perform any lawful act or activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Baldy Burger Syracuse, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/09/2014. Office location: 15 Pheasant Ln, Menands, NY 12204, Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burke & Casserly PC, 255 Washington Ave Ext, Ste 104, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose is to perform any lawful act or activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Baldy Burger Vestal, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/09/2014. Office location: 15 Pheasant Ln, Menands, NY 12204, Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom

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process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burke & Casserly PC, 255 Washington Ave Ext, Ste 104, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose is to perform any lawful act or activity.
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Notice of formation of Baldy Burger Watertown, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/09/2014. Office location: 15 Pheasant Ln, Menands, NY 12204, Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burke & Casserly PC, 255 Washington Ave Ext, Ste 104, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose is to perform any lawful act or activity.
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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 Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation BM Markets LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/13/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
Ad#71337

LEGAL NOTICE

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE, TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NY. Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing as part of its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, 02/03/2015 at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY regarding a Subdivision Application, submitted by Quadrini LLC, as shown on drawing entitled "Preliminary Plat, Brookhill - Section 2

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Proposed Subdivision, Blessing Road, Tax Map 63.00-3.39, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York", dated 08/12/2011, last revised 12/15/2014, prepared by Hershberg & Hershberg, Albany, NY. Documentation related to the application can be viewed in the Planning Dept. at Town Hall, M-F, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Notice of Public Hearing will be mailed to property owners within 200' of the subject property. Said notice will also be published in the 01/28/2015 issue of the Spotlight Newspaper. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.
Ad#71798

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.
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CAPITAL EVENTZ LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/04/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at, 1740 East 19th Street, Brooklyn NY 11229. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
Ad#69177

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Center Blvd P LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/2/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
Ad#70418

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.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Chlorine for the Bethlehem Department of Public Works and other Town departments, as and when needed. The Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to allow all municipal and not for profit organizations authorized under the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York, to purchase any goods and/or services awarded as a result of this bid in accordance with the latest amendments to NYS GML 100 through 104. However, it is understood that the extension of such contracts are at the discretion of the vendor and the vendor is only bound to any contract between the Town of Bethlehem and the vendor. Additionally, the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to purchase any goods or services included as a part of this bid from any means legally available to it at any time. Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on February 19, 2015 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER AND SUBJECT OF THE BID. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
NANCI MOQUIN
TOWN CLERK
Dated, January 28, 2015
Ad#71748

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Limited Liability Company (LLC)
1. The name of the LLC is: CHOPPA & SON FORMAL WEAR, LLC
2. The date of the filing of the Article of Organization with the Secretary of State of the State of New York (SSNY) is: 12/31/14
3. The office within New York State of the LLC is located in Albany County.
4. The SSNY is designat-

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ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 1020 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205.
5. The purpose of the business of the company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law.
Ad#71574

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA PROCTORS MT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 3, 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, New York 12203.
Ad#70161

LEGAL NOTICE

CROCOR LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/19/14. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 85 Brompton Rd., Garden City, NY 11530, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
Ad#70023

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DWHY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/31/01. 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#70583

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Filezeus LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/4/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 35 W. 38th St., 5E, NY, NY 10018. Reg. Agt. at such addr. upon whom proc. may be served is Ear Properties International. Purpose: any lawful activities.
Ad#69621

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Fine Point Accounting LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/2/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc-

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umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
Ad#70420

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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Slingerlands Fire District at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 13th, 2015, did declare its "Fire Chief's Vehicle", to be surplus property and no longer needed for the purposes of fire prevention and control within the area protected by the fire district; said Resolution being made to sell said apparatus to the highest bidder for not less than Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars but not more than Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars; said Resolution having been adopted subject to a Permissive Referendum pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law.
Ad#71914

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC), FREE MOVEMENT PILATES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/21/2014. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O FREE MOVEMENT PILATES, LLC 500 KENWOOD AVE, STE 2, DELMAR, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
Ad#70066

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Gecaj Realty Holdings II, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/18/2014 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#70038

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Gecaj Realty Holdings III, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/18/2014 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#70039

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Genti Holding LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/5/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc-

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umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
Ad#68928

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation GreenStone Physical & Massage Therapy PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/18/2014. 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#70044

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 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#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 of HARDSTYLE FITNESS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 10/10/14 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 14 Parkwyn Dr. Delmar, NY, 12054. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
Ad#70289

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of HARGIS CONSULTING, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/2014. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Josephine Hargis, 43 Upper Wedgewood Lane, Voorheesville NY 12186. Purpose: any lawful act.
Ad#69278

LEGAL NOTICE

Herbal Face Food - East Coast, LLC (the LLC) filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/10/14. The LLC office is in Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of

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the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served to the LLC to 1 Peacham Road, Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose of the LLC is any lawful act or activity. Ad#71132

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Notice of Formation Heron Drive LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/2/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#70417

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF HIIT BY HILTS, LLC under section 203 of The Limited Liability Company Law.-FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: HIIT BY HILTS, LLC SECOND: The County within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: ALBANY THIRD: The Secretary Of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the SECRETARY OF STATE shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:HIIT BY HILTS, LLC, PO Box 73, Guilderland, NY 12084 ORGANIZER NAME: EDWARD HILTS FILED BY: Edward Hilts, PO Box 73, Guilderland, NY 12084 Ad#69275

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 HR OUTSOURCING ASSOCIATES, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/26/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/28/14. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#70261

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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

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is IHLL, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 22, 2014. THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is P.O. Box 3 Voorheesville, NY 12186 FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is The Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. Ad#70613

LEGAL NOTICE

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

IRMA Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/11/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 3020 Avenue Y, #2A, Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes. Ad#70017

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 whom process against it

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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 Qualification of J. Carlson A.V., LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/23/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/5/14. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#70053

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: JHPN HALFMOON LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 16, 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 P.O. Box 990, Latham, NY 12110. Ad#70028

LEGAL NOTICE

KASTR POS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/22/14. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 60 Feeks Lane, Lattingtown, NY 11560. Purpose: General. Ad#71107

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of LENY 534 INVESTOR LLC. Authority filed with SSNY on 10/17/14. Office location: Albany

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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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LAW OFFICE OF POLLY FEIGENBAUM, PLLC On 10/17/14, Articles of Organization of Law Office of Polly Feigenbaum, PLLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY professional limited liability company ("PLLC") is located in Albany County. The SSSNY is designated as the agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSS-NY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is Law Office of Polly Feigenbaum, PLLC, 21 Chestnut Lane, Niskayuna, NY 12309. The purpose of the PLLC is for the practice of the profession of law. Ad#70169

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Lincoln 443, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/12/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 837 Father Capodanno Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10305. General Purposes. Ad#70014

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Notice of Formation Louie's East End Trees LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/18/14 with an effective date of 1/1/15. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#70045

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation McLoughlin O'Hara, LLP Cert. of Reg. filed with SSNY 12/29/14 with effective date of 1/1/15. Off. Loc.: 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. SSNY designated as agent of LLP whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: Law. Ad#70273

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MOLLIE PARTNERS 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#68490

LEGAL NOTICE

MTM Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/21/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1464 Dahill Rd., #2R, Brooklyn, NY 11204. General Purposes. Ad# 70012

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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

LEGAL NOTICE

Nixa Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/21/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2866 Brighton 3rd St., Apt. 2, Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes. Ad#69624

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: NR BLITZEN LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 10, 2014. Office location: C/O Dawn Homes Management, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, City of Albany, County of Albany, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC C/O Dawn Homes Management, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. For any lawful purpose. Ad#68930

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Nut Island Acquisition, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 12/30/14. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 1111 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#70064

LEGAL NOTICE

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 DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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(LLC). Name: PARC V, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 19, 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#70585

LEGAL NOTICE

PETNIK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/20/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1841 Broadway, Ste. 706, NY, NY 10023. General Purposes. Ad#70013

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Poly Orthophosphate CP-720 for the Bethlehem Department of Public Works and other Town departments, as and when needed. The Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to allow all municipal and not for profit organizations authorized under the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York, to purchase any goods and/ or services awarded as a result of this bid in accordance with the latest amendments to NYS GML 100 through 104. However, it is understood that the extension of such contracts are at the discretion of the vendor and the vendor is only bound to any contract between the Town of Bethlehem and the vendor. Additionally, the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to purchase any goods or services included as a part of this bid from any means legally available to it at any time. Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on the 19th. Day of February, 2015 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER AND SUBJECT OF THE BID. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Di-

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vision. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality in and/or to reject any or all bids. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Nanci Moquin TOWN CLERK Dated: January 28, 2015 Ad#71753

LEGAL NOTICE

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 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Raya's Cultured Cafe, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/24/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Gilah Moses, Esq., PO Box 9266, Schenectady, NY 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#70130

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

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: SAN NICOLA PROPERTIES, LLC Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 03/22/2011 Office location: County of Albany Purpose: any and all lawful activities. Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: c/o Business Filings Incorporated 187 Wolf Road, Suite 101 Albany, NY 12205 Ad#70423

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Notice of Formation-Sands Point Innovation LLC Arts. of Org. filed

■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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.

Nature center seeks artists
VOORHEESVILLE — The Thacher Nature Center is looking for artists interested in participating in the 12th annual Nature Art Exhibit March 7-28.

The exhibit showcases artwork with the theme of nature. Artists may submit up to three pieces

of art for consideration. Original artwork in any medium will be considered. All submissions must be inspired by nature or created using natural material. The hanging fee for the exhibit is \$15 per artist. There will be an opening reception Saturday, March 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information or to order an application,

call the John Boyd Thacher State Park office at 872-1237. For more information on other park programs, visit www.nysparks.com.

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with SSNY on 12/9/2014 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#68929

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF SHOP IN THE WOODS LLC FIRST. The name of the limited liability company is SHOP IN THE WOODS LLC. SECOND. The county within the state in which the limited liability company is located in Albany. THIRD. The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process accepted on behalf of the limited liability company served upon him or her is: c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc, 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228.-FOURTH. The name and street address in this state of the registered agent upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company may be served is: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Dated: May 14, 2014 Ad#69193

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Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: Smoke My Meat BBQ, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 5, 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 Smoke My Meat BBQ LLC, 10 Christina Court, Ravena, New York 12143. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Ad#69173

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Notice of Qualification of Spirit Master Funding IX, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY

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(SSNY) 1/7/15. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/8/14. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#71093

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Notice of Formation of Subtle Qi Vibes, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 12/1/14. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Subtle Qi Vibes, LLC, 18 Van Wie Terr, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#70155

LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMONS Index No.: 2733-14D/O/F: May 20, 2014 Premises Address: 24 ALBION AVENUE ALBANY, NY 12209-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,-against-CHRIS DINNEEN AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF TIMOTHY P. DINNEEN; JOHN DINNEEN, JR. AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF TIMOTHY P. DINNEEN; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; JOHN DOE 1 THROUGH 50; JANE DOE 1 THROUGH 50, intending to be the unknown heirs, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, and assignees of THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY P. DINNEEN who was born on June 8, 1966 and died on June 26, 2013, a resident of the County of Albany, their successors in interest if any of the

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aforesaid Defendants be deceased, their respective heirs at law, next of kin, and successors in interest of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the Plaintiff; “JOHN DOES” and “JANE DOES,” said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises and corporations, other entities or persons who have, claim, or may claim, a lien against, or other interest in, the premises, Defendants.-TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff’s Attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the Court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.Speak to an attorney or go to the Court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the Summons and protect your property.Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING

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THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.The following notice is intended only for those Defendants who are owners of the premises sought to be foreclosed or who are liable upon the debt for which the mortgage stands as security.YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. The amount of the Debt: \$102,116.59 consisting of a principal balance of \$92,989.75 plus interest of \$4,195.98, escrow/impound shortages or credits of \$3,167.34, late charges of \$38.52, Broker’s Price Opinion, inspection and miscellaneous charges of \$0.00, attorney fee of \$1,450.00, and title search fee of \$275.00. Because of interest and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive the check, in which event we will inform you.The name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.Unless you dispute the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, within thirty (30) days after receipt hereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates P.C.If you notify Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates P.C. in writing within thirty (30) days after your receipt hereof that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of any judgment against you representing the debt and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to you by Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates P.C.Upon your written request within 30 days after receipt of this notice, Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates P.C. will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor if different from the current creditor.Note: Your time to respond to the Summons and Complaint differs from your time to dispute the validity of the debt or to request

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the name and address of the original creditor. Although you have as few as 20 days to respond to the Summons and Complaint, depending on the manner of service, you still have 30 days from receipt of this Summons to dispute the validity of the debt and to request the name and address of the original creditor.TO THE DEFENDANTS: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action. TO THE DEFENDANTS: If you have obtained an Order of Discharge from the Bankruptcy Court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law suit is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises.-Dated: May 2, 2014 Tara Kellner, Esq. ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff Main Office 51 E Bethpage Road-Plainview, NY 11803 516-741-2585 Help For Homeowners In Foreclosure New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Mortgage foreclosure is a complex process. Some people may approach you about “saving” your home. You should be extremely careful about any such promises. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. There are government agencies, legal aid entities and other non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about foreclosure while you are working with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANK NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department’s website at

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tate.ny.us. The State does not guarantee the advice of these agencies. Ad#69251

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Notice of Formation of TAURUS LOREN, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/19/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68379

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Notice of Formation Tigris Management LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/13/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#71335

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Notice of Formation of TROUSSE SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/19/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#68376

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Name: Vogt Enterprises, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/14/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 7 Fairway Court, Albany, New York, 12208. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#71579

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Worldwide Trade, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/09/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2114 E. 27th St., Fl. 1, Brooklyn, NY 11229. General Purposes. Ad#70016

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Notice of Formation Zean.it, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/15/2014 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#70036

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ZEL properties llc the purpose for which the Company was formed on October 14 2014 in Albany County is to engage in any lawful act or activity under Section 203 of the LLC of the state of New York. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served at 45 Rapp Rd. Albany NY 12203. Ad#67299

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Sterling CP-837 Zinc Orthophosphate for the Bethlehem Department of Public Works and other Town departments, as and when needed. The Town

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of Bethlehem reserves the right to allow all municipal and not for profit organizations authorized under the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York, to purchase any goods and/ or services awarded as a result of this bid in accordance with the latest amendments to NYS GML 100 through 104. However, it is understood that the extension of such contracts are at the discretion of the vendor and the vendor is only bound to any contract between the Town of Bethlehem and the vendor. Additionally, the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to purchase any goods or services included as a part of this bid from any means legally available to it at any time. Bids will be received up to 2:30p.m. on the 19th day of February, 2015 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER AND SUBJECT OF THE BID. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk’s Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality in and/or to reject any or all bids. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Nanci Moquin TOWN CLERK Dated: January 28, 2015 Ad#71758





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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Education battle must end

The state of New York state's public education system is one of the many topics covered in Governor Andrew Cuomo's 548-paged "brief" of his agenda for 2015, and it's disconcerting.

It's January, halfway through the academic year, and school districts are already at work formulating budgets to address the financial needs for the coming year. Already on their wish lists is the request to eliminate the Gap Elimination legislation placed in effect in 2008, a time when the country was marred by a recession rivaled only by the Great Depression. The economy has since recovered, yet more than half of state schools receive less funding than they

did nearly seven years ago. Despite a renewed economy, Gap Elimination coupled with property tax caps have forced relatively affluent districts to make cuts to teaching jobs.

Cuomo's newest agenda addresses teachers in particular, tweaking the evaluation process by placing more emphasis on state examinations and in-class performance reviews. These results would further impact a teacher's ability to reach tenure, if not his or her employment status entirely.

The latest news is, the State Capitol would choose to hinge tenure status on a teacher's ability to score "effective" for five consecutive years. State exams would continue to play a role in this process. Frankly, the

days leading up to these tests make our elementary schools resemble a dystopian scene out of the Hunger Games, thrusting our children into unnecessarily stressful environments only to help bureaucrats evaluate our educators. That needs to stop now.

The status quo is in need of change. The back and forth between both the state and teachers' unions paint two extremes; neither one credible. It's tiring to hear one side say teachers are treated unfairly, while the other claim teachers are altogether ineffective. The battle over tenure qualifications is the lynch pin tying together two extremes that fail to address accountability. Have your in-class evaluations and audit schools

like industry regulators, but keep primary school kids out of the process.

The teacher's unions and State need to come together to establish an alternative that evaluates educators effectively. In the end, tenure should not be the goal; keeping talented and motivated teachers should be. Of course, forcing our teachers to teach out of the Common Core mandated curriculum hinders this effort. It could be difficult to say whether or not the problem lies upon the teacher, or the teaching material. Parents reading the material coming home often share a common, negative opinion. If the current way is the best we can do as a society, maybe we should all go back to school.

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■ GET TO KNOW ...



Douglas LaGrange

**Town of New Scotland
Deputy Supervisor**

• *Hometown: New Scotland*

What have you been listening to lately?

I switch between country and Christian music stations and some classic rock.

What have you been reading lately?

"For You They Signed" by Marilyn Boyer, and "Battlefields and Blessings" by Jane Hampton Cook.

What is your favorite show on TV?

"Modern Family," my guilty pleasure.

What was the last movie you saw?

The last movie I saw at the theaters was probably "Lone Survivor."

Could you describe what your dream vacation would be?

Touring the historical sites of America.

What are some of your hobbies?

Collecting American history items and rooting for the (sigh) St. Louis Rams.

What would your last meal be?

A giant fried seafood platter

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

Jesus Christ, but if not, George Washington.

What is your favorite local moment or memory?

Every time the voters in New Scotland elect me and trust me with their office.

What is something you think most people would be surprised to learn about you?

It would probably be my love of American History and the books and pamphlets that I've collected.

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

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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where is the support for police officers?

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

As the wife of a Bethlehem police officer, I live every day knowing that someday my husband may not return home safely. I know we live in a safe town and that our police do not regularly face the type of danger that is common in larger cities. However, I still worry and feel tremendous stress for my husband's safety, since police work is inherently dangerous. This kind of worry and stress is common among police families and something we endure as the love ones of a police officer.

My husband is dedicated to his work, and as a family we support him in his calling. We try not to think or talk about the bad things that might happen, but truthfully, our fear of losing him or experiencing a serious injury is ever present. Back in December, when two New York City policemen were assassinated in their patrol car, our personal fears became more tangible and our lives a little more tense. Also, the recent social unrest and negative publicity towards police has further made the occupation more

dangerous.

In Bethlehem, we think of ourselves as a law-abiding community, and we take for granted that our children are safe on the streets. We come to expect excellence in our schools and a high level public safety. As a wife of a police officer, I have firsthand knowledge of the arrests, interventions, preventive measures and overall good work of our town police officers. The police have always enjoyed the support of the Bethlehem community, but lately, there have been problems.

As I write this letter,

Supervisor Clarkson and the Town Board have reduced the police department by seven police officers and have no plans to fill the vacancies. With that said, there are fewer patrol cars on the street, which decreases the safety of our officers, families and businesses. Also, Supervisor Clarkson has imposed new rules that further limit the ability of police officers to take time off for illness, a child's doctor's appointment, or even a family emergency. There are even certain shifts where no one can take off, no matter what

the reason. The ability to spend time with family and friends has been essentially limited to mid-week days when events are rarely planned.

My husband becoming a police officer was a family decision. We knew the job would require family sacrifices, and there have been many through the years. However, the recent changes in policies have gone too far. As a family, we have willingly dealt with these difficulties, but are becoming increasingly disheartened by recent policies enacted by our elected officials. We need

relief from the political games that are being played, which affect the safety and well being of the town and our families.

So I ask you, the next time you see Supervisor Clarkson or a member of the Town Board, will you please ask them what they are doing to help the police, their children and families to foster the type of secure lifestyle we all deserve as Americans? As police families, we need and are grateful for your support.

Lauren McCarroll Corrigan

Bethlehem

Easement won't help

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

The Conservation Easement Exemption Program is really nothing that will do a landowner any good. It is just another way that government will have to control your property, as if they don't already have too much control on your property.

If your town property tax bill is \$1,000, your minimum benefit would be \$500. If you needed to sell after five years, you would pay back \$500 for each of the five years, or

\$2,500, plus six percent interest compounded annually for the five years, or about \$3,372, just to get permission to sell.

Reasons that may cause you to sell may be bankruptcy, illness or just the desire to leave the highest taxed state.

I have kept my land open for 50 years because I like it that way, and I have said many times that if it is at all possible, I intend to keep it that way.

I am not going to be suckered into this "tax

benefit!"

*Ronald Selkirk
Selkirk*

Editor's note: The incentive behind the Conservation Easement Exemption Program is to encourage larger land owners to maintain open space, while decreasing their tax burden as they do, so long as the landowner commits to keeping the land undeveloped for 15 years. Paying back taxes, as described above, would occur if the landowner develops on his land prior to that threshold.

Scouts give thanks

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

Boy Scouts of America Troop 58 in Delmar would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to Hannaford Supermarkets for its generous support of our 7th annual all-you-can-eat pancake dinner, held on January 20th at the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post. The people at Hannaford, both locally and at the administrative level, truly went above and beyond in their efforts to help the scouts put on this fundraiser.

In addition to Hannaford, thanks also go out to the Bethlehem Lions Club, Shop Rite and the Bethlehem

community.

Almost 200 people in our community attended the dinner. The support from our community and local businesses helps fund Scout activities that are not only fun, but help develop character, leadership and community involvement. Some of Troop 58's community projects include: building and improving hiking trails, road cleanups, flag placement to remember those who sacrificed for our country, and the public reading of the Declaration of Independence in celebration of the 4th of July.

Troop 58 extends a

special thanks to our troop sponsor, the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post. The Post has been Troop 58's sponsor for almost 100 years. The scouts are grateful and honored for the Posts' continued support.

Thank you to everyone that that participated. The Troop is looking forward to its the 8th annual pancake dinner in next January 2016. We hope the community is too.

*Mark Hansen
BSA Troop 58 Pancake
Dinner Coordinator*

■ MILESTONES



Greg Cameron and Jordyn Blumkin

Blumkin, Cameron plan 2016 wedding

David and Julie Blumkin of Delmar are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Jordyn to Greg Cameron, son of Hope Cameron also of Delmar, NY and the late John Cameron.

The future bride and groom were both 2005 graduates of Bethlehem Central High School. Greg has an IT degree from Rochester Institute

of Technology and works as a Partner Setup Specialist at CommerceHub. Jordyn has a degree in Mathematics from the University at Albany where she works as a Budget Analyst and is pursuing a Master of Science in Accounting.

The happy couple lives in Albany with their dog Toby. A June 2016 wedding is planned.

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