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## TOP STORY



# Our hats are in

Bethlehem GOP announces candidates

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BETHLEHEM — Surrounded by members of the town's police force, the Bethlehem Republican Committee announced the majority of its candidates for the fall election last week.

The event was held on the steps of Town Hall on the evening of Thursday, April 16. About 50 people were in attendance to learn the endorsements.

"This is a great time for (the Republicans) to run," said Republican Committee Chairwoman Melissa Kermani. "There's a lot of issues we feel strongly about, and we're pumped."

Candidates included Jim Foster for supervisor, Bridget Zigrosser for town board and Melanie Dumers for town clerk. The Committee is still seeking a candidate for highway superintendent and the other available town board position.

The last Republican to serve on the Town Board was George Lenhardt from 1994 to 2005. He later served by appointment for one year in 2012 as an Independent. Former Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph and former Receiver of Taxes Nancy Mendick, both of who have retired within the last two years, were also Republicans.

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## POLITICS

# Redistricting proposal redraws town lines

Proposed map places Kuhn into a different Bethlehem legislative district, quelling primary bid

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**ALBANY COUNTY** — Another legal battle is looming over county legislature district lines, because Bethlehem Democrats claim the new plan submitted to the court unnecessarily shifts lines within the town.

Albany County sent its proposed redistricting map on Tuesday, April 14, to Senior U.S. District Judge Lawrence Kahn, which creates a mandated fifth majority-minority district in the City of Albany. The plaintiffs, who had two weeks to respond to the proposal, sent a letter on Friday, April 17, urging Kahn to approve the remedial map. A contingent

of Bethlehem Democrats though are contesting the new map is “an egregious and illegal effort” to protect incumbents through redrawing district lines within the town to eliminate primary opponents.

“They went beyond the mandate of the court in trying to fix this racial disparity,” said Daniel Coffey, second vice chairman of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee. “We don’t want to open Pandora’s box with this voter’s rights case, we just want the lines not redrawn in Bethlehem.”

Coffey, an attorney, is representing Jeffrey Kuhn, Charles Dawson Jr. and Pamela Robbins. Coffey asked the county and plaintiffs for consent to intervene in the lawsuit, but threatened to file a motion to intervene with the court if both parties did not grant the request.

“This extraordinary redistricting ordered by Judge Kahn was not a

license for the legislative leaders to redraw lines in Bethlehem to eliminate primary opponents for their supporters,” Kuhn said in an email. “The misuse of the judge’s order to redraw lines in Bethlehem was classic ‘Albany Style’ politics designed to protect the power and positions of the same legislative leaders responsible for violating the (voters) in the first place.”

The new maps place Kuhn, who formally announced April 1 his intention to primary incumbent Democrat Tom Cotrofeld Jr., into a new legislative district. Instead of Kuhn residing in the 34th District, he was moved into the 35th District, which is Dawson’s district. Kuhn and Dawson were planning to campaign together under the “reform Democrats” banner of the local Democratic Party.

Robbins was also moved to a new legislative district under the proposed plan, shifting from the 9th District, primarily

in Albany, to the 33rd District spanning the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, along with all of the Village of Voorheesville.

Democrat Herbert Reilly Jr., of Voorheesville, has represented the 33rd District for 15 years. Robbins has not announced plans to challenge incumbent District 9 Democrat Justin Corcoran, who lives in Albany.

Coffey said Robbins is “very active in Bethlehem Democratic politics” and there is “a history” with Corcoran.

“If you look at the line around Jeff’s and Pam’s house, it is just a little squiggly line that has nothing to do with Albany,” said Coffey.

Peter Barber, a consultant the county hired to draw the new map, said in order to maintain the ideal population of 7,800 people per district the new map had to take residents from neighboring districts.

“The decision was made

by the commission to try to minimize as much as possible any situation to any other districts,” said Barber. “We also made note at that time that there would be a somewhat ripple effects in Bethlehem and New Scotland.”

Barber said the criterion to keep challengers in the same district is “strange,” but claims he was not aware of where Kuhn lived when drawing new lines.

“I didn’t know where he lived and, quite frankly, even if I did it would not have made a difference anyway,” said Barber. “I didn’t even know what he looked like until I saw his picture in the newspaper.”

Kuhn contested Barber’s claim that the new lines were not politically motivated, calling it an “extremely dubious” assertion.

“Not a single sitting legislator anywhere in

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the county was moved out of their district, but I just happened to be moved out of the district where I had announced to run?” said Kuhn.


Barber contested the new map is consistent with Bethlehem’s comprehensive plan regarding the identification of hamlets.

“You can’t please everybody,” Barber said. “It doesn’t stop (Kuhn) from running.”

Kuhn said he would not run if the lines remain as proposed since he would then need to primary Dawson, but he added it “isn’t about me.”


“This is about Bethlehem Democrats taking a leading role in bringing good-government reforms to Albany County,” said Kuhn. “If the maps remain unchanged, another very strong progressive Democrat will still run in

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## ■ COPS, COURTS and EMERGENCY CALLS

# Town sign law

As we come upon political season, *The Spotlight* has provided some helpful tips as a reminder of the Town of Bethlehem's temporary sign law.

- Temporary signs cannot be permanently affixed to the ground or a structure, and cannot be displayed for more than 90 days.

- Temporary signs can be no larger than 6 square feet in size. Ex: 2 feet by 3 feet

- Temporary signs include political signs, and those advertising civic, religious, educational, or non-profit events. (This does not include for-profit business signs.)

- Signs can only be placed on private, non-commercial property by the owner or with the owner's permission. Non-commercial property includes residences, schools, churches, and civic and non-profit organizations.

- Temporary signs can be placed in the windows of businesses, if it's no larger than 10 percent of the window. Sandwich boards outside are also allowed.

- Signs must be placed at least 5 feet from the edge or roadway pavement, and cannot obstruct sidewalks.

- Signs cannot be placed along any roadway in the town where no one appears to live.

- Signs in violation of the law can be removed by town employees, including from the Building, Highway and DPW.

- Property owners may remove signs placed on their property without permission.

- Real estate and other temporary business signs fall under a different portion of the sign law.

Those with questions or complaints can call the town's Building Department at 439-4955 Ex:112.

# Man arrested for switchblade

Albany County Sheriff's deputies stopped a Schenectady man for traffic infractions and allegedly found an illegal switchblade in his vehicle.

On Wednesday, April 8, around 12:45 a.m., deputies observed a vehicle make a wide turn onto Maple Road from New Scotland Road, along with it having an inadequate muffler system. Police stopped the vehicle driven by David N. Spencer, 33, of 34 Columbia St. in Schenectady.

A deputy noticed there was a black, tactical switchblade on floor behind the passenger seat. After confirming the weapon was a spring-assisted switchblade, Spencer was taken into custody.

Spencer was charged with criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, a felony. The weapon charged was elevated because of his criminal history. He was also charged with two traffic infractions.

Spencer was arraigned

in New Scotland Town Court later that day. He was remanded to Albany County jail on \$2,500 bail and was scheduled to return to Town Court on Thursday, April 9, for a preliminary hearing.

## Other arrests:

- Bethlehem police arrested Cheryl J. Gordon, 51, of 1 Sagendorf Lane in Wynantskill, around 8:40 a.m. Thursday, April 9, and charged her with forgery in the second degree and grand larceny in the fourth degree, both felonies, along with petit larceny. Gordon was taken into custody at her home and transported to the Bethlehem police station. She was arraigned in Town Court and remanded to Albany County jail in lieu of \$7,500 bail. She was scheduled to return to court for a preliminary hearing Tuesday, April 14.

- Bethlehem police arrested Calin C. Murray, 23, of 19 Western Ave. in Ravena, around 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4,

and charged her with DWI, drinking alcohol in a motor vehicle on a highway, moving from lane unsafely, driving on shoulders, inadequate lights and unauthorized stickers on rear windshield. Police received a call around 4:25 a.m. Saturday, April 4, reporting a ford sedan was headed southbound on Route 9W in the wrong lane and in the median without headlights on. The caller reported the vehicle drove in this manner from at least 787 south to the Mobil located on Route 9W. About 30 minutes later, police observed a vehicle matching the description traveling 10 to 15 mph on Route 9W with no headlights on and hazard lights on. Before an officer turned on their patrol car's lights and sirens, the car stopped on the shoulder of the roadway. Police observed Murray to have a strong odor of alcohol on her breath, delayed motor coordination, slurred speech, and bloodshot, glassy

eyes. Police said there was a half-full, 8-ounce Bud Light Mang-O-Rita in the center console of the vehicle. She failed all three standardized field sobriety tests administered, according to police. A chemical breath test revealed she had a BAC of 0.13 percent.

- Bethlehem police arrested Scott H. Salisbury, 51, of 34 Kenwood Ave. in Glenmont, around 8:40 p.m. Friday, April 3, and charged him with DWI and a traffic device violation. Police observed Salisbury fail to stop for a red light at the intersection of Route 9W and Corning Hill Road and initiated a traffic stop. Police observed Salisbury to have a strong odor of alcohol emanating from his breath, along with watery, bloodshot eyes. He allegedly admitted to consuming alcohol with dinner before driving. He allegedly failed all three standardized field sobriety tests administered, according to police. A chemical breath test revealed he had a BAC

of 0.13 percent.

- Albany County Sheriff's Office arrested Laurin E. Barresi, 24, of 461 Route 145 Building 5 Apt. 202 in Guiderland Center, around 4:20 a.m. Friday, March 27, and charged her with DWI, driving while using a portable electronic device, moving from a lane unsafely and failure to keep right. Barresi allegedly crossed over the solid yellow line numerous times while driving on Western Avenue. Police stopped Barresi and observed her to have a strong odor of alcohol on her breath. Barresi allegedly told police she had consumed two beers at a bar in Troy. She failed three field sobriety tests administered. Upon conducting an inventory of her vehicle, police noticed there was vomit on the front driver's side interior door panel and floor mat that was placed in the back seat of the car. A chemical breath test revealed she had a BAC of 0.13 percent.

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## ■ EDUCATION

# BCSD finalizes budget proposal

Spending plan holds less than 1 percent tax levy hike, fund balance untapped

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**BETHLEHEM** — School board members are focused on a 2015-16 budget totaling \$94.16 million, which increases spending about 1.5 percent. The proposal does not tap any undesignated fund balance, while proposing an unusually low tax increase.

District administrators on Wednesday, April 15, presented the Bethlehem Central Board of Education with an updated budget proposal for next school year, which holds a property tax levy increase of 0.45 percent. The district's tax cap was reduced through an infusion of state aid, which overall totals \$25.55 million. The proposed

budget is estimated to hold an \$11 tax increase for a \$250,000 home.

The estimated tax rate for Bethlehem homeowners is \$20.81 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which is an increase of 0.21 percent. The estimated New Scotland homeowner tax rate is essentially the same.

Superintendent of School Thomas Douglas said the district's overall revenue outlook is "much more positive" than first envisioned. About \$1.1 million withheld through the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) was restored in next school year's budget, with overall state aid increasing nearly 10 percent.

"That really went a long way to giving us a meaningful increase in our state aid, so we were able to go up by \$2.2 million," said district Chief Business and Financial Officer Judi Kehoe. "Because the state aid was higher that gave us the ability to lower the

capital exemption number and that in turn translates to one of the lowest tax levy increases that we have seen in many, many years."

If the district received all of the funding owed through the GEA, Douglas said the district would see another \$2 million. "Could you just imagine what our budget picture would look like if it was fully restored?" asked Douglas.

The proposed property tax increase of 0.45 percent would be the second lowest ever presented to district residents, according to Douglas. The average property tax levy increase over the last decade is 4.58 percent, with the average over the last four years falling to 3.2 percent.

Some modifications to proposed additions include eliminating the purchase of transportation telemetry (\$150,000), reducing of portion of its technology readiness funding (\$120,000) and not funding a literacy coach (\$71,000).

Additional BOCES savings were also found totaling \$34,000.

Douglas said with increased staffing across elementary schools proposed within in the budget, the addition of a literacy coach is not as vital. He said the district would review adding the position next year if it's determined to be needed.

For the first time in several years, the district is not allocating any fund balance to help close a budget gap. "That's probably about two years ahead of schedule for what we were planning on," said Douglas.

The undesignated fund balance is projected to increase to \$3.75 million at the end of June, which would be near the maximum amount allowed. Districts can have up to 4 percent of its overall budget in undesignated fund balance.

One of the propositions

district voters will weigh on alongside the budget is the creation of a Capital Reserve account. The district could place any budgetary surpluses into this reserve, up to \$10 million, which could only be used to fund capital projects.

Saving funds in the reserve account would allow the district to borrow less money for capital projects and reduce its debt burden. Taxes would not be raised to fill the account, according to district officials.

"It does not mean we would be initially funding it unless we had surpluses at the end of year," said Douglas. "It would start off at \$0 and we are not asking for any tax levy in this proposition to help fund it."

Another proposition would allow the district to purchase eight large and two small busses for nearly \$1.03 million. This would help the district stick to its bus replacement schedule.

School board members were scheduled to adopt the 2015-16 budget on Tuesday, April 21.

District residents will vote on the budget, propositions and school board candidates on Tuesday, May 19, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., at Bethlehem Central High School.

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## GOVERNMENT

# County legislators OK fracking waste ban

Local law would prohibit disposal of hydraulic fracturing waste at landfills

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**ALBANY COUNTY** — Hydraulic fracturing is banned statewide, but county legislators want to ensure none of the waste produced from the natural gas extraction method enters local landfills.

Albany County legislators on Tuesday, April 13, unanimously passed Local Law “D” for 2014, which bans the disposal of natural gas waste or oil waste at any solid waste management facility within the county. One Republican lawmaker contested the breadth of the law before voting in favor. Environmental advocates rallied for

proposal before its passage claiming such disposal would expose residents to potential health risks.

There is no evidence, or belief, hydraulic fracturing waste has been disposed at any landfill within the county. The law serves as a preventative measure from such activity ever occurring, according to Legislator Bryan Clenahan, D-Guilderland, who spearheaded the bill.

“The time to act and legislate on these things is in advance and not after it’s already an issue,” Clenahan said after the meeting. “There is a company in Ravena that advertises its capability to treat fracking waste to make it acceptable for landfills. There are companies that may be looking to do it around here, so we thought it was important to get ahead of the curve.”

Clenahan said the

local law builds upon the county’s approach to regulating fracking waste. Prior laws have banned such waste from being used to treat icy roads and disposed at wastewater treatment facilities.

Albany County’s proposal comes after the Environmental Advocates of New York released its report “License to Dump,” which claimed the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection reported “at least 460,000 tons of solid fracking waste and 23,000 barrels of liquid waste have been dumped in seven New York landfills.”

Legislator Alison McLean Lane, D-Menands, contested introducing fracking waste to local landfills would be detrimental to the environment and public.

*“At the end of the day, it leaks. Let’s be crystal clear. Not only should we be passing this local law here, but we should be asking Schenectady County and Mohawk County” to pass the same law.*

— Aaron Mair  
Sierra Club Board of Directors

“If these materials do get into our solid waste and landfills, and do get into our leaching pools ... it is going to ultimately end up in our groundwater and in the Hudson River,” McLean Lane said.

Aaron Mair, of Guilderland, claimed fracking waste would

eventually leak out of landfills and place the public in danger.

“At the end of the day it leaks, let’s be crystal clear,” said Mair, a member of the Sierra Club Board of Directors. “Not only should we be passing this local law here, but we should be asking Schenectady County and Mohawk County” to pass the same law.

Fracking waste contains hundreds of chemicals, according to Environmental Advocates of New York, with many being carcinogens. When the waste is disposed at landfills the runoff captures these chemicals, some potentially radioactive, which end up in leachate pools. The fluid from these pools is sent to wastewater treatment plants without the capability to treat potentially radioactive waste, according to Environmental Advocates.

The county Department of Public Works would be empowered to enforce the ban. A violation of the law would be an unclassified misdemeanor carrying a fine up to \$25,000 per violation, along with up to 30 days in jail. Each disposal would be considered a separate violation.

“Every landfill is going to have to incorporate this into their policies,” said Clenahan.

County Executive Dan McCoy must sign off on the law, which would then become effective 90 days after its filed with the state.

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## ■ COMMUNITY

# A new kind of agriculture

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Dr. Kleppel is a professor of biology at the University at Albany who has spent the past decade studying sustainable agriculture and the ecology of human-dominated landscapes. He will discuss and provide examples of how ecology-based agricultural is gaining traction in areas along the



Hudson Valley.

Dr. Kleppel and his wife operate a small farm west of Albany that produces grass-fed lamb, wool, free-range poultry and eggs, and artisan breads.

A question-and-answer period and book signing will follow the discussion.

This program is free and open to everyone. For more information, call 439-9314 or visit [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org).

## Study Hall at the library

May and June are big months for studying, with the AP exams and



Author and UAlbany professor Gary Kleppel will be at the Bethlehem Public Library April 26 to discuss his book.

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Regents taking place in that two-month span. The Bethlehem Public

Library has noticed a huge increase in the number of people using the library as

a study space during that time and has responded in recent years by opening up our community room and additional spaces to accommodate the crowds.

From May 1-10 and May 31- June 23, space will be available for drop-in study during non-school hours. Students are welcome to come alone, with a tutor, or in a group. A complete schedule will be posted in the lobby, and is available online at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org) and at the library information desk.

## Upcoming events

**Friday, April 24 — Preschool Math: Measure Up!**

Explore measurement with fun activities. Up to age 6 with a caregiver. 10-

10:45 a.m.

**Saturday, April 25 — World Tai Chi Day**

Join people all over the world as they gather to practice tai chi and Qigong. This event will take place on the Library Green, weather permitting. 10 a.m.

**Monday, April 27 — How to Use the New Library Catalog**

Learn about the library's new catalog, including how to search for books, DVDs and other materials. Check our [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org) and the Information Desk for additional dates. 2 p.m.

**Monday, April 27 — Wii Sports Night**

Drop in for some Wii Sports fun. Grade K-12 plus families. 7-8 p.m.

— Kristen Roberts

## ■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### Plots available at community garden

**ALBANY** — The Normanskill Farm Community Garden has several plots available for people interested in growing their own fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Normanskill Farm is located on the border between Albany and Bethlehem. The road is accessed off Delaware Avenue next to the Normanside Veterinary Clinic. Continue along the road past the horse stables until you reach the garden and adjacent dog park. The 2-acre garden has different sized plots available for experienced and novice gardeners.

The garden is managed by Capital Roots — formerly Capital District Community Gardens — a 40-year-old private, non-profit organization that operates a number of programs throughout the region that improve access to fresh, affordable fruit and vegetables.

To register for a new gardener orientation, call Capital Roots at 274-8685. For more information about other programs and services, visit [www.capitalroots.org](http://www.capitalroots.org).

### Search for woodcocks at Five Rivers

**BETHLEHEM** — The annual woodcock survey takes place Thursday, April 23, at 7 p.m., at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road.

The program, hosted by the Hudson Mohawk Bird Club, begins at the Visitor Center with a brief talk about the American woodcock and its management at Five Rivers. The talk is followed by a strong along the Service Road Loop through managed areas and feeding swales, watching and listening for woodcocks.

Bring binoculars and a flashlight, and dress appropriately for the weather.

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

### Nickel social at N.B. firehouse

**NEW BALTIMORE** — The Cornell Hook and Ladder Auxiliary is hosting a nickel social Friday, April 24, at the New Baltimore Firehouse on

Gill Road. Browsing begins at 6:30 p.m., with drawings starting at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to donate items can bring them Thursday, April 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. during set-up time, or contact Frankie Wallace at 756-3015 to make other arrangements to drop off your items. Please, no shoes or clothing items.

There will also be a baked goods table with items donated by auxiliary members to win, as well as door prizes.

### Festival of Baskets at St. Patrick's

**RAVENA** — The annual Festival of Baskets takes place Sunday, April 26, from noon to 3 p.m., at St. Patrick's Parish Center, 21 Main St., Ravena.

For more information, call 756-3145.

### 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.

### Early spring bird walk at Thacher Park

**VOORHEESVILLE** — The Thacher Nature Center at Thacher State Park is hosting an early spring bird walk Saturday, April 25, at 8:30 a.m.

Join center staff for a walk through the varied habitats along the center's trails. We'll look and listen for some of the early returning migrants including bluebirds, red-winged blackbirds, grackles, song sparrows, phoebes, wood ducks and great blue herons.

Dress in layers and bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of the center's binoculars.

To register, call 872-0800.

### Solstice committee seeks volunteers

**BETHLEHEM** — The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy seeks volunteers, vendors and sponsors for its annual Summer Solstice Festival, which takes place June 20 on the Albany County Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail.

The festival will have extended hours this year, as well as a hike-a-thon involving guided hikes through four pre-selected MHLC preserves. Hikers with pets are invited to join the Tails on the Rail Trail walk. All hikers receive a free Solstice Festival T-shirt.

The Albany County Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail is a nine-mile stretch of an old D&H rail line from Voorheesville to the Port of Albany.

For more information, visit [www.solsticecelebration.org](http://www.solsticecelebration.org).

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# Do the Du at the Y

When you Google "Du" you come up with all kinds of different things: an abbreviation for "disk usage," a computer program used to estimate file space usage; Denver University; Ducks Unlimited; Cirque du Soleil; the DuPont company; and the world-famous Café Du Monde coffee and beignets stand in New Orleans – just to name a few.

I will throw another one out there: Duathlon — an athletic event that consists of a running leg, followed by a cycling leg and then another running leg in a format bearing some resemblance to triathlons. The first thing that pops up when you search Duathlon is the Delmar Duathlon hosted by the Bethlehem YMCA.

This will be the fourth annual Delmar Du, and participation has increased every year as the event has gained notoriety and popularity. This year, the race will be held on April 26, starting at 8 a.m., at the Elm Avenue Town Park. It's



a 2-mile run, followed by a 10-mile bike course, followed by another 2-mile run.

You can register online at DelmarDu.com or at the Town Park on the day of the event. Or if you have any questions, you can call the Y at 439-4394 or stop by the YMCA front desk.

## Healthy Kids Day

One of the most popular events at the Bethlehem YMCA is just around the corner; our annual Healthy Kids Day will be held on April 25. Healthy Kids Day is the Y's national outreach initiative to improve the health and wellbeing of children.

More than 1,300 Ys across the country are taking part in Healthy Kids Day, holding free community events that are open to all kids and families and filled

with fun, active play and educational opportunities.

There will be three bouncy houses, crafts and coloring, police cars, fire trucks and an ambulance to tour, as well as soccer, floor hockey and basketball games. Please bring the family to the Y's Healthy Kids Day. There will be lots of fun and games for the whole family to enjoy.

## Youth roller hockey league

Ice up. Sport court down. The conversion from one rink surface to another at the Y is complete. Hockey will still be played on our state-of-the-art playing surface. On Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. starting soon, the Y will have a youth roller hockey league featuring instruction and league play. Also if you need gear, Chase Hockey will be bringing their mobile store to the Bethlehem Y to provide equipment demos and sales. The Y's Adult Roller Hockey program will have pickup game nights on Thursdays and Sundays.

Other arena programs will include, soccer, lacrosse and floor hockey. For more information, call Rusty Decker at 439-4394.

## Y Summer Camp registration

If you and your family stayed home for April break, and the kids just hung around and watched TV and played video games, just think about what it will be like when they have the entire summer off. Right — not good. Fortunately, the Bethlehem YMCA summer camp is open for registration to ensure they have an active, fun summer.

With great counselors and all kinds of new programs, activities, fun games and conveniences for parents, signing your children up for YMCA summer camp is the best way to ensure they have a fun, active summer they will remember. You can register online at cdymca.org or stop by the Y front desk.

— Mark Hansen

# Dine out at SCCC

It's time for the always-popular "Dinner Out" at the Schenectady Community College Culinary Arts Program. The date is Monday, May 4, at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will feature choice of poached salmon topped with local maple syrup glaze and fresh herbs, and served with grilled asparagus and parsleyed new potatoes; Kentucky bourbon sirloin with smashed potatoes and grilled asparagus; and vegetarian burrito with black beans, fresh vegetables and Monterey Jack cheese. The cost is \$25, payable to Town of Bethlehem. Suggested van donation: \$10. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation.

Have Sunday dinner with us at the Berne Fire Department on May 3 at noon. The menu will include roast beef, mashed



potatoes, gravy, cabbage salad, homemade pickles, vegetables, homemade applesauce, rolls, coffee, tea, milk and homemade pies. The cost is \$12 at the door. Suggested van donation: \$7. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to sign up.

Join us for a shopping trip to Colonie Center and Northway Mall on Monday, May 4. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to sign up.

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

— Wilma DeLucco

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## RECRUITMENT OPEN HOUSE AT SELKIRK FIRE DEPARTMENT

On Sunday, April 26 from noon to 4pm, the Selkirk Fire Department invites you to attend our open house recruitment event at Station #2. We're located at 301 Glenmont Road; just next door to the large Tractor Supply Company parking lot. The open house is at Station #2 but, the Department also operates out of two other Stations in a large, diverse fire district with many interesting fire/rescue challenges (Thruway, airport, industrial facilities, Hudson River, etc.)



Come join us for an afternoon of learning what it's like to be a volunteer firefighter, demonstrations, free food & beverages, contests (many chances to win a Selkirk FD t-shirt), and fun. You really should stop by for a visit if you might be just a little bit interested in: (a) making new friends among some really great men and women, (b) providing much needed community services like saving lives and property, (c) seeing some really cool vehicles, tools, and equipment displayed/demonstrated, and (d) participating in some challenging, enjoyable learning experiences.

***We look forward to meeting you!***

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## OBITUARY

### Rossner, Helene Mary

WESTERLO —

Helene M. Rossner age 64 passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 after a brief stay at St. Peter's Hospice Inn.

Born in Newburgh, NY, on March 29, 1951 Helene was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis Magier. She was a devoted daughter who was incredibly loved by her parents and her brother Francis. Helene attended Wallkill High School, where she graduated in 1969.

Helene was married on December 3, 1971, in Albany, and again on April 16, 1972, in Newburgh to the same "unbelievable" man, and she happily shared more than 43 years with her loving and devoted husband, Michael C. Rossner.



Helene Rossner

Helene loved to travel, spend time with her husband, children and grandchildren, loved to read, and in her later life loved to gamble! She made quite a few deposits and was a gracious benefactor for many a slot machine at various casinos across the country and in St. Maartens.

Helene was a registered nurse (RN) for 41 years, graduating from Albany Nursing School in 1973, and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from SUNY Utica-Rome in January 2000. She was an incredible nurse — always a caregiver and intuitively nurturing. After a lifetime of dedicated and passionate work in healthcare, she most recently retired from the NYS Department of Health. She was a long-time communicant of St. Matthews in Voorheesville and St. John's in Greenville.

Helene was known for being a "classy and sassy" lady with her "Bad Momma" license plate on her red sports car. She was an advocate for human beings and tried to help those that she could while she was here doing unconditional random acts

of kindness whenever she could. She was an incredible wife to her husband and a fantastic mother — her three adult children feel incredibly blessed to have the privilege of being raised by such an incredible woman — she was "the best" and their angel on earth. She embodied all the characteristics of what a loving and caring wife and mother should be — a kind, unselfish, protective, giving, listening, caring woman who guided her family with faith and unconditional love. She was lovingly referred to as "HELENE!, Hel, Ma, Mom, Ma-Dukes, Chemo Chick, Rad Chick," and her most recent favorite "Mi-Mi" by her awesome grandchildren, whom she loved "to the moon and back!"

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Michael; sons Heath of Slingerlands, Luke (Erika) of North Greenbush, daughter Kristy (Chris) of Rotterdam; four loving and precious grandchildren — Kira Rose, Logan Christopher, Gracie Abigail and Hunter Joseph; a loving brother, Francis (Genna) of Wallkill, NY; four sister-in-laws — Kathleen

(Bill) Doelling of Dennis, Mass., Cecilia (Wolfgang) Stemmler of Chatham, N.J., Mary Ellen Gallagher of West Haven, Conn. and Therese (Tony) Luongo of Oxford, Conn.; two brother-in-laws — Timothy (Louise) Rossner of Middleburgh and Frank (Marty) Rossner of Altamont; 26 nieces and nephews, and 32 grand-nieces and nephews (and counting).

Her family would like to thank all other family, friends, and co-workers who supported and loved Helene in her life and through her illness — your cards, thoughts, prayers, acts of kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated more than you will ever know! Also thanks to the staff at NYOH, all Helene's physicians, nurses, and caregivers during her battle, the ACS Hope Club and all the members of the "Living with Cancer" support group. She felt so blessed to be so loved.

Calling hours were Thursday, April 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m., at the A. J. Cunningham Funeral Home, 4898 State Route 81, Greenville.

There was a funeral mass on Friday, April 17, at 11 a.m., at St. John the Baptist Church, 4987 State Route 81, Greenville, with burial following in the Hannacroix Rural Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please, make a donation to the American Cancer Society Hope Club, One

Penny Lane, Latham, NY 12110, and/or please perform a random act of kindness for someone who needs it in Helene's name. Thank you for helping and for thinking of others as you honor Helene and her wonderful life! Condolences can be posted at [ajcunninghamfh.com](http://ajcunninghamfh.com).

## Got news?

The Spotlight welcomes announcements of events occurring in our coverage area.

All events must be open to the public and announcements should contain the date, time, location and cost, along with contact information. Announcements are published space and time permitting.

Submissions can be emailed to [news@spotlightnews.com](mailto:news@spotlightnews.com) with "community news" in the subject line.

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# Start and succeed at growing a small business

By RUTH MAHONEY,  
President,  
Capital Region, KeyBank

In America today, more than 23 million small businesses create 66 percent of all new jobs and account for 54 percent of all domestic sales. These businesses are in our largest cities and smallest towns, occupying everything from our tallest skyscrapers to the humblest of living room corners as they innovate, sell and service their way to success. They are the bedrock of our country, drivers of our economy, and backbone of our communities . . . and contrary to reports that they are doomed to fail (and many do) they are not going anywhere.

Chances are you've dreamed of joining their ranks. In fact, according to a University of Phoenix study, half of all working adults in the United States either currently own or want to own their own business.<sup>1</sup> The good news for you is the primary obstacles most people cite—lack of finances, training and leadership experience—may not be as difficult to overcome as you may think.

Here are five reasons why you can successfully launch and grow a small business.

• **The odds are not against you.** One of the

biggest myths in business is that 90 percent of businesses fail. This is simply not true. More than half of all business start-ups survive five years or more, approximately one-third of start-ups survive at least 10 years and nearly one-third of "failed" businesses

are successful when they stop operating.<sup>2</sup> So if we go by statistics, you're more likely to be successful than you realize. If you're not successful, it's more likely that you give up on your business before the market gives up on you. This is especially true if you take the time and put forth the energy to start a business the right way.

• **People are on your side.** Starting and running a business may feel like a lonely endeavor, but if you take the time and make the right connections you'll find there are many people who are willing to help you develop and execute a successful plan. SCORE (score.org), a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground and grow, provides business owners with access to free volunteer mentors, business counseling and tools and resources for managing all



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aspects of your business. Local and regional chambers of commerce can help you promote your business and provide great opportunities to network with other business owners and potential customers. The value of what we can learn through the mentorship and advice of others is immeasurable.

• **Affordable financing is available.** Banks want to invest in successful businesses. While applying for a business loan may seem daunting, the process and qualifiers are similar to other loan applications. You need to provide the bank with good documentation—financial statements and a business plan—and demonstrate that you can repay the loan. If you have trouble obtaining traditional financing, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has a number of loan programs designed to help new and existing businesses secure the financing they need. SBA loan applications are structured to meet SBA requirements, so that the loan is eligible for an SBA guarantee. You will need to work with a bank that participates in the SBA lending program to apply.

## The role banks play in growing businesses

Business is a wealth engine. The role of banks is to help maintain it by providing business owners with the support and services they need to be successful. This is true whether the business is launching, expanding operations or planning its exit.

For business owners launching their first business, the most important role a banker serves is to help set up their business checking accounts and obtain financing, either through a conventional loan or a loan guaranteed by the Small Business Administration. However, that same banker can also help the business owner structure financing that taps into other available resources, such as lines of credit, personal savings and small investments from friends and family.

As the business expands, the banker can offer ideas on managing cash flow and leveraging mobile banking to boost business. The banker can also help the expanding business make smarter decisions about how to invest early proceeds.

Other ways your bank can help your business include:

- Improving management of payables and receivables.
- Offering a broad range of financing options, from loans and lines of credit to equipment leasing, commercial mortgages and industry-specific lending programs.

• Providing access to investment banking solutions, such as debt capital markets, institutional equities and mergers and acquisitions.

• Development of employer solutions, including payroll services, health savings accounts and performance rewards and incentives programs.

Generally speaking, the business life cycle has four stages: start-up or early stage, growth stage, maturity stage and exit stage. Each stage of the business cycle presents its own set of challenges. Likewise, each industry has its own characteristics. Your bank should have expertise within your industry, and it should offer a broad, diverse range of product and services that will make your business more operationally sound and more valuable.

It's important to remember that the needs of your business will constantly evolve. Establishing a relationship with a trusted business banker and other professional advisors, including a lawyer and accountant, early in your business's formation will better prepare them to evolve with you. After all, their relationship with you is predicated on leveraging opportunities for growth. The better they understand your values and goals, the more effective that can be in helping you achieve your desired outcome—the ability to walk away from your business on your terms.

• **Competition is healthy.** Think you need a completely unique idea? Think again. Facebook was not the first social network. It succeeded largely because it made connecting and communicating with friends and family easier than any other service. So don't be dissuaded by what other people with your skills, talents and interests are doing within your market. The fact that somebody is already doing it should never be an excuse. Instead, learn from them. Analyze your strengths—and theirs—and identify gaps in products, services or delivery that you can leverage to differentiate yourself from the competition. Also, keep in mind that healthy competition is a positive indicator there is a market for your goods and/or services.

• **The Internet is an equalizer.** The Internet

may not completely level the playing field for start-up and growing small businesses, but it provides a punchers chance by making previous budget busters—infrastructure, marketing and advertising—accessible and affordable. From social networks to virtual phone systems and cloud-based email and web hosting, you can manage your overhead while presenting a professional appearance better than ever. In addition, online banking makes it easy to manage your account anytime, anywhere, while providing enhanced identity theft and fraud prevention measures.

Every day people like you—and many not like you—take a leap of faith in themselves and start their own business. Most who have succeeded while doing it will admit they weren't fully prepared, that they

learned on the job and their ability to lead was forged by experience. Most will also tell you they did it from a strong financial foundation. So if you're considering starting a business, one of your first steps should be to meet with your bank. You might be surprised by how much they support your idea and how far they go to help you make your dream a reality.

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## OBITUARY

### Randles, Jeanne F.

**DELMAR** — Jeanne Fausel Randles passed away peacefully on April 13 at the age of 84 in St. Peter's Hospital. Born in Albany on March 23, 1931, Jeanne was the daughter of the late Kenneth and Helen Fausel. She was a 1948 graduate of the Milne School in Albany and a 1950 graduate of Larson Junior College, where she majored in Liberal Arts and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.



Jeanne Randles

Jeanne met the love of her life, Bob Randles, in seventh grade at Milne, when he would sit behind her in math class and make her laugh with his corny jokes. They dated through most of high school and all of college, marrying the week after Bob graduated from college. They were happily married 54 years until he passed away in 2006.

Jeanne resided the majority of her adult life in Slingerlands. She was an active volunteer at Child's Hospital, where she managed the gift shop; the Albany Institute of History and Art, where she worked in the sales and rental gallery; and St. Peter's Hospital, where she was a liaison between the hospital and families of patients. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with her family at their summer house on Lake George. She

was an avid reader and a diehard fan of the New York Yankees!

Jeanne is survived by her five children: Robert, Jr. (Donna) of Plymouth, Mass.; Karen (Thomas) Kerbs of Sacramento, Calif.; Nancy (Richard) Kelly of Bethel, Conn.; Mark (Dana) of Waccabuc; and Jeffrey (Nancy) of Voorheesville, as well as 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 18, at 4 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 425 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 315 South Manning Boulevard, Suite 114, Albany, 12208 or the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region, 6 Tower Place, Albany, 12203.

## DEAN'S LIST

• Veronika Mazur, of Schenectady, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester at the University of Scranton.

• Amanda Bosley, of Selkirk, was named to the president's list for the fall 2014 semester at Hudson Valley Community College.

• Evan Stewart, of Voorheesville, was named to the president's list for the fall 2014 semester at Hudson Valley Community College.

• Connell Tarrance, of Schenectady, was named to the president's list for the fall 2014 semester at Hudson Valley Community College.

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The following students were named to the fall 2014 semester dean's list at SUNY Oswego:

Rachel Armony of Altamont

Carmella Genovesi of Altamont

Ashley O'Brien of Altamont

Justine Polonski of Altamont

Andrew Baumgras of Delmar

Ronald Diego of Delmar  
Kristen Durlacher of Delmar

Brianna Ferrara of Delmar

Anthony Gomic of Delmar

Keith Martin of Delmar  
Frederick Docous of Glenmont

Cassandra Cole of Guilderland Center

Andrew Boyea of Schenectady

Gabrielle Domian of Schenectady

Brandon Hoenig of Schenectady

Daniel Lonky of Schenectady

Emily Sischo of Schenectady

Thomas Benson of Slingerlands

Robert Davies of Slingerlands

Rhianna Franchini of Slingerlands

Joseph Hoffman of Slingerlands

Liam Bader of Voorheesville

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The following students were named to the fall 2014 semester dean's list at the University of Hartford:

Scott Rubin of Altamont  
Deirdre Buckley of Delmar

Philip McNaughton of Selkirk

Sara Buckley of Slingerlands

Haley Rice of Schenectady

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The following students were named to the fall 2014 semester dean's list at Roger Williams University:

Paul Corradi of Schenectady

Sean Doyle of Schenectady

Kristen Neff of Delmar  
Alexander Peebles of Slingerlands

Abigail Scro of Delmar

Ashely Williams of Altamont

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The following students were named to the fall 2014 semester dean's list at Hofstra University:

Kaitlin Ayres of Glenmont

Alexandra Dombrowski of Schenectady

Molly Sonenberg of Schenectady

Alexis Willey of Schenectady

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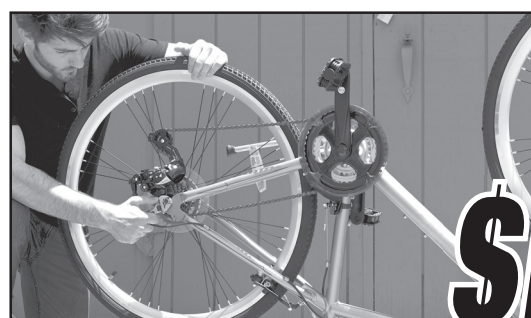
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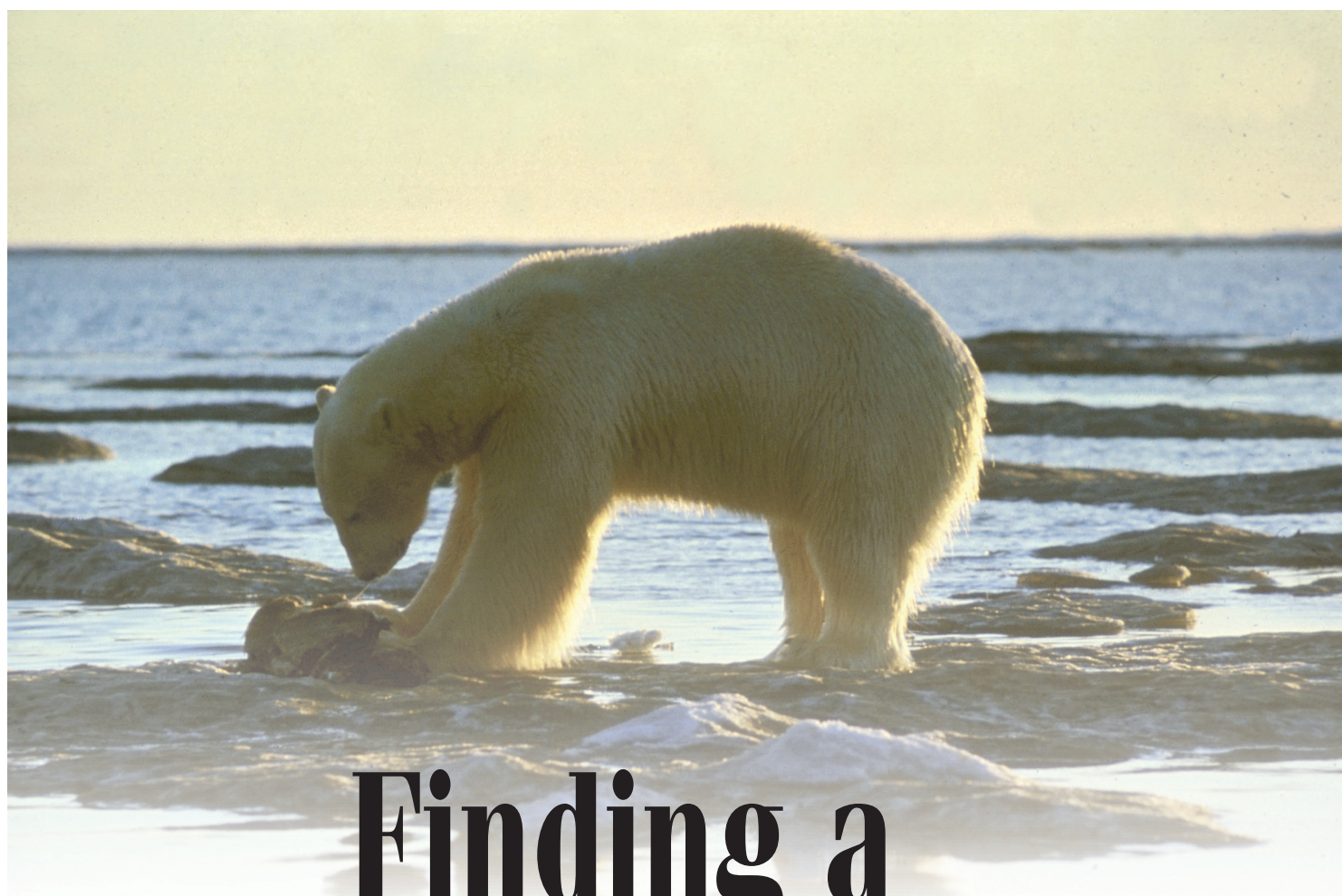


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**EARTH DAY**



# Finding a missing piece

UAlbany study finds why climate models have it wrong

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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**ALBANY** — Climate change has been a polarizing topic of science often debated within the least logical forums of politics.

In recent years, the battle between the two sides has converged on weather models, with naysayers pointing out such simulations have failed to accurately project increases in temperature since 2000.

A recently published study out of SUNY Albany states there's a reason behind the warming "hiatus" observed since then. But, those behind the study don't find comfort in the results.

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▲ The plight of the Polar Bear in the Arctic has become the unofficial mascot to the discussion of climate change. Warming temperatures on the top of the world has changed the habitat, and scientists say it is only a harbinger to how things will turn for the rest of the world if carbon emissions are not reduced.

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## FASHION



# Suit up to legendary status

An auto-pilot approach to your attire is another way to success

By **DENISE BENNETT**  
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Uniforms. I am not talking police, fire or medical professional.

I am not even talking parochial school.

I am talking about your uniform.

Your brand.

What do you wear on a daily basis? Do you even have one?

I, for one, don't.

A lot of buzz has been on this topic and I am compelled to discuss. Shall we?

So what is meant by the term uniform? It doesn't mean one wears the same item time and time again, unless

they desire to do so. But, it means they wear similar items to define their style so succinctly that onlookers can identify their look.

There are notable men and women in business, fashion and pop culture that define their brand or self by this uniform. But why?

The first reason I read was it takes the pressure off the day. How many mornings do you stand in your closet going "What do I feel like today?" The clock ticks as your mind scrambles to coordinate the outfit.

Another reason leads from the first, and by eliminating this stressful event of choosing a fresh outfit everyday, it mitigates the brain power being used so the mind can be taxed by other endeavors.

The final reason I already alluded to is personal branding. If you wear a variation on the

same thing, people know you. They can say this piece is so Rose.

So what about you and me?

I gave this some thought and I have actually done uniform dressing myself unbeknownst to me. Upon my return to work from the birth of my daughter I wore wide leg trousers, tunics and cardigans. I think I did that until I got the fashion bug again and went deeper into plus size fashion about a year ago.

Why was this my style? It was easy, it was effortless and as every returning to work, mama knows, there are very few moments in those mornings, so make it count.

Why after that one year did I change? My daughter became more independent, and I could take some more time. Do I think I want to do this again? Perhaps. There

appears to be a certain chic to this style of dressing. Can you go middle of the road and have a signature or uniform-esque item? Of course you can.

According to Frederic Fekkai, hair is it your best accessory. So start with the top down as Anna Wintour does and have your hair act as your uniform. I have done this myself for the greater part of a decade by always pinning my bangs back. When I change and let them down, I feel different. I almost have a vulnerability because my signature hairstyle is not in place. But hair is only one part of you. You can always do something similar with your makeup if you like to change hairstyles regularly. Do you always wear a bright lip? A smoky eye? Probably more times than not, you are doing something uniform on a daily basis.

As for tangible items, I can see a scarf being

someone's uniform piece to every outfit. either the same scarf or a different one each day. Look at your shoes. Do you like to wear the same shoe each day, or would you like to? I admire women who put Converse shoes (or any sneaker for that matter) with every outfit. I think it adds a masculine/comfortable contradiction. My favorite uniform accessory is the handbag. I love big bags. I switch mine out weekly, but I can tell you, I won't be caught dead with a small bag. No matter what bag I am carrying, it is large and in charge.

So do you have a uniform? Have you gone through a uniform style dressing phase? It certainly offers peace of mind for some mornings. Personally, I am too fickle to adhere to the same garments repeatedly.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# LEGENDS live at the circus

Mythological creatures at The Greatest Show On Earth®

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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**ALBANY** — There are iconic images conjured within the mind once one thinks about the circus coming to town.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® Presents LEGENDS, an all-new edition that unites iconic circus stars with living mythological creatures in a celebration of the legends that have captured imaginations for centuries.

One such circus star that comes to mind is the position of the big cat presenter, a brave soul who walks into a cage full of lions and tigers. Wild cats weighing up to 450 pounds, roaring and baring their teeth as a man less than half their size commands them to do tricks.

For Alexander Lacey, his role as the big cat presenter is not a display of taming or commanding dominance.

The 39-year-old out of Nottingham, England has been around big cats since the age of 4. He's a second generation circus performer, following after her parents who both handle big cats. His father, Martin, started a zoo to pursue a love for animals that developed while he was an India with his own father, who was a

soldier in the Royal Army. Alexander's mother, Susan, came from a working-class family in Nottingham, and grew up to travel the world as a presenter of white tigers.

Together, the Lacey family has raised more than 11 generations of lions and nine generations of tigers.

The exciting lifestyle is a passion for the younger Lacey, but talking about it at social gatherings becomes more of a chore.

"Actually, sometimes I try to avoid the question," said Lacey, with a chuckle. "Half the time, people don't believe me. So, I spend 30 minutes sharing my Facebook profile, showing pictures, trying to convince them. They must think I've had too many cocktails."

His job, however, is not a chore.

"It's a way of life," he said. "You have to love it."

A typical day for Lacey starts at 6:30 a.m., when he waters and prepares the cats for act practice. It's his favorite aspect of the job, but one that demands commitment.

"First thing you have to do, no matter what arguments you have, what worries you have during the day, once you walk into the cage your mind has to be clear," said Lacey. He likens the experience to driving a Ferrari at high speeds; both require clarity and astute observation.

He observes each cat and watches for their natural characteristics and then incorporates their behaviors into the act of

the show. Lacey said big cats are like people, in that they each have their own personality. One cat may like to jump, another won't. Another cat may be affectionate and likes to cuddle, while the next cat "will tear my arm off if I try to rub his belly," said Lacey.

The moods of the each cat can be as fickle as your house cat, but the size and strength of a lion or tiger requires one to listen. Lacey knows each cat so well, that he can identify one from the other by listening to their roars.

Though the hierarchy that places Lacey above the cats in the ring is established in part to their dependency on him to provide food, water and care, it's the respectful nature in which he treats them that defines the relationship between them all.

"They see me as a friend, a brother, a father," said Lacey. "I'm established as the leader without coming to blows. Much like a teacher, you earn respect with the way you talk to them, with the way you treat them." He mentioned how people voice concern over how circus animals are treated in captivity, but he says his cats are not treated with cruelty. "When you treat them well, they learn to respect you."

The circus billed as "The Greatest Show on Earth," has had a penchant for storytelling since it was first established nearly a century ago in 1919.

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Alexander Lacey, the big cat presenter at this year's Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's circus, likens his job to driving a Ferrari at a fast speed.

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## From page B1 ... Finding a missing piece

Atmospheric greenhouse gases continue to rise during recent years, yet global-mean surface temperature have not shown the same rate of warming as climate models have shown in the past. This slowdown in surface warming, often referred to as the global warming "hiatus," contrasts model simulations, which on average show strong warming since 2000.

A new University at Albany study published in the April 13, 2015, issue of *Nature Climate Change* links the Inter-decadal Pacific Oscillation with essentially all the difference between observed and model-simulated global warming rates on decadal time scales since 1920, including the warming hiatus since 2000.

The study, led by UAlbany Associate Professor Aiguo Dai, includes co-authors, Dr. J. C. Fyfe of Environment Canada, Prof. Shang-ping Xie of UC, San Diego; and Dr. Xingang Dai of Institute of Atmospheric

Physics/Chinese Academy of Sciences (IAP/CAS). Together the team analyzed, observed and model-simulated global temperature data and quantified the contributions of internal climate variability to decadal changes in global warming rate since 1920.

Dai explained to *The Spotlight* that the study took approximately one year. Its focus was to address the discrepancy between temperatures prognosticated through computer models and observed global temperatures. The difference between the two has attracted attention as it has undermined the credibility of these models.

"Naturally, people would ask the question: if the models cannot simulate the current global warming rate, how can we trust their projections of future climate change?" said Dai. "This is a very reasonable question that deserves a satisfactory answer from the climate science community. The

global warming hiatus has also been used to dismiss climate science entirely by some deniers of global warming. Thus, explaining the warming hiatus has become an urgent task for climate scientists."

Recent studies have attributed the warming hiatus to decadal cooling in the tropical Pacific, intensifying trade winds, changes in El Niño activity, increasing volcanic activity and decreasing solar irradiance that have not been adequately accounted for in model simulations.

Dai said the study shows that the Inter-decadal Pacific Oscillation, a prominent natural mode of multi-decadal variations in Pacific sea surface temperatures, has been associated with large temperature anomalies over both ocean and land. Combined with another leading measurement of internal climate variations, the Pacific oscillation explains essentially all the difference between observed and model-simulated global warming rates on decadal time scales since 1920, and in particular the warming hiatus since 2000. The spatial patterns of the Pacific oscillation-induced

temperature changes match observations, but differ from those associated with greenhouse gas-induced warming or aerosol-induced cooling.

"This finding is consistent with other recent studies and supports the notion that the recent warming hiatus resulted primarily from natural climate variations, rather than from aerosols or other causes missed by the models," said Dai.

Climate models still have difficulties in simulating observed Pacific oscillation and other natural climate variations due to deficiencies in model physics and model starting conditions. Thus, discrepancies between observed and model-simulated global warming rates on decadal time scales should be expected, rather than taken as surprises.

"The model-versus-observation discrepancies do not imply that the model-simulated climate change due to rising greenhouse gases and other anthropogenic forcing is wrong," said Dai. "Recent history suggests that the Inter-decadal Pacific Oscillation could reverse course soon. Should that happen, we may see accelerated global warming rates in the coming decades."

When people speak of climate change, they often refer to the weather, as it is happening today. Dai said the difference between climate and weather observations is measured in time.

"The climate usually refers to a multi-year average, or 30-year mean temperature, or 30-year mean precipitation at the airport, a 30-year trend," said Dai, whereas "weather" is what is happening

outside now. "They are related, but they are not the same."

The other side of the debate, though recognizing the planet is warming, does not necessarily agree that the global climate is changing for the worse.

"Just because we have an extreme weather event, it doesn't necessarily mean that global warming is to blame," said James M. Taylor of the Heartland Institute, speaking from a podcast released by the think tank shortly after Hurricane Sandy slammed the New York City metropolitan area in October 2012. "Just about any extreme weather event that we measure, we see that as our planet has gradually warmed, as we recover from the little ice age - which ended a little over 100 years ago - we've seen fewer of these events, and they are less extreme."

Taylor is also managing editor of Environment & Climate News, a national monthly publication devoted to sound science and free-market environmentalism with a circulation of approximately 75,000 readers.

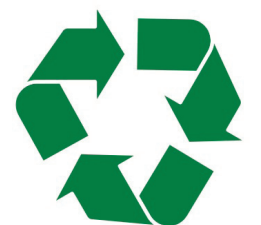
"During the 1950s, during just a two-year span, there were a number of strong tropical storms that slammed into the Northeast at that period," said Taylor. "So, when folks now say that 'We're having weather events now that never occurred before, This is a new thing, Don't try to say it's not Global Warming, or that this isn't the new normal.' Well, actually, just because our memories don't go back to the 1950s, we've been blessed with climate, with weather, during the past several decades that has been remarkably benign. Beneficial to civilization.

Beneficial to human welfare, as our planet has warmed."

Since Al Gore's 2006 documentary "An Inconvenient Truth," the general public has become familiar with the "hockey stick" graph with data points of recorded global temperatures rising over the past century. However, news of such warnings date further back.

In June 1989, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator William K. Reilly stated greenhouse gases as the cause for global warming, and that it posed as one of "the most serious and intractable problems" to the world. In the *L.A. Times* article that appeared June 28, 1989, Reilly expressed doubts that any effort would be made to confront the issue, despite predictions of increased droughts, melting polar ice caps, raising ocean levels, compromised shoreline communities, and the destruction of island habitats.

A quarter century later, with exceptional droughts reported throughout the western continental United States, melting polar ice caps, and island civilizations threatened by rising sea levels in the South Pacific, Reilly's prognostications remain intact.



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## EARTH DAY



### Young activists

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The New York State Department of Conservation donated 50 tree saplings to the school, which were planted around campus afterwards. Entenmann’s announced a new partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation. Through a special Facebook Sweepstakes, for every entry received, Entenmann’s will donate \$1 to the Arbor Day Foundation to plant a tree, up to 25,000 trees.

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Hamlet

Reimagining of William Shakespeare’s classic drama, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre through May 10, 111 North Pearl St., Albany. Shows: Tuesdays through Sundays, call for show times and ticket prices. Information: 445-SHOW or [www.capitalrep.org](http://www.capitalrep.org).

The Man Who Came to Dinner

Classic Broadway comedy presented by Home Made Theater. Through May 3. Shows: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$24-\$27. Information: 587-4427 or [www.homemadetheater.org](http://www.homemadetheater.org).



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Noir Point Blank

Murder mystery dinner theatre, presented by Troy Civic Theatre. April 24, 7 p.m., Normanside Country Club, 150 Salisbury Road, Delmar. Tickets and information: [TroyCivicTheatre.org](http://TroyCivicTheatre.org).

MUSIC

Mary Chapin Carpenter

Veteran folk/country singer-songwriter, with special guest Lunasa. April 23, 8 p.m., Troy

Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$27-\$52. Information: 273-0038 or [troymusichall.org](http://troymusichall.org).

Richard Thompson

One of the most highly-

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Original folk rock. April 24, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio’s, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-4100 or [www.ebalbany.com](http://www.ebalbany.com).

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Men at Words

Featuring Archie Fisher, Jez Lowe and James Keelaghan. April 24, 8 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: \$25. Information: 765-2815 or [oldsongs.org](http://oldsongs.org).

Dave Hart

Acoustic guitar and mandolin player. April 25, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio’s, 366 Delaware Ave.,

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### 'Down with the Rent!'

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### Empire State Youth Orchestra

Performing works by Berlioz, Hindemith and Rosauero. April 25, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: adults \$20, students/seniors \$10. Information: 273-0038 or [troymusichall.org](http://troymusichall.org).

### Heather Maloney

Singer-songwriter touring in support of new album, with special guest Will Dailey. April 25, 8 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$18. Information: 465-5233, ext. 158 or [thelinda.org](http://thelinda.org).

### Battenkill Chorale

Celebrating its 20th anniversary with a special program featuring works by Brahms, Mozart, Copland, Whitacre and more. Performances 8 p.m., April 25, and 4 p.m., April 26, Immaculate Conception Parish, 73 Main St., Hoosick Falls. Tickets: \$15. Information: 692-7458 or [jen.braucher@gmail.com](mailto:jen.braucher@gmail.com).

### Buffalo Stack

Bluesy roots rockers formed in Woodstock. April 25, 9 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or [helsinkihudson.com](http://helsinkihudson.com).

### Mozart Orchestra of New York

Acclaimed ensemble will perform three Mozart symphonies, including the "Jupiter" symphony. April 26, 3 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$40-\$50. Information: 273-0038 or [troymusichall.org](http://troymusichall.org).

### Christopher Bell

Indie pop cellist on tour supporting his album, "Fire." April 28, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or [www.ebalbany.com](http://www.ebalbany.com).

### The Nordic Fiddlers Bloc

Bringing Scandinavian music to the Capital District. May 1, 8 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: \$23. Information: 765-2815 or [oldsongs.org](http://oldsongs.org).

### Cassidy and the Music

Former lead singer of all-female rock band Antigone Rising performing her brand of soul rock. May 2, 8 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$18. Information: 465-5233, ext. 158 or [thelinda.org](http://thelinda.org).

### Green Goats Jam

A benefit concert

featuring The Little Creek Band, T McCann Band and The Stringmasters. May 2, 8 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or [helsinkihudson.com](http://helsinkihudson.com).

### Enso String Quartet

Grammy-nominated ensemble returns to make good from a cancelled concert in February. May 3, 3 p.m., Kiggins Hall, Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave., Troy. Presented by Friends of Chamber Music. Tickets: adults \$25, students \$15; tickets purchased for February show will be honored. Information: 273-4843.

### Manhattan Piano Trio

Award-winning ensemble will play works from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. May 3, 3 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 603 State St., Schenectady. Free. Information: 374-4403.

### Great Lake Swimmers

Canadian roots band brings their tour to the Hudson Valley. May 3, 8 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or [helsinkihudson.com](http://helsinkihudson.com).

## DANCE

### Charles Atlas

Media-dance pioneer begins his residency at EMPAC with a discussion and screenings of his work. April 23, 7 p.m., EMPAC, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 110 Eighth St., Troy. Free. Information: [empac.rpi.edu](http://empac.rpi.edu).

### Albany Dance-Sport Club

Spring ballroom dance event featuring 45-minute free group lesson and a mid-event showcase featuring Tom and Kathy Hourigan. April 26, 6:15 p.m., Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany. Tickets: adults \$10, students \$5. Information: 456-3995.

### First Friday Capital Swing Dance

Featuring the music of Doc Scanlon. May 1, 8:30 p.m., Albany Elks Lodge, 25 South Allen St., Albany. Tickets: general admission \$15, Dance Flurry member \$12, seniors/students \$10 — includes free beginner lesson at 7:30 p.m. Information: [www.danceflurry.org](http://www.danceflurry.org).

## FILM

### Broad Old River

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](http://8thstep.org).

### William A. Wellman Film Festival

"Wings," April 24. Follow-up reading and discussion about the work

of the acclaimed director May 1. Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Presented by the New York State Writers Institute. Information: 442-5620 or [www.albany.edu/writers-inst](http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst).

## LECTURES

### Tom Porter

Spiritual leader of the Mohawk Bear Clan and director of the Mohawk Community of Kanatsiohareke will share his experiences advocating for Native Americans with professor

## POETRY

### Alicia Ostriker and Joan Murray

Two-time finalist for the National Book Award in poetry (Ostriker) and winner of the National Poetry Series Open (Murray) read

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## ARTS CALENDAR (cont.)

from their new works. April 23, 8 p.m., Campus Center Room 375, University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 442-5620 or [www.albany.edu/writers-inst](http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst).

### COMEDY

#### Mop and Bucket Company

"Improvapalooza," an evening of improvised comedy and songs. April 24 and May 1, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady. Information: 346-6204 or [www.proctors.org](http://www.proctors.org).

#### Nobodies of Comedy

Featuring up-and-coming comedians Lori Palminteri, Ralph Tetta, Tim Krompler and Jamie Lissow. April 25, 8 p.m., Proctors Mainstage, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$28. Information: 346-6204 or [www.proctors.org](http://www.proctors.org).

### EXHIBITS

#### Albany Institute of History and Art

"Triple Play: Baseball



### 20 years and going strong

The Battenkill Chorale will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a pair of concerts April 25 and 26 at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Hoosick Falls. See Page B7 for more details.

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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](http://albanyinstitute.org).

#### Mabee Farm Historic Site

"It Came from Schenectady." 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Information: 887-5073 or [schenectadyhistorical.org](http://schenectadyhistorical.org).

#### miSci

"Making Sense of Sound," a hands-on exhibit from San Francisco's Exploratorium. Through

June. Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information: 382-7890 or [www.miSci.org](http://www.miSci.org).

#### National Museum of Dance

"125 Years of Tango — A Walk through the History of the Dance," featuring costumes, music, artifacts, rare film footage and historical materials of the origins of this famous

dance. Through March 2016. 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-2225 or [www.dancemuseum.org](http://www.dancemuseum.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](http://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](http://saratogaautomuseum.org).

#### Saratoga Springs History Museum

"Mapping A City: Saratoga Springs as Seen Through 250 Years of Maps," through Dec. 31. Canfield Casino, Congress Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-6920 or [www.saratogahistory.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.skidmore.edu/tang).

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## FINANCE

# Flea market on Wall Street

Etsy can now add shares of stock to its zany list of merchandise

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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Etsy, the virtual open craft fair, is on Wall Street.

It's difficult to comprehend a website that was just a hip place to shop for vintage clothing and unique conversational pieces – be it a macramé bikini swimsuit or grape vine cork screw – and is now in the same conversation as the Dow Jones Industrial Index.

Judging from the chatter on financial bulletin boards and financial news sources, investors don't know how to take the news either.

"92 percent of buyers who come to Etsy say they come to Etsy to find goods they can't find anywhere else," said Etsy Chief Executive Chad Dickerson on CNBC. Stock of the company traded openly for the first time on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday, April 16. "So, by coming to Etsy you're buying merchandise that you simply can't find on any other web platform. And, that's very important."

The initial price offering (IPO) for Etsy was priced at \$16 a share through Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Morgan Stanley and Allen & Co. But, the price nearly doubled by the time the opening bell had rung. By the end of the first day of trading, the price closed at \$30 a share.

Local stock brokerage firms who were approached declined to speak about Etsy's IPO, citing industry regulations prevented them from doing so.

"Crochet dog custom?" asked one amateur analyst identified as mandan14shooter on Yahoo's financial bulletin board. "Leona Helmsley is no longer spoiling her pooch, so might want to discontinue that item." The comment poked fun

at the unique items often available on the website, while referencing the late Helmsley, a once prominent real estate investor who famously left behind a \$12 million trust fund to her dog, Trouble, after she died in 2007.

The surrogate court later reduced the amount to \$2 million.

At the initial offering of \$16 a share, Etsy's financial worth was placed at \$1.78 billion. It's a price that puzzled some, according to a report from Bloomberg News' Leslie Picker.

Despite the instant climb in the purchasing price, Picker said many investors saw \$16 to be too high.

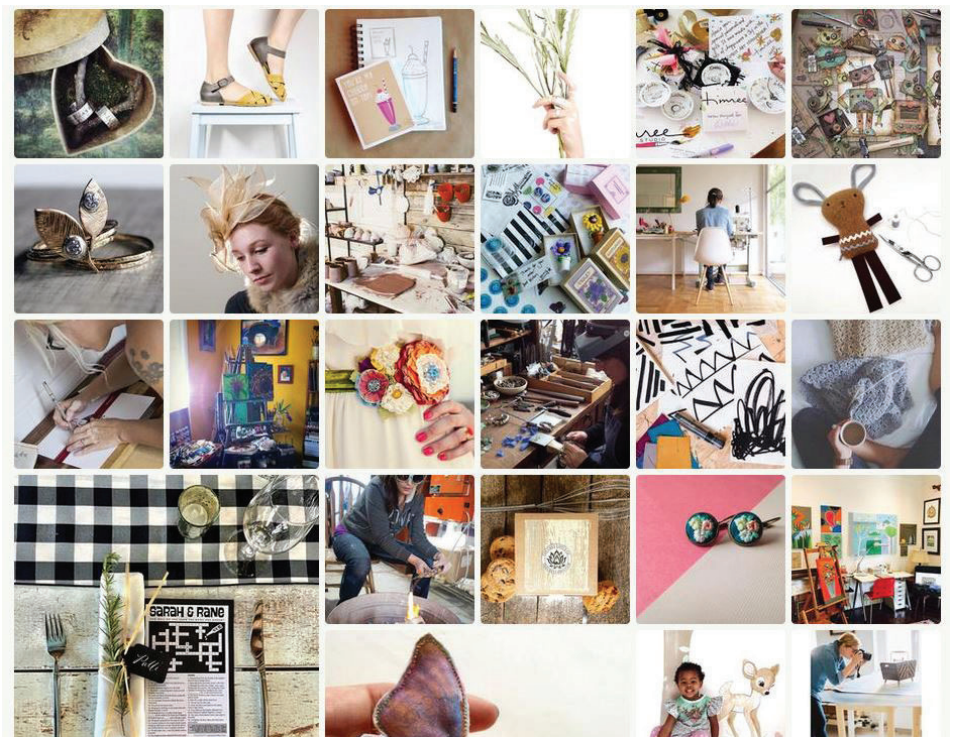
For one reason, Etsy reported a net loss of \$15.2 million last year. In that same year, the company raked \$195.6 million in revenue. In 2011, they reported \$500 million in revenue earned. Dickerson said 42 percent of the company's income comes from seller services, which includes fees for

promoting merchandise, processing payments, and the purchases of shipping labels through the platform. More income is derived from a 20 cent listing fee charged to the seller for each item, and a fee of 3.5 percent of sale value for each item sold.

Regardless, Picker speculated potential buyers would be drawn to buy shares of the stock by thoughts of immediate growth, or speculation that the peer-to-peer e-commerce site could be purchased by a similar, larger company like eBay.

Etsy started out of Brooklyn a decade ago as a means for its co-founder to sell wooden knick-knacks online. As of 2014, the company boasts 1.4 million sellers, 19.8 million active buyers, and 54 million registered members worldwide.

Dickerson said there are no planned changes to the business model as of yet. Etsy will continue to focus on building "local market



Wall Street investors are puzzled by how to take the newest kid on the block. Is Etsy a poor man's version of Amazon.com, or will it go the same way as ill-advised dot-com stocks of the past?

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places globally," he said. Compared to Amazon.com, which ultimately evolved into building

warehouses and handling merchandise, Dickerson said no such plans were discussed for Etsy.

All translates into very little change for those still looking to buy that macramé bikini for \$21.

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## ■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



### DAN COMBER

Bethlehem goaltender Dan Comber is the Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, April 19. The Stony Brook-bound senior made 18 saves in a 12-7 loss to Shenendehowa and stopped 16 shots in an 8-6 loss to Ballston Spa last week.

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

## ■ INSIDE



### Lady Dutch win

The Guilderland girls lacrosse team picked up victories against Shaker and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake last week..

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## ■ BETHLEHEM



Bethlehem's Jake Szelest, right, fends off Shenendehowa's Peter Russo during a Suburban Council game Tuesday, April 14, in Bethlehem. A slow start doomed the Eagles, as the Plainsmen prevailed 12-7.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

# Late rallies not enough

Eagles can't overcome early deficits in losses to Shen and Ballston Spa

By **ROB JONAS**  
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**BETHLEHEM** — The Bethlehem boys lacrosse team's losing streak hit four games with setbacks against Shenendehowa and Ballston Spa last week.

Shen scored five unanswered goals in the first half on its way to a 12-7 Suburban Council victory over the Eagles (1-4 league, 2-5 overall) on Tuesday, April 14. Liam Cannon scored five goals, and Matt Stucchi added a hat trick for the Plainsmen (6-0, 7-1).

Brad Bettinger had two goals and an assist for Bethlehem, and goaltender Dan Comber made 18 saves.

Another slow start doomed the Eagles in an 8-6 loss at Ballston Spa Thursday, April 16. Bethlehem fell behind 5-1 in the first half and never recovered.

Jeff Russell paced a balanced Ballston Spa offense with two goals and two assists, and goalie Damian Randall stopped 16 shots. Nic

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Bethlehem defenseman Brian Nelsen, right, forces a Shenendehowa player to spin away from him during a Suburban Council game Tuesday, April 14.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight



## ■ GUILDERLAND

# Lady Dutch pick up two key victories

Girls lacrosse team beats Shaker and BH-BL

By **ROB JONAS**

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## GUILDERLAND —

After losing to Niskayuna 19-13 Tuesday, April 14, the Guilderland girls lacrosse team got back on track with an 18-15 Suburban Council victory over Shaker Thursday, April 16.

The Lady Dutch (5-1 league, 5-2 overall) jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first half, only to fall behind 4-3 as the Blue Bison (2-3, 2-3) reeled off four of the next five goals. Guilderland responded by closing the first half on a 7-3 run, and it carried the momentum through the second half to pull out the wild win.

Cara Quimby had five goals and two assists, while Rebecca Golderman tallied four times and added a pair of helpers for Guilderland. Kerry Gerety (three goals), Isabelle Sericola (two goals, three assists) and Hayley Kmack

(two goals, one assist) also had multi-goal afternoons for the Lady Dutch.

Erin Sleurs paced Shaker with four goals and three assists. Maeve Lennon also had a four-goal performance, and Kailyn Hart added a hat trick. Goaltender Emily Polcinello stopped 15 shots.

The Lady Dutch found themselves in another close contest Saturday, April 18, as they pulled out a 10-8 Suburban Council victory against Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake.

Gerety scored three goals, while Golderman and Quimby each tallied twice for Guilderland, which out-scored BH-BL 6-4 in the second half.

Taylor Safford had a hat trick, and goaltender Lexie Ball made 13 saves for the Spartans (4-2, 5-2).

## Boys lacrosse

The Guilderland boys

lacrosse team split its two most recent Suburban Council contests.

After falling to Shaker 11-5 Thursday, April 16, the Dutchmen (3-3, 4-3) doubled up Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 10-5 on a sunny, windy day Saturday, April 18.

Gus Schwenk had a hat trick for Guilderland, which broke the game open by out-scoring BH-BL 4-0 in the third quarter. Kevin Dyer, Ryan Fish and Alex Cardinal all added a pair of goals, and goaltender Sam DiPace made 15 saves.

Mike Leveroni recorded two goals and three assists for BH-BL (1-3, 3-3).

Things didn't go well for Guilderland at the start of its game against Shaker April 16. The Blue Bison (3-1, 3-3) jumped out to a 6-1 lead after the first quarter, and they never looked back.

Jared Hoff registered four goals and two assists

to lead Shaker's offense, while Michael Stiso added a hat trick. Schwenk tallied twice for Guilderland.

## Baseball

Guilderland's three-game winning streak ended with a 4-0 loss to Shaker Friday, April 17, in a Suburban Council baseball game.

Shaker pitcher Nick DeMarco tossed a three-hit shutout, and his twin brother, Dom DeMarco, doubled to lead the offense. Cam Collette had two of Guilderland's three hits with a pair of singles.

Guilderland (4-1, 4-1) bounced back from its first loss of the season to defeat Columbia 11-0 Sunday, April 19.

The Dutchmen scored seven runs in the top of the first inning, and pitcher Matt Pierce dodged trouble several times to pick up the complete-game victory. Pierce allowed 10 hits, but he struck out six.

Ryan Curry blasted a two-run homer, while Jack



Guilderland's Isabella Sericolo, right, knocks the ball out of the stick of Shaker's Julia Fitzgerald.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Grabek, Evan Sanders and Brandon Peda each added a pair of hits to lead Guilderland's offense.

## Track and field

The Guilderland girls track and field team finished eighth at the Fleet Feet Lady Eagles Invitational Saturday, April 18, at Colonie Central High School.

Emily Burns was a two-time winner at the Fleet Feet Lady Eagles Invitational. She finished first in the 2,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 7:31.20, and she teamed up with Emma Daviero, Sarah Forman and Jen Hoffman on Guilderland's distance medley relay team, which won with a time of 12:47.12.

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By **ROB JONAS**

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### VOORHEESVILLE

— In a matter of three days, the Voorheesville baseball team experienced the highs and lows of shutouts.

The Blackbirds (2-2 league, 3-2 overall) defeated Watervliet 7-0 Wednesday, April 15, in a Colonial Council game, only to have Fonda-Fultonville turn the tables on them in a 2-0 loss Friday, April 17, at Cooperstown's Doubleday Field.

Fonda pitcher Pat Hart tossed a 1-hitter with eight strikeouts, and Brett Taylor added a pair of RBI singles for the Braves. Joe Guerette and Zach Childs combined on a 4-hitter for Voorheesville in the loss.

Two days earlier in Watervliet, the Blackbirds scored three runs in the top of the second inning on



Voorheesville's Khristian Singh pitches during the Blackbirds' 7-0 Colonial Council victory over Watervliet Wednesday, April 15.

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their way to a 7-0 victory over the Cannoneers. Pitcher Khristian Singh was masterful for Voorheesville, as he struck out 11 batters over five innings to pick up the

victory.

David Cardona's two-run single in the top of the second inning gave Voorheesville the boost it needed. Guerette drove in two runs on a pair of hits.

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### Late rallies not enough

Breiner tallied twice, and Comber made 16 saves for Bethlehem.

### Girls lacrosse

The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team couldn't keep up with Niskayuna in a 15-7 Suburban Council loss Saturday, April 18, in Niskayuna.

The Lady Eagles (2-3, 2-3) were within three goals of the undefeated Silver Warriors (5-0, 6-0) at halftime, but Niskayuna outscored Bethlehem 7-2 in the second half to earn another lopsided win. All of Niskayuna's Suburban Council victories have been by more than five goals per game.

Catherine Sexton registered five goals and three assists to pace Niskayuna. Brianna Sacks had three goals and two assists, while Marisa DiVietro and Alissa Franze each added a pair of goals.

Sophia Calabrese tallied three times, and Natalie Cook contributed two goals and two assists for Bethlehem. Goaltender Sophie Powers made seven saves.

Bethlehem was coming off an 18-7 victory over Ballston Spa Thursday, April 16. Eight Lady Eagles scored at least one goal as part of Bethlehem's most lopsided win of the season.

Kaylee Rickert led the way with five goals and two assists. Powers and Kate Zito each chipped in with hat tricks, while Cook delivered two goals and three assists.

### Track and field

Bethlehem's annual Fleet Feet Lady Eagles Invitational meet was moved to Colonie Central High School this year, due to ongoing construction of the school's football and track facility.

Shen won the team title at this year's meet, which was held Saturday, April 18. The Plainsmen finished with 127 points, 31 points ahead of runner-up Shaker. Bethlehem was a close third, as it finished with 94.5 points.

Tedi DeMaria led Bethlehem with a victory in the pole vault and a second-place finish in the triple jump. DeMaria

cleared the bar at 11 feet, 1 inch, to win the pole vault, and she leaped a distance of 34 feet, 10 inches to be the runner-up to Holy Names' Leah Moran in the triple jump. DeMaria was also sixth in the high jump after she cleared the bar at 4 feet, 10 inches.

Julia Nugent added a victory in the 100-meter high hurdles. The junior ran a time of 16.55 seconds in the finals, nearly one second ahead of runner-up Aroua Trainor of Gunderland. Fiona Nugent was third with a time of 17.73 seconds.

### Softball

The defending Section 2 Class AA champion Bethlehem softball team earned its first Suburban Council win of the season by edging Ballston Spa 5-4 Friday, April 17.

Stephanie Konas clubbed two doubles as part of a 3-for-3 afternoon at the plate for the Lady Eagles (2-3, 3-4). Brooke Corbett drove in two runs and scored another.

Bethlehem followed up that win with a 13-9 victory against Mohonasen Saturday, April 18. Hailey Prechtel drove in six runs to lead the Lady Eagles.

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## VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE 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.

2. 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 purpose.

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:

**PROPOSITION #1: PURCHASE OF BUSES:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses, including incidental expenses, at a maximum estimated 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 provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

**PROPOSITION #2: SCHOOL LUNCH FUND:**

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 Elementary School/Bus Garage building, and the replacement of an existing foot bridge and abutments over the Vly 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 statement 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 va-

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cancy 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

Voorheesville Central School District

P.O. Box 498

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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 152-160 DELAWARE AVE., LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/10/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, c/o Nolan & Heller, LLP, 39 N. Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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## 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

## PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is 200 DELAWARE, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on 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 designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 45 Carollanne Drive Delmar, New York 12054

FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is The Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which lim-

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ited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMATIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 2028 WESTERN AVENUE HOLDING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, April 8, 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 243 BLEECKER STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/27/15. 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.

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 411 HUDSON AVENUE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 1/13/15 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 activity.

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Notice of Formation of 435 PARTRIDGE STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 3/10/15 with the Secy. Of State

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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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 54 ELBERON PLACE, 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 activity.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of A & A COFFEE 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

AMHMART, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 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, 537 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. No registered agent. Purpose: for all legal purposes.

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Notice of Formation of ARKS MYRTLE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/24/15. 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ARN TIMBER II LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy 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: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ART & STRUCTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/20/15. 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

BNMARK, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 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, 537 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. No registered agent. Purpose: for all legal purposes.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BRZOWSKI FAMILY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 10/29/2014 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 The

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Bronsther Law Firm, 12 Century Hill Drive, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

BURNS MEDIATION, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/13/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 1187 Troy Schenectady Rd., Latham, NY 12110. General purpose.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qual. of Buzz USA, LLC, Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 2/9/15. Office loc: Albany County. LLC org. in DE 1/23/15. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom proc. against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of proc. to: NW Reg. Agt., 90 State St., Ste. 700, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. DE office addr.: Trolley Square, Ste. 20C, Wilmington, DE 19806. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purp: any lawful activities.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Clifton Park Plaza Associates, L.L.C.. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 4/10/15. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Co-coa Provisions, 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 lawful activities.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of COMPATEL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/10/15. 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.

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Notice of Formation of COMPRESSION STUDIOS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/20/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process

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## 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 Business Services, Inc., 16192, Coastal Hwy., Lewes, DE 19958. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation DMC Partners, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/9/15 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 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 lawful activities.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Drink Daily Greens LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/10/15. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 11/19/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: 979 Springdale Rd., Austin, TX 78702. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of E-FLUX REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/1/15. 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.

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Notice of Formation of E.W. BIRCH EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 3/2/2015 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 The Bronsther Law Firm, 12 Century Hill Drive, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#76262

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Exotic Cars TG LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/12/15. 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#76586

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Ferrara Bros., LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/9/15. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/30/15. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 21 Ludlow Drive, Chappaqua, NY 10514. DE address of LLC: c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#79602

**LEGAL NOTICE**

FINISHEDLEGACY, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 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, 537 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. No registered agent. Purpose: for all legal purposes. Ad#75623

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Notice of Formation Ford Financial Solutions, 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#

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Notice of Formation of FOREVER UNEMPLOYED LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/17/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process

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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

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: HARMONY JASOCIATES 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 agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to ARN Timber LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211. Ad#75995

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: HARMONY M ASSOCIATES 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 agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211. Ad#75996

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Notice of Formation of HARVEY AND SOUTHERLAND, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/14/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 1971 Western Ave. #1150, Albany, NY 12203. The regis-

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tered agent is: LYONS MSS, LLC. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#78660

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of HAYA MARAKA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/8/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#79315

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC 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: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to Barnaby Dexter Bullard, 11 Birch Hill Road, Albany, NY 12211. Ad#77686

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of HMK CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/1/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#79586

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION 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 process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 24 McCulloch Ave, Ravena, NY 13143. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#78659

**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 it 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

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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 process to: 56 Clapper Road, Selkirk, New York 12158. For any lawful purpose. Ad#75952

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of J K Avis LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 3, 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 33 Wade Road, Latham, New York 12110, 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 organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. Ad#79318

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of J K Loudon LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 3, 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 33 Wade Road, Latham, New York 12110, 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 organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. Ad#77966

**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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION The name of the limited liability company is JUSTINS PIZZA LLC. The Articles of Organization of LLC were filed

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with the New York Department of State on DECEMBER 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 process served is to STEVEN M SARGENT; 20 S CHURCH ST; SCHENECTADY, NY 12305. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which the LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State. Ad#77547

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of K-M-M SALES & MARKETING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/31/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#79595

**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 11358. General Purposes. 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 it 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#77696

**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 DOMESTIC 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 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. Ad#76583

**LEGAL 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: The LLC, 79-06 Main St., #2K, Flushing, NY 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 Purposes. Ad#78657

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Name: Mauve Umbrella, LLC Date Articles of Organization Filed with NYS: 01/13/2015 Location: Albany County NY Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. LegalZoom shall mail process to: 6 Village Park Drive, Albany NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#78967

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Professional Service Limited Liability Company Pursuant to Section 1203 of the New York Limited Liability Law FIRST: The name of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company is McLaughlin Judd Physical Therapy, PLLC. 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 copy of any process against the Professional Service Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: 3434 Carman Road Guilderland, New York 12303

FIFTH: The Professional

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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 lawful activities. Ad#77698

**LEGAL NOTICE**

MPMARK, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 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, 537 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. No registered agent. Purpose: for all legal purposes. Ad#75618

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of MYCREDITLEVERAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/29/15. Office location: Albany County. LegalZoom LLC is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. LegalZoom shall mail process to: 6 Village Park Drive, Albany NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#76695

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation New Loudon 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 Travelodge, 831 New Loudon Rd, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#78972

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Law a. The name of the Limited Liability Company is New Loudon Properties, LLC. b. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on February 12, 2015. c. The office of the Limited Liability Company will be located in Albany County. d. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: c/o Stephen Califano 4216

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Frederick Road Altamont, New York 12009 e. The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#78918

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION The name of the limited liability company is NORTHEAST LANDSCAPING & TREE SERVICE LLC. The Article of Organization of LLC were filed 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 SARGENT; 20 S CHURCH ST; SCHENECTADY, NY 12305. The purpose of this LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which the LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State. Ad#76995

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (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 purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Ad#76886

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of 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. David Swawite, 40 Beaver St., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#78983

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of OLIVIA CHRISTENSEN SALON, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/4/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#76982

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of OMAN 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 process



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cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 228 MORNER RD, RENSSSELAER, NY 12144. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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

Ad#78655

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of PAC Wholly Own, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (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 Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

Ad#76584

## LEGAL NOTICE

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. Purpose: 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 (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 process to: 18 Computer Drive East, Suite 201, Albany, New York 12205. Purposes: to own, develop, construct, rehabilitate, renovate, improve, maintain, finance, manage, operate, lease, sell,

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PETALS ON PAGE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/8/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PRESTIGE FACILITY MAINTENANCE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/23/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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## 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. Secretary of State of New York State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to Qing Ya, LLC, 510 Beryl Way, Watervliet, New York 12189. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

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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 designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1149 New Scotland Road, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of RAYMOND J. LAWRENCE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/5/2015. Office location, County of Schenectady. 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation SIGAPEC LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/31/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be

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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

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: SLEEPY 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.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: SLEEPY HOLLOW MANAGER 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 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, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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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 process to: The LLC, 930 Albany Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF STAR FOODS OF ALBANY 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 SSNY 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 SSNY 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 company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY 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 Secretary of State on April 5, 2013. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 429 Whitehall Road, Albany, New York 12208.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Systems DNS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/13/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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Notice of Qualification of The Dimension Group II, PLLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/15. Office location: Albany County. PLLC formed in Texas on 10/7/14. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: practice the profession of architecture and engineering.

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The Property Mommas LLC, Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/15. Office: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail process to the LLC c/o Veil Corporate, LLC @ 911 Central Ave # 188 Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Traversing Films, LLC Application for Authority filed with SSNY on 4/8/15. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNC on 6/26/07. 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. Address required to be maintained in NC: 472 Flat Creek Dr, Greenville, NC 28736. Name and address of the authorized officer in NC where copy of Arts. of Org. is filed: NC Secretary of State, Corp Division, 2 S Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC 27601. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Tresvista Services LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/23/15 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

VERTICAL HOLDCO LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 20, 2015. Of-

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fice 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 Keith J. Roland, Herzog Law Firm P.C., 7 Southwoods Blvd., Albany, New York 12211. No registered agent. Purpose: for all legal purposes.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of VIRTU PROPERTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/31/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation VOX SALUTEM LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/1/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WBC HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/10/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Weapons Workout, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/27/2015. Office: Albany County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, SSNY shall mail service of process (SOP) to the LLC @ 125 Birchwood Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT BALDWIN VENTURES

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LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/2/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT ELMONT VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/2/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of XAVISIA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Ad#76585

## LEGAL NOTICE

YMO Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/05/15. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 55 Driftwood Dr., Port Washington, NY 11050. General Purposes.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Limited Liability Company ("LLC") Name: Zoetic Networks LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on February 23, 2015 Office Location: Albany County. The "SSNY" is designated as agent of the "LLC" upon whom process against it may be served. "SSNY" shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 11 North Pearl Street, Ste. 1412, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity.

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### Our hats are in

Kermani said she was excited the age of the endorsements were skewing younger this year than is typical for the party. The majority of candidates are under 45 years old, and Kermani said she's been seeing involvement from a younger generation since she took over party leadership.

Foster, 32, was raised in Bethlehem, but left for a time to attend college and gain experience in Washington D.C. He was later an attorney with Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP, an international law firm based in New York City. He was also a former volunteer at Elsmere Fire Department.

"When I moved back to Bethlehem, I was disappointed to see firsthand how my hometown had changed since 2011," said Foster, a Delmar resident. "The contributions of our men and women in law enforcement have been marginalized, our services in town have been diminished and many of our property and business owners have been pushed to the financial brink by taxes."

Foster said while

there are often issues that resonate from year to year, the community is seeing certain issues come to a head. He cited the lack of leaf collection, alleged problems with snow removal and plowing, the recent property reassessment and the failure to negotiate with law enforcement.

"You can't blame the rank-and-file workers of the Town of Bethlehem," said Foster. "They do a phenomenal job and work tirelessly, day in and day out, to continue to deliver services. The issue is the mismanagement in the delivery of those services."

Zigrosser, a teaching assistant with the Gunderland Central School District, is a former president of the Glenmont Elementary School PTA, and has previously coached for the Bethlehem Recreational Soccer Club and Bethlehem Pop Warner Cheerleading. The 46-year-old from Glenmont said she felt a fresh perspective was needed to make appropriate changes

representative of the entire town.

"I think there has been a very divisive attitude at Town Hall, and a lot of us don't feel like we've been included," said Zigrosser. "This is our town, and I feel a lot of groups of people and hamlets in the community have been ignored. Their concerns haven't been met, and we want to work with all residents throughout the town."

Dumers, 43, of Selkirk, is an employee of the state Department of Transportation, who is also taking night classes at the University of Albany.

"I share the experiences of many of my neighbors here in town, and I understand what it's like to have a full plate," said Dumers. "I will bring this tenacity and drive to the Town Clerk's Office, where I will competently handle the operations of the Town and work hard for its residents and business owners."

The committee also announced its backing of several candidates for the county legislature.

Andy Holland, 34, of Slingerlands, intends to run for Albany County

Legislature in the 33rd district, while Kate Pope, 29, will run in the 35th district. The committee is also endorsing Conservative incumbent Richard Mendick, who is seeking a third term in the 36th Legislative District. A candidate is still being sought for the 34th district race.

Holland is a litigation attorney with Napierski, VanDenburgh, Napierski & O'Connor, LLP, in Albany. Pope lives in Delmar and has "experience in recruiting for a large international staffing company."

"If elected, I plan to use the advocacy skills I have developed as an attorney to forcefully and competently represent the interests of the residents in the 33rd district, while pursuing sound, responsible legislation for the county as a whole," said Holland. "My hope is to be able to offer a sensible perspective to balance the Democratic majority in the legislature."

The town's Democratic Committee is set to announce its endorsements on Thursday, April 23, at the Bethlehem Public Library. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

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### County redistricting maps

the 34th District."

Deputy Minority Leader Christine Benedict, one of two GOP members sitting on the seven-member Redistricting Commission, noted the proposal Republican representatives forwarded did not shift any legislative district lines outside of the city while creating a fifth minority-majority district.

"There is no reason why any other district needs to be effected except for those in the City of Albany," said Benedict. "Obviously they had another agenda, which was to bring it out into the Bethlehem area."

Benedict, along with fellow GOP commission member Rachel Bledi, voted in favor of the map submitted to the court. "We ended up voting for it, of course, just to get something in front of the judge," said Benedict.

Deputy Majority Leader Sean Ward, chairman of the commission, declined to comment on claims from Bethlehem Democrats due to "potential pending litigation." Ward expressed confidence the new maps

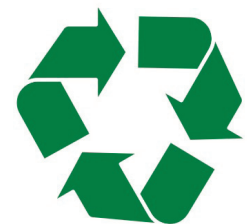
"meet the court's mandate" to create a fifth MMD.

"I am proud of the work done during a short time frame by the Redistricting Committee, legislative staff and our consultants," Ward said in an email. "We are very happy that the plan was unanimously approved by the Redistricting Committee, all minority members of the legislature and most importantly the plaintiffs themselves. We look forward to final approval by the Court so that we can all move forward to the election cycle starting with June petitions."

However, Coffey believed the court would side with the concerns the contingent of Bethlehem Democrats raised

"I think judge Kahn is going to be quite upset that the parties at be went beyond the scope of his directive and did some gerrymandering outside the scope of the lawsuit," said Coffey.

Kahn had not made a ruling on the new maps before The Spotlight went to press Monday morning, April 20.



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## ■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

# Embrace Earth Day

Since its creation in 1970, Earth Day has turned from an idea into a world-wide movement to drive change, reduce waste, and save the planet. Forty-five years later, the fight to change is still an uphill battle.

In 2015, the level of frustration has to be maddening when one looks at our dependency on 19th century technology. It's a slap in the face to the dreams people once had of us all driving flying cars at this point, but we remain grounded by our need for oil and gasoline to run combustible engines.

The embrace of antiquated sciences is something we should all release. Difficult, indeed, but Earth Day reminds us that we should all be fighting to break free of the ways that hurt this planet, and work together to invest in newer technologies. In the United States, we take pride in a nation full of entrepreneurs – men and women full of ideas, ingenuity,

and the resources to make it work. But, the ideas that shaped this nation were born centuries ago by families named Rockefeller, Edison, Tesla, and Ford, with ideas to refine oil, produce electricity, and mass-produce automobiles. If these individuals could come back to today's world, they'd shake their heads.

Yes, we're not short of our own technological advances, but our perspective of the world has widened in the past 45 years. We live in a golden age for knowledge, where we can obtain information within seconds through our handheld devices; the same handheld devices that poison our waters if discarded improperly. Today, we ought to have a better understanding of how we impact the environment. Sometimes, it remains unclear as to whether or not that is true.

A University of Albany study released last week addresses a component to climate models used to project rising

global temperatures. The concept of global warming dates back nearly as far as Earth Day itself, discussed by Ronald Reagan and George Bush in the 1980s, and continues on since then. Yet, somehow, it seems we've taken several steps backwards, with some camps not able to agree humans play a part in increased greenhouse gases, contributing towards increasing global temperatures. At worst, other camps can't agree that the phenomenon is happening at all.

There is some hope as you look around town. More and more residents are choosing to install solar panels atop their homes, using the power of the sun as an alternative energy source. And, more people drive battery powered vehicles, a newer technology that takes us one step closer towards the right direction.

On this Earth Day, try to reflect upon what it is you can change to help improve our environment.

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## ■ GET TO KNOW ...



**Melissa Kermani**  
**Bethlehem**  
**GOP Committee**  
**chairwoman**

**Town:** Bethlehem  
**Hometown:** Bethlehem

### What are you listening to these days? (music, podcast or audio book)

I listen to the Elvis Duran Show in the Morning on my way to work. I also like Maroon Five, Cold Play, New Order. Lots of popular music.

### Reading?

I read stuff about my thyroid disease. I'm reading "Thyroid Madness" right now. It's about hypothyroidism. I like to read up to find out more about the condition and what can help.

### Watching on TV?

I DVR a lot of shows since I don't have the time to watch them live. I watch Blue Bloods, House of Cards, Veep, and Scandal.

### What was the last movie you saw and why?

I don't go to the movies a lot. The first I saw recently was "The Spongebob Movie." I went with my niece and nephew who are 7 and 5. I also went to see "Old Fashioned"

with my mother. We attend St. Stephan's and a parishioner is in the movie. It was like a rebuttal to "50 Shades of Gray" as an old-fashioned romance.

### One person living or dead you would like to meet and why?

Ronald Reagan because I think he was an amazing president and I would love to get his advice.

### Describe your dream vacation.

I would love to go to Australia and hold a Koala bear.

### What is your favorite hobby?

I like to swim. When it warms up I like to go to the pool and swim laps, or go to the Y. I just can't go in winter because it's too cold.

### Describe what your last meal would be?

The Hidden Cafe. The hummus and the chicken kabobs.

### Favorite local memory?

Playing on the Bethlehem Tomboys softball league. I went to Albany Academy for Girls and they didn't have a team. My father sponsored the team, and it was great getting to know the local girls and being apart of a team in Delmar. I have our team photo at work.

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

My iPod so I could listen to music, clothes and food and water.

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■ IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Deeds not words: Facts verses myths

Talk about paranoid. Only John Clarkson could view lawn signs with a positive message about the Bethlehem Police as a threatening political statement.

Here's what the "We support Bethlehem Police" signs are about – our efforts to inform residents of the positive work the police do in the community, to help fundraise so we can continue to support additional community charities, and, ultimately, bring to light the mistreatment, micromanagement, and bullying faced by the police at the hands of John Clarkson.

As we've gotten this effort off the ground, the support we're getting has been overwhelming! Everywhere we go, people ask us if they can get a "We Support Bethlehem Police" sign. Former elected officials, current and former town employees, community leaders, and business owners are cheering us on. It has been so rewarding to engage our neighbors regarding our law enforcement services and get everyone's feedback on how we can do the best job we can do for our town.

We continue to be disappointed in Clarkson's bizarre behavior towards us. It's hard to believe that Clarkson recently dispatched town employees to persuade business owners into removing signs supporting the Bethlehem Police. In fact, you have likely noticed that the town building inspector also forced Berkshire Hathaway to take down a large sign of support for the police. One homeowner was approached by the town to remove a banner from his lawn. The banner reads "Clarkson: Take care of those who take care of us."

Everyone wants to live, work and raise a family in a community free from bullying. This kind of intimidation should not come from our elected officials.

The signs are a simple declaration of support. A memento of a conversation between an officer and a business owner or neighbor about public safety services. A reminder that Bethlehem residents have our backs. Clearly, Clarkson has decided these are signs he doesn't want you to have.

We do agree with Jeffrey Kuhn's sentiment from last week's column, "it is important for the public to understand the issues." However, Clarkson and his propaganda machine time-and-again fail to tell the full story and instead employ factoids to deliberately mislead our residents in favor of preserving his own bureaucracy.

As law enforcement professionals and not professional politicians, we are more comfortable dealing with facts than spin. So here are some facts. While Kuhn's column cites some points from various bought-and-paid-for consultant studies, he ignored the unbiased

opinion of NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), which recommended a staffing level of 46 officers.

Since that report was issued, the Town has grown in population and business development while the police force has shrunk by sixteen percent, from 44 to 37 officers. Clarkson has reduced the police force of a thriving community through the use of overtime and arbitrary time-off rules – continuously propagandizing overtime and sick leave to taxpayers.

Additionally, Clarkson continually fails to mention approximately 25 percent of overtime costs are directly linked to insufficient staffing and intentional delays in replacing officers we have lost through attrition.

But wait, there's more. Almost 40 percent of total overtime is directly attributed to investigations, arrests and court time which are unavoidable expenses. Fees, fines and revenues generated from the police department more than cover annual police overtime. Clarkson also refuses to share 25 percent of total overtime is reimbursed by outside sources, creating no additional burden on property taxes.

In 2014, the average officer used eight sick days, excluding a few officers that were out on long term illness/injury sustained on and off duty. That's less than half the number that Clarkson likes to throw around. And there is no such thing as unlimited sick leave!

At the same time, we fully understand the fiscal position of the town. We respect the need to do more with less. Bethlehem residents should know that we've done everything we can to provide meaningful input to make the town smarter and more efficient.

We've suggested a series of reforms, including hiring additional officers, revenue recovery for non-

mandatory services and a change in scheduling.

All of this begs the question – if Clarkson and his allies take their mission of balancing the need for services with the tax burden, you would think he would take us up on some of these ideas and reduce potentially nonessential services.

We are glad that Clarkson and his cronies are jumping on our bandwagon of support, expressing concern for overworked officers and their families, however, it's time to actually do something about it.

To request a sign, reach out via Twitter @OurBethlehemPBA or send a message to us on Facebook at Bethlehem Police Officers' Union.

*Officer Michael Berben is president of the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association. Sgt. Stephen Kraz is President of the Bethlehem Police Supervisor's Union.*

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## McCoy needs to support Local Law D

Editor, *The Spotlight*;  
The Albany County Legislature has taken an enormous step forward to protect public health and safety by unanimously passing Local Law D of 2014, banning the disposal of fracked gas well wastes in our landfills.

Legislator Bryan Clenahan of Guiderland deserves recognition for taking the lead on this legislation, and Glenmont's Charlie Dawson was an early supporter as well.

Despite New York's ongoing moratorium and movement toward banning

high-volume fracking due to significant public health concerns, fracking waste from Pennsylvania continues to be disposed of in our landfills and has been for years. As we unveil in our report, "License to Dump," hundreds of thousands of tons of solid and liquid

fracking waste, often laden with toxic chemicals and radioactivity, has been accepted in landfills across the state, which could cause irreversible water contamination.

There are simply no benefits in burying someone else's mess in our backyard. If fracking isn't safe for New Yorkers, then fracking waste isn't safe for New Yorkers.

We encourage county Executive Dan McCoy to sign this bill into law and hope leaders in state government follow the Albany County Legislature's lead by applying these protections statewide.

*Elizabeth Moran  
Water and Natural  
Resources Associate  
Environmental Advocates  
of New York*

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