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# **Spring in action**

# Cold weather didn't damper spirits at Egg-stravaganza"

he Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department hosted its "Egg-stravaganza" event Saturday, April 11, at Elm Avenue Park. There was a strong turnout for the event, which had been postponed for a week, despite the unseasonably cold weather.

The main attraction, an egg hunt, featured more than 2,000 colorful plastic eggs placed across three areas at the park. Kids were divided into three age groups to balance out everyone's egg grabbing opportunity. There were also 12 golden eggs, with four in each section, containing a slip of paper to redeem for a special prize.

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Children of all ages took the Elm Avenue Park, despite the cold, to take part in the annual egg hunt festivities.

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# COPS, COURTS and EMERGENCY CALLS

# Hughes arrested for domestic incidents

Former Bethlehem police officer Christopher Hughes was arrested days apart in two different municipalities for alleged domestic incidents, according to police.

Albany police arrested Hughes, 43, of Bethlehem, on Friday, April 3, and charged him with aggravated harassment, a misdemeanor, and violating probation after he allegedly threatened to kill his estranged wife, according to authorities. Police said the incident occurred earlier that week.

After spending the night in jail, Hughes was arraigned in Albany City Court on Saturday, April 4. He was remanded to Albany County Correctional Facility and later released on \$7,500 bail.

Coeymans police were notified when Hughes was released from jail Monday, April 6, and arrested him

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for an alleged March 19 domestic incident.

Coeymans Police Chief Peter McKenna said a complaint was filed against Hughes for endangering the welfare of a child, which he was charged. While driving, Hughes reportedly got into an argument with a passenger in his car and then he allegedly ripped off the car's rear view mirror, threw it, damaging the car's windshield.

Hughes was arraigned in Coeymans Town Court and issued an appearance ticket for Thursday, April 23.

# Guilty plea for cocaine charge

Brandell Watkins, 31, of Utica, pleaded guilty to criminal possession of a controlled substance in the second degree, a felony, in Albany County Court on Friday, April 10, according to District Attorney David Soares. On March 12, State Police stopped Watkins for speeding on I-87 in the Town of Guilderland. Police observed "visible marijuana residue" on the rear driver's side floor. Police then searched the vehicle and found approximately 500 grams of cocaine in the rear driver side wheel well.

Watkins faces seven years in State Prison, followed by five years of post-release supervision, when sentenced on June 5, according to the District Attorney's Office.

### **Other arrests:**

• Bethlehem police arrested Jeffrey U. Biemkpa, 20, of 1705 Carrie St. Top Floor in Schenectady, at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, and charged him with six counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the first degree, a felony, and two counts of petit larceny. The charges stem from an incident on Feb. 11 at Staples in Glenmont, according to police reports. Biemkpa was transported from Saratoga County jail on an arrest warrant. He was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to Albany County jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

 Albany County Sheriff's Office arrested Marie L. Conrad, 49, of 193 Upper Flat Rock Road in Voorheesville, around 3:40 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, and charged her with criminal mischief in the third degree, a felony, criminal mischief in the fourth degree and assault in the third degree. Conrad allegedly scratched the victim's right arm, broke their prescription glasses and caused a contusion to their left cheek, according to police. She also allegedly attempted to prevent the victim from calling police.

• Albany County Sheriff's Office arrested Ryan Portanova, 30, of 12 Mayhall St. in Albany, around 5:30 a.m. Saturday, March 28, and charged him with two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, a felony. Portanova was a passenger in a car police pulled over on Western Avenue in the Town of Guilderland for traffic infractions. Police found him to be in possession of two switchblades.

 Albany County Sheriff's Office arrested Cornelius A. Thompson, 30, of 1030 Pleasant St. Apt. 1 in Schenectady, around 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, and charged him with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the first degree, a felony, DWI, driving while ability impaired, unlawful possession of marijuana, failure to keep right and speeding. Police reportedly paced Thompson driving 20 mph over the speed limit on New Scotland Road, along with driving over the center line. Police stopped Thompson observed him to have a strong odor of

alcohol on his breath, along with an odor of marijuana emanating from his vehicle. Thompson allegedly had marijuana in a cellophane wrapper in the front pocket of his jeans. Police said there was a partially consumed bottle of liquor found underneath the front passenger seat in his car. Thompson allegedly admitted to consuming two beers, smoking marijuana and inhaling cocaine earlier in the night. He failed two out of three standardized field sobriety tests administered, along with failing four non-standardized tests, according to police. He allegedly tested positive for alcohol on a prescreening device. Police said he also refused to submit to a chemical breath test or a blood draw while being processed at the police station. He was arraigned in New Scotland Town Court and remanded to Albany County jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

 Albany County Sheriff's Office arrested Michael A. Curran, 31, of 6211 Tipton House 6 in Albany, at 5:45 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and charged him with aggravated DWI, drinking alcohol in a motor vehicle on the highway, operating an unregistered vehicle, failure to dim headlights, failure to keep in the right lane and following too close. Police stopped Curran for traffic infractions and observed him to have a "pungent" odor of alcohol emanating from his breath, slurred speech pattern, repressed motor coordination, and glassy, bloodshot eyes

Curran allegedly admitted to consuming more than two beers, which he initially stated, but was not specific on the amount he consumed. Police said there was a plastic cup filled with an alcoholic beverage that was partially consumed inside his vehicle. A chemical breath test revealed he had a BAC of 0.28 percent. He was released on a series of traffic tickets. He is scheduled to appear in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, April 30.



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# **Spring is here**

At left, a young boy appears to have his eye on the prize. At top center, Andrew Johnston, an 8-year-old Elsmere Elementary student, proudly shows off the golden egg he found during Bethlehem's egg hunt last weekend. Johnston was one of 12 kids to receive a special prize basket for finding a golden egg. And, an the top right photo, starting from left to right, Lily Griesbach and her brothers, Adam and Owen, show off the eggs they found during the event. Adam, 7, found a golden egg and then helped Lily, 5, nab one, too.

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ENVIRONMENT

# Show some love to a favorite park

# Events at local parks highlight annual 'I Love My Park Day.'

**By JOHN PURCELL** 

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ALBANY COUNTY — Even a park could use a little bit of spring-cleaning before flowers bloom and wildlife roam, along with many eager trail-goers and bird watchers.

John Boyd Thacher and Thompson Lake State Parks will host "I Love My Park Day" activities Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. The event features a variety of volunteer opportunities. There are six different projects scheduled for the event and organizers are hoping about 100 people turnout. Projects will be available to suit all ages and abilities.

Friends of Thacher Park President John Kilroy said a few groups of six have registered as of last week, along with some individuals and couples. Volunteers must register for the event by calling the park at 872-1237, or through Parks & Trails New York's website at www.ptny.org.

"There is a tremendous amount of clean up that needs to take place this time of year," said Friends of Thacher Park President John Kilroy. "We can use all the help we can get."

The event does more than help beautify the parks, because it fosters community involvement with the parks, said Kilroy. The Friends of Thacher Park could always use more members to help throughout the year, too.

"What it does is it gets people involved with doing jobs in the park and that helps create a sense of ownership," said Kilroy, "and they are actually effecting what is going on in the park."

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo unveiled the framework for the "NY Parks 2020" plan last month, which will utilize \$900 million in public and private funding to modernize state parks. Kilroy said this funding boost assists with capital projects, but operations and maintenance funding remains essentially unchanged.

"Operating budgets have been flat for a few years," said Kilroy. "The staff at Thacher ... is being asked to do more with less."

There will be cleaning up efforts around the park office, entrances and some picnic areas, along with planting new flowers and shrubs. Volunteers, if possible, should bring shovels and trowels for these activities.

Anyone interested in working on the Indian Ladder Trail should bring rakes, loppers and hand saws. Similar tools will also be needed for work on two new trails. Some stone steps are planned to be rerouted on trails and a 4.2-mile stretch of roadway needs to be cleaned. There are two choices at Thompsons Lake Campground including clearing winter storm debris or a variety of painting projects at the new restroom facility and possible cabins. Applicable tools should be brought.

At the conclusion of the event, the Friends of Thacher Park will be providing a BBQ lunch for all volunteers. Participants should bring along water and a snack to eat while working during the day.

In the Town of Bethlehem, Selkirk Park is also participating in the statewide event from 9 a.m. to noon. Selkirk Park is located off Thatcher Street in the hamlet and features a playground, youth-sized softball field, and tennis and basketball courts

The first 50 volunteers registering by April 17 will receive a Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation t-shirt. Volunteers are being sought to clear winter debris, rake the ball field, weed, and



More than 50 volunteers performing various projects throughout Thacher Park at the 2013 'I Love My Park Day.' Spotlight file photo

plant flowers. There will be an activity for younger children at 10 a.m., too.

To register for the Selkirk Park event, visit the Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation website, www. FriendsOfBethlehemParks. org, and click on the "news & events" button.

Parks & Trails New York and the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation jointly sponsor the statewide event, with almost 90 parks and historic sites participating. "We hope New Yorkers who use and love their parks will take advantage of this opportunity to do their part by pitching in at this year's I Love My Park Day," Robin Dropkin, executive director for Parks & Trails NY, said in a statement.

Last year, more than 6,000 volunteers turned out for more than 120 projects across more than 80 sites. According to the Governor's Office, last years statewide event had 12,000 hours of volunteer service contributed.

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# Food pantry works to keep shelves full

Local Nationwide branch holds personal care drive in town

### **By MARCY VELTE**

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**BETHLEHEM** — While many think of giving to their local food bank during the holiday season, donations are harder to come by as the weather grows warmer.

This spring, the Bethlehem Food Pantry is in need of more than just food. Some local elementary schools, Scout troops and the post office have drives scheduled, and the Nationwide Insurance office in Delmar is holding a larger drive throughout town for personal care items.

"We wanted to give back to the community and help local people out," said Nationwide representative Marleia Main. "We know at the food pantry, there is always a need."

À joint program between Bethlehem Senior Projects and the town's Department of Senior Service, the Bethlehem Food Pantry was established in 1982. Originally the pantry ran just on donations, but as use increased during the recession, items have needed to be purchased to supplement the pantry through the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.

"One of the things people may not realize is with SNAP benefits (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program), you can't purchase non-food items, but there are often essential items that people need," said Bethlehem Senior Services Outreach Coordinator Will Vail.

Main said the idea had been to do another food drive until the pantry specifically asked if personal care items could be collected. "Of course we said OK, if that was more important." According to Vail, about 55 to 60 families use the Bethlehem Food Pantry on a monthly basis. Use of the pantry has tripled since 2009, and those numbers have yet to decrease.

"I would say it's mostly families and families with young children," said Vail. "That's the vast majority. People think of Bethlehem as fairly affluent, but there is a great need here. The recession hit people hard, and a lot of people still having difficulty in the wake of that."

There are eight regular food pantry volunteers, with about three major drives throughout the year to keep shelves stocked. One is the annual Turkey Trot, while the Boy Scouts and local postal workers also both do larger drives.

Since use of the pantry remains high, workers had been searching for additional storage space for items. Most of the food is kept hidden behind the stage curtain of the main meeting hall, but the space is also shared with a local orchestra. A small room to the left contains additional food storage, but wheelchairs, walkers and crutches are stored there as well for another Bethlehem Senior Projects program.

Additional space has vet to be found because of the cost, although there is a sister pantry through Venture Churches at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem in Selkirk. Vail said additional residents who live in Glenmont and Selkirk often make use of that pantry instead of driving into Delmar. The sister pantry also has refrigeration available, while the Bethlehem Food Pantry does not.

Volunteers with Nationwide will be dropping-off bags to homes throughout town this week. For those who don't receive a bag, but still wish to donate, temporary boxes will be set-up at various locations throughout town. Some locations include the Nationwide Insurance office on Delaware Avenue, the Key Bank in Delaware Plaza and 365 Fit. Permanent donations boxes can be found at the public library, YMCA, Town Hall and the Delmar Marketplace.

Main said she is also hoping some local grocery stores will be willing to have a donation box.

Items Jane 2 needed include: social toothbrushes, bantro floss, shampoo, conditioner, soap, shaving cream, laundry detergent, deodorant, sun screen and toilet paper. Other cosmetics, cleaning products or toiletries are also accepted.

Vail said if people are ever unsure of what to donate, residents are welcome to call since needs change throughout the year. Canned meats are always needed, though the food



Jane Sanders, the town's senior social worker, shows a town food pantry cabinet. Spotlight file photo

> pantry also welcomes cash donations to help them buy additional food to stay in stock during the slow months.

"We're so thrilled Nationwide reached out to us," said Vail. "It's outstanding."

Items will be collected the next two weeks. More information at www. townofbethlehem.org.

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### GOVERNMENT

# Solar power proposal underway

## Initial agreement will secure state rebates for project, lowering electricity bill

### **By JOHN PURCELL** purcelli@spotlightnews.com

NEW SCOTLAND -To secure state funding opportunities before regulations sunset, Town Board members took preliminary action on a power purchase agreement for solar electricity.

New Scotland Town Board members on Wednesday, April 8, unanimously approved signing a Letter of Intent to exclusively negotiate with Enlighten Power Solutions to provide solar energy through a Power Purchase Agreement. Three companies presented proposals to the board over the last year and town officials concluded

the Ballston Spa-based company's offer was the best deal. To reserve state incentive credit for the contract, the town had to approve the initial step before the upcoming deadline.

New York State Energy Research Development Authority rebates for installing photovoltaic panels have been decreasing in value over the last several years. The state Public Service Commission is also about to lower the credit rate offered to remote netmetered solar installations, which is what the town is pursing.

Projections without substantial efforts made before May 1 would be subject to a new credit rate reducing the financial incentive offered.

"There wouldn't be as much value to you as purchaser if you were to do this after the grandfathering [period]," said Owen Grant, director of Development for Enlighten.

Due to upfront costs Enlighten must borne, along with authorizing it to apply for state incentives, the Letter of Intent essentially restricts the town to only purchasing solar energy from the company. The Letter of Intent is nonbinding; town officials have not signed on to approve the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

Board members could still opt to forgo the proposal, but could not then turn to another solar provide after Enlighten did the preliminary legwork. The basic framework for the town's PPA has also been established.

The first year the town is projected to save more than \$10,000 with the proposed 200,000-watt system, which would be installed on the well field at the Winnie Lane pump house. The system is estimated to cover 100 percent of the town's

energy consumption.

If approved, the contract would last for 20 years with the town's fixed price increasing 1.95 percent annually to compensate for inflation. The town would not bore any upfront costs to install the panels.

Town Supervisor Tom Dolin said the town's interest was "accelerated" after learning about the ability to do remote metering instead of locating the photovoltaic panels on a building or on-site.

"The technology and the industry together with the subsidy from NYSERDA sort of all came together, along with other municipalities, we were interested in the opportunity to cut our electrical bill," said Dolan.

Councilwoman Patricia Snyder was concerned over the proposed 20-year PPA contract, which the board would vote on at a later date.

that's changing very dramatically and I think it will continue to do so," said Snyder. "The benefit of this has more to do with the incentives that are offered through our taxpayer dollars, quite frankly, to support programs like this."

Grant assured the incentive and reduced rate would not disappear over time, because the NYSERDA rebate offsets construction costs to install the solar panels. The savings is then passed along to the town annually through the company contracts with to provide the power.

'The mechanism for the credits is well established for the life of the project," said Grant. "Once it is constructed it is paid for, so there is no ongoing obligation."

After the solar panels site's sixth operational year, the town could choose to purchase the system,

any maintenance or other associated costs.

The Town Board also approved hiring a consultant for up to \$5,000 to review the terms of Enlighten's proposal and to negotiate a PPA on its behalf.

According to Dolin, 91 percent of the available NYSERDA credits had already been claimed. "We are trying to squeeze in before somebody else uses them up," he said.

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### OBITUARY

# Pence, H. Glenn

**SLINGERLANDS** Glenn Pence, 88, passed away peacefully on April 3, 2015 at his home with his loving family by his side.

Glenn was born September 19, 1926, in Broadway, New Jersey, the son of the late Harry and

Lillian Pence. He proudly served with the United States Navy during WWĬI.

H. Glenn Pence

He was honored with the Asiatic Pacific Medal, American Theatre Medal, the Victory Medal and was awarded the Occupation Service Medal. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #36 in New Jersey

as a Master Mason; Tall Cedars Warren County, NJ Forest #14 and the American Legion Post #1040 in Delmar.

He owned and operated Opdyke and Pence Petroleum, of Washington, N.J., and Delmar Travel in Delmar.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Thomas G. Pence.

Glenn is survived by his beloved wife, Doris J. Pence. He is the cherished father of Mary Jane (Harvey Hoopes) Pence, Mel (Tom) Jones, Lu (Mike) Rock and Stephanie Pence; the adored grandfather of Glenn Jones, Dee Jones and Wil Hoopes. He is also survived by his sister, Lois (Stanley) Hahn. Memorial

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John (Nead) Coulter

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 Gregory Lang, of Delmar, was named a presidential scholar for the fall 2014 semester at Clarkson University.

• Matthew Reluzco, of Schenectady, was named a presidential scholar for the fall 2014 semester at Clarkson University.

• Dvlan Hensel, of Voorheesville, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester at Coastal Carolina University.

 Arianna Stone, of Schenectady, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester at Coastal Carolina University.

The following students were named to the fall 2014 semester president's list at SUNY Geneseo Casey Vincelette of

Delmar Claire Triller of Glenmont

David Clarkson of Slingerlands Colleen Deyo of

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Rose Biggerstaff of

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Liana D'Elia of

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For the struggling teenager who has found a new path to a stronger character, better physical fitness and new achievements in school as a result of the YMCA's ICan program, we say thank you. For the family meeting the challenges that come from having a child with a life-threatening illness that can now enjoy the support of the Y's Circle of Champs program, we say thank you.

For active older adults who can participate in a wide variety of healthy living and social activities at the Y, we say thank you.

For the cancer survivors that can strengthen not only their bodies, but also their minds and spirits through the YMCA's Livestrong program, we say thank you.

For the teenager learning about leadership, problem solving and government by participating in the YMCA's Youth in Government program, we say thank you. For the individual at risk of developing diabetes that improves the quality of his or her life through nutrition and exercise as a result of the Y's Diabetes Prevention Program, we say thank you.

For students from all backgrounds that develop new and better skills, and raise their academic standards to help graduate high school and focus on career goals in the Y's Black and Latino Achievers program, we say thank you.

When you consider all of the programs that are supported by our annual campaign, and the thousands of people in town that are helped by scholarships and assistance from this effort, it's clear that the YMCA is so much more than a gym and we sincerely thank everyone for their support and participation in all that we do.

In particular, the Bethlehem YMCA would like to thank the many corporate and group organizations for their contributions, including: My Place Hockey Team; Adirondack Beverages; American Clothing Recycling Company; Bank of America; Bethlehem Youth Hockey and Boosters; Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association; Bethlehem Youth Hockey; Boy Scouts of America Troop 58; Christmas Wish Campaign; Field Goods, LLC; First Niagara Bank; Girvin & Ferlazzo, P.C.; HealthNow Administrative Services; Hill & Markes; Japan Karate Association of Albany; Lifetouch; and Maynard, O'Connor, Smith and Catalinotto.

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— Mark Hansen

# **Behavior strategies for parents and caregivers**

linical psychologist Dr. Kristin Knapp-Ines of the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at UAlbany will be at the library Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. to discuss the factors influencing problem behavior in children with special needs and how two pivotal behavior change strategies can build the foundation for successful skill and behavior development.

Knapp-Ines is a licensed clinical psychologist and a board-certified behavior analyst. She has extensive



experience working with individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities, learning disabilities and behavior/ emotional challenges, as well as their families, educators and other support staff. While with the University of South Florida, she was involved in the development and implementation of a positive behavior-based statewide parenting program for children with severe behavioral and emotional challenges. In her role as senior trainer with the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, she conducts trainings, presentations and workshops covering a wide array of topics related to autism and its related disabilities.

Copies of the evening's PowerPoint presentation will be available to participants.

This program is free and open to caregivers and parents. For more information, call 439-9314 or visit www. bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

# Last chance to pick up packets

Petition forms for a seat on the library board are available at the library information desk. Petitions require 74 signatures and are due in the office of the District Clerk by next Monday, April 20, at 4:30 p.m.

Elections will be held for two seats on the library board of trustees, for a full term of five years each. The election and library budget vote will take place on May 19.

The proposed library budget is online at www.

bethlehempubliclibrary. org and will appear in the May/June edition of the library newsletter, mailed next week to all households in the Bethlehem Central School District.

# Upcoming events

Friday, April 17 — When Opposites Distract: Two Comedies of Collision

Michele LaRue will perform a double bill of Edith Wyatt's "The Parent's Assistant" and Mary E. Wilkins Freeman's "The Apple Tree," both of which capture the essence of America's Gilded Age. This program is cosponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. 1 p.m.

Friday, April 17 — Preschool Films

Watch film adaptations of books and make frog and fish crafts. Up to age 6 with families. 10-10:45 a.m.

### Sunday, April 19 – Knit One, Purl One

Experienced knitters: bring a project. Beginners: bring size 8 knitting needles; yarn and instruction provided. Adults, youth age 9 and up. 2 p.m.

- Kristen Roberts



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### COMMUNITY

A love story via Mount Rushmore

hen author Richard Cerasani discovered an old trunk full of his parents' love letters in his Wilton attic, he was inspired to write the story of his parent's marriage and his father's work as a sculptor and artist on Mount Rushmore. Mr. Cerasani will tell their captivating love story at GPL on Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m.

Mr. Cerasani — familiar to many from his days acting as the villainous Bill Watson on the daytime soap opera "General Hospital" - crafted his parents' love letters into an endearing book, "Love Letters from Mount

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Rushmore: The Story of a Marriage, a Monument, and a Moment in History."

According to the book's publisher, "from March to September of 1940, Arthur Cerasani, a sculptor and artist from Rochester, New York, worked on Mount Rushmore, while his family remained over fifteen hundred miles away. Over this vast distance, he and his wife, Mary, stayed connected through letters. Their daily correspondence reveals the trials of carving sixty-foot heads on a

mountaintop and highlights the strength of the human spirit. Despite isolation, spring blizzards, summer heat, and the unpredictable moods and fortunes of master sculptor Gutzon Borglum, Arthur Cerasani manages to connect with the carvers of the great monument and grow as an artist."-South Dakota State Historical Society Press

Mr. Cerasani will have copies of the book available for purchase and autographing after his captivating talk.

# Herbs and medicines, **Shaker style**

"Shaker Herbs and Medicine: Clover, Comfrey, and Chamomile," will be presented by the Shaker Heritage Society at GPL on Friday, April 17, at 2 p.m.

This class introduces vou to the Shaker plant and herb "industries." Learn what plants were used to dye fabric, treat illnesses and flavor foods. Sniff samples of herbs from our extensive garden. Discover how the Shakers marketed their products and gained a trusted reputation in the farming

and medical communities. Try grinding herbs with a mortar and pestle and create fragrant sachets that you can keep in a drawer or closet.

Seating is limited, but there are still a few seats left; call 456-2400, ext. 2 to register.

### iPhone as an Eye on the World

During the Digital Photo Forum on Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m., Katie Mae will demonstrate her favorite iPhone photography apps. Learn how this marvelous little device has a camera that can achieve wonderful effects when its pictures

are filtered through one of an array of amazing (often free) apps.

This is a free and open forum, and all photographers are invited to attend. No need to register; just bring yourself and any work you wish to share. Bring questions, too. — Mark Curiale



# **Elder law** presentation

**t**op by the library on Friday, April 17, at 1:30 p.m. for a presentation that will benefit senior citizens and those concerned about senior citizens. Powers of attorney, trusts, living wills and health care proxies will be covered. Mark Brody was a Principal Attorney in the Office of the NYS Attorney General's office for over 30 years. He has been a lecturer at Judicial training seminars and NYS Bar Association CLEs for attorneys. Please register.

# **Drop in Spring Craft Day**

No gift is more special than one that they make themselves! Children aged pre-k through grade 4 are invited to drop in on Saturday, April 25, between 10 a.m. and noon for this program where we'll make parent, grandparent and caregiver appreciation crafts. These



can be great gifts to give to loved ones on Mother's Day and Father's Day. No registration necessary.

### **April Artist of the** Month

Award winning artist, Nancy Noble Gardner, is our April artist of the month. Nancy's work has been featured in The Washington Post, Vineyard Style, Cape Cod Life and Odyssey Magazine. Please be sure to stop by and stroll through the gallery to enjoy this wonderful show.

Our display case is filled with Shirley Temple memorabilia, shared by Rose Lawson. Rose has collected Shirley Temple items for most of her life and has graciously arranged to display a portion of her collection for our enjoyment. — Lynn Kohler



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# Spotlight on REAL ESTATE

### COMMUNITY

oin us for Capital Repertory Theater's presentation of "Hamlet" on Thursday, April 23, at 10 a.m. The cost is \$13, payable to Town of Bethlehem. We will have lunch after the show at Panera Bread, cost on your own. This always popular Shakespeare drama tells of the mad Prince's revenge for a father's murder, a mother's betrayal and an uncle's treachery. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to reserve your seat. Suggested van donation: \$5.

The Caregiver's Support Group will meet on Wednesday, April 22, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Join others who are caring for a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another dementia. Call Jane Sanders at 439-4955,

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ext. 1174.

"Earth Day Recycle Fest" will be held at the Elm Avenue Park on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Bethlehem Central School District Green Team, the BCHS Environment Club and the Delmar Farmer's Market. Bring clothing and other textiles, including leather shoes, belts, handbags, etc.; documents and other paper products for shredding; hard cover and paperback books; electronics, appliances, and household goods. Bethlehem seniors can call 439-4955, ext. 1176 for help

with home pick up. And ... bring a paper product for the Bethlehem Food Pantry.

There are still seats available for our bus trip to Broadway. On Sunday, April 19, we will see Leonard Bernstein's "On the Town," a hit musical comedy revival with singing, dancing and lots of fun. The \$175 per person cost covers the show; the bus trip; dinner after the show at the Crow's Nest, Hackensack, N.J.; and a donation to Bethlehem Senior Projects. The trip starts from Town Hall at 8:30 a.m. and returns at about 11 p.m. Visit or call Liz Mosier in the Senior Office at Town Hall 439-4955, ext. 1176, before all seats are taken. Checks should be payable to Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Your check is your reservation.

— Wilma DeLucco



Special thanks to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary for their donation of \$1,000 to Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.'s Emergency Heating Fund. Since 2005, over \$40,500 was donated by this organization for scholarships, services for seniors, Hospice, cancer care and the Wounded Warrior Project. Pictured here, John Vogel, Men's Auxiliary President, Robert Cassidy, Treasurer and "Didi" Skultety surrounded by men and women auxiliary members present the check to Joyce Becker, Corporate Secretary of Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Joyce reports that over \$7,000 in donations have been received from the VFW Men's Auxiliary to help seniors in the community. Submitted photo

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

# After school fun at Five Rivers

BETHLEHEM — Children in kindergarten through fifth grade and their caregivers are invited to join center staff for a series of after school programs at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road.

From 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. every Thursday from April 16 through June 18, the Outdoors After School program will meet. Participants will gather at the education center briefly before heading into the woods and fields for a different adventure every week. Come for as many sessions as you would like, and dress for outdoor activity.

Five Rivers is also hosting an evening program about frogs April 16 at 7 p.m. Come learn about the frog species that calls the center home, followed by an optional walk to the ponds to listen for the deafening chorus of the spring peeper. Learn how this small animal the size of your fingernail — can make such a loud sound.

For more information, call 475-0291.

### **Photographer speaks** at BAA meeting **BETHLEHEM-**

Photographer Dan Region is the guest presenter at the monthly meeting of the Bethlehem Art Association Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave.

Region's photos cover a wide range of subjects, including landscape and architectural pictures. "It is that magical combination of shadow and light, that isolated moment of time and that breath of life, I work to capture," said Region.

For more information about Region, visit www. RegionsPhotos.com.

### **BHA** celebrates 50th anniversary BETHLEHEM -

The Bethlehem Historical Association's April program Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m., at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse at 1003 River Road, Selkirk, begins the celebration of its golden anniversary.

Charter member Norma June and others will reminisce about BHA's history. Also on display will be photographs and memorabilia of Bethlehem circa 1965.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit BethlehemHistorical.org.

The BHA is also holding its antique appraisal day Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Bethlehem Town Hall on Delaware Avenue. The professional appraisers are Russell Carlsen of Carlsen Gallery Inc. Antiques in Greenville, Deirdre O'Callaghan of Partridge Hill Antiques and Lynn Phelps, a specialist in antiques and costume jewelry for 30 years.

Each item will be appraised for \$6 each or \$15 for three items. Proceeds benefit the BHA.

# **Church hosts** pancake breakfast

NEW SCOTLAND — The Onesquethaw Reformed Church, 11 Groesbeck Road (off of Tarrytown Road) in Feura Bush, is hosting an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast Saturday, April 18, 8-11 a.m.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs (cooked to order), homemade sausage gravy and biscuits, applesauce and your choice of juice, coffee, tea and milk.

Proceeds from the breakfast benefit the Camp Fowler Scholarship Fund and the Senior Youth Group mission trip..

# **Recycling day** in Voorheesville

VOORHEESVILLE ----The Village of Voorheesville is hosting a recycling collection event Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Voorheesville Fire Department, 12 Altamont Road.

Items to be collected are batteries, books, magazines and catalogues, clothing and textiles, and plastic bags and film plastic. All types of batteries will be accepted, but the emphasis is on car and vehicle batteries. TJs Auto and Truck Sales will donate \$3 to the Helderview Garden Club for every vehicle battery collected.

Books in good condition and other usable items will be donated to the Albany Book Project, a literacy initiative that collects new and used books to be given

to individuals and families who are homeless, living in a shelter or don't have the resources to obtain books of their own.

For more information about this program, contact Karen Finnessey at Village Hall, 765-2692 or email kfinnessey@albany. twcbc.com.

# **Spring supper set** for April 25

BETHLEHEM — The Presbyterian Church in New Scotland is holding its annual spring supper Saturday, April 25, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., in the church's Fellowship Hall, 2010 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands.

The menu consists of roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, cooked carrots, green bean salad, rolls and butter, and homemade pies for dessert.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and free for children under 5-years old. Seating is first come, first served, and no reservations are taken. Take-out meals are available.

For more information, call 439-6454.







# **Brain power**

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PICK OF THE WEEK

# Alive at 5

The Bad Plus Joshua Redman was announced as the opening act for the annual free concert series, Alive at 5, launching Thursday, June 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Jennings Landing Amphitheatre at the Corning Preserve in Albany.



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

# Singing honestly

Katy Cole speaks candidly about the music life and what's on tap for Last Daze

### **By MICHAEL HALLISEY** *halliseym@spotlightnews.com*

A aty Cole's voice is an abomination, weathered and aged by years beyond those she has spent on this earth. While on stage, her soul pours out like a rich merlot, filled out by a deep body of blues and a hint of rasp.

As songwriter for Last Daze, she tackles content few dare to touch, such as speaking from the perspective of a mistress. It's a level of honesty she shares with the audience, an intimacy that commends attention. When she sings, people listen.

Cole is the lead singer for Last Daze, an alternative rock band that originally hails out of North Creek, a winter's resort town in the shadow of Gore Mountain. She and her bandmates have since settled down to call the Capital District home, but that just may be temporary if their collective career continues on its present trajectory.

Things turned serious for the band last January. After touring around the region as Decadence the past several years, the band earned the opportunity to open for Shooter Jennings at a gig in Louisiana. From there, they found a few doors to knock upon.

"Shortly before heading down to Louisiana, I discovered [Jenning's] "Black Ribbons" album.

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# **ARTS**

# **Methodical madness**

### The Capital Rep takes on Hamlet, curtain up April 21

### **By MICHAEL HALLISEY** *halliseym@spotlightnews.com*

**ALBANY** — The latest adaptation of William Shakespeare's Hamlet takes to the stage at the Capital Repertory Theatre in Albany, promising to provide audience members a trip to Elsinore with a twist of Downton.

Call it Downton meets Elsinore, the production places the young prince between the two great wars of the 20th century, a volatile time in European history. Empires were crumbling, and aristocracy was collapsing. Democracy was gaining hold before the emergence of something rotten in the state of Denmark.

Special guest artist Kevin McGuire is directing the timeless "Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark" for the Capital Rep's "Classics On Stage" series, to run April 17 to May 10. It marks McGuire's first stint as director for the downtown playhouse, after appearing onstage in "Man of La Mancha," "Red," "A Christmas Carol," "Other Desert Cities" and "The Secret Garden."

McGuire is hailed for his Broadway resume. He's most recently played the Earl of Northumberland against Stacy Keach's Falstaff in "Henry IV (Parts 1 & 2)" at Washington D.C.'s Shakespeare Theatre Company. At the Theatre Company at Hubbard Hall, which he founded in Cambridge in 1999, he built the troupe on the Shakespearean canon, either directing or starring in "Two Gentleman of Verona," "Twelfth Night," "As You Like It" and "Hamlet," in which

he played Claudius. He has also starred in major New York and touring productions of "Hamlet," "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Romeo and Juliet."

"Hamlet is a thriller," stated McGuire through a Capital Rep press release. "This is not an academic piece. This is not a play that's good for you. This is a play that changes your life."

The play is billed as a "fast-paced, two-anda-half-hour rendition rife with sex, lies and rapiers," boasting a young, talented cast of performers. It consists of 15 Shakespearean experts, Broadway veterans, and the best actors in the Capital District.

Among the talented is Delmar resident and veteran thespian Eileen Schuyler. She returns to the Rep's stage as the Queen in the "play within the play," a pivotal scene that implicates King Claudius in the murder of the late King Hamlet.

"You try not to have any preconceived ideas [about the character you play] until the company sits together and reads the play," said Schuyler, "because so much of what we have to do depends on what other people bring to the table."The veteran of the stage adds that the basis behind good acting requires listening and being present in the moment.

The moment established in this production takes place, not in the Shakespeare's 16th century, but between the two great wars of the 20th century. Hamlet returns from college to find his father has died, and his uncle seated on his father's throne. Grief and suspicion sets in, and paves the way for a tragic path of events. Schuyler explains, the setting is different, but the eloquent language of the famous bard remains intact. "The language is extraordinary," she said. "The characters are complex, and the relationships run the gambit of all emotions."

The actor describes it as a glamourous, "Downton Abbey" environment, as suggested with the formal attire of ball gowns and tuxedos. But, despite the end of World War I, Europe is in turmoil, and the darkness of the setting lends to foreshadowing.

"It's the original story, with this incredible, *incredible* cast," she said. "The way the performances are coming through, it gives you something very dark, very familiar. Hamlet makes it very clear to us what he's going through."

David Kenner, who played opposite McGuire in John Logan's "Red," stars as the haunted prince of Denmark. The shorthand the two developed as actors has deepened, with McGuire guiding Kenner through the most famous role in drama.

Schuyler is a Shakespearean expert, trained with Shakespeare & Company and performed in several of the bard's plays. As many undergraduates have through the years, the actor was asked if the young prince was crazy, or calculative.

"He's calculative," she said. "He tells Horatio, his closest supporter, 'If I act strange, if I put on an act, you don't know anything about it.'Then, he starts acting crazy because it's the easiest way to find out what's going on."

Schuyler has a role behind the method to Hamlet's madness as the Player Queen. In Act III, a play is performed before Hamlet and his family. The prince asks the traveling actors to revise the play, recreating a murder scene as described by his alleged father's ghost, in an attempt to confirm his uncle's guilt.

"He's in control of himself," said Schuyler. "He's not insane. He's playing insane."

Schuyler returns to the Capital Rep stage, having appeared in "You Can't Take It With You" and starred in "33 Variations,"

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# From page B2 ... Methodical madness

"Our Town" and "Fuddy Meers." She has dedicated her upcoming performance to her late husband, Joe, who dedicated 30 years to the Capital Rep as production photographer.

Fellow Capital Repertory Theatre veteran Jeff Williams—who played Gallimard in 2008's lauded M. Butterfly—appears as Claudius. Deanne Lorette makes her debut at the Capital Rep as his wife, Hamlet's mother, Gertrude. Lorette performed on Broadway in La Bete with Mark Rylance, Joanna Lumley and David Hyde Pierce, and has extensive regional credits.

Christopher McCann, who plays Polonius and Grave Digger #2, will also serve as text coach for this production. McCann brings a resume of unusual strength, having worked in a variety of capacities with theatrical luminaries like Sam Shepard, Joseph Chaikin, Bartlet Sher, Moises Kaufman, Tony Kushner, David Mamet and many others.

Saratoga Springs native Vanessa Sterling also makes her downtown debut as Ophelia. She worked recently with McGuire and Hamlet Composer Michael Roth at Washington D.C., and has assayed a number of Shakespearean titles.

Patrick Vaill (Laertes) also brings Broadway Bard experience, having performed alongside Ethan Hawke, Malcolm Gets and Richard Easton in Lincoln Center Theater's "Macbeth."

Rounding out the Equity cast are Benjamin Pelteson (Horatio), and Terry Rabine (Ghost of King Hamlet/Player King/ Gravedigger #1).

Rabine has a long relationship with the Capital Rep. Rabine has appeared in "Glengarry Glen Ross," "You Can't Take It With You" and "The Taming Of The Shrew." Rabine has also directed for theREP's On The Go! educational series. He is the producer of The Lake Theatre, which will be presenting "The Complete Works Of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" this summer in Lake George.

McGuire's crew also includes a number of actors with local ties, including Paul Dederick (Guildenstern); Ulisses Gonsalves (Marcellus); Johnny Martinez (Osric/ Luciano); Lecco Morris (Bernardo); Patrick Rooney (Rosencrantz); and Caroline Whelehan (Player).

Sub-sponsored by Keeler Motor Car Company and Omni Development, opening night for the play includes live music in the café at 6:30 p.m., and complimentary post-show champagne and dessert. The Chef's Table performance, on Tuesday, April 28, includes live pre-show music and complimentary hors d'oeuvres for ticketholders from Taste and Capital American Eatery & Lounge, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby.

Discussion nights for Hamlet, featuring cast members fielding questions from the audience, will take place following the Wednesday evening performances on April 29 and May 6. The Sunday, May 10 matinee will be preceded by a Behind-the-Scenes event, which features a complimentary light continental breakfast for ticketholders and discussion led by the REP's Producing Artistic Director Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill. Food service begins at 12:30 p.m., with the presentation following from 1 to 1:30 p.m..

Preview performances for Hamlet take place April 17 to April 19. Opening night is Tuesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Regular performances continue through Sunday, May 10. Performance times: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; and 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays — with midafternoon matinees starting at 3 p.m. on Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sunday; and 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29. Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl Street, Albany. Tickets range from \$20 to \$60. Students with valid ID: \$16 all shows. For tickets and information, call Tickets By Proctors, 518-445-SHÓW (7469) or visit capitalrep.org.

**FACT** 



The Capital Rep's production dates for "Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Demark," neatly overlap the dates of birth and death for William Shakespeare (above): April 26, 1564 and April 23, 1616.



Delmar native and stage veteran, Eileen Schuyler will perform to a Capital Rep audience in the "Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark." Schuyler returns for her fifth production on the Albany stage, where she will dedicate her performance to her late husband, Joe. Joe had served 30 years to the Capital Rep as production photographer.

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## **FASHION**

# Maxi(mise) simplicity

### The maxi dress is an easy choice of attire, puts accessories in the limelight

### **By DENISE BENNETT** news@spotlightnews.com

B efore we know it, the summer will be in full swing. Your trips are probably planned; flights made, hotels booked. However, your luggage is probably missing two very important pieces to make your dressing simplified and flawless.

Enter the maxi dress and jumpsuit.

Even if you have a stay-cation planned, these pieces will be lifesavers. Can life get any better than that? Not at all.

So why the buzz about the maxi dress and jumpsuit? That's easy. They are both one piece layers that solve all of the hard decisions of coordination. You don't have to fuss with matching patterns, colors, or styles. While that is fun and many of us could do it for hours, when you are in vacation mode, even that's a chore! So let's explore how you can rock this trend this season.

No matter what item you choose, the maxi or the jumpsuit, you have the first layer of dressing done from head to toe, so what is left is truly in the details. So how do accessorize? It first depends on what you are doing. Let's go casual first. For running around town, sitting by the pool, coffee with friends, always make sure you have a cardigan or jacket within arm's reach. While the external temperature will be cooking, the air conditioning in a lot of places will be frigid. Always make sure you have an extra layer to keep you warm.

If the idea of a jacket or cardigan is too structured for you, think of a wrap or shawl. Many brick and mortar stores, as well as e-tailers, will continue to stock scarves and light wraps well into the season, so keep your eyes peeled for what strikes you.

The second piece of advice for the casual look is in the footwear.

Heels or platforms go with the maxi or the jumpsuit; however, if you're having a busy day around town, think of the flat. The gladiator in all of its styles is super popular. Mind you, no one will see the straps extending up your calf while wearing these long garments (as opposed to when you do wear a shorter skirt or short), the shoe will look new. Birkenstocks or similar shoes also seem to be carrying us into the season, so feel free to wear these comfy orthotics as well. The perennial flip flop is my go-to, but that's because I like to keep things super casual.

Now let's see how you can use the same pieces and jazz it up for a special

night on the town. Recently, I saw an article reference the technique of layering the jumpsuit with a sheer blouse underneath. This is positively brilliant. If you have an event, throw on a sheer blouse with Lurex threads and vou have added instant glamour. Feel free to layer with the maxi as well. I am always layering tanks under my thin strap or low dresses since strapless undergarments don't work for me.

The key to transitioning these one pieces to a special occasion is going to be adding just the right golden accessories. Think of a golden quilted clutch, a gold metallic scarf or wrap or a bold golden piece of jewelry.

As for your footwear, styles from the '70s are salient, so there shouldn't be anything stopping you from hopping into those platforms. Going into the complete opposite direction, like a metallic beaded thong sandal, offers a comfortable alternative. Don't forget your footwear when you want to be seen. Heels or flats, think beads or metallic.

No matter what the event, night or day, one piece dressing is your champion this summer. Have fun with the accessories and tailor them to your style and occasion. Summer is definitely too short for stylish complications.

Denise Bennett maintains a fashion blog on Perfect20.co and is a regular contributor to Spotlight News on Living.

The stores she lists among her favorites include: QVC, HSN, Payless Shoe Source, Avenue, Bath and Body Works, Bauble Bar and Birchbox. So why the buzz about the *maxi dress and jumpsuit? That's easy. They are both* one piece layers that solve all of the hard decisions of coordination. You don't have to fuss with matching patterns, colors, or styles. While that is fun and many of us could do it for hours, when you are in vacation mode, even that's a chore! So let's explore how you can rock this trend this season. No matter what item you choose, the maxi or the *jumpsuit, you have the* first layer of dressing done from head to toe, so what is left is truly in the details.





### EDUCATION

# Music is good brain food

LaSalle Institute knows a little something about music and schooling

### **By MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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**TROY**—For nearly a quarter century, LaSalle Institute has outfitted itself as one of the premier music programs on the primary school level here in the Capital District.

The all-boys academy took top honors in both the Fonda and New Hartford jazz festivals in February. It's a habit the school's dean of academics takes pride in, but the accolades achieved in competition is not the focus of the story.

Not entirely.

This time of year, as public schools formulate budgets for the next academic year, extracurricular programs are often in discussion. Search the subject on your web browser and you will find several regions across the nation still grappling with plans to cut music and art from their curriculum. It's a thought that does not sit well with Kevin Calacone, Dean of Academics for LaSalle.

"It would be devastating, I can imagine that," said Calacone. "I've never been in that kind of a situation."

Calacone was a student in the late nineties when LaSalle's music program started stretching its legs under the tutelage of director John Russell. From the start, Calacone said Russell has not turned a student down who has expressed interest in picking up an instrument. What happens next, however, is up to the would-be musician.

Discipline is far from scarce in this school of more than 400 students, ranging from 6th to 12th grade. Students are immersed in a faith-based environment in accordance to the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Once students reach high school age, they are also enrolled in the Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps. As one walks down the halls of the academy in South Troy, a throng of young men in military style uniforms surrounds you.

Self-discipline is expected to be the norm, instead of the exception.

"We've always had a strong sense of discipline here," said Calacone. The dean attributes the Christian Brothers and Army as influences to the school's culture; however, he recognizes Russell's contribution as well. Each morning, jazz practice starts at 7:05 a.m. – a full hour before school starts. "He's able to instill that discipline into the boys, that if this is something you are serious about, you need to prove your commitment; not only to yourself, but to your bandmates and to him, to get in here before the sun rises."

LaSalle has three bands within the music program. There is the Middle School Band to help develop interest among students in the first few years at the school, from 6th to

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8th grade. The Symphonic Band comprises of older students, with a few exceptions from the younger grades.

The Cadet Blues Jazz Ensemble is the varsity team. It consists of the schools finest musicians, and requires an entry audition before one can sit in with the group. "Everywhere they go, they bring back gold," said Calacone. "It's almost become an expectation."

The program started to receive recognition in 2003, after placing second at the prestigious Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival in Boston. They'd placed fifth in the same arena just last year. They reignited the school's winning tradition last year, taking gold at Oneida and Fonda, repeating an accomplishment done only once, just six years before.

"It was a great reward,"

said percussionist Benjamin Grant. "It was cool getting it two years in a row (2014 and 2015) for LaSalle." Grant took home best individual performer at the most recent festival. The LaSalle senior, who is looking at attending either Ithaca College or Boston University, sees a correlation between his musical accolades and his success in the classroom. "[I] recognize the importance of music education in high school, and how it can motivate kids and build confidence to succeed in other

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John Russell, music director of LaSalle's Cadet Blues Jazz Ensemble, presides over his students as they perform at a recent Open House at the all-boys school in South Troy.



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### ARTS CALENDAR

# THEATER

### **Blood Wedding**

Federico Garcia Lorca's drama about a love that can never become a marriage. Presented by the Skidmore College Department of Theater, April 16-19, Janet Klinghorn Bernhard Theater, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Shows: 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Tickets: general admission \$12, students/seniors \$8. Information: 580-5439 or skidmore.edu/ academics/theater/.

### **Dinner With Friends**

Pulitzer Prize-winning play about how people change over time. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, April 10 through May 9, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham. Shows: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7 529 or www. curtaincalltheatre.com.

### The Man Who Came to Dinner

Classic Broadway comedy presented by Home Made Theater. April 17 through May 3. Shows: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$24-\$27. Information: 587-4427 or www.





# **Currently playing in Latham**

The Pulizter Prize-winning play "Dinner With Friends" continues at Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road in Latham, through May 9. For more information, visit www.curtaincalltheatre.com. Submitted photo

### homemadetheater.org.

# **Stop Kiss**

One-act play that explores the depths of human compassion after one fateful kiss. Presented by the College of Saint Rose Drama program,

### April 16-19, Saint Rose Campus Theatre, 996A Madison Ave., Albany. Shows: 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Sunday; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: adults \$10, students \$5. Information: 466-4951 or email ryana@strose.edu.

Noir Point Blank Murder mystery dinner theatre, presented by Troy Civic Theatre. April 17, 7 p.m., Treviso's Italian

American Community Center, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany. April 24, 7 p.m.,

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Normanside Country Club, 150 Salisbury Road, Delmar. Tickets and information: TroyCivicTheatre.org.

# MUSIC

### **Martin and Eliza** Carthy

Veteran folk troubadour performs with his daughter. April 16, 7:30 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: adults \$25, children 12 and under \$5. Information: 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

### **Andy Baker**

Acoustic guitarist performs originals and covers. April 17, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-4100 or www. ebalbany.com.

### **Caroline Rose**

Free-wheeling singersongwriter, with special guest Henry's Rifle. April 17, 8 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$15. Information: 465-5233, ext. 158 or thelinda.org.

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### **Over the Rhine**

Folk-Americana group whose sound echoes Lucinda Williams and Cowboy Junkies. April 17, 9 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or helsinkihudson.com.

# Alan Goldberg

Singer-songwriter. April 18, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-4100 or www. ebalbany.com.

# Seth Glier

Singer-songwriter makes a stop on his "If I Could Change One Thing" tour. April 18, 8 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$15. Information: 465-5233, ext. 158 or thelinda.org.

# Amadeus Orchestra

Featuring Schenectady native Louis Lohraseb (conductor) and The College of Saint Rose graduate Cicely Parnas (guest soloist). Performing works by Bruckner, Haydn and Brahms. April 19, 3 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: adults \$25, students \$15. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

# **David Bromberg** and Larry Campbell

Two multi-instrumental virtuosos play an evening of blues, folk, country and bluegrass. April 19, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$35. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

# Rhiannon Giddens

Founding member of The New Basement Tapes and the Carolina Chocolate Drops. April



21, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$34.50. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

# DANCE

### **USA Dance**

An evening of ballroom dance featuring DJ Ron Tritto, who will also conduct an East Coast Swing lesson prior to the start of the event. April 19, 6:15 p.m., Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany. Tickets: adults \$13, USA Dance members \$10, students \$5, children 18 and under free. Information: 233-0957 or capitalusadance.com.

# FILM

# "Nobody Knows [Dare Mo Shiranai]"

Japanese film directed by Hirokazu Koreeda. April 17, 7:30 p.m., Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Presented by the New York State Writers Institute. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany. edu/writers-inst.

# **Broad Old River**

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Screening of documentary film about

### the sloop "Clearwater" led by the late Pete Seeger, followed by a performance by an ensemble of longtime Sloop Singers and a discussion. Presented by the Eighth Step and Proctors. April 22, 7 p.m., GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: advance \$18, day of show \$20. Information: 434-1703, 346-6204 or 8thstep.org.

# LITERARY

### Alice McDermott National Book

Award-winning novelist to read from her latest book. April 15, 8 p.m., Biotech Auditorium, Biotechnology and Interdisciplinary Studies building, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy. Free. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/ writers-inst.

# POETRY

# **Michelle Battiste**

Schenectady-raised poet who has authored two books returns home from Colorado to read her works. April 16, 7:30 p.m., Social Justice Center, 33 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$3 suggested donation. Information: 434-4037.

# COMEDY

### Paula Poundstone

Stand-up comedian and frequent guest on NPR's "Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me." April 18, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$22-\$34. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

# **EXHIBITS**

# **Albany Institute** of History and Art

"Triple Play: Baseball at the Albany Institute," featuring three exhibits about America's pastime and the sport's connection to the Capital District, through July 26; plus "Ancient Egyptian Galleries" and "The Hudson River School and the Nineteenth-Century Landscape." 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 463-4478 or albanyinstitute.org.

### Mabee Farm **Historic Site** "It Came from

Schenectady." 1100 Main

St., Rotterdam Junction. Information: 887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org.

### miSci

"Making Sense of Sound," a hands-on exhibit from San Francisco's Exploratorium. Through June; "Butterflies," featuring several species living in the museum's indoor butterfly house, through April 19. Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information: 382-7890 or www.miSci. org.

# **New York State** Museum

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

### Saratoga Auto Museum

Dino Petrocelli exhibit featuring the work of the highly-regarded automotive photographer. Through June. 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga

### Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: saratogaautomuseum.org.

## Saratoga Springs **History Museum**

"Mapping A City: Saratoga Springs as Seen Through 250 Years of Maps," April 14 through Dec. 31. Canfield Casino, Congress Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-6920 or www. saratogahistory.org.

# Sorelle Gallery

"New Works by Lori Eubanks," April 10-30. Stuyvesant Plaza, 1475 Western Ave., Guilderland. Information: 482-2000 or www.sorellegallery.com.

# **Tang Teaching** Museum

"Realms of Earth and Sky: Indian Painting from the Fifteenth to the Nineteenth Century," through May 17; "Nicholas Kruschenick: Electric Soup," through Aug. 16. Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs. Information: 580-8080 or www.skidmore.edu/tang.

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# Doom soul

That's how Ladan Hussein, known artistically as Cold Specks, refers to her musical genre on Facebook. The Somali-Canadian has a soulful, new jazz sound on her latest release "Neuroplasticity." This 10-track LP covers the spectrum in jazz, true to its roots with "A Season of Doubt," to the point Specks provides the calm within a storm of chaotic instruments in "Old Knives." Certainly contemporary, her music would be no stranger to the sound system at your favorite coffee house. It's not dominating, but far from relenting. — Michael Hallisey



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# **From page B1 ...** Singing honestly

Which is definitely in my Top 10 album," recalled Cole. "When I got turned on to that, I told our drummer, 'We've got to work with this guy."

She recalls emailing Jennings' manager, Jon Hensley. There was information about Jennings and an upstart record label he was creating. The intent was to see if he would produce their next album. "What the hell do I have to lose?" she asked herself. Her first email was answered within 15 minutes. The response was not welcoming. Hensley stated the record label was still collecting capital and wasn't ready to take on talent. "Check back with us in a year or so," recalled Cole.

"That's way too long for me," she said to herself.

She allowed more time to pass, and after more coaxing from her peers, she sent another email. This time, Hensley asked her to send over a catalogue of songs. But, he wasn't promising anything.

Within 45 minutes her phone rang. Shooter Jennings was on the other end, and asked her and the band to come to Los Angeles.

"I'm pretty fearless,

when it comes to taking chances," said Cole.

The band earned their name after Shooter's wife, Misty Swain, heard them in studio. The name is in homage to Nirvana, taken from the title of a documentary on the ground-breaking grunge band. Cole said her band's sound alternates, making it difficult to place a finger on a specific genre. She blames her "musical A.D.D." Despite the versatility, it reminded Swain of Novoselic, Grohl and Cobain, and the name has since remained.

Now Last Daze, in their current line-up of Cole, guitarist Chris Schempp, bassist Mick Changelo, and drummer Tyler Peter, is gearing up for a national tour this summer in support of its first album under Jenning's record label, Black County Rock. Only Shooter has been confirmed to cameo on the LP, that drops in July. Coles said there may be more cameos from household names.

But, the personal whirlwind only started for Cole after their plane touched back down from Los Angeles.

"When we became Last Daze, and when I really started writing from that scary, vulnerable part of myself, it put me out as an open book," said Cole. "The way I channel energy is imperative to my writing. I need to be able to completely open up my mind, open up my thoughts and everything. And, a lot of places, I couldn't do it."

Cole married her husband Brian when she was 21. "We have a very good relationship," said Cole. "We have to with [our 7-year-old daughter] Addison. ... We really work together on a lot of things. We're very much playing on the same team. He's been very supportive of my career. ... I'm lucky in that aspect."

Six months ago, Cole moved out of Saranac Lake where she and her husband were living.

"There are a lot of people who ask me questions about who this song is about," said Cole. "You want to be honest with them without throwing somebody under the bus, you know? There's a real fine line there. My whole thing was, when we were recording, my bandmate at the time said, 'You're going to be divorced by the time this record comes out'."

Cole described herself as living a proper life, as a wife and a music teacher. But, there was also another life, traveling to play gigs at night to follow her music career. "I was essentially two different people living one life," she said. "When I was on the road, I was a completely different person. ... I was writing about the temptation, the lying, the things I would be drawn to do as a young woman."

She and her husband are now preparing for a divorce.

"I will say, God bless Brian," said Cole. "He knows now this is where it was all stemming from. When people ask me now what it's about, I can be real honest with them. But, if I was still married, and I was still trying to uphold that projection of me. You can't do both. You can't be a real, authentic artist and lie to people about who you actually are."

Cole said rumors circulated around her small hometown once the split up became apparent. The news was particularly hard for her mother, the local hairdresser. "She hears everything," she said. "'I had so and so sit down in my chair, and this is what they're saying about you'." But, she and her mother have a close and honest relationship with one another. In short time, her mother has come to understand, and has

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As a songwriter, Katy Cole takes pride in the fact that her songs stand just as strong acoustically as well as when they are performed under the full complement of the band.

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# From page B8 ... Singing honestly

learned to respond to her customers accordingly. "People will throw their opinion, and she will say, 'Frankly, Katy doesn't give a [crap] what you think about her'."

When Cole planned her move to the Capital District, she sought an apartment on Lark Street. Part of her house hunting technique was to find a place that helped channel her creative energy. Lark Street, as people liken the atmosphere to New York City's Greenwich Village, seemed the logical place to go, but she was ultimately drawn to Troy.

"Troy is just one of the most beautiful places around," said Cole. "My favorite drive is being able to see the sunset over the city from 8th Avenue."

It's somehow appropriate to see Cole drawn to a city also going through a metamorphosis of late. Both focused in redefining her and itself, becoming an attraction after years of being oppressed. Since moving to Troy, Cole has found an incredible source for creativity, be it from the pain from severing soured relationships, or the energy channeled through the culture she finds in the Collar City. In three months, she said she has written dozens of songs.

"It takes a lot of [guts] to admit you are messed

up," said Cole. "That you are messing things up in your life, willingly and knowingly, and that you're just being honest about it. For the past six months my transformation was about honesty. I found that the more honest you are to people about who you are, people will want to connect with you. Honesty provides less fear that they have in opening up about who they are. Because, until somebody lives every single moment as I did, in my shoes, then they can judge me. Then they can have an opinion. But not many people can walk with the

hand that I was dealt and done what I've done with it. I sleep at night knowing I'm a good person, I have a lot of love, and I'm doing the best with what I have." On a cool winter's Monday Cole plays solo in

Monday, Cole plays solo in front of a sparse McGeary's crowd in Albany. Just her acoustic guitar and her voice wafting over folk who have little regard to tomorrow morning. Through an empty beer mug, she comes on like a contemporary Melissa Etheridge, who won a Grammy for Best Female Rock Vocal Performance when Cole was about as old as her daughter is now. A raucous group at the back of the bar bark about something forgettable, while those close to the stage sit attentively, listening to words of

anguish behind a red lipstick smile. One song in particular, "I'd Rather Be Your Secret," tells the story of a woman in love with a man she can only have half the time. She's the mistress, wishing he would stay, but taking solace knowing she has his heart, if not his ring.

"I get a lot of messages [that say], 'Thank you for being the voice for us," she said. "It's taboo to talk about it. It's even more taboo to sing about it. But, there are people who are living this. It's not just me. There's comfort in making a connection. ... 'Your song got me through my day. Thank you.'You can't buy that. It's better than a hug."

Music is a vehicle one's memory respects. For Cole, she said she can recall every word to Fiona Apple's "Tidal." "To create the comradery among fans and music listeners, I think about every bad breakup I ever had," said Cole. "Fifteen years later, I can recite every single word in that album without fail."

Music lovers have such a CD, a soundtrack that plays in the background of one's life. "Everybody in the world can tie a song that takes them to a place and makes them feel that they are a part of it. They want to be a part of that, and I want people to be a part of what I do and part of my songs. I love that. It's the best part about [what I do]."

Last Daze play next at The Putnam Den in Saratoga Springs, Satuarday, April 18.

# TELEVISION The Voice

aty Cole's connections within the music industry go beyond that of Shooter Jennings these days.

Five years ago, when she was a music teacher in Cobleskill, a shy 11-year old boy came to her class, too shy to sing in front of people. Cole recalled, he'd only sing in the hallway, so as not to make eye contact with anyone.

That bashful kid is none other than current vocal sensation, Sawyer Fredericks.

"I told him, when people catch word of



you, it's going to spread like wildfire." As of this weekend, the 16-year old out of Fultonville is still competing for \$100,000 and a record contract on this season's rendition of NBC's "The Voice." — Michael Hallisey

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# **From page B5** ... Music is good brain food

academic endeavors."

Numerous studies of late have tied musical training with good grades. Yale School of Medicine concluded that music strengthens language development, precipitating into heightened social abilities. In 2004, a University of Toronto study matched six-yearolds, pairing one group with music lessons and the other without. The children with music lessons saw a modest increase in IQ over those without music. A few years later, the University of Kansas went as far to state elementary students enrolled in superior music programs were apt to score 20 percent higher in math and English, versus those with subpar programs.

"I've noticed that a lot with the kids in the jazz band now," said Calacone. "I think [music is] beneficial. I know there's been a lot of studies out there - Boston College and the University of Kansas – linking the connection between music and academic achievement in other areas. Besides the social aspect and the confidence and to see kids more socially interactive, we do tend to find that the students in the band tend to perform really well in the classroom as well."

For another LaSalle senior, each study just confirms the adage behind good ol'hard work.

"I think music in general teaches you hard work and discipline that you can take and translate into your other classes," said Cameron Bartow, a tenor saxophone player. "It's almost humbling in a sense. You really need to work harder at things in order to get to the point of greatness."

Grant and Bartow both take college level courses next door at Hudson Valley Community College. The two schools maintain a relationship, with the college offering college entry courses to the academy.

Grant sees the lines between math and music blur as he plays. "When I'm playing I'm using math while I'm subdividing rhythms and looking at phrases, and how I'll put those together in my head," he said. As they each perform well in the college setting, they set their sights on what they hope to accomplish when they go to tackle the real world. Grant plans on earning a seat at a large symphonic orchestra. Bartow, who shares the saxophone in common with former US President Bill Clinton, seeks the global theatre for his future.

"I really want to take the critical thinking side of different business problems and take it to the world stage," said Bartow, who plans to study at either Cornell or Northeastern next year. "Resolving issues. I think that would be a great career path. Resolving conflict."

# COMEDY Stories of the Gilded Age

**DELMAR** — On Friday, April 17, at 1 p.m., the Bethlehem Public Library presents two comic stories of clashing cultures.

"The Apple Tree" is a celebration of spring and poor housekeeping, and "The Parent's Assistant," demonstrates the way in which a little knowledge can be a hilarious thing. Actress Michèle LaRue performs these vintage tales by Mary E. Wilkins Freeman and Edith Wyatt in a double bill titled "When Opposites Attract: Two Comedies of Collision."

In Freeman's "The Apple Tree," Old Sarah Blake—"small and intense"—is a relentless dynamo of obsessive cleaning. Her neighbor, Sam Maddox—a gangly giant of a man—has "lived somehow without much work." When a fall sidelines old Edison

Blake, the Maddox family

learns "it's terrible hard work cleanin' house." The



Michèle LaRue

collision of these very different couples reveals the true value of a glorious spring day.

In Wyatt's "The Parent's Assistant," Mrs. Porter joins a self-improvement club and bravely writes a paper—on a subject about which she knows nothing, "helped" by a son who knows too much.

LaRue tours nationally with a repertoire of tales from America's Gilded Age. "Written for the ear," these stories were read aloud as cherished family entertainment. Today they are a vibrant living history lesson—a visit to a past made familiar by compelling characters whose dilemmas and insights, passion and humor, are our own.

"Over the years, during my performances, I've seen contemporary adults light up like children being told a new story. Despite TV and films, the Internet and special effects, we still crave to simply listen to a tale well told," said LaRue.

This program is cosponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. The performance is free and open to all.

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### MATT PIERCE

Guilderland pitcher Matt Pierce is the Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, April 12. Pierce tossed six shutout innings to help the Dutchmen defeat Colonie 3-0 in their season opener on April 12. The game had been postponed twice due to weather before Sunday.

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

# INSIDE



**Dolfins excel** Catch up on how well the **Delmar Dolfins swim club** performed during the 2014-15 season.

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# GIRLS LACROSSE



Bethlehem's Sydney Klugman passes the ball during a scrimmage against Queensbury Wednesday, April 8.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

# Lady Eagles pull away



Bethlehem's Kaylee Rickert, right, runs past a Queensbury defender during the April 8 scrimmage. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

# **By ROB JONAS**

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**BETHLEHEM** — The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team picked up a 13-3 victory over Averill Park Thursday, April 9, in a Suburban Council game.

FINAL

**SCORE** 

Bethlehem

Averill Park

Warriors, 3

Lady Eagles, 13

The Lady Eagles (1-1) jumped out to a 7-2 halftime lead, and they cruised from there to earn their first win

of the season. Kaylee ckert sco five goals and assisted on another for

Bethlehem. Tessa Hughes and Sophie Powers each added two goals.

Maddie Carroll, Katie McDowell and Anita Reitano tallied for Averill Park.

In other Suburban Council action Thursday, Guilderland scored all of its goals in the first half on its way to a 15-4 victory over Colonie.

Cara Quimby had five goals and two assists for the Lady Dutch (3-0 league, 3-1 overall). Hayley Kmack recorded a hat trick, while Kerry Gerety and Rebecca Golderman each added two goals and an assist.

Guilderland couldn't maintain its momentum in a 10-9 nonleague loss against Long Meadow Saturday, April 11. Quimby and Golderman each scored four goals, but Long Meadow hung for the one-goal win.

Bethlehem visited Shenendehowa Monday, April 13, while Guilderland traveled to Niskayuna. Both area teams are home Thursday, April 16, with Bethlehem meeting Ballston Spa and Guilderland facing Shaker.

### SWIMMING

# There must be something in the water

Delmar Dolfins have successful 2014-15 season

### BETHLEHEM -

Something special is happening at our local USA Swim club that has the future of Bethlehem swimming looking very bright.

The Delmar Dolfins wrapped up a successful short-course season culminating with several championship meets.

For the boys' varsity swimmers, the championship season started with Section 2 and New York state high school championships. At the state meet, the Bethlehem 200 medley relay comprised of four Dolfin swimmers — Alex Taber, Connor Doyle, Stephen Marks and Brendan Cartwright — broke Bethlehem Central High School's 40-year-old record and placed 12th in the state. Taber also placed fourth in the state in the 100 backstroke and broke his

old school record, posting a time of 51.70. The Delmar Dolfins

hosted the Adirondack Silvers Championships the first weekend in March. This was a three-day meet at RPI. 51 Dolfin swimmers participated, and all swimmers had best times. Many also qualified for the Gold Championships two weeks later.

The Dolfins had 53 swimmers compete at the Adirondack Gold Championships. The Dolfins came away with a lot of best times and new team records. The Dolfins also had several individual event winners, and the following swimmers all won a high point award: James Moore, Christian Bermejo, Maddie Ferreira, Brayden Henkel, Sydney Sorbello and Juneau Wang.

The Dolfins also had some very impressive relay performances; the 11-12 boys won all of their relays, the 10-under girls won the 200 medley relay, and the 10-under boys won the 200 and 400 free relays and set a new Adirondack record in the 400 free relay.

The championship season continued March 19-22 with the Speedo Sectionals in Ithaca. This is a very fast senior meet with swimmers from all of New England competing. Taber, Doyle, Cartwright, Connor Reilly, Leigha Kosakowski and Jennifer Vandervort represented the Dolfins at this meet. Taber came away with a fourth-place finish in the 200 backstroke, setting a new team record in the process.

One week later, a contingency of 11 Dolfin swimmers headed to Rochester to represent Adirondack Swimming (AD) at the Eastern Zones Swimming Championship. Dolfin swimmers made up nearly 20 percent of the Adirondack Swimming team, which represents 32 clubs. The Dolfin



The Delmar Dolfins had a high successful 2014-15 season, as several of its swimmers performed well at the high school and youth levels. Submitted photo

swimmers included Ferreira, Kosakowski, Sorbello, Wang, Emma Anderson, Tess Anderson, Cesar Bermejo, Stephanie Erickson, Brayden Henkel, Bryce Henkel and Maggie Reynolds.

After such a successful season where many old

team records were broken, the Dolfins are excited for their upcoming long course (spring and summer) season. New swimmers are always welcome to join the team. The Dolfins will be hosting new swimmer evaluations at various sites in the coming weeks, including Saturday, April 25, at the Bethlehem Middle School at 9 a.m. Visit the team's website at www.delmardolfins.com for more information, or contact head coach Doug Gross at headcoach@ delmardolfins.com.







# A sign of the past restored

### **Revamped Westgate** Plaza sign relit in ceremony

### **By EMILY DREW** drewe@spotlightnews.com

ALBANY COUNTY Long-time area residents may have already noticed a change to the Westgate Plaza sign, after its several month absence from its Central Avenue home.

The 65-foot tall iconic Westgate Plaza sign, which welcomes patrons to what is considered as the first mall in the Albany area, has once again been restored.

Passers-by may have noticed the change in the past weeks, but Albany's Central Business Improvement District (BID) officially lit the sign Wednesday, April 8. The blue and red sign is now lit with LED lights and has a more modern look to it, thanks to the Albany-based company Saxton Sign Corp. among dozens of more

"The sign here at Westgate Plaza is an icon, and if you will, it's been a beacon for many, many years," said Central BID Executive Director Anthony Capece. "No matter how we live by the moment today, some things never go out of style. People like to return to their favorite things. And Westgate Plaza continues to be one of those things.'

Many consider the Westgate sign to be a local landmark. It is among the ranks of Nipper, the RCA mascot that sits atop a former RCA building in downtown Albany, and the Egg, as a Capital District icon.

The shopping center, on the border of Albany and the Town of Colonie at 911 Central Ave., is considered to be the first mall in the Albany area, opening in 1957. Over the years, it housed a J.C. Penney, Albany Public Market and National Savings Bank,

businesses.

Businesses like I.C. Penney moved to Crossgates Mall in Guilderland when it opened in 1984 and took over as the largest shopping center in the Albany area.

"I remember when I was a kid. I would walk over to Westgate Shopping Center, and I can tell you some of the stores that used to be there," said Albany Councilmember Mike O'Brien. "Westgate Shopping Center endures. Those shops aren't here, but the blue is here, and I think we're all glad to see it refurbished."

Now, the plaza contains a Price Chopper, Key Bank, Mr. Subb and Best Fitness, and is owned and managed by Horizon Management Associates.

The sign came down in mid-December to be restored by Saxton Sign Corp, which owns the former Judge Neon Sign

Company of Albany, the original manufacturers of the Westgate sign. Saxton consulted Albany's Historic Resources Commission before refurbishing the sign to ensure the historic value was not lost.

Taking the sign down to restore took three days with the neon light bulbs and connected ovals. Saxton replaced the neon with energy-efficient LED and the sign was repainted its original blue. As well, lights around the outer edge that had been long-since burned out were replaced.

"These days we find comfort in things that are familiar and things that we know and love, and are delighted even more when they become new again. The Westgate Plaza and its tenants in this area, we continue to redefine ourselves out here," said Capece. "We...celebrate the rebirth of a landmark in the Capital Region and, quite honestly, in the Northeastern U. S.





The Westgate **Shopping Center** sign, considered to be one of Albany's most iconic symbols, has been missing from Central Avenue since mid-December, but made a return in a special ceremony. Above: A photo of the original sign verses the restored version.

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| LEGAL NOTICE           |                          | 700 Delaware Avenue, D     | elmar, New York, not later                                  | provided by Section 416 o | of the Education Law; and, in | Organization filed with                        | mail copy to Goldman                     |
| LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC | HEARING, BUDGET VOTE     |                            | 0 p.m. Each petition must be<br>Slerk, must be signed by at |                           | obligations of said School    | Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/10/2015. | Attorneys PLLC, 210<br>Washington Avenue |
| AND ELECTION           | that a Dublic Harving an | least seventy-four (74) qu | alified voters of the District                              | PROPOSITION #2: SCHOO     | <u>DL LUNCH FUND:</u>         | Office location: Albany                        | Ext., Albany, NY 12203.                  |

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a Public Hearing on the proposed 2015-2016 Budget for the Bethlehem Central School District shall be held at the Bethlehem Central High School located at 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, Albany County, New York, on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., Prevailing Time. The budget will be available for review commencing on April 29, 2015 at the Bethlehem Central High School, Business Office, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and the offices of each Elementary School, the Middle chool and the High School of the District.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the election of candidates to the Bethlehem Central School Board of Education and the budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the upper gymnasi-um of the Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, Albany County, New York, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine on the following items:

PROPOSITION #1 To adopt the annual budget of the Bethlehem Central School District for the fiscal year 2015-2016 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

PROPOSITION #2 To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education as follows: two at-large seats to a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2015, and expiring on June 30, 2018, for the seats held by Mrs. Lynne Lenhardt and Dr. Charmaine Wijeyesinghe, whose terms expire on June 30, 2015.

PROPOSITION #3 Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library be authorized to expend for the operation of such library for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, the sum \$4,003,374 and that the Board of Education of Bethlehem Central School District of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, County of Albanv. New York, be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefor.

**PROPOSITION #4** To elect two (2) trustee to the Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library for a five (5) year term commencing on July 1, 2015 and expiring on June 30, 2020.

### **PROPOSITION #5**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, is hereby authorized to acquire school vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$1,027,000 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, (2) expend such sums for such purpose, (3) levy the tax necessary therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,027,000, or enter into a lease-purchase agreement at a principal amount not to exceed \$1,027,000 to acquire such vehicles.

#### **PROPOSITION #6**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund, designated as the 2015 Capital Reserve Fund, in accordance with Education Law § 3651(1), for the purpose of paying the cost of future building projects, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 to be raised by annual transfer of unexpended operating funds, for a probable term of ten (10) years, effective immediately and expiring June 30, 2025, provided that, pursuant to Education Law § 3651(3), no expenditure shall be made from such fund except upon authorization of the voters of the District for the purposes specified herein. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York. The election and budget vote shall be by voting machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2015-2016 school year, exclusive of public monies, and Basic STAR exemption impact report may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, at the Bethlehem Central High School, Business Office, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and the offices of each Elementary School, the Middle School, the High School of the District, the School District Website and the Bethlehem Public Library between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time and lso at said District Election

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and for the office of Trustee of the Bethlehem Public Library shall be filed with the District Clerk at the District Clerk's office at the Bethlehem Central High School, Superintendent's Office,

directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least seventy-four (74) qualified voters of the District and must state the name and residence of the candidate. A copy of such petitions may be obtained at the Office of District Clerk in the Bethlehem Central School District during regular school hours

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that appli-cations for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2015. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. prevailing time on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17, 2015, and on the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Chief Election Inspector before the close of the polls

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident with the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address as per School District Policy

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a policy adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said vote and election. must be filed with the Board of Education at the Bethlehem Central School on or before April 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least One Hundred Eighty Four (184) of the qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain or place before the voters any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of moneys which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition or any proposition which must be included in this notice of the annual meeting and was not received at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting.

Date: April 15, 2015 Brittany L. Barrett Delmar, New York District Clerk, Bethlehem Central School District Ad#78975

### LEGAL NOTICE

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO-TICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Voorheesville Middle School/Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district for the presentation of a budget for the school year 2015 2016.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Annual District Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 in the Voorheesville Middle School Foyer. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:00 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect two members of the Board of Education To elect one for a 4-year term terminating June 30, 2019, to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Gary A. Hubert, and to elect one member of the Board of Education for a 3-year term terminating June 30, 2018, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Kristine L. Gravino.

To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this bu

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at said Annual District Election and Budget Vote to be held on May 19, 2015, the following propositions will be submitted: <u>PROPOSITION #1: PURCHASE OF BUSES:</u>

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District is hereby autho-rized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses, including incidental expenses, at a maximum estimate ed cost of \$230,000, and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District is hereby authorized to subsidize the school lunch program with a one-time transfer from the General Fund to the School Lunch Fund in the amount up to \$100,000, as an interfund transfer, and funded with unappropriated fund balance, on or before June 30, 2015 be approved. PROPOSITION #3: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District, is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of miscellaneous reconstruction and window replacement at the Voorheesville Elementarv School/Bus Garage building, and the replacement of an existing foot bridge and abutments over the VIy Creek that connects the staff parking lot to the Voorheesville Elementary School, along with the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$203,000, and appropriate, encumber, and expend existing and unexpended funds, and funds from the Capital Reserve Fund, therefor. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition shall also appear on the ballot for the voters' consideration at the annual meeting:

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the state ment of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated: Schoolhouses Hours

Voorheesville Elementary School

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Clayton A. Bouton High School

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the district not later than the close of business on April 20, 2015. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Voorheesville Public Library for the presentation of the Public Library budget for the year 2015 2016. AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that, as part of and contemporaneous with the Annual District Meeting, a vote will be held for the Voorheesville Public Library on the following:

1. To elect two members of the Library Board of Trustees. To elect one member of the of the Library Board of Trustees for a term of five years ending on June 30, 2020 to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of David Gibson, and one member of the Library Board of Trustees for the unexpired balance of a term ending on June 30, 2019, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the term of Rob Kent.

2. To vote on the annual Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to: Clerk, Board of Education

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 123

Data Management LLC

Arts. of Org. filed with

SSNY on 3/3/15 Off.

Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY

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mail process to: c/o Acc-

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Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all law-

NOTICE OF FORMATION

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LEGAL NOTICE

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Voorheesville Central School District

P.O. Box 498

Voorheesville, NY 12186 Dated: April 1, 2015 Jessica Tabakian District Clerk

Ad#77691 LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 10 Mineola LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/20/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY desig-nated as agent of LLC served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#75550

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### ecretary of (SSNY) on 03/10/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designat ed as agent of LLC upon

whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of pro-cess to: The LLC, c/o Nolan & Heller, LLP, 39 N. Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 172 GNR, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/10/15. 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

Ad#76983

174 15TH STREET 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 425 Park Ave., 6th Fl., NY, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#76883

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE ORGANIZATION OF LIABILITY LIMITED COMPANY FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Compa-ny is 200 DELAWARE, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Compa-

ny"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 10, 2015 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 desig-

nated 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 45 Carolanne Drive Delmar, New York 12054 FIFTH: The purposes of business of the the Company is The Company's purpose is to en-gage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized un-der the New York Limited Liability Law. Ad#76993

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF DOMES-TIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 2028 WESTERN AVENUE HOLDING LLC Articles of Organization Secretary filed with NY of State, April 8, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process agent for process against LLC and shall

Notice of Formation 38 Cambridge LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/20/15 Off. Loc.: Al-bany Cnty. SSNY desig-nated as agent of LLC

whom process may be Ad#76859 served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc-

umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#75555 LEGAL NOTICE process Notice of Formation 4032 Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/3/15 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. Pur-pose: all lawful activi-

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### LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of 41-03 52ND ST LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/26/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom pro-cess against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Al-bany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activ-

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 411 HUDSON AVENUE. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 1/13/15 with the Secy. Of State of NT (SSNY). Office Location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to po Box 6632, Albany, NY, 12206. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#77955

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PARTRIDGE 435 STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 3/10/15 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 po Box 6632, Albany, NY, 12206. Purpose: Any lawful activi-

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LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 3/10/15 with the Se-cy. 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 po Box 6632, Albany, NY, 12206. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#77953

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Notice of Formation of 9223 3RD AVENUE OWNERS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/20/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of process LLC whom 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#76987 LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of A & A COFFEE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/10/15. Office loca-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. the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities

### Ad#76984 LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Medical Park Albany South I, LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 3/13/15. Oflocation: Albany fice County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 43 New Scotland Ave., Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful activities Ad#77276

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMES TIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: ALEXANDER AT PATROON CREEK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, February 19, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany Secretary of County. State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to Goldman Attorneys PLLC, 210 Washington Avenue Extension, Älbany, New York 12203. Ad#75123

### LEGAL NOTICE

AMHMART, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIM-ITED LIABILITY COMPA-NY Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 25, 2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC to Mark and Louise St. Jacques, Konwood Αv Delmar, New 19054. No registered agent. Purpose: for all legal purposes. Ad#75620

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ARKS MYRTLE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/24/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as

LEGALS agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Al-bany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities

### Ad#76985 LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ARN TIMBER II LLC Arts of Ora, filed with NY Secv of State (SSNY) on March 9, 2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to McNamee, Lochner, Ti-tus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Suite 500, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity

### Ad#76572

### LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of ART & STRUCTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/20/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designatas agent of LLC ed 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#76992 LEGAL NOTICE

Babbitt Properties, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/23/15. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY as agt. upon desig. whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Rector St., Ste. 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes Ad#78652

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Bayshore Birds LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/26/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designat-ed 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 of LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#75309

### LEGAL NOTICE

BNMARK, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIM ITED LIABILITY COMPA-NY Articles of Organization filed with Secretary State of New York of (SSNY) on February 25, 2015. Office location: Albany County, SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC to Mark and Louise St. Jacques, 537 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. No registered agent. Purpose: for all legal purposes. Ad#75622

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name of the LLC is Boul-

der Glove LLC. The Arti-

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The office of the LLC is

to be located in Albany

County. The Secretary of State is designated as

the agent of the LLC

upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to

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State shall mail a copy

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Street, Albany, New York

Notice of Formation of BRZOZOWSKI FAMILY

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Notice of Formation of STU-COMPRESSION DIOS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed filed with SSNY on 2/20/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SŠNY 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#76990

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Digital Natives Media, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/5/15. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/25/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 381 Pacific St., Apt. 3, Brooklyn, NY 11217. DE address of LLC: c/o Harvard Busi-Services, ness Inc. Coastal Hwy., DE 19958. Arts. 16192. Lewes, of Org. filed with DE Se cy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#76230

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation DMC Partners, LLC Arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/9/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY desig-nated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc-umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#76240

### LEGAL NOTICE

Dream Partners LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/10/15 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 law-

Notice of Formation of Dubois Sales LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New Secy of York State (SSNY) on 1/22/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process accepted on behalf of the limited liability company served upon him to: c/o United Corporation States Agents, Inc, 7014 13th Suites Avenue, 202, Brooklyn, NY 11229 Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#74967

### LEGAL NOTICE

cess may be served. SSNY shall mail process Notice of Formation of to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, E.W. BIRCH EQUIP-MENT & FACILITIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 3/2/2015 with the Se-Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#

### To place your Legal Notice: Call 439-4949

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12 Century Hill Drive, Latham, NY 12110. Pur-

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ENVISION STAFFING SERVICES LLC. Articles

of Organization were filed with the Secy. of

State of NY (SSNY) on 02/06/2015. Office is lo-cated in Albany County.

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process to: 7014 13TH AVE, SUITE 202,

BROOKLYN, NY, 11228

UNITE STATES CORPO-RATION AGENT, INC.

The purpose of the LLC

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Ave., #101, Albany, NY

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY

Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 25, 2015. Of-

County. SSNY is desig-nated as agent of the

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the LLC to Mark and

Louise St. Jacques, 537

mar, New York 12054.

No registered agent.

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Fireroad 602, LLC Arts

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process to: c/o Acc-umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all law-

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Office Location:

### Notice of Formation of FOREVER UNEM PLOYED LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/17/15. 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#76991

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of FV Ventures, LLC ("LLC") filed the Secretary of of New York with State ("SSNY") on February 20, 2015, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 25 Mason Lane, Slingerlands, New York 12159, which is the principal business location of the LLC. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be orga-nized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. Ad#75439

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Greenwood Develop-ment NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/3/15. 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 of LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#75998

### 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: County, SSNY Albany designated as agent of LLC upon whom against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 14 Parkwyn Dr. Delmar, 12054. NY, Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#76609

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMES-TIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: HARMONY J AS-SOCIATES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 5, 2015. Pur-pose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is against LLC and shall mail copy to ARN Tim-ber LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211. Ad#75995

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### LEGALS LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMES-TIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: HARMONY M ASSO-CIATES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 5, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is Secretary c. agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to Dawn Homes Management 20 Corporate LLC. Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211. Ad#75996

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HARVEY AND SOUTHERLAND, 110 Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/14/05. 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, 1971 Western Ave. #1150, Albany, NY 12203. The registered agent is: LYONS MSS, LLC. at the same address. Purp lawful activities. Purpose: all Ad#78660

### LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZA-TION OF HELDERBERG MOUNTAIN BREWING COMPANY, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limit-Liability Company Law 1. The name of the lim-

ited liability company is: HELDERBÉRG MOUN-TAIN BREWING COMPA-NY. LLC.

The Articles of Organization were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on February 12, 2015. The office is to be located in the County of

Albany. 4. The Secretary of State of New York State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company, upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary may send process to the company at: 141 Warners Lake, East Berne, NY 12059. 5. The Company is organized to carry on all lawful activities.

### Ad#75448 LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Hempel JB Coatings, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/23/15. Office location: Albany County. IIC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/13/15. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom pro-cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of 11 C· · 75 South St 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#75117

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMES-TIC LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY (LLC). Name: HIGH PEAKS AVIATION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 20, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Alor activity. bany County. Secretary of State is agent for pro-cess against LLC and and shall mail copy to Barnaby Dexter Bullard, 11 Birch Hill Road, Albany, NY 12211

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#### Ad#77686 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANI-ZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: HTM Construction Services. LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 4/6/15. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of pro-cess. SOS shall mail copy of process to 24 Mcculloch Ave, Ravena, NY 13143. Purpose: Any lawful act or activi-

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LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of ICON RESTORATION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/20/15. 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#77702 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Idle Wild Trucking, LLC. Article of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/22/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent to the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the pro-cess to: 56 Clapper Road, Selkirk, New York 12158. For any lawful purpose.

#### Ad#75952 LEGAL NOTICE

### JAMAICA MANAGE-

MENT GROUP LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. State of (SSNY) 3/26/15. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 90-16 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11435. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

### Ad#77716 LEGAL NOTICE

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name limited liability company is JUSTINS PIZZA LLC. The Articles of Organization of LLC were filed with the New York Department of State on DE-CEMBER 18, 2014. The office of the LLC is in Saratoga county and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any pro-cess served is to

### fice 40, Albany, NY 12207. DE office addr.: Trolley Square, Ste. 20C, Wilmington, DE 19806. Notice of Formation Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purp: any lawful activities. BVI RETIREMENT SOMEDAY, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIM-ITED LIABILITY COMPAful activities. NY Articles of Organiza-tion filed with Secretary Ad#76238 LEGAL NOTICE of State of New York (SSNY) on February 9, 2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any pro-cess to the LLC to P.O. Box 493, East Greenbush, New York 12061

LEGALS STEVEN M SARGENT; 20 S CHURCH ST; SCH-ENECTADY, NY 12305 The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which the LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State Ad#77547

### LEGAL NOTICE

Kailey Construction LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/04/15. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig, as agt, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 43-28 169th St., Flushing, NY 11358. The reg. agt is Yuri Seo, 164-01 Northern Blvd., Fl. 2, Flushing, NY General Purposes. 11358. Ad#78650

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KAVA-KLEIN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/19/15. 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, Al-bany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activ-

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Krav Maga Experts INT LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/25/15. 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#77959

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Latham Lodging, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/7/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o LaQuinta, 833 New Loudon Rd, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#78971

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NOTICE OF FORMATION

TIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: LD EXEC II LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 10, 2015. 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 Wash-ington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. Ad#76583

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### **IFGAL NOTICE**

Lian Development Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/19/15. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to:

LEGALS The LLC, 79-06 Main #2K, Flushing, NY St. 11367. General Purposes Ad#78658

LEGAL NOTICE

Lily Pond Ave LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/04/15. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 313 Sand Ln., Fl. 2, Staten Island, NY 10305. General Pur-DOSES. Ad#78657

### LEGAL NOTICE Name: Mauve Umbrella, LLC Date Articles of Or-

ganization Filed with NYS: 01/13/2015 Location: Albany County NY Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail any process to the LLC : Mauve Umbrella, LLC, P.O. Box 13711, Albany NY 12212-3711. Purpose: any lawful act or activi-

### Ad#78967

#### LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of Professional Service Limited Liability Compa-Pursuant to Section 1203 of the New York Limited Liability Law FIRST: The name of the Professional Service Limited Liability Compa-ny is McLaughlin Judd Physical Therapy, PIIC

SECOND: The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on January 26, 2015. THIRD: The office of

the Professional Service Limited Liability Company will be located in Albany County. FOURTH: The Secretary

of State is designated as agent of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a of any process сору against the Professional Service Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: 3434 Carman Road Guilderland, New York 12303 FIFTH: The Professional Service Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes.

### Ad#76273 LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Morgan Real Estate Holdings LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/19/15 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 lawtul activities. Ad#77698

### LEGAL NOTICE

MPMARK, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIM-ITED LIABILITY COMPA-NY Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 25, 2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is

designated as agent of

LEGALS the LLC upon whom ful activity to which the process against it may LLC may be organized be served. SSNY may under the LLCL of New York State mail a copy of any process to the LLC to Mark Ad#76995 and Louise St. Jacques, LEGAL NOTICE Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York NOTICE OF FORMATION No registered OF A DOMESTIC LIMIT agent. Purpose: for all ED LIABILITY COMPANY legal purposes. Ad#75618

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Loudon Lodging, LLC

Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/7/15 Off.

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LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall

Travelodge, 831 New Loudon Rd, Latham, NY

12110. Purpose: all law-

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Limited Liability Compa-

ny Pursuant to Section

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b. The Articles of Orga-

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will be located in Albany

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is designated as agent of

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February 12, 2015.

The name of the Lim-

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(LLC) The name of the LLC is NR Blitzen Properties LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 17. 2015. The LLC. Arts of Org. filed purpose of the LLC is to with New York Secy of engage in any lawful act State (SSNY) on 1/29/15. Office location: or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located County. Legalin Albany County. The Secretary of State is Zoom LLC is designated as agent of LLC upon designated as the agent whom process against it of the LLC upon whom may be served. Legalprocess against the LLC Zoom shall mail process may be served. The adto: 6 Village Park Drive, Albany NY 12205. Purdress to which the Sec-retary of State shall mail pose: any lawful activia copy of any process against the LLC is c/o 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203.

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### Ad#76886 LEGAL NOTICE

### Notice of Formation

Oaxaca Halsey, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/3/15 Off. LLC Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC. 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#75539

### LEGAI NOTICE

Notice of Formation Oaxaca Rogers LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/4/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY desig-nated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#75538

### LEGAL NOTICE

process against it may be served. The address Notice of formation of to which the Secretary OHD - HVCC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State(SSNY) on April 7, 2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: I Swawite, 40 St., Albany NY David Beaver 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of CHRISTENSEN OLIVIA SALON, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/4/15 Office location: County. Albany SSNY ialeo as agen LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#76982

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#### York. among other things, and to engage in any lawful act or activity under the LLCL consistent with the purpose of the Company, and to engage in any other lawful purpose or purposes permitted by the LLCL or the laws of any jurisdiction in which the Company may do business to the extent approved by a majority vote of the Members. Ad#78984

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PRESTIGE FACILITY MAINTENANCE. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/23/15. 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

LEGAL NOTICE QING YA, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on October 9, 2014. Office location: Albany County. Secre-tary of State of New York State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secremay be served. tary of State may mail a copy of any process to Qing Ya, LLC, 510 Beryl Way, Watervliet, New York 12189. No report-Watervliet, New ed agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC None. Purpose: All legal purposes . Ad#75140

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of R & R Lawn Care, LLC. The Art. of Org. filed with Secretary of State (SSNY) on 2/28/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designat ed as agent of the LLC whom upon process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of New process to 1149 Scotland Road, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#77298

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of RAYMOND LAWRENCE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'v of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/5/2015. Office loca tion, County of Schenec-tady. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 913 Ash Tree Lane, Niskayuna NY 12309. Purpose: any lawful act Ad#77275

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Rebellionary Music Group, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/19/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC,

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#### LEGALS 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#75556

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Rebellionary Music Pub-lishing, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/19/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc-umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#75558

### LEGAL NOTICE

RetireCo of NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/06/15. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 41 Lenevar Ave., Staten Island, NY 10309. General Purposes Ad#78656

### LEGAL NOTICE

Rey Management LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/13/15. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 77 Corbin Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purpos-Ad#78654

### LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of REYEZ STUDIO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/13/15. Office

location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may 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

SIGAPEC LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/31/15 Off. Loc.: Al-bany Cnty. SSNY desig-nated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#78347

### LEGAL NOTICE

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FORMATION DOMES-TIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: **HOLLOW** FUNDING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, February 27, 2015. 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 Ext., Albany, NY 12203. Ad#75999

DOMES-FORMATION TIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: SLEEPY HOLLOW MAN-AGER LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 31, 2015. 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 Ext., Albany, NY 12203.

### LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of

Ad#78306

South Slope Holdings LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/12/15. 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 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

#### Ad#76589 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF STAGE 2 PLANNING PARTNERS OF NY. LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/26/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of pro-cess to: The LLC, 930 Albany Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110, Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#76720

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF STAR FOODS OF AL-BANY LLC On 3/3/2015, Articles of Organization of STAR Foods of Albany LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The SSSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSS-NY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is STAR Foods of Albany LLC, 17 Computer Drive East, Suite 2D, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose of the limited liability

#### ful business purpose or purposes . Ad#76243 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION INITED LIARITI COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Stone Tech of Albany LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY

company is for any law-

Secretary of State on April 5, 2013. The pur-pose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The

### copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: c/o Stephen Califano 4216 Road Alta mont, New York 12009 e. The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business pur-Ad#78983 LEGAL NOTICE TION The name of the limited liability company is NORTHEAST LAND-SCAPING & TREE SER-VICE LLC. The Article of

LLC iled with the New York Department of State on DECEMBER 1, 2014. The office of the LLC is in Saratoga County and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served is to STEVEN M SERGENT; 20 S CHURCH ST; SCH-ENECTADY, NY 12305. The purpose of this LLC

Notice of Formation of INDUSTRIES LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 2/24/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom pro-cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 228 MORNER RD, RENSSE-LAER,NY 12144. Pur-

pose: any lawful activities. Ad#75950 LEGAL NOTICE

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One Riverside Park Realty, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/20/15. Off. Loc.: Al-bany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Rector St., 1202, NY, NÝ 10006. General Purpos-

### Ad#78655 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of PAC Wholly Own, LLC

Secv. (SSNY) 3/9/15. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/17/15. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Cor poration System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the upon may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Winnington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of Ctoto 401 Federal St., ange Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes

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pose: all lawful activities.

### Ad#76241 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Perry Road Project LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York State of New York (SSNY) on 3/27/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to: 18 Computer Drive East, Suite 201, Albany, New York 12205. Purposes: to own, devel-op, construct, rehabilitate, renovate, improve, maintain, finance, manage, operate, lease, sell, convey, assign, mort-gage and otherwise deal

with and further all aspects of the project related to the real property, located in the Town

of Wilton, County of Saratoga, State of New

Ad#76981 App. for Auth. filed with of State of NY registered agent whom process

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Notice of Formation Parachute Play and Learning, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/6/15 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. Pur-

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LEGALS Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 429 Whitehall Road, Albany, New York 12208 Ad#78311

### LEGAL NOTICE

Sunrise Plaza Homes LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/25/15. Loc.: Albany Co. IY desig. as agt. Off. SSNY upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 11 Sunrise Plz., Ste. 304, Valley Stream, NY 11580. General Purposes. Ad#78653

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Systems DNS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/13/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY desig-nated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc-

LEGALS umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#77701

### LEGAL NOTICE

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



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# Joke's on you

hen initially approached with the news of the protest organized by a group of Siena College students against a road sign advertisement, our newsroom thought nothing more than it being your typical liberal message against an obscure reference to a perceived oppression.

What has transpired since that March day has been a disturbing portrayal of apathy, and in some cases, indignant towards these students. Right, wrong, or indifferent, the students who stood against a kitchen cabinet advertisement for Teakwood Builders emblazon with the words "Your wife wants me," is an honest and valid display of a First Amendment right we all share and should cherish.

Those protesting say the message speaks of a time when women were seen as second class citizens, when men were men and women were best standing in the kitchen making sandwiches.

However, what we initially perceived as a group of college girls being overly sensitive, changed. Dramatically. Once

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we learned of how lacking in compassion their message was received by those directly involved.

When we spoke to Teakwood, we listened as they commended the women for standing for what they believed in. We reported how the company only said their marketing effort was a joke to be taken lightly, and that they were surprised to receive such a backlash to their tongue-incheek approach.

And, that's when words rang hollow. It doesn't take a well-trained comedian to tell you, it's best to know your audience before blurting out a misguided joke, especially while used in marketing. Placing advertising premised on a joke that brings people back to more conservative days when it was more acceptable to think a woman's place was in the kitchen, is not something you want to place a Mo'ne Davis baseball toss away from a college campus – a bastion for liberal thinking. With that said, it's more surprising to hear someone think such a joke would be well-received, considering the expected

audience.

The story garnered national attention, and judging from the statements we've received since, it sounds the company is more appreciative of the augmented audience than they are worried about any potential embarrassment. Ultimately, the number of views is what's wagered when determining the best place to advertise. In this case, we have a private school that estimates a one-year cost for incoming freshmen (next year) to be approximately \$50,000. A family that can afford such an education would appeal to any company trying to sell a product, indeed.

But, a fundamental mistake about knowing your customer is making sure you don't insult them. It turns out this was never a story about college women being too sensitive. Instead, this was a story about one company's insensitivity to the potential customer they targeted all along. Consider the future graduates of Siena College and the future men and women who will earn lucrative careers outside the kitchen. How they'll laugh when they buy their cabinets from elsewhere.

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### Describe your dream vacation.

I have points on the map that I have to see before I die like Greece, Australia and Dubai, but really my dream vacation is the same beach I've been going to since I was born — Stone Harbor in Jersey Shore. It makes me infinitely happy.

### What is your favorite hobby?

I don't know if I have a hobby. Is running a hobby? I don't think I have a hobby.

### Describe what your last meal would be.

A toss up between enchiladas and sushi. Really expensive sushi with tempura, since it's a splurge.

I'm listening to "Crime and Punishment" on CD when my children aren't in the car. And when they are, mostly Top 40 garbage that I unabashedly sing along to with them.

What are you listening to these days?

(music, podcast or audio book)

### What are you reading?

"Hamlet," "Othello" and the New Yorker in constant search of short stories for creative writing.

### What are you watching on TV?

I just finished "Black Mirror," a Netflix original series. I'm a little reluctant to admit that because anyone who watches it knows how incredibly disturbing it is.

What was the last movie you saw and why? In the theater, I saw "Birdman" at the

Spectrum because Mr. Guilfoyle told me to, and because it's about a Raymond Carver short story that I teach.

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

I would love to talk to Hemingway. I took a really in depth course from a brilliant diehard Hemingway fanatic, and he made me, sort of, compulsively obsessed with him. I think more importantly, I would just like to get back a day with someone, like my grandfather or my sister-in-law. I would much rather talk to them for a day than somebody I don't know.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Cuts run too deep

Editor, The Spotlight:

In his monthly letter to the Town (Town of Bethlehem e-newsletter, April, 2015) Supervisor John Clarkson commented on the increasing number of lawn signs throughout the town that call for "Support of the Bethlehem Police Department". These signs appear now, at a time when Clarkson has mandated significant restrictions on the police that impair their ability to ensure public safety.

In the wake of extensive media coverage (The Albany Times Union, The Spotlight, News 10, etc.) Supervisor Clarkson sought to assure his constituents of his support for the police while describing his efforts to "reign (sic) in overtime." His is an admirable goal both in terms of its effect on the Town Budget and the positive effect it would have on working conditions in the Department. Unfortunately his course of action is hurting the Town, its Police Department, and the families of our police officers.

First, the issue of overtime is due, in no small

part, to the Town's failure to hire more police officers. As it stands the Bethlehem Police Department is 9 officers short of the levels recommended in a study conducted by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. As a result, Bethlehem has fewer police officers sharing an ever-increasing responsibility for 173 miles of roadway, 52 square miles of town, and over 32,000 hours of response time. It's small wonder that the remaining members of the force are working overtime, covering for officers who were never hired.

Second, in as much as the Supervisor's cost cutting amounts to an "appreciation (for) their service," his actions show little regard for the wellbeing of police officers and their families. He has formulated new personnel policies that: apply only to the police department; deny officer's personal and family leave; deny police officer's the right to take off weekend days; and impose onerous and costly hurdles upon officers who want to return to work after a period of disability. These policies negatively

impact the family life of every police officer, every spouse, and every child of a police officer. They lead to poor morale while having a deleterious effect on public safety. It's hard to imagine that these conditions will make us more secure.

While Mr. Clarkson's remarks are welcomingly transparent, they also make clear his commitment to cost-cutting even in the face of diminished public safety. Instead of costcutting, our goal should be to support the values that define Bethlehem as a community. We show appreciation by caring about each other, including our police families; by helping those who are in need, including our police and their families; and by trying to do the right thing.

It is important that our elected officials hear from residents who share these values. We must tell them to reject election year antics and, instead, provide our police men and women, and their families, with the support they need to keep Bethlehem safe.

> Dan Cunningham Delmar

# Just be flexible

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officers. When the number

Editor, *The Spotlight; The Spotlight* (April 8) and *Times Union* (April 9) articles noting record overtime totals for the state of \$661 million and Bethlehem police department of \$227,528 are striking in their similarity. As a taxpayer, these figures concern me. The numbers are startling.

As an employee, long ago on an hourly payroll, and later, for many years as an employer, I have had to deal with issues of overtime and time off from both ends.

It is difficult to criticize Mr. Clarkson and the Town Board for trying to make government more efficient while maintaining and improving services with the same tax dollars. It is also difficult to criticize our very competent, dedicated and sometimes heroic police officers.

I openly admit that I don't know the details of the previously negotiated of 21.2 days sick leave being used annually per employee is quoted, I don't know if this is in addition to unspecified vacation time, "personal" leave, funeral leave, wedding leave, maternity leave, etc. If it is in addition to these other categories, then it would appear that the sick day policy was being abused. As a partner/owner of a small professional business in town for 38+ years, with a staff of 12 to 14 employees, no individual would have been kept in employment if they averaged 21 days of sick leave per year. Employees with very serious medical conditions requiring extensive time off were given unpaid leave after a reasonable time, and substitutes hired until the employee was able to return to a normal schedule and normal limits of time off. As the employer and owner, I didn't take 21 days of sick

and many employees also did not. It is, then, difficult for me to easily sympathize with the officers. But maybe I was just lucky.

It is also impossible to draw conclusions from the news bites and published tidbits. I am not at all sure what the union spokesperson is referring to when he says that, "We feel we have done our part," and I have to wonder if it is a case of "being victimized" or simply "being normalized." Could these leave restrictions that the officers find so detrimental to their "quality of life" be made more acceptable by adding a single additional patrolman? My best guess is that some flexibility is needed at both ends, but it is likely that the previous guidelines for time off were unrealistically liberal, possibly making more flexibility by the union unavoidable.

Joseph Hart Delmar



How can you say no to cookies?

Megan Fallon, Alexis Matuszek, Taylor Roddy, and Caitlyn Roddy of Girl Scout Troop 1209 in Bethlehem sold cookies along Delaware Avenue on Friday, April 10.

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# IN THEIR OWN WORDS

# **Town Board supports police too**

You have probably noticed signs throughout town stating, "We Support Bethlehem Police." That is a sentiment shared by the Town Board and everyone throughout our community.

Citizens should understand that the signs are largely driven by the police unions' displeasure with the town's efforts to reign in overtime costs. Collective bargaining negotiations cannot be carried out in public, but at the same time it is important for the public to understand the issues underlying the current tensions and have the facts.

There is no inconsistency between valuing a vital service like policing, the people who serve, and also ensuring that service is efficiently and effectively provided. That is our responsibility as town board members. We were elected to balance service needs with the tax burden. The Town Board certainly does not relish a public labor dispute with the police unions, but we would be derelict in our duties to the taxpayers if we ignored major cost areas like out of control overtime spending.

Overtime is a major cost for the BPD, totaling \$608,000 last year. Contrary to some recent assertions, the overtime problem is not caused by short staffing. The repeated claim that the force has been cut from 44 to 37 officers simply isn't correct. BPD has been budgeted at 37 sworn officers for three years. No cuts are taking place or envisioned. Even at the high point for the BPD in 2007-08, there were only 41 sworn officers serving, and overtime was just as high back then. In fact, the data shows that BPD overtime costs have usually been higher when there have been more officers on the force. Police overtime has been an unresolved issue for years, with expenditures far exceeding budget in each of the past 10 years, usually by between 20 to 50

percent. And Bethlehem's police overtime is high by all objective industry measures.

According to the "Benchmark Cities Survey" (designed in 1997 by a group of police chiefs), an average police department overtime should be equal to 3.5 percent of regular pay. The BPD's overtime is consistently three times that amount.

A Citizen's Budget Committee in 2012 compared the BPD to peer departments in similar New York state suburban communities and found that BPD's overtime was by far the highest. Overtime in the BPD has exceeded Guilderland's by 27 percent, whereas Guilderland is larger in area, population, and calls for service, and is somewhat more urban in character.

In the Empire Center's report "What they Make 2013-14," an independent review of local payrolls (including overtime), Bethlehem Police were ranked first, with the highest average pay of any town in the Capital District (\$93,561); 36 percent above the Capital District average for towns, and also higher than police/fire salaries in any cities within the region (including Albany, Schenectady and Troy). This higher average salary was largely driven by overtime.

In 2014, eight of the top ten earners overall in Bethlehem were police officers, with the top four (all police sergeants and officers) ranging from \$113,692 to \$136,259. In 2013, nine of the top ten overtime earners were police, with the top earner (a police sergeant) making \$55,138 in overtime and total earnings of \$142,348.

Last fall the town hired a consultant to assist with collective bargaining. His report found several obvious policy issues driving the consistently high levels of BPD overtime, including scheduling that did not

match service needs, a lack of controls and monitoring of overtime, and time off practices that often resulted in half of many shifts being covered by overtime, particularly on the weekends. Over the years a practice arose (never approved by any town board) that up to two police officers could take off a shift at any time, regardless of how it affected patrol coverage or caused overtime. BPD also has unlimited sick time, and in 2013 had an average of 18.8 sick days per officer (not counting line of duty injuries).

Last year we worked with the chief to change some of these policies that had been driving high overtime for years. While those efforts have already resulted in significant reductions in overtime (20-30 percent), they have also caused the recent tensions with the police unions.

We recognize policing is unpredictable, and overtime is of course necessary. It is our goal, however, to see BPD overtime in a reasonable range consistent with general policing standards. We also want our officers to be able to attend family events and special occasions. Overtime is a stressor for many employees, and we're as concerned about overworked employees as we would be about overtaxed residents.

Municipalities in this state are under constant fiscal pressure. By carefully managing the finances of every town department, including the BPD, it is our goal to continue the levels of service that citizens of Bethlehem have come to expect.

Jeffrey Kuhn is a member of the Bethlehem Town Board and Bethlehem Democratic Committee Chairman.

The town's two police unions have been given the opportunity to respond to this guest commentary. The same space will be provided in next week's edition of The Spotlight.

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