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RCS teachers without contract since June

Parents turn out to voice support at board of education meeting

By Melanie Lekocevic
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RAVENA-COEY-MANS-SELKIRK — Parents turned out in force to voice support for a salary raise for RCS teachers, who have been without a contract since June.

The board of education's Nov. 17 meeting drew parents looking to speak out in favor of giving teachers a pay hike.

"These teachers are here to invest in the future of our children, and it is now your turn to help us invest in the future of our teachers," parent Jessica O'Connor told the board during the public comment segment of the meeting. "My only hope is that you could see the

teachers through my eyes, not through the eyes of an employer or an accountant, but through the eyes of a parent. Maybe then you will see that these teachers are irreplaceable and should be valued."

Biology teacher Matthew Miller, president of the RCS Teacher's Association, said teachers have been working without a contract since the previous one ended five months ago.

"Our contract expired in June of this year, so we are without a contract right now, but we are trying to work towards a new one," Miller said after the meeting. "We have been in negotiations since January. For most of the summer, we were at an impasse."

Contract negotiations began in January and stalled over the summer, Miller said. After months

without negotiations, the district, board of education and the teacher's union reopened talks last Tuesday. A second round of contract negotiations is expected in early December.

"We have another meeting coming up Dec. 7," Board of Education President Edward Reville said Wednesday. "I think last night's meeting went well."

Numerous parents went to the podium at Wednesday's board of education meeting to ask the district to give teachers a pay hike, the major sticking point in negotiations.

Parent Melanie Potter is an RCS alumna and has had children in the district for 13 years. She spoke of a high school math teacher who has had a major impact on her kids and their education.

"This teacher has had



Melanie Lekocevic/Capital Region Independent Media
Jessica O'Connor was the first of numerous parents to speak in support of teacher raises in the RCS school district during the November meeting of the board of education.

both of my two older children over a span of three years before, during and coming through COVID," Potter said. "Not only is she an amazing teacher who thinks very differently about grading and presenting her lessons,

but she also cares about her kids deeply and wants to make sure she doesn't just get through a lesson, but that each child understands to their own fullest capacity."

The teacher's impact on children goes beyond the

classroom, Potter said.

"We desperately want and need to keep quality teachers like this in our district," she added.

Parent Jackie Kalney

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Community cheers on their Indians

By Melanie Lekocevic
Capital Region Independent Media

RAVENA-COEY-MANS-SELKIRK — With the RCS Indians headed to Middletown on Saturday to face off against the Pleasantville Panthers in the state semifinals, the community is showing its support for its hometown team.

"I read this quote somewhere and nothing sums up how we feel better than these words: 'I never knew being a cheerleader on the sidelines to your games and your journey would be one of my most cherished roles in this life!'" said George and Jennifer Kennedy, parents of player Brendin Winfield.

The Indians have been on a tear in the postseason, defeating opponent after opponent. The latest was the Peru Night-hawks, where the RCS team came out on top by a score of 39-21, scoring multiple times in the waning minutes of the game to pull far ahead on the scoreboard.

Running back Franky Broadhurst scored the Indians' first two touch-



Contributed by Jennifer Kennedy
Players celebrating with the Indians mascot after their victory against Peru last weekend. The team will next head to Middletown for the state semifinals against Pleasantville.

downs in the game against Peru on Friday and was named Offensive Player of the Game.

Linebacker Erik Chapman was named Defensive Player of the Game.

Chapman's mother said her son first stepped onto

a football field for Pop Warner play, and it has been quite a journey.

"I've been watching some of these boys play football since age 5 when they first strapped on their flags in Pop Warner," Erika Chapman said.

"It's been so much fun to see them develop into not only the talented football players they are today, but into the amazing young men they are, both on and off the field. As a parent, you obviously get so excited to see your son

make a huge play during the game to help their team win, but it's even more gratifying when you see them helping a player from the opposing team up after a big hit, or comforting a teammate that got injured or made a mis-

take on the field — that's what really makes your heart swell with pride. This year's team is full of kids like that, and it makes me so happy that their reward is having a playoff run that hopefully ends in The Dome!"

The Indians would have to win Saturday against Pleasantville to make it to the state finals, which will be held at The Dome in Syracuse. RCS has a season record of 10-2, and Pleasantville is undefeated. The Indians have been solid on both offense and defense in postseason play.

Pleasantville won Saturday against Port Jervis by a single point, by a score of 23-22. The victory came following a game-winning 22-yard field goal with just over two seconds left in the game, setting the stage for this coming Saturday's game against RCS.

For many in the community, teamwork has made the Indians' postseason victories possible.

"These boys represent

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'Feed Your Mind, Feed a Family' offers helping hand

By Melanie Lekocevic
Capital Region Independent Media

RAVENA — More than 100 turkeys were handed out to families in need during a holiday food giveaway organized by Capital Region Independent Media.

The company, which publishes the Ravena News-Herald, pulled together sponsors and local not-for-profit groups that serve those in need for the "Feed Your Mind, Feed a Family" program to make the Thanksgiving holiday a bit brighter.

The program is the brainchild of Warren Dews Jr., publisher of Capital Region Independent Media.

dent Media.

"Every time somebody bought a subscription for the newspaper, we bought food for a family in need," Dews Jr. explained during the food giveaway at Shop 'n Save, 2481 Route 9W. "We partnered with these organizations that are here today — we couldn't have done it without our sponsors."

The program is one Dews Jr. has brought to other communities, and this was the first year it was done in Ravena.

"The concept of 'Feed Your Mind' that Warren (Dews Jr.) brought to these communities really personifies what community



Melanie Lekocevic/Capital Region Independent Media
Sponsors and representatives from local not-for-profit groups teamed up to help feed local families in need this Thanksgiving through the "Feed Your Mind, Feed a Family" program by Capital Region Independent Media.

media is all about," said Mark Vinciguerra, president and owner of Capital Region Independent Media. "We are ingrained

in the history, the fabric of the areas we serve. We tell their stories and attempt to fix their shortcomings and make the

communities better places to live in part because of community media. 'Feed Your Mind's' success is one shining example of our mission come to life."

The program gave sponsors a way to help local people during the holidays, Robert Nolan from Nolan Propane said.

"The holidays are a tough time for people and it is nice to be able to help people who can't afford to have a nice Thanksgiving," Nolan said. "This is a fantastic idea and the community was well deserving of it."

Sydney Kane, spokeswoman for Carver Companies, said the program

was a way to support the community.

"We wanted to give back to the community," Kane said. "Warren (Dews Jr.) said this is a food donation to the community and he was looking for local businesses to sponsor meals to give back to the community."

Newspaper subscriptions and sponsor donations covered the cost of the holiday meals, which were boxed up by Shop 'n Save, where the giveaway was held.

"We are a supermarket and it is Thanksgiving

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said teachers were particularly helpful during the transition back into the classroom after the COVID shutdowns of the 2020-21 school year. “If it weren’t for the teachers and staff at the school, I’m not sure we would have survived the transition,” Kalney said. “They were in it with us until it got better. They provided support and reassurance, not just to my kid, but to me, too.” As negotiations reopen, the salary for teachers is among the biggest issues, Miller said. A decision made several years ago during the Great Reces-

sion of 2008 still impacts teachers today, he said. “The biggest thing is salary. From 2008 on, we did not put any money on our step schedule, which stayed the same for 10 years because that was during difficult economic times,” Miller said. “We thought that would help the community out and we were able to not have any layoffs, like a lot of other schools did. That compounds, so we got to a point where we drifted away from other districts, so what we are looking to do is make ourselves competitive again.” As teachers gain years of experience, they advance along a “step”

system. Teachers at RCS earn significantly less than teachers at neighboring districts that are on the same “step,” Miller said. An RCS teacher earns about \$15,000 less than a teacher with similar experience in the Coxsackie-Athens school district, Miller said. For some teachers, that salary difference has led them to leave the district, parents said. Joy Iafallo said her children cried when they learned their physical education teacher resigned. “When she said that she was leaving it was for \$15,000, and if that amount wasn’t bad enough, she called it

‘life-changing money,’ which made me want to drive to her house and give her \$15,000,” Iafallo said. Jennifer Milano is an involved parent in the district and said teachers make sacrifices for their craft and should be paid accordingly. “I know firsthand how much time, effort and energy goes into the education of young minds,” she said. “I know how much of themselves teachers pour into their students, how much of their personal time is dedicated to their students, how much of their own money goes into their classroom to make it a

home away from home where their students feel welcomed and loved.” She urged the district to make teacher’s salaries in the district competitive. “We need to show our teachers their value with raises that allow them to see the direct relationship between our respect for their profession and the monetary compensation they receive for providing an excellent education for our children,” she said. “Give our teachers the raises they so desperately deserve.” Parent Chelsea Hildebrandt agreed. “My heart hurts knowing that our teachers are so undervalued in this

district by the administration,” Hildebrandt said. “We have amazing teachers in this district and if we do not show appreciation and pay them what they deserve, we will see more putting in resignation letters and going to other districts.” Reville said members of the board of education are district parents themselves and appreciate the work teachers do. Contract negotiations continue, he said. “We are working and hopefully in time we will come to an agreement,” Reville said. “None of us argue with any of you — we agree we do have great teachers.”

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the true meaning of team on and off the field,” Denise Lyle, mom of player J.T. Lyle, said. “A strong sense of community has helped form a bond that translates to seamless plays and morale.” Deb Missetich said her son, Luke Missetich, started out in another sport but found he loved football. “I’ve been watching Luke play baseball since the first grade and never imagined him falling in love with another sport,” she said. “What I’ve learned is that it isn’t necessarily about the sport but about the people he’s playing with. He’s

so happy and energetic when he’s on that field. He loves and respects his teammates and his coaches. It’s scary and invigorating watching him. I couldn’t be more proud.” For player Landen Cardone, determination is key, his parents Michael and Julie Cardone said. “There’s no fear or hesitation in his game,” they said. “No matter the size or talent, Landen is making the tackle.” Melanie Potter, from the RCS Sports Association, said her son Kaden Potter moved up to varsity this season and made the transition with the help of his teammates. “We are proud not only of their talent on the field, but of the way they work

together and support each other on and off the field,” Melanie Potter said. “My son is a sophomore who was moved up to varsity from JV a few times during the regular season and starting on defense for the championship games. The varsity players treat him and the other sophomores who were moved up just like they were part of the team the whole season! It’s a great group of players and no kids deserve these wins more.” The Indians will head to Middletown on Saturday, Nov. 27, for a 3 p.m. semifinals game against the Pleasantville Panthers. Jennifer Kennedy contributed to this report.



Courtesy of Jennifer Kennedy
Franky Broadhurst #1 running the ball with coverage by J.T. Lyle #52 and Erik Chapman #56.

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NEWS FROM THE PAST/
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News Herald – November 25, 1921 - F.E. Bleezarde, Publisher

Coeymans:

- The membership drive of the Red Cross is meeting with good success with the canvassers here.
- A union Thanksgiving service was held in the M.E. Church Sunday morning. The Rev. H.T. Jones, pastor of the Reformed Church, preached the sermon.
- E.S. Blauvelt, florist, is making extensive repairs to his greenhouses.
- A stray bullet of .38 caliber went through a windowpane and struck a dresser in Frank Southard's bedroom in the home of his son, John Southard, on Westerlo Street, Wednesday evening. More care should be used in the discharge of firearms.
- Carpenters have been making alterations in the interior of the M.E. Church chapel and by the changing of a partition, considerably more kitchen room has been gained.
- The heavy fog which settled down over the village last Thursday evening and lasted until the next morning caused the flock of wild geese to light in the river opposite this village and remained there until the fog lifted.

Ravena:

- Jacob Forman had the scare of his life Friday morning when

- three masked men with pointed guns told him to halt as he got out of bed to find out what was going on in his tailor shop, but when Mr. Forman's hired man made a feint to get a gun, saying he was going to blow their heads off, and Mrs. Forman called for help from the back door, the masked men decided it was time to leave.
- Don Heath, chief of police of the village, has received a letter of thanks and an expression of appreciation for his services in arresting the two chinamen who escaped from train No. 6 early one morning from the Canadian-Pacific Railroad passenger agent.
- Ivan Hannay is building a large garage on the rear of his property to house his large truck and passenger car.
- Fred Baldwin is making another concrete improvement to his Van-Buren home in the way of sidewalks to the side and rear entrances of his domicile.
- A class of four will be initiated at the regular meeting of Leroy Whipple Council, D. of A., in Odd Fellows Hall this Friday evening, and a large attendance of the members is desired.
- A community mass meeting in Community Hall on Wednesday night was representative of the two villages, and an excellent outline of

the work of the Anti-Saloon World movement was given by Dr. Morrow. C.H. Hallenbeck presided.

- A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bailey on Friday morning last.
- **Coeymans Herald – November 24, 1886 - S.H. & E.J. Sherman, Proprietors**
- Clam sloops may now quite frequently be seen at our wharf.
- The steamer Lotta now leaves Albany at 4 p.m. instead of 4:30, as to heretofore.
- Hudson and other river towns are preparing toboggan slides this coming winter. Let us have one in this village.
- George W. Sickles announces that he will run a freight wagon between this village and Albany as usual at the close of navigation.
- The people of the Junction are anticipating a season of pleasant entertainment as soon as Pulver's magnificent hall is completed, which is thought to be about the holidays.
- The question of building a horse railroad between the landing and the Junction is being agitated. This is undoubtedly an enterprise that will be put through in the near future and will prove a handsome investment for the party or company that shall undertake it.

Ravena man charged
with robbery, unlawful
imprisonment

By Melanie Lekocevic
Capital Region Independent Media

COEYMANS — A Ravena man has been arrested and charged with robbery and unlawful imprisonment, among other charges, according to Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple.

Brian K. Bagley, 55, of Ravena, was arrested Nov. 17 by sheriff's investigators working out of the town of Coeymans sheriff's substation following an ongoing investigation.

The charges stem from an alleged robbery that occurred Nov. 16, according to the sheriff's office.

"Bagley is charged with assaulting the victim with a weapon causing physical injuries, forcibly stealing property from the victim, while unlawfully preventing the victim from leaving the residence," according to the sheriff's office. "The victim was located at St. Peter's Hospital after the hospital alerted the Albany County Sheriff's Office of the victim's injuries."

Bagley was charged with two counts of second-degree robbery, a class C felony; one count of second-degree assault, a class D felony;



BRIAN K. BAGLEY

one count of first-degree unlawful imprisonment, a class E felony; one count of fourth-degree grand larceny, a class

E felony; one count of petty larceny, a class A misdemeanor; one count of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor; and one count of fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, a class A misdemeanor, according to the sheriff's office.

He was arraigned in the Town of Coeymans Court and was released under supervision of Albany County Probation.

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I wanted to thank everyone within the Ravena / Coeymans / Selkirk communities for their continued support over the last year. It has been difficult at times but we have managed to get through it and provide a helpful community service. We are back to regular business hours Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm / Sat 10am - 3pm / Closed on Sundays

Currently, with the volume of bottles and cans we are only taking drop offs - bring in your empties, place them in a designated area, we take your name and then give you the earliest time frame to come back or any time thereafter to collect your money. Since opening in July 2018, we have helped raise approximately \$52,500, which is almost 924,000 bottles/cans for 50 different organizations which anyone can donate to.

We look forward to servicing the community in the future. If you have any questions regarding operation, donations or fundraisers please reach out....

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RCS SCHOOL MENUS

RCS Elementary School Menu

Nov. 29 to Dec. 3
Breakfast Menu

Monday: Pancakes, apple sauce, pears, skim or 1% milk.

Tuesday: Cheesy eggs, whole-wheat wrap, cut oranges, apples, skim of 1% milk.

Wednesday: Cereal choices, pears, apple sauce, skim or 1% milk.

Thursday: Whole-grain bagel, fresh fruit, peaches, skim or 1% milk.

Friday: French toast, banana, mixed fruit, skim or 1% milk.

Lunch Menu

Monday: Egg sandwich or popcorn chicken, baked fries, green beans, peaches, apples, skim or 1% milk.

Tuesday: Barbecue chicken wrap, rice, broccoli, apple sauce, skim or 1% milk.

Wednesday: Turkey sub, chips, carrots, mixed fruit, skim or 1% milk.

Thursday: Mixed sandwich or grilled ham and cheese, roasted white potatoes, three-bean salad, banan, apple, skim or 1% milk.

Friday: Tuna salad sandwich or Buffalo chicken pizza, homemade green leafy salad, pears, assorted fruit, skim or 1% milk.

RCS Middle & High School Menu

Nov. 29 to Dec. 3
Breakfast Menu

Monday: Pancakes, apple sauce, pears, skim or 1% milk.

Tuesday: Cheesy eggs, whole-wheat wrap, cut oranges, apples, skim or 1% milk.

Wednesday: Cereal choices, pears, apple sauce, skim or 1% milk.

Thursday: Whole-grain

bagel, fresh fruit, peaches, skim or 1% milk.

Friday: French toast, banana, mixed fruit, skim or 1% milk.

Lunch Menu

Monday: Egg sandwich or popcorn chicken, baked fries, green beans, peaches, apples, skim or 1% milk.

Tuesday: Barbecue chicken wrap, rice, broccoli, apple sauce, skim or 1% milk.

Wednesday: Meatball sub, chips, carrots, mixed fruit, skim or 1% milk.

Thursday: Mixed sandwich or grilled ham and cheese, roasted white potatoes, three-bean salad, banana, apple, skim or 1% milk.

Friday: Tuna salad sandwich or Buffalo chicken pizza, homemade green leafy salad, pears, assorted fruit, skim or 1% milk.

SENIOR PROJECTS

Senior Projects of Ravenna reopened to the public July 12 for the first time in more than a year after being closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Dinner is being offered every weekday at 4 p.m. Call 518-756-8593 for

information and the menu. Exercise classes are also being offered.

The Meals on Wheels program and the transportation program are still available, according to the organization's Face-

book page.

Bingo has been cancelled until further notice.

If there is a senior who needs assistance or you are concerned about a senior, please call Senior Projects at 518-756-8593.



RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

"Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you." —Nathaniel Hawthorne

TAKE AND MAKE TUESDAY

Get your pup's tail wagging with an easy to make homemade treat. Best of all, you'll know exactly what's in it! Pick up your kit beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Celebrate the season with crafts, treats and a special Zoom storytime with Santa!

Kids are invited to write a letter to Santa, drop it off at the library and Santa will write back before Christmas! If you would like a template, stop at the library or

print from the library's website. Pick up a special holiday craft and treat bag at the library when you drop your letter off between Nov. 27 and Dec. 2. Then, visit with Santa on Zoom on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 11 a.m. for a special storytime and see if he mentions your letter!

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY COURSE

The library will be hosting a NYS Snowmobile Safety Course and Exam on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free course is for ages 10 and up, and registration is required. Sign up today through the library's website under "Events." Lunch will be provided. Thanks to the Frontier Sno-Riders for sponsoring this program.

MAKE A BOOK TREE

Looking for something to get you in the holiday spirit? Come to the library on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m., and make a folded book tree. It's quick and easy to make and the library will provide everything you need to complete your project. Space is limited, so register through the library website under "Events" today.

NEW DECEMBER FICTION

"The Postmistress of Paris" by Meg Waite Clayton

"The Midnight Lock" by Jeffrey Deaver

"Rogue Asset" by W.E.B. Griffin

"The Winter Guest" by Pam Janoff

"The Last Dance of the Debutante" by Julia Kelly

"Wish You Were Here" by Jodi Picoult

Village waiting on DEC results for 'gritty' coating

By **Melanie Lekocevic**
Capital Region Independent Media

RAVENA — Village officials at press time were awaiting results from the state about the source of a "gritty substance" that has been found around the community.

"People have found a gritty dusting," Deputy Mayor Nancy Warner said Thursday. "People have said it sticks right to the paint on their cars and trucks and it can't be washed off easily, if at all. People said they have turned on their windshield washers and it just smears."

The material, which has been found on cars, homes and other sites, has been found around the community several times in the past few weeks.

"It happened in August and then Halloween weekend, and then a couple of times since then," Warner said.

The Department of Environmental Conservation sent representatives to the village to test the material and results are still pending, Warner said.

Mayor Bill Misuraca said in a statement the village has been in "constant

contact" about the unidentified substance.

"It has coated cars, houses, anything outdoors," Misuraca said. "It's incredibly resistant to conventional cleaning, as we've found out. I am not going to speculate, nor point fingers, until I have the full story."

While the source of the substance has not been determined at this time, the Lafarge cement plant has released a statement regarding the material.

"We are aware of the complaints regarding fugitive dust on private property in the Ravenna area, and we have been in ongoing discussions with the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) about this matter," according to Lafarge. "As a long-standing and engaged member of the local community and the largest employer in Southern Albany County, we are deeply committed to being a good neighbor and protecting the environment while providing good-paying jobs."

In response to numerous complaints, the company has launched a new initiative to address local concerns, according to

Lafarge.

"We take all concerns and complaints about the plant very seriously, and we aim to operate in a manner that causes zero harm to employees, workers, contractors, customers and visitors," according to Lafarge. "We have been in communication with impacted residents and recently launched a new initiative to better engage with members of the public so we can build on the already strong foundation established over our close to six decades of operation."

Anyone with a complaint about the plant, including "occurrences of materials on vehicles or other property," according to the statement, should email Lafarge at ravana@lafargeholcim.com to assist the company in collecting data and determining what the material is and its source.

The village and town shared a link on social media to a complaint form on Lafarge's website where residents can contact the company with their concerns. The link can be found at <https://www.lafargeravenaconnect.com/contact-us>.

Hochul: Vaccinate for a chance at free college education

By **Melanie Lekocevic**
Capital Region Independent Media

ALBANY — Students ages 5 to 11 who get the COVID-19 vaccine have the chance to win a free college education.

Children who receive their first dose of the vaccine by Dec. 19 will be entered into a random drawing to win a full scholarship to a State University of New York or City University of New York institution.

Gov. Kathy Hochul on Nov. 9 announced the "Vaccinate, Educate, Graduate" vaccine incentive to encourage families to vaccinate their children against the virus.

Scholarships apply to both two- and four-year colleges, and cover tuition, room and board.

There will be 10 winners statewide each week, with the final 10 winners

announced Dec. 22.

"Finally, the COVID-19 vaccine is here for young New Yorkers age 5 through 11," Hochul said. "Our critical work to make the vaccine accessible and available to all eligible children and their families is underway — and we will creatively support and celebrate those who get vaccinated. The 'Vaccinate, Educate, Graduate' program is an extraordinary opportunity for children to win free tuition to a SUNY or CUNY college or university, and I urge parents and guardians to help their children get vaccinated and enter into this once-in-a-lifetime program."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended Nov. 2 that children ages 5-11 be vaccinated

against the virus with the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine. The CDC's recommendation made about 28 million children eligible for the vaccine, according to the agency.

"Together, with science leading the charge, we have taken another important step forward in our nation's fight against the virus that causes COVID-19," CDC Director Rochelle Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., said in a statement Nov. 2.

Winners of the SUNY or CUNY scholarships will receive full in-state tuition and non-tuition costs including room and board, books, supplies and transportation. If on-campus housing is not available at the school the student attends, they will receive the same allowance as students living on campus.

FEED from A1

ing-time, so it is a time for giving," said Shop 'n Save Store Manager Kyle Smith. "We have the ability to get all of this food and box it all up, so when you have the ability to help, you should help and that's what we did."

Lafarge Plant Manager David MacLauchlin said the company was happy to sponsor the program.

"We are here helping out with donating and handing out turkeys for the community," MacLauchlin said. "Lafarge likes to help with the community when we can."

Several not-for-profit groups were on hand to pick up turkey meals, which they later distributed to families in need. Melanie Collins, a volunteer at the food pantry at Trinity United Methodist Church in Coeymans Hollow, picked up meals to help those in need.

"These are full meals — we will be taking 10 of them for the food pantry," Collins said. "This will put us over the edge to be able to serve more people."

Rebecca Flach from Helping Harvest, a pro-



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Publisher Warren Dews of Capital Region Independent Media, which publishes the Ravena News-Herald, introduced the "Feed Your Mind, Feed a Family" program that gave out dozens of turkey dinners with all the fixin's at Shop 'n Save in Ravenna last week.

gram of Hope Full Life Center in Ravenna, picked up 20 meals for local families.

"The cost of Thanksgiving meals this year will be the most expensive in history," Flach said. "For the poor, working poor and senior citizens, paying exorbitant amounts of money for food is challenging for them, especially going into the holidays when expenses are high anyway, so it means a lot to get a free meal."

Local company TCI took a slightly different approach to its sponsorship.

"We sponsor the event,

but we are actually giving our turkeys to the local high school and they will distribute them to families," said Brian Hemlock from TCI. "We work a lot with the local high school and we do internships, so through our relationship with the school we told them what we are doing here today and they said it was great — they have families who need turkeys right now."

"Our company was ecstatic to be a part of this," added John Barr from TCI. "This is about giving back — no family should be hungry any day of the year, but at least this is a start."

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A day at the market

I have come to look forward to my daily trips to the supermarket. Being retired means you have to take your entertainment where you find it.

With no agenda or schedule, I have time to wander, explore and learn. I am amazed at the number of countries represented by products in the market. There are chemical plants all over the globe doing nothing but making additives and dyes to stuff into the cans, bags and bottles they send us. It's amazing!

I spent some time exploring in the water aisle. I'm always agog when I scan down the row upon row of different bottles of water. Who knew there were so many different kinds?

They, too, come from all parts of this big mud ball we inhabit. I've taste tested several and I'll be darned if I can see any difference between the \$2.50 a bottle kind that comes from France from the \$0.89 kind from Scotia. In fact, the water that comes from the well in our backyard tastes better than any of the bottled ones I've tasted. Maybe I should drag out the hose and start filling bottles and export them to foreign countries.

Twenty years ago, if you had told me that someday I'd be buying water in little bottles at a buck a pop, I'd have had a memorable belly laugh. If you had continued and said that there would come a time when a bottle of water would cost more than a bottle of soda or even a bottle of beer, I probably would have recommended a rest time in a rubber room for you.

Last year the bottled water industry raked in billions. Wish I had thought of doing it!

WHITTLING AWAY



DICK BROOKS

Never having been one to let my small portion of gray matter sit fallow, I pushed my cart up and down the aisles of the market, the front wheel fluttering back and forth, and tried to get ahead of the curve.

What would be the next big fad? They buy water — how about air? I could bottle air! The air in a lot of places, especially places with a lot of people in them, doesn't smell so good. City folks would probably pay good money for a few good sniffs of our country air. I could sell

different flavors — pine air from the mountains, fresh-plowed ground air, just-cut grass air, brewery air, locker-room air, barn air, bakery air — the possibilities are endless.

All I need now in an attractive bottle, a catchy label and a way to distribute the stuff. I could label it "organic," especially the barn air — people will buy anything organic. It's also no fat, no carbs, non-gluten, no sugar — who wouldn't want to buy it? I'll be the Donald Trump of air!

I pushed my cart up to the checkout, paid for the few items I had in it and almost blinded by my own brilliance, tried to find my car in the parking lot.

Next trip, I'll work on world peace.

Thought for the week — If you try to fail and succeed, which have you done?

Until next week, may you and yours be happy and well.

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Vegetable gardens, Part 1

This is most likely my last column written from New York in 2021, as I prepare to head to Florida for the winter.

I just found my clipboard with my garden notes from this past season and I am glad I took the time to write things down! I used to assume that I will recall the details of what I did just a few months ago, but the truth is, the older I get, the less I remember. Hopefully, I will learn from my mistakes and not repeat them next year.

Writing things down is a great habit to get into for all gardeners!

The 2021 gardening season began on schedule, around May 10, with my first asparagus harvest. The two all-male varieties I grow, Jersey Giant and Jersey Knight, continue to yield very well, even after 18 years. My 5 foot by 8 foot raised bed yields more than I can possibly eat, but I have learned that no one refuses a gift of fresh asparagus!

As a kid, I would not eat asparagus at all, because the only option was canned. Canned asparagus, like canned peas, are a poor substitute for fresh. Even frozen asparagus is not a close substitute.

After 40-plus years of seriously trying to grow what is now one of my favorite vegetables, I have learned a few things.

I choose the all-male varieties because they do not produce seed, which allows the plant to direct its energy into the roots for storage and not into reproduction. Female plants produce red berries that sometimes produce seedlings. While producing new plants may seem like an advantage in terms of increasing the number of plants present in the bed, it is not necessary if the existing plants are

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BOB BEYFUSS

healthy.

A healthy asparagus "crown" is capable of sending up a dozen or more harvestable shoots each spring and does not require the care and nurturing that seedlings do. Managing an even aged bed is a lot easier than dealing with plants of different ages and maturities.

Asparagus does not compete well with weeds, in general. It is worth the effort to remove all perennial weeds as they appear, while maintaining a heavy mulch to smother most weed seedlings. After a bed is well established, table salt can be used to help prevent weed growth, since asparagus is quite tolerant of salt while most annual weeds are not. I also believe that the salt provides a bit of disease resistance for the crowns.

Just yesterday, I cut off the asparagus fern as it is starting to turn yellow after the hard frost last weekend. I will add as much as a 6-inch layer of mulch on top of the bed for the winter. My preferred mulch is sugar maple leaves if I can get them! I have also used clean straw or woodchips some years. Asparagus can easily push up through six inches or more of soft mulch.

On May 21 I planted red cabbage, potatoes, onions and four Big Beef tomato transplants. I already had a fair crop

of "volunteer" potatoes growing in two different raised beds from 2019 and 2020 plantings. No matter how conscientiously I try to dig all the potatoes each fall, I always seem to miss some.

As it turned out, my potato crop was a disaster this year. The plants grew fine, but sometime in late summer I noticed lots of tunnels in most of my raised beds and I spotted a few voles scurrying in and out of them. I blame chipmunks and moles for creating the tunnels that the voles took over. I probably should have harvested the potatoes sooner than early November because almost all of the tubers had been eaten or, at least partially eaten by the voles.

I think I may back off on growing potatoes next season unless I am sure I have the voles under control. I don't want to risk my beet or carrot crops! Once critters like voles become established in a garden, they are very hard to get rid of.

The red cabbage grew fine, just needing a few insecticide sprays for cabbage worms, and I harvested the last head this past week. Setting out tomato transplants anytime in May is generally not a good idea in my cold location, but I had a well prepared, raised bed covered with black plastic mulch and my purchased transplants were getting seriously overgrown. I reserved four transplants for a different bed.

As I expected, the early transplants languished in the cold soil and I harvested the first ripe fruit from them the same day as from the four I set out on June 5. As usual, Big Beef was outstanding in terms of overall yield, fruit quality, disease resistance and taste!

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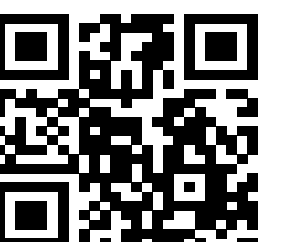


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Giant killers

Everybody loves a good story about an underdog who overcomes impossible odds.

Many movies are made with the central character as the underdog. This is the accepted structure of most screenplays in Hollywood today. The protagonist must be up against impossible odds, facing a literal or a figurative giant.

Real-life underdogs include George Washington, Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Tubman, King David, Rosa Parks, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and Gandhi, to name a few.

Only a tiny percentage of us want to slay giants. If you are called to battle giants in a given industry or profession, learning lessons from those who have done the same will be necessary.

Ivan Arreguin-Toft is a political scientist who

Positively Speaking



Toby Moore

calculated the odds of weaker countries winning wars against stronger countries. He found that when weaker countries fight by the same rules as the stronger countries, they only win 28% of the time. When they fight using unconventional methods, they win 64% of the time.

Vivek Ranadive never played or coached basketball before. In his first year as coach of his 12-year-old girl's basketball team, he brought his

inexperienced team to the national championships and almost won. How was this possible? He refused to play the traditional game of basketball. Instead, he taught his girls to play using unconventional methods.

George Washington sometimes fought the British using conventional warfare, but often used guerilla tactics to win. If he had fought only using European-style tactics, he wouldn't have won.

Never play by the giant's rules.

My favorite underdog is King David of ancient Israel. He was unappreciated by his family and considered unworthy of greatness. Until he decided to become a giant killer, he spent most of his time alone in the pastures tending his father's sheep.

During this time, the Israelites were at a standstill against the Philistine

army and were powerless to stop a giant named Goliath, nine-and-a-half feet tall.

Every day, Goliath emerged from his tent dressed in armor, carrying a spear, a sword and a weapon slung on his back. Daily he terrified the Israelites and challenged their best soldiers to face him in battle. Nobody was up to the challenge.

One day David was called out from the fields and sent to bring food to his brothers. When he arrived, he learned of Goliath's challenge and accepted. He was mocked and made fun of, but David paid them no mind. He prepared himself for the fight of his life.

The Israelites tried to outfit David with traditional battle weapons like heavy armor, a sword and a spear. They wanted to get him to fight the way

Goliath wished to fight. David found the weapons awkward; it was then he decided he wasn't going to play by Goliath's rules. David opted to use a sling and a stone.

Slings in David's time weren't like the slingshots we used as kids. Ancient slingers could defeat infantry armed with swords and armor most of the time. A good slinger could penetrate the skull of his enemy.

When the contest began, David didn't hesitate. He sprinted to the fight, quickly finding a few smooth stones. Swinging his sling, he released the rock and sunk it straight into Goliath's forehead. David walked over to Goliath and chopped off his head using Goliath's sword.

This was a great victory that cemented David's position as a giant killer, and he went on to

become the greatest king in Israel's history.

How did David win? He refused to play by the giant's rules. Indeed if David had approached Goliath dressed in full armor and armed with a sword, David would have lost his life.

Giant killers in modern times won't be using slings, swords and spears. Our weapon will be the knowledge of the giant's weakness and a refusal to play the game the way the giant wants to play it.

If you choose to be a giant slayer, then remove all doubt and replace it with faith. People will laugh at you but do not pay attention. Sprint into battle, knowing your victory is secure.

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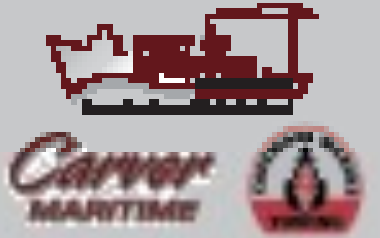
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25-26 - Coeymans town offices closed for Thanksgiving.
25-26 - RCS Community Library closed for Thanksgiving.
28 - Christmas Tree lighting, 6 p.m., Medusa Church, Route 351. Carol singing, make a craft, bring a snack to share.

December 2021

1 - Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education meeting, 6 p.m., RCS High School auditorium, 2025 Route 9W, Coeymans.
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Snowman Puzzles

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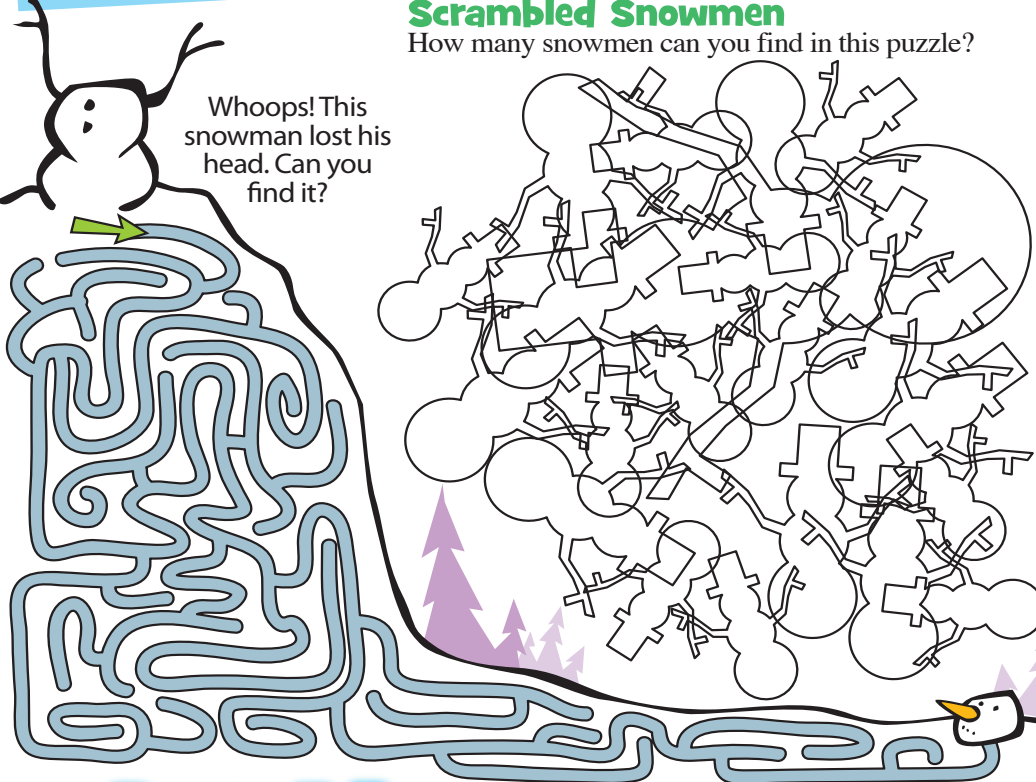
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Cross out the words that rhyme with **FREEZE**.

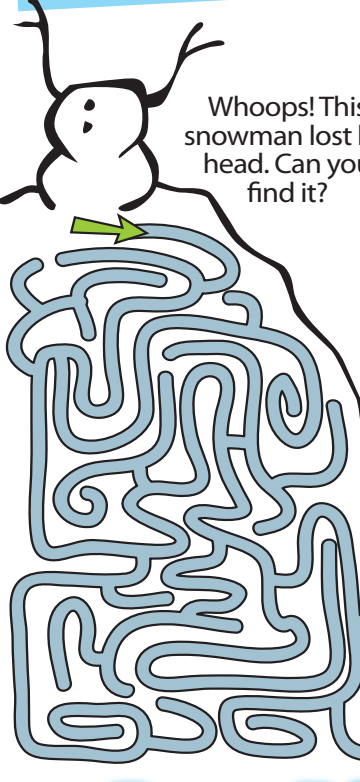
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Scrambled Snowmen

How many snowmen can you find in this puzzle?



Whoops! This snowman lost his head. Can you find it?



What is a snowman's favorite food?

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1. _____

What does a snowman put on a taco?

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C. _____


What do you call a family of snowmen around a cozy fireplace?


TPGUYDTD
WLHEUS


P. _____


Frozen Followers


Draw the snowman that should come next in each row to continue the pattern.















Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Complete patterns.

Snowman Stumper

The kids on Holly Lane built these four snowmen. Can you figure out who made each of these snowmen?

Kayla's snowman is between Jordan's snowman and Greg's snowman. Sophie's snowman is next to Jordan's snowman. Greg's snowman is not the largest.



Extra! Extra!


Winter Words

Look through the newspaper for words that could be used to describe a cold winter. Use them in a sentence to describe the weather today.

Standards Link: Writing: Write sentences using descriptive details.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Aunt Artica likes lots of ornaments on her Christmas tree. But she doesn't have room for all of them. By adding the numbers on the ornaments, can you circle the ones she can use? The total can't be higher than 50 or less than 35. Then have a friend try. Who was able to use the most ornaments?



Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together

What is sometimes bigger than Santa, sometimes smaller than Santa, but doesn't weigh anything at all?

To reveal the answer, use the hints to fill in the empty boxes and create 3-letter words. The answer will appear by reading shaded boxes vertically.

1. H

2. S

3. D

4. A

5. Y

6. A

7. I

8. W


9. N

HINTS:

- Frosty wears one on his head.
- Taking a tiny drink of hot cocoa.
- The opposite of the happy.
- What's left after a fire.
- Timid
- Movie stars do this.
- A weak light, not bright.
- To pull a vehicle with another.
- The opposite of lose.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Find the two identical snowmen.



Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word FROSTY in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.


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FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Hot and Cold

A player selects a picture from the newspaper. Another player tries to identify the picture by asking questions that can be answered "yes" or "no." Give clues like you are "hot" when getting close and "cold" when getting farther away.

Standards Link: Reading: Ask and answer questions; follow directions.



What do you call an old snowman?

ANSWER: Water!

Write On!

No Money Gifts

What can you give as a Christmas present that doesn't cost money to buy?



TCI NY committed to community every day

Investing in Coeymans, creating new jobs, and helping those with need



By Mark Westcott
November 18, 2021, Coeymans, NY

During the height of the Covid pandemic last summer, TCI NY was deemed an essential industry for New York state and was allowed to stay open. Their customers are the power companies and utilities that keep our lights on. This little-known company located right here in our back yard is making a big impact.

“We were fortunate to remain open, but it was a challenging time for everyone not knowing the outcome of the pandemic and working to keep people safe,” says Brian Hemlock, President TCI NY. “We decided to continue moving forward expanding our business and increasing efforts in the community to help people with need.”

Investing in Coeymans and Creating New Jobs

TCI’s first plant in Coeymans opened on September 14, 2014, and the company hasn’t looked back since. Last August TCI built a new expansion facility a 35,000 square foot, state of the art addition that added new capability to the existing plant. New jobs were created. Jobs that used to go out of state were brought to Coeymans.

“When we came to Coeymans, we only had 10 employees. Now we have 40 and as far as we are concerned, this is only the beginning,” said Mr. Hemlock. “We have a philosophy to promote from within. This shows our people they can move up through hard work.”

Brett Margiasso came to TCI through the Albany BOCES program affiliated with RCS High School. He interned two years ago, was hired full time and now is responsible for offloading all the trucks containing transformers.

“It’s a huge responsibility,” says John Barr, Operations Manager. “Brett inspects the product and determines what can be salvaged and repurposed. It can be very demanding. He is twenty years old.”

“The expansion shows when local government and industry work together, there is nothing we cannot achieve,” said George McHugh, Coeymans’ Town Supervisor. “The result of this collaboration is good paying jobs with benefits to employees, many of whom are Coeymans residents.”

Tom Bronchetti, TCI’s Controller says, “Our operation is beneficial to the regional economy through our employment, tax payments and spending with other local businesses. TCI pays a living wage with strong benefits.”

Providing jobs in the community promotes growth and stability for all of those who live in the area. The company pays approximately \$75,000 per year in local taxes, and spends more than \$250,000 annually with local businesses, from grocery stores and diners to gas stations and hardware stores.

Recycling and the Environment

“We strongly believe in our obligations to our neighbors and to our community,” says Mr. Hemlock. “We are committed to operating our business in a manner that is safe, unobtrusive to our neighbors and protective of the environment.”

Today, 99% of all the materials from transformers are recycled, re-purposed or refurbished. It used to all go into landfills. It is a true American success story. One that has benefitted many lives and protects the environment.

Hard Hat meets Textbook

TCI works with RCS High School to create good paying internships

that can lead to full time jobs upon graduating from high school. The company awards scholarships to RCS High School Seniors, supports the school’s drama and athletic programs.

“We decided to pay students because they do a great job and deserve to be compensated,” Mr. Hemlock says. “We require the students to keep their grades up while working here.”

Lisa Patierne, Principal at RCS, said, “It’s a great partnership and a great opportunity for students who elect not to go to college. TCI gives these students worked based learning opportunities through internships that can lead to a promising career.”

Committed to Community

During the challenging summer months last year, TCI stepped up to sponsor the Kindness for Kids Summer lunch program, which provides thousands of lunches to kids with need. TCI and its employees also work with the Hope Full Life Center Blessing Bags, Helping Harvest, VFW Post 9594, RCS Library, Ravenna Rescue Squad, Historical Society, and the Ravenna Friendship Festival.

Every year TCI assists the Riverview Baptist Church annual Block party, youth programs and summer camp. The campers learned how TCI built its state-of-the-art facilities and how electrical transformers are recycled. They meet administration and operations staff, some of whom are family members and neighbors of the campers.

Pastor Roxanne Booth said, “It’s important for our kids to see what’s on display at TCI. It is a national company proud to be in Coeymans and a successful, growing business operation. Plus, the folks at TCI make it a fun excursion.”



Training Center

TCI goes to the utilities with specialized trailers to pick up transformers and then off loads them at the plant where they go onto highly modernized production lines to separate the materials. The process requires highly skilled workers who are trained and educated. There needs to be strict attention to detail. It has been challenging finding people to fill the slots.

“Many businesses including ours are struggling to find the workers to run our operations,” says Mr. Hemlock. “I felt we needed to do something drastic and decided a training center was essential to creating a sustainable pipeline of workers for our businesses.”

Mr. Hemlock approach Carver Laraway from Carver Companies to partner on a new initiative. The Joint Training and Certification Center is now in the development stage to provide training and job opportunities to underserved communities in the region.

“What will make the JTC Center unique is the combination of paid internships, multiple certifications and upon successful completion of the program a guaranteed job offer,” said Mr. Hemlock.

The company is committed to Coeymans and will continue to invest in the community with further expansion plans in the works.



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Caring and Sharing program aids the needy

BETHLEHEM — The annual Bethlehem Central School District's Caring and Sharing Program began collecting food donations and grocery store gift cards Monday.

The district organizes and runs this program with one goal in mind: to assist families in the school community who may be struggling to make ends meet by providing food and grocery gift cards for the December holiday break and throughout the school year.

"Caring and Sharing is an annual event that helps us provide all children with what they need to make every day suc-

cessful, not stressful," said Superintendent Jody Monroe. "The district works with families to find available resources to help cover the cost of things like food, toiletries, and school supplies for our students. Each year, we have found great support for Caring and Sharing from students, staff, families, businesses and other community partners who are always here to lend a helping hand."

Each school in the district collects certain food items in late November and early December. High school students organize the items into holiday bags that are distributed



to families the Saturday before the December holiday break. Community members and businesses also donate to support Caring and Sharing.

Monroe said everyone at one time or another may experience periods of economic stress that are unexpected and over-

whelming. However, the lingering effects of the pandemic and the rising cost of food and other necessities have made this year especially difficult for some families.

"Every school in Bethlehem has staff who can help connect families

with resources all year long," Monroe said. "We want our families to know that. Caring and Sharing helps us to get that message out there."

If you are interested in supporting the BC Caring and Sharing Program, please watch for information from your child's school on how to participate. If you are a community member or business who would like to make a donation, please contact Sherri Fitzpatrick in the district's Special Education and Student Services (SESS) department at 518-439-8886 or by email at sfitzpatrick2@bethlehemschools.org.

If you are a fam-

ily who could use assistance this year or you know of a district family that could benefit, check out the school district website, www.bethlehemschools.org.

If you cannot complete the enrollment form electronically, please contact the SESS Department at 518-439-8886 or email Sherri Fitzpatrick at sfitzpatrick2@bethlehem-schools.org.

Families who enroll will receive the donated food and gift cards as part of the 2021 BC Caring and Sharing Day on Saturday, Dec. 18. Pick-up will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at Bethlehem Central High School.

Bethlehem Chamber kicks off holiday shopping

DELMAR — As many plan to get out this year for holiday shopping, the Bethlehem community is ready to welcome customers back and kicked off the shopping season with the presentation of the Bethlehem Holiday Shopping Card on Nov. 19, at the National Bank of Coxsackie in Glenmont.

The Holiday Shopping Card features 29 businesses with specials effective from Small Business Saturday, Nov. 27 through the end of the

year.

This year the Bethlehem Chamber will be adding a special bonus — customers turning in receipts from six participating businesses on the card by Dec. 20, will have their name entered to receive gift cards from some of the participating businesses.

"We wanted to add something special to this year's event," said Bethlehem Chamber President Maureen McGuinness. "Small businesses are starting to come back

around, but it is going to take time. We continue to support all size businesses in the town of Bethlehem, however, it is our smaller restaurants and niche shops that need an extra boost."

All the businesses participating on the Holiday Shopping Card can be found online at the Bethlehem Chamber's website under deals at www.bethlehemchamber.com. Cards can be picked up at participating merchants, as well as the Chamber office at 318 Delaware

Ave., Suite 111. Receipts should be turned in or mailed to the Bethlehem Chamber, 318 Delaware Ave., Suite 111, Delmar, NY 12054, and received by Dec. 20 to be eligible for the drawings.

The COVID pandemic took a toll on many businesses and business owners. Jen Anderson, owner operator of Fitness Potential in Delmar, had to close her business and take another job classified as an essential service position.

"When I was able to

open back up it was slow, but things are coming back now," said Anderson, who is an exercise physiologist who works out of her home as a personal trainer. "More and more clients are coming back, and new ones coming on. I have a lot of local contacts in the area who can refer people to me as well, and I can refer to others if I'm not what they need."

Restaurants are also seeing a revival of sorts.

"Since we opened up after being shut down, we

have been delivering to many more new addresses and have new people coming in supporting our restaurant," Elisa Arteché, owner of Shogun Sushi & Sake Bar.

The Bethlehem Chamber represents more than 300 businesses varying in size from large industry to sole proprietors. The Chamber serves as a Neighborhood Champion for Small Business Saturday, which encourages people to look local following the Thanksgiving holiday.

New York Institute of Technology recognized medical students who serve on the College of Osteopathic Medicine's student organization, including Robert Stagnitta, of Delmar, who is a member of the Student American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics.

Jack Diligent, of Delmar, was a member

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of the scenery shop crew for the recent Hamilton College fall theater production of "10 Out of

12," by playwright Anne Washburn. Diligent, a junior majoring in computer science, is a gradu-

ate of Bethlehem Central Schools.

Emerson College student Grace Fitzgerald, of Delmar, participated in Emerson Stage's production of "The Late Wedding." The show ran from Sept. 23-26 in the Jackie Liebergott Black Box Theater.

Franklin Haight, of Delmar, has joined the University of Utah's

Class of 2025 as a freshman. His major is listed as Undeclared.

Quinn Wirth, of Delmar, graduated with a bachelor of science in nursing (Baccalaureate Nursing) from the College of Health Sciences and Professions at Ohio University during the summer 2021 semester.

Trevor Goodemote, of Delmar, a finance major, was hon-

ored at the 2021 Honors Convocation for the Huether School of Business at The College of Saint Rose.

Goodemote received the Academic Achievement Class of 2022 award, which recognizes outstanding students from undergraduate classes who have achieved the highest cumulative GPA in their classes.

BCS reviews power project PILOT

BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Central School District has received notification from the Albany County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) regarding a proposed Payment in Lieu of Taxes, or PILOT, for the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project.

The proposed \$177 million project is an underground transmission line that would deliver renew-

able energy from Canada to New York City.

The proposed PILOT related to the project would provide the district with approximately \$9.5 million over 30 years.

The local portion of this project covers 24.24 miles and spans four towns, two villages and four school districts, including Bethlehem.

The proposed PILOT apportions payments to each taxing jurisdic-

tion based on the number of miles of pipeline installed within each area. Approximately 2.14 miles of the pipeline are expected to be located within the Bethlehem Central School District.

If constructed, the project would transport 1,250 megawatts of renewable energy underground from a converter station in Quebec, Canada, to a plant in Astoria, Queens, in New York City, run-

ning about 333 miles.

Construction is expected to take about three years and the project is anticipated to be up and running in 2025. It represents one of the largest infrastructure investments in the state's history, according to the company's website.

The county IDA is required to notify and solicit comment from the school district anytime the structuring of a

PILOT agreement deviates from the Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (UTEP). Since the proposed terms of payment under the PILOT is a 30-year agreement rather than a typical 10- or 11-year term, the school district was able to review the terms and provide comment, if necessary.

The district reviewed the information publicly during the Board of Edu-

cation meeting Nov. 17. In its review, the district found the terms of the PILOT agreement to be reasonable and recommended that no comment was required.

The project description, proposed abatements and estimated PILOT amounts were shared with the Board of Education during the Superintendent's Report at the Nov. 17 board meeting.



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Bee-friendly lawns

By Thomas Christopher
For Capital Region Independent Media

What if, instead of being environmental offenders, lawns could be contributors to the well-being of our landscapes? That’s the question Dr. Eric Watkins has been addressing in his work at the University of Minnesota, and he is coming up with some intriguing answers.

For almost a decade now he’s been creating lawns that are not only more sustainable, requiring far less inputs to remain green and growing, but also hospitable to native bees and other pollinators.

The grasses on which Dr. Watkins has been basing his lawns are various mixtures of the species known as fine fescues. This group includes a number of different types: hard fescues, creeping red fescues, chewings fescues and sheep fescues. They have long been an important component of the “shady mixes” of grass seed you’ll find at the local garden center or big-box store, although they actually grow quite well in situations of full sun as well. As the name suggests, they are finer textured than most other turf grasses, with thin leaf blades.

I’ve planted a few lawns composed of mixtures of these grasses and found them quite adapt-

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able, though they won’t tolerate poorly drained, consistently damp soils.

They have several advantages over other turf grasses. I was interested in them because they are naturally short and so need far less mowing – I mow my own fine fescue lawn about once a month, and a friend for whom I installed such a lawn, who doesn’t mind a somewhat tousled look, mows just twice a year, once in late spring and again in late summer.

A lawn’s need for fertilizer, as Dr. Watkins points out, will vary with the soil on which it is growing, but he has found that a fine fescue lawn typically needs just a half to a quarter the amount of fertilizer as a Kentucky bluegrass lawn would on the same site.

The fine fescues – and Dr. Watkins likes to plant mixes of the different types to increase the genetic diversity and adaptability of the resulting turf – as a group are outstandingly drought tolerant once established, although they do require

irrigation during periods of prolonged heat and dry weather. If you select fine fescue seed that contains endophytes, a beneficial fungus that lives within the grass, the lawn will also be naturally resistant to diseases and to many turf-eating insects.

An interesting characteristic of the fine fescues is that they are clump-forming, growing as a collection of discrete plants. As they establish themselves, they will fill in to make a solid and weed-resistant carpet, but they can coexist with sprinklings of low-growing flowering plants that make them hospitable to pollinators: “bee-friendly.”

Dr. Watkins has been experimenting with including white clover, creeping thyme and self-heal (*Prunella vulgaris*). Increasing the biodiversity of the lawn in this fashion greatly increases its attractiveness to pollinators; the University of Minnesota researchers have found over 50 species of native bees visiting their bee lawns.

To maintain populations of the flowering plants, the bee lawn cultivator must avoid the use of broadleaf weedkillers, another advantage from an environmentalist’s perspective. Applications of insecticides will kill

pollinators, and so these too should be avoided. Added to these benefits is the fact that such bee-friendly lawns have a smaller carbon footprint because they require so much less mowing, fertilizer, and water.

The state of Minnesota has taken a hand in encouraging such plantings with a “Lawns to Legumes” program that offers grants to gardeners to convert conventional turf to such bee-friendly lawns. It offers a “Planting for Pollinators Habitat Guide” with comprehensive instructions on how to accomplish this, available for free download from its Board of Water and Soil Resources website that is most easily located by conducting a web search for “Lawns to Legumes.”

For more information, listen to a conversation with Dr. Watkins about bee-friendly and sustainable lawns on the Berkshire Botanical Garden Growing Greener podcast at www.thomaschristophergardens.com/podcasts/bee-friendly-lawns

Be-a-Better-Gardener is a community service of Berkshire Botanical Garden, located in Stockbridge, MA. Its mission, to provide knowledge of gardening and the environment through a diverse range of classes and programs, informs



Contributed photo
Increasing the biodiversity of a lawn greatly increases its attractiveness to pollinators.

and inspires thousands of students and visitors each year. Thomas Christopher is a volunteer at Berkshire Botanical Garden and is the author or co-author of more than a dozen books, including *Nature into Art* and *The Gardens of Wave Hill* (Timber Press, 2019). He is the 2021 Garden Club of America’s National Medalist for Literature,

a distinction reserved to recognize those who have left a profound and lasting impact on issues that are most important to the GCA. Tom’s companion broadcast to this column, *Growing Greener*, streams on WESUFM.org, Pacifica Radio and NPR and is available at his website, <https://www.thomaschristophergardens.com/podcast>.

Delgado named most bipartisan Democratic member of Congress

WASHINGTON – U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado, D-19, has been recognized as Congress’s fourth most bipartisan member of Congress and the most bipartisan Democratic member of Congress in the Common Ground Scorecard.

The Common Ground Scorecard, compiled by the Common Ground Committee, is the first-ever model to assess the degree to which elected officials and candidates for office seek points of agreement on social and political issues through listening and productive



U.S. REP. ANTONIO DELGADO, D-19

conversation.

“Now more than ever, we need leaders who are solutions-oriented and focused on finding common ground, as opposed to being divisive and

driven by partisan politics,” Delgado said. “We must work together to ensure our democracy can responsibly and effectively represent all Americans, irrespective of party affiliation. I am honored to be the fourth most bipartisan member in all of Congress, and first among Democrats.”

“Americans are divided over the direction of the country and how to solve many issues we currently face. To make progress, leaders must be committed to working across the aisle and finding solutions that address all our citizens’ concerns,” said Erik Olsen, co-founder of Common Ground Scorecard. “But while they are divided on issues, Americans agree that they want to see their representatives work together and solve problems. We hope that more lawmakers follow Representative Delgado’s lead and make a commitment to finding common ground.”

The Common Ground Scorecard was released prior to the 2020 election and updated in October 2021 by the Common Ground Committee, a nonpartisan, citizen-led organization devoted to improving public discourse in politics.

In addition to their commitments and personal actions, the ranking takes into account an elected official’s score in the Lugar Center/McCourt School Bipartisan Index and other public sources of data.

Delgado has passed 12 pieces of legislation into law under both Republican and Democratic administrations. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has twice awarded Delgado the Jefferson-Hamilton Award for Bipartisanship.



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Choosing to become more aware of God

By Dr. Billy Holland
For Capital Region Independent Media

The Bible refers to a joy that is unspeakable and full of glory, but what does this mean? I believe one answer would be the contentment of the conscience for those who know God and have decided to live in the awareness of His presence.

How can we do this? We can train our minds to think about God the same as we learn and become skilled to do anything else. Repetition and commitment are the building blocks of being proficient and in the Christian faith, self-discipline is the path to spiritual transformation.

It's important to awaken each day with prayers of thanksgiving for having the opportunity to communicate with the one who loves us and created us. We can approach Him boldly in faith, asking and seeking His wisdom and understanding.

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Entering into a deeper relationship with Him requires, as the Bible mentions in I Thessalonians 5:17, to pray without ceasing. The previous verse encourages us to rejoice always as our human nature finds these demands to be somewhat unrealistic. However, the Lord is saying relationship has everything to do with staying focused on Him.

Every moment can plead for spiritual sensitivity as we realize the moment we take our eyes away from the prize, we begin to fall away and become lukewarm. This sense of urgency is a vital component for the mind

to be renewed and conformed to the mind of Christ.

Many have not taken the opportunity to ask for His divine appointments and His discernment that we might know His thoughts as we comprehend the critical importance of developing a higher level of spiritual sensitivity. Without this passionate craving to be close to God, we will be unable to walk in His Spirit. We must become one with Him for Him to move through us.

Without this revelation, our hope for an intimate relationship with Him will not exist. Constantly reminding ourselves to

concentrate on Christ is the path that leads to the secret place of the Most High. Within our free will, we must demonstrate a fierce and fervent determination and relentless perseverance to absorb and be possessed by Him.

"That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that is at work in us" (Ephesians 3:16-20).

We realize this message is not for the casual religious person. It is for those who pant after God like the deer that pants for water.

"As the deer pants after the water brooks, so pants my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirst for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?" Psalm 42:1-2.

This is the way of holiness for those who have a passion to be purified by the refiner's fire. Those who have decided to take up their cross no matter what pain and rejection it will bring are the ones who are nauseated with their sin and have turned away from the temptations and love for the world. They have chosen the path of the overcomer and have become a member of a radical and extreme remnant.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living

sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:1-2).

So if spiritual joy is available, then why does it seem that very few have it? Because only a small number of individuals have allowed God to be their shepherd. Those who refuse to surrender the control of their decisions cannot enter into the deeper chambers of spiritual intimacy which is the foundation of our covenant relationship with Him. You see, whoever sits on the throne of our heart is the Lord our conscience.

May the Lord continue to give you His wisdom and understanding.

Learn more about the Christian life at billyholandministries.com.

Tips to avoid a busted budget this holiday season

From labor and product shortages to higher prices and shipping delays, this year's holiday shopping season has the potential to be more stressful — and

costly — than usual for consumers.

"Despite the uncertainty and added stress brought on by supply-chain and other pandemic-induced challenges, no doubt many people will get caught up in the spending spirit this holiday season," said Michael Sullivan, a personal financial consultant with Take Charge America, a nonprofit credit counseling agency. "But overextending yourself doesn't help you, your family or friends. Smart budgeting and some shopping tricks can get you into the spirit

without a financial hangover."

Sullivan shares six tips to ensure you don't overspend this holiday season:

- Stick to a budget: Before you start shopping, set your holiday budget, including spending ceilings for everyone on your nice list. Keep your budget realistic and aligned with what you can afford. Stick to the plan by avoiding unnecessary extras or accessories that can add up and easily bust your budget.
- Buy last year's model: From TVs to mobile phones, manu-

facturers introduce new models every year. But for most people, the latest and greatest features don't justify the extra cost. Gift last year's model to save on devices and gadgets.- Look for online coupons: When shopping online, take some time to search for promo codes on sites like Groupon, RetailMeNot and Honey. Many services also offer browser plugins that automatically detect discounts as you shop at various online stores.
- Use price comparison tools: When shopping online, use price

comparison tools like Google Shopping, BizRate or NexTag. Some sites even allow you to set up alerts for when items hit a certain price. If shopping in-store, download apps like ShopSavvy or RedLaser that let you scan product barcodes to check prices on items at other retailers.

- Ask about price matching: Many stores will match competitor prices to keep from losing a sale. You just need to ask. Generally, you must provide proof of the lower price, usually in a newspaper flier or online deal.
- Consider non-traditional gifts: Rather than spending money on a gift, consider offering your time or talent. Perhaps you're crafty, love babysitting or would extend some manual labor.

For additional resources on how to save during the holidays and throughout the year, explore Take Charge America's Budget Tools at takechargeamerica.org/budget-tools/

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Paying SS tax while still working

Dear Rusty: Upon being let go in 2009 at age 65 from my full-time job of 30 years, I immediately applied for Social Security for my wife and I to live on while seeking employment.

Not finding anything full-time, I ended up working part-time for the past nine years driving a school bus for an hourly wage.

Even though my wife and I are collecting Social Security, my wages are still being taxed for it. While I don't feel this is fair, the real rub (to me) is the fact that my Social Security payroll deductions for the past nine years do not seem to be resulting in an increase in the amount of Social Security we receive.

Meanwhile, a friend, who is our age and a business owner, mentioned the amount he is taxed for SS as a sole proprietor is somehow being returned to him from time to time. Therefore, could you please explain what's happening here and whether we are due some kind of adjustment?

Signed: Working Still at 74

Dear Still Working: I cannot comment on your friend's assertion that as a sole proprietor business

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owner his self-employment SS tax is somehow being "returned to him from time to time." I can, however, tell you that the rules for business owners are the same as for those who do not own a business, except that a business owner pays both the employee and employer portion of Social Security employment taxes.

Essentially, the only way paying into Social Security now (via payroll taxes or self-employment taxes) will increase your SS benefit amount is if your income in any recent year is more than your earnings in any of the 35 highest earning years over your lifetime used to compute your SS benefit.

When your Social

Security benefit was originally computed, all years in your lifetime earnings history through age 59 were adjusted for inflation and the highest earning 35 years were selected to develop your "average indexed monthly earnings" (AIME). A formula was applied to your AIME to determine your "Primary Insurance Amount" or "PIA," which is the amount you get if you claim benefits to start in the month you reach your full retirement age (FRA). If you claimed at age 65, your SS benefit was slightly reduced from your PIA

because you claimed before your FRA.

Although you have been and are still working part-time and you're paying into Social Security while doing so, your personal SS benefit will not increase unless your current earnings are more than any of those in the 35 years originally used to determine your benefit when you claimed.

The inflation adjustment influences your past years' earnings more than you might expect; for example, \$50,000 earned in 1990 would require more than \$125,000 in today's earnings to

change your benefit. Remember that your contributions to Social Security while you are working do not go into a personal account for you. All who work are required to pay into Social Security, and the money paid is used to help pay benefits to those already receiving Social Security. And that doesn't change when you start collecting SS – if you continue to work you must still pay Social Security tax and the money you pay goes to help pay benefits for all recipients.

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When you think about vitamin supplements, which ones automatically come to mind? Most people will say vitamin C, D or E.

But of the 13 vitamins essential for optimal health, we rarely hear about the importance of vitamin K and its vital role in the prevention of cardiovascular disease, cancer, Alzheimer's, diabetes and osteoporosis.

While it's not known to be one of the most common deficiencies (like vitamin D), it can be very serious, causing issues like bone loss, excessive bleeding in the GI tract, blood in urine and more.

"And older adults — particularly older men — are the age group that consumes the least amount of vitamin K," said Sarah Booth, Ph.D., from the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University.

Discovered in 1929 by Danish scientist Henrik Dam, vitamin K is actually a group of compounds, the most important ones being vitamin K1 and K2.

Produced by plants, Vitamin K1 plays a key role in helping the blood clot and is also essential for building strong bones and osteoporosis prevention. Vitamin K supplements are not absorbed well by the body. So your best bet is to include lots of foods rich in vitamin K such as broccoli, Brussels sprouts and dark leafy greens in your diet.

Vitamin K is also a natural cancer fighter and is effective in reducing the risk of prostate, colon, stomach, nasal and oral cancer. One study found that high doses of vitamin K helped patients with liver cancer stabilize and improve their liver function.

A study in Integrative Medicine points out that vitamin K helps prevent hardening of arteries because it keeps calcium out of the arteries, not allowing it to form into hard, dangerous plaque deposits. Studies have also shown that people who increase their intake of vitamin K have a lower risk of cardiovascular disease and stroke mortality.

Can vitamin K stop Alzheimer's disease or dementia? Not necessarily, but studies have shown that eating leafy



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MARY SCHOEPE
greens keeps individuals' minds a decade younger. In a cognitive study of over 950 older adults, researchers found that individuals who ate one or two servings of mustard greens, spinach, kale or collards daily had the same mental ability as individuals 11 years their junior.

There is mounting evidence that vitamin K2 can improve bone health

and reduce the risk of bone fractures, especially in postmenopausal women who are at risk for osteoporosis. According to recent research, men and women with the highest intake of vitamin K2 are 65% less likely to suffer from a debilitating hip fracture compared to those with the lowest intake of vitamin K2.

Vitamin K2 is produced by the good bacteria in your gut and can also be found in high fat dairy and fermented foods such as sauerkraut.

Just like salt goes with pepper and wine goes with chocolate, vitamin K should always be paired with vitamin D whenever possible. However, if you use blood-thinning medication, please consult your health care practitioner.

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Since its opening in 1962, the Ravena plant has been proud to serve as the largest employer in Southern Albany County. We appreciate the local support we have received, and we strive to be a good neighbor by investing time and resources in community projects and programs.

We take all concerns and complains about the plant very seriously and aim to operate in a manner that causes zero harm to employees, contractors, customers, and most of all, local residents, in keeping with the core values of our parent company, LafargeHolcim US.

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Going forward, we ask that anyone who wishes to contact the plant in connection with a problem, question, or complaint email us directly at: **Ravena@lafargeholcim.com**. That includes any occurrences of materials that may appear on vehicles or other private property.

The plant will be working with the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to collect data on the type and source of these materials. To aid in that effort, we may request that impacted individuals fill out the Complaint Report Form, which can be found on our website **www.lafargeravenaconnect.com**, to provide as much information as possible to guide an appropriate response and remediation, if necessary.

Lafarge Ravena leaders welcome input from the community, and we hope that this new approach will help us improve communications moving forward.

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Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation news

HOLIDAY WISH:
The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Please don't drink and drive.

CALENDAR DRIVE DONATION ENVELOPES CONTINUE TO BE COLLECTED:
The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation continues to collect donation envelopes. If you did not receive a calendar and donation envelope, please give them a call at 518-756-6310 and one will be delivered to you. Donations are tax

deductible. Your support of emergency personnel is greatly appreciated.

SANTA TO ARRIVE IN COEYMANS HOLLOW ON DEC. 18:
Fire Chief Bill Kapusta just got word from Santa that he will be in the Coeymans Hollow Fire District on Saturday, Dec. 18. Details are currently being worked out with Santa and his elves and once his itinerary has been scheduled, the fire company will make an announcement in the paper and on Facebook. NOTE: Due to COVID, the fire company will not be able to have its tradi-

tional Lunch with Santa, but is planning to use its trucks to get Santa around the fire district. The Little Red Schoolhouse's Old-Fashioned Christmas scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4, has also been canceled due to COVID concerns.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:
The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation would like to welcome new associate member Erica Brandt and new active members Sam Haight, Steve Mantor and Ryan Morrow. Thank you for volunteering.

CHRISTMASTREE LIGHTING

AND PARADE SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 4, AT 5:30P.M.
The Village of Ravena will be hosting its annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 4, beginning at 5:30 p.m. After the lighting of the Coeymans Landing's Christmas tree in the gazebo, there will be a parade of community groups and local fire departments that will march to Ravena's Memorial Park on Main Street for the lighting of the village's Christmas tree. Following the lighting of the tree and caroling, everyone is invited to come over to the Rav-

ena firehouse to see Santa and enjoy some refreshments. It looks like Santa is going to have a very busy evening in Ravena.

DRILL SCHEDULED:
Coeymans Hollow Training Officer Tim Pinson has announced that the drill scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 30, will be a mandatory drill on sexual harassment. The drill will begin promptly at 7 p.m. and all Coeymans Hollow firefighters and EMS personnel are encouraged to attend.

SAFETY TIP:
When cooking your Thanksgiving feast,

please turn your pot handles in so a small child will not be able to reach up to pull a hot pot down onto themselves. If you are frying a turkey, please do it outside, not on your deck, and make sure the turkey is completely thawed and dried before you put it into your pre-measured oil. Have a fire extinguisher handy and never use water on an oil fire.

FIRE AND EMS REPORT:
The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation responded to three fire and three EMS calls in the past week.

Turkey drawing winners announced

COEYMANS HOLLOW — The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation would like to congratulate the following winners of the 77th annual Thanksgiving tur-

key drawing. This year's winners are: Joseph Albino, Anna Albright, Erin Kittle, James Losee, Warren Moessner Jr., Sue Rosenberger and Charlie

Thiele. The following winners chose to donate their gift certificates to the Trinity United Methodist Church Food Pantry: Melvin Pauquette, David Selover

and an anonymous donor. The turkey drawing is held each year when 10 donation envelopes are drawn from all the envelopes received during the calendar drive a week

before Thanksgiving. If you haven't donated to this year's calendar drive, please send in your donation envelope. It's never too late and your contribution is tax deductible.

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New law bans canine discrimination

By Charlene Marchand
For Capital Region Independent Media

For well over a decade, the American Kennel Club (AKC) advocated for legislation that would protect dog owners from being subject to homeowners’ insurance policy discrimination based solely on the breed of dog that was owned.

“The amount of money paid by homeowners’ insurance claimants suing for dog bites went from \$324.4 million in 2003 to \$853.7 million in 2020,” according to an editorial in Dog News.

As a result, companies began to refuse to write policies – some homeowners even facing cancellation when a “certain” breed was purchased or adopted from a shelter or private rescue group.

As many of us can attest, breeds such as German shepherd dogs, Doberman pinschers, American Staffordshire terriers (“pitbulls”), huskies, boxers, cane corsos, akitas, mastiffs, Rottweilers, Belgian Malinois, giant Schnauzers – the



list goes on – are targets of breed discrimination and restrictions.

Many of our canine family members are combinations of multiple breeds, i.e. mixed breeds. The increasing list of “crossbreeds,” e.g. Golden and Labrador retriever mixes, Poodle mixes, Bernese mountain dog mixes, Old English sheepdog mixes, husky mixes – this list is becoming endless – were previously not included in these “bans.” The purebred dog population “took the hit,” so to speak, as the ability to research and prove background and DNA would become a Herculean task, if not impossible.

We have reason to

celebrate! On Oct. 30, 2021, New York Gov. Kathy Hochul signed Senate Bill 4254 (now Chapter 545), which states, “No insurer shall refuse to issue or renew, cancel, or charge or impose an increased premium or rate for such policy or contract based solely upon harboring or owning any dog of a specific breed or mixture of breeds.”

This law will be in effect as of January 2022. What an excellent, knowledgeable, pragmatic and effective move our new governor has taken. Let each canine be judged as an individual if it is declared dangerous as defined in New York state law.

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Chappie is a 4-year-old black and white domestic shorthaired cat, pictured with CGHS/SPCA Adoption Counselor Laura Isbell. He's a very sweet boy who loves snuggles and pats. He seems to get along well with the other cats at the shelter, but it is unknown if he's good with dogs. He will greet you at the door and climb right up on the couch with you! Chappie is the perfect lap cat!

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The rankings are conducted on an annual basis for the 25 states with the highest populations, including New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

“While Shaker Place and our incredible staff hold themselves to the highest standards of performance and care each and every day, the last 20 months dealing with the dangers of COVID has forced us to work even harder to protect our residents,” McCoy said.

The best nursing homes are selected based on three criteria: Performance data from the US Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), a reputation survey based on thousands of surveys conducted by medical professionals from nursing homes, and the facility’s overall response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

“The residents of Shaker Place have worked hard and contributed to their communities their entire lives, and one of the most important things we can do in government is ensure that they have a place where they can live in comfort and with dignity, spend time with their families and feel safe. That’s what we’re committed to, and I want to thank County Executive McCoy for always providing us with the tools and the resources we need to do just that,” said Shaker Place Executive Director Larry Slatky.

This distinction from Newsweek comes on the heels of the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services improved the ratings of Shaker Place in September, now giving the facility five stars for “Quality Measures” and four stars for “Overall Quality,” according to McCoy.



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Notice of Form. of ADAMS WINDOWS & DOORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/72/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 463 7th Ave Ste 1603, New York,

NY 10018. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of RT RT 441 OWNER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/2/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of HUNTERS PICK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-07-07. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent, LLC: 90 State St. STE 700 Office 40A Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Maxled Youth, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-24. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent: 90th State Street Suite 700, Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of JUST LIVE WELL LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-08-23. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to LEGALINC CORPORATE SERVICES INC.: 1967 WEHRLE DRIVE, SUITE 1 #086 BUFFALO NY 14221. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of AquaFPS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/21/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St, Ste 700 Box 10, Albany, NY 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of ADVOCARE NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/1/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 3611 14th Ave, Ste 209B, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of FOREVER BELOVED LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/9/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 115-40 135th St, South Ozone Park, NY 11420. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of State Notarial Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-11-09. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to SSNY: 114 East 3rd Street #3A New York NY 10009. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of CAONA APOTHECARY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-26. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC: 90 STATE ST STE 700 OFFICE 40 ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Amazing Adventurers LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2020-06-04. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agents: 155 West 68th Street APT 1110 New York NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Qual. of BENCHMARK BEDFORD VILLAGE LLC. Auth. filed with SSNY on 10/12/21. Office location: Albany, LLC formed in DE on 10/8/21. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 90 State St., Ste. 700, Box 10, Albany, NY 12207. Arts. of Org. filed with DE SOS. Townsend Bldg. Dover, DE 19901. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of CITY LIFE INDUSTRIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/5/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 1967 Wehrle Dr Ste 1-086, Buffalo, NY 14221. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of ESA

HOLDINGS GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/20/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 71-72 167th St Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of SALZBURGO HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/9/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Latest Revisions, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-16. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Slow Notion LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-24. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 90 STATE STREET SUITE 700, OFFICE 40 ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Tapes US LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-05. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 90 State Street Suite 700 , Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of KNUJMedium LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/07/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of JKMKRE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on October 6, 2021. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to SSNY: 99 Washington Ave Albany NY 12231. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Lofthouse Investments, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-11-01. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Lofthouse Investments, LLC: 5 Vale Street Latham NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of 540 SECOND AVENUE RESTAURANT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/21/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 540 Second Ave New York, NY 10016. Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of SVP Hamptons II LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-21. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agents Inc.: 90 STATE STREET, ST ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of GIOIA ZWACK PRESENTS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/2/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 116 East 66th St., New York, NY 10065. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 75-51 185 ST LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-11-10. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 75-51 185 ST LLC: 90 State Street Ste 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of ISLAND MICRO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/5/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 28 Windy Hollow Way, Staten Island, NY 10304. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of ON DEMAND DISPATCH & LOGISTICS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-08-02. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to LEGALINC CORPORATE SERVICES INC: 1967 Wehrle Drive, Suite 1 #086 Buffalo NY 14221. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of The Airbrush Company, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-08-03. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Park Ave Houses LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-19. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent, LLC: 90 State Street Suite 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of 2462 HUGHES AV LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/26/18. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 441 West End Ave Apt 9c, New York, NY 10024. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of 3111 OCEAN PKWY UNIT 60 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/12/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of RT 437 OWNER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/2/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Das-hko Bookkeeping Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2020-10-15. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to New York Registered Agent LLC : 90 State St. STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of EMPIRE ANALYTICS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/25/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St. ste 700 box 10, Albany NY 12207Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of 2371 JEROME TENANT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/05/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700 Box 10, Albany, NY 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Gosamer Giant LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-25. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street Suite 700, Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of NOAH USA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-28. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc.: 90 STATE STREET, ST ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of APOTHECARY NETWORK GUIDANCE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/19/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 605 West 42nd St PH1W, New York, NY 10036. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 107 STERLING PLACE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-11-04. Of-

fice location: Greene County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 107 STERLING PLACE LLC: 20 Firehouse Lane Greenville NY 12083. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of 373 Main Street LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-22. Office location: Greene County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to FAMA Domestic LLC: 550 Biltmore Way, Suite 1110 Coral Gables FL 33134. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of TOULAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of 1055 40TH STREET REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-08-04. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 1055 40TH STREET REALTY LLC : PO BOX 8 LAKEWOOD NJ 08701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of CIPRIANO CREATIVE CO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/3/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of AFLO-RESC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/12/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of The Pierce Firm, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-20. Office location: Albany County, Registered Agents, Inc. designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents, Inc.: 90 State St. Suite 700, Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of DMH Research and Analytics LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-08. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to STAR CAPITAL NY LLC: 1846 50TH STREET BROOKLYN NY 11214. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of STAR CAPITAL NY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-11-15. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to STAR CAPITAL NY LLC: 1846 50TH STREET BROOKLYN NY 11214. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Qualification of Bluestein Thompson Sullivan, LLC. Certificate of Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-11-02. Office location: Albany County, Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed in SC on 2000-06-05. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Margaret Bluestein: 1614 Taylor Street Columbia SC 29201 Articles of Organization originally filed with SC Secretary of State (SOS). Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of ANL Merchandise. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-17. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Margaret Bluestein: 1614 Taylor Street Columbia SC 29201 Articles of Organization originally filed with SC Secretary of State (SOS). Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of ANL Merchandise. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-17. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent: 522 W. Riverside Ave Suite N Spokane WA 99201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of AZN 9E92 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/12/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10

Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of Lazy Dog Studio LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/01/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700 Box 10, Albany, NY 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Zane Tech LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-11-17. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 90 STATE STREET SUITE 700, OFFICE 40 ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of UNION PACIFIC CAPITAL LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-11. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC: 90 STATE STREET STE 700 OFFICE 40 ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Plant-ed Synergy: Family Health NP, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 00/01-08-05. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to New York Registered Agent: 90 State Street STE 700 OFFICE 40 ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of THE KRAVITZ GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-01-01. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to New York Registered Agent LLC: 90 State St STE 700 Office 40 ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of FAST TRACK EXOTICS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 100 Shawmut Ave Ph-E, Boston, MA 02118. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of SHAMASH 522 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/05/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 61 Academy Rd Albany, NY 12208. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation ofWhite Owl's Nest, LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/20/2021. Office location: Albany, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Registered Agents Inc.: 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of TASTE UP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/19/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700 Box 10, Albany, NY 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of 220 BH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/19/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700 Box 10, Albany, NY 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Facilitex LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-11-02. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The LLC: 4815 15th Ave 4D Brooklyn NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Law Office of Tara Gray PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-11-05. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street, Suite 700, Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of DELIGHT MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/2/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 642 Central Ave Albany, NY 12206. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of RVA ASB-SP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/21/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700 Box 10, Albany, NY 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Tract Assets LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-07-27. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to New York Registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street STE 700 OFFICE 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of CANCEL-HANNAH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/27/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 99 Battery Place Apt#19e, New York, NY 10280. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qualification of Nee Plata Law LLC. Certificate of Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-22. Office location: Albany County, Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed in NJ on 2017-06-07. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Nee Plata Law LLC : 101 Eisenhower Pkwy Ste 101 Roseland NJ 07068 Articles of Organization originally filed with NJ Secretary of State (SOS). PO Box 450 Trenton NJ 08646. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Needful Things. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-04. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent: 90 State St Suite # 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of SHAMASH 522 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/05/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 100 Shawmut Ave Ph-E, Boston, MA 02118. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of THE BLOCKING DOSE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/29/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 33 Vandenburg Lane, Latham, NY 12110. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of KMF Solutions LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-03-29. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street, STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Chris-LeideMusic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-11-03. Office location: Greene County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Christopher D Leide: 540 Roberts Hill Rd West Cocksackie NY 12192. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Liberated Professionals, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-11-10. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street Suite 700, Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Savvy Steward Accounting LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-30. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of 244 WASHINGTON ALBANY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/1/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 100 Hallenbeck Hill, East Greenbush, NY 12061. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Time is a Flat Circle LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-12. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any

Notice of Formation of Capital Region Tent and Party Rental LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-08-19. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc. : 90 State Street Suite 700, Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Bolt Home Inspections, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street, STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of vndrewlee, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-11-05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent, LLC: 90 State STREET SUITE 700, OFFICE 40 albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of 55 WEST 17TH PROPERTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/4/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 10 West St Apt 22c, New York, NY 10004. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of LLC Phillip Solutions Group. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to LLC Phillip Solutions Group: 350 Northern Blvd Ste 324 - 1380 Albany NY 12204. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Pet Products Precise LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/27/21. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc.: 90 State St, Suite 700, Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of AYLINN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/01/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 1967 Wehrle Dr Ste 1-086, Buffalo, NY 14221. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of HELIX 52118 ENTERPRISES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Xavier Salazar: 7 Shore Ln Cohoes NY 12047. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Beyond Birth Wellness. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-20. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Jessica Glose : 260 Tampa Drive Buffalo NY 14220. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Babylon Group LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2018-04-18. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to New York registered agent: 90 State street Suite 700 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of CASA 22 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/13/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of YSEC LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Israel Steinmetz: 1655 42nd Street Brooklyn NY 11204. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of 101 FLEET HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/15/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State Street, Suite 700 Box 10, Albany, NY 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of SWEET MARY BROWN , LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents

Inc.: 90 State Street, STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Qual. of KIKI THE APP LLC. Auth. filed with SSNY on 10/11/21. Office location: Albany. LLC formed in DE on 10/6/21. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 80 State St. Albany, NY 12207. Arts. of Org. filed with DE SOS. Townsend Bldg. Dover, DE 19901. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Chub-bynutt LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street, STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of BELL-WETHER ARCHITECTS PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/13/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 670 President St Apt 2d, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Sir Jr Carrier Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street, STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of SOMONN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/01/2021. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 85-50 257th St, Floral Park, NY 11001. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Alissa J Jacques. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-06-25. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc.: 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12206. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Americana Pharmacy Consulting LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-12. Office location: County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of BK FOUR DIANE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to BK FOUR DIANE LLC : 186 ROSS STREET BROOKLYN NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of 13 SCHOLES STREET LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 13 SCHOLES STREET LLC: 138 WILSON STREET SUITE 370 BROOKLYN NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Cone E Island, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-06. Office location: Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Cone E Island, LLC: 280 West Main Street Catskill NY 12414. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Triple Down Consulting, LLC.. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC : 90 State Street Suite 700,Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of STRIFTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/5/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 345 East 93rd St Apt #4a, Brooklyn, NY 10128. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Prime-flair LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-05-26. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc.: 90 State Street, STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of SUN-RISE HEAT TEES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2020-11-10. Office location: Albany County.

SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 90 STATE STREET, SUITE 700, OFFICE 40 ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of PIZZA PROFESSOR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/27/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 158-177th Ave Fresh Meadows, NY 11366. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of AME-TIS UA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-21. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc.: 90 STATE STREET, STE 700 OFFICE 40 ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of 779 FLAT-BUSH HOLDCO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/12/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

The Estates At Briarwood LLC. Filed 10/4/21. Office: Greene Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 77-11 164th St, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366. Purpose: General.

Notice of Qualification of Rakumen LLC. Certificate of Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-21 Office location: Albany County. Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed in WY on 2021-09-02. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Northwest Registered Agent: 90 State Street STE 700 OFFICE 40 Albany NY 12207 Articles of Organization originally filed with WY Secretary of State (SOS). 30 N Gould St Ste N Sheridan WY 82801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of APOTH-ECARY NETWORK GUIDANCE YA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/19/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 605 West 42nd St PH1W, New York, NY 10036. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Joe Savage Photography LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-19. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Legalinc Corporate Services Inc.: 1967 Wehrle Drive, Suite 1 #086 Buffalo NY 14221 Buffalo NY 14221. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Mack Tree Service LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-29. Office location: Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Mack Tree Service LLC: 1958 County Route 67 Leeds NY 12451. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of EMPOWERMENT CONTRACTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/9/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 197 S Center Street, Orange, NJ 07050. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of AYEYO DURAG LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/15/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700 Box 10, Albany, NY 12207. Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Supply Law, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Sec-

retary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-08-16. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc.: 90 State Street, Ste 700 Office 40A Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Blue Diamond Assets, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-01. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents, Inc. : 90 State Street Suite 700, Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of 1548 BRYANT LIVING LLC . Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 1548 BRYANT LIVING LLC: 1273 46TH ST STE 103 BROOKLYN NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of B+I VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/07/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of 2328 HOFFMAN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/18/18. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 2328 Hoffman St, Bronx, NY 10458. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of 2 RESERVOIR RIDGE RD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/12/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Buff Barber LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-08-09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Verbena Labs, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc.: 90 State Street, STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of BCGM DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/02/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of R.A.D. Creativity LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to New York Registered Agent LLC: 90 State Street STE 600 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Fit By Kael LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc.: 90 State Street, Suite 700, Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of 4 Reservoir Ridge Rd LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/12/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qualification of Jade Rabbit LLC. Certificate of Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-08 Office location: Albany County. Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed in DE on 2020-08-27. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Incorp Services, Inc.: One Commerce Plaza- 99 Washington Ave, Suite 805-A Albany NY 12210-2822 Articles of Organization originally filed with DE Secretary of State (SOS). 919 North Market Street Suite 950 Wilmington DE 19801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of AMIYOGINI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/27/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 21 East 96th Street Unit 3&4, New York, NY 10128. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of 6050 RIVERDALE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/30/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State Street Ste 700 Box 10, Albany, NY, United States, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Cuzins j Park Ave, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 8, 2021. New York office location: 1475 Western Avenue, Suite 51-3792. Town of Guiderland, County of Albany and the State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: Cuzins j Park Ave, LLC; P.O. Box 3792, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose/Character of business: Any lawful business purpose permitted under the New York Limited Liability Company Law. This notification is made pursuant to Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

Notice of Form. of TriArch Queens 28 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/28/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 1967 Wehrle Dr, Ste 1-086, Buffalo, NY 14221. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of The Law Office of Tracy Semeiks, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-06-21. Office location: Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Tracy Semeiks: 15 Old Stonewall Road Hannacroix NY 12087. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Am-sun Technologies LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2019-10-07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC: 90 STATE STREET, SUITE 700, OFFICE 40 ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Nora Lyons Communications LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-29. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 90 STATE STREET, SUITE 700, OFFICE 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Qualification of Kind Hand Security LLC. Certificate of Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-20. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent, LLC: 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207 Articles of Organization originally filed with SC Secretary of State (SOS). SC Secretary of State's Office 1205 Pendleton Street Suite 525 Columbia SC 29201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of 38 W 32nd Music Studio LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/4/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Char-iots Capital Partners LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-20. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of RGM CONSULTING NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/3/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 1954 East 14th St Brooklyn, NY 11229. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of 4 Reservoir Ridge Rd LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/12/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of Kuncoco Diamonds LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/24/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of SkinSense 3D LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-21. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to SkinSense 3D LLC: 5314-16th Ave, Suite 73 brooklyn NY 11204. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of RZOO SOLUTIONS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-26. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 90 STATE STREET SUITE 700, OFFICE 40 ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of BEST CHOICE SPRAY FOAM INSULATION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-01. Office location: Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to BEST CHOICE SPRAY FOAM INSULATION LLC: 155 Teller Road Greenville NY 12083. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Fourth Echelon Enterprises LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-20. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to North West Registered Agent: 90 State Street, STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of THE GLAM SPA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/22/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 1967 Wehrle Dr, Ste 1-086, Buffalo, NY 14221. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. Of 2507 BELMONT AV LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/30/18. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 441 West End Ave Apt 9C New York, NY 10024. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of THANKS DENNIS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/20/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700 Box 10, Albany, NY 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Small Axe Services LLC. Art of Org. Filed with the SSNY on 10/11/2021 Office Albany County. SSNY designated as agent Of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC. 90 state street Albany NY 12207. Purpose any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of LEHRER LAW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/4/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of EN-COUNTER INTERNATIONAL (US) GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent, LLC: 90 State St STE 700 Office 40A Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of RR MHP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/5/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of CATSKILL VILLAGE HOUSE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-14. Office location: Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to CATSKILL VILLAGE HOUSE LLC: 146 Vedder Rd Catskill NY 12414. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of RGM CONSULTING NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/3/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 1954 East 14th St Brooklyn, NY 11229. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of PARKER JADE ENTERPRISES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/18/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW #7-2021 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ravena, Albany County, New York at a meeting held on the 16th of November, 2021 duly adopted Local Law #7-2021 published herewith SUBJECT TO A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM. Dated: Ravena, NY November 16, 2021 Susan M. King, Clerk-Treasurer VILLAGE OF RAVENA LOCAL LAW NO. 7-2021 CANNABIS OPTING OUT LAW A LOCAL LAW ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE MARIJUANA REGULATION AND SPECIFICALLY CANNABIS LAW 6 131 OPTING OUT OF LICENSING AND ESTABLISHING ON-SITE CANNABIS CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF RAVENA IS SET FORTH HEREINBELOW. BE IT ENACTED by the Village Board of the Village of Ravena, Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York as follows: Section 1. This law shall be known as the CANNABIS OPTING OUT LAW and shall appear in the Village Code as enacted: Section 2. Intent. It is the intent of the local law to opt the Village of Ravena out of hosting on-site Cannabis

Consumption Establishments within its boundaries as so geographically located: Section 3. Authority. This local law is adopted pursuant to the terms of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act and specifically Cannabis Law 6 131, which expressly authorizes cities, towns, and villages to opt-out of allowing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments to locate and operate within their geographic boundaries; Section 4. Prohibition. The Village Board of the Village of Ravena, Albany County, New York hereby specifically opts-out of licensing and establishing cannabis on-site consumption establishments within its geographic boundaries; Section 5. Severability. If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, that courts order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation of the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered; Section 6. Effective date. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Department of the State through the Secretary of State. Pursuant to the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act and Cannabis Law 6 131, this local law is subject to permissive referendum and thus may not be filed with the New York State Secretary of State until the applicable time period has elapsed to file a petition or a referendum has been conducted approving this local law as applicable.

Notice of Form. of NEW YORK SKYLAND LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/29/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 90 State St Ste 700, Box 10 Albany, NY, 12207. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of 4500 MERRICK ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/20/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 1967 Wehrle Dr Ste 1 #086, Buffalo, NY 14221. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of 1505 ARCHER ROAD 9G LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/26/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 88 Suydam St Ste A, Brooklyn, NY 11221. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of APOTH-ECARY NETWORK GUIDANCE OY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/19/21. Office location: Albany SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 88 Suydam St Ste A, Brooklyn, NY 11221. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of 13 E 30TH STREET RENTAL LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 90 STATE STREET STE 700 OFFICE 40 ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Thee Handy Hands, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-08-13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 11820 Fountain Way, Ste 202, Newport News, VA 23606. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of JV Interpreters LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/21-09-22. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED

Notice of Formation of RENU SKIN STUDIO LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served.

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DOTS COACHING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-11-03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served.

SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 90 STATE STREET, STE 700 OFFICE 40 ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of FAN- NY YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 90 STATE STREET, STE 700 OFFICE 40 ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of WET BRAIN PODCAST LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-16. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc.: 90 State Street Suite 700, Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Ar- clightArt LLC. Articles of Or- ganization filed with Secre- tary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-10-27. Office location: Albany County. SSNY des- ignated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 90 STATE STREET SUITE 700, OFFICE 40 ALBANY NY 12207. Pur- pose: Any lawful purpose

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The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The Board of Commissioners reserves the rights to accept or reject any and all bids or any part of any bid submitted.

Sealed bids may be dropped off at the New Baltimore Fire House located on Gill Road or mailed to: Fire Commissioners, P.O. Box 390, New Baltimore, NY, 12124.

All bids will be opened, reviewed and publicly read on December 9, 2021 at the District meeting held at 7:30PM.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the bid letter, please contact Commissioner Cliff Meyer (518) 756-6539 or Commissioner Steve Firstiun at (914) 804-4189.

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Secretary



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Vanilla Walnut Whipped Cream

Total time: 8 minutes
Servings: 14

- 2 1/2 cups California walnuts, divided
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1-2 teaspoons honey, divided
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 pinch salt

In blender, puree 2 cups walnuts and water 2 minutes, or until light and fluffy. Add powdered sugar, 1 teaspoon honey, vanilla extract and salt; blend 30 seconds. Add remaining honey if sweeter taste is desired. To achieve thicker whipped cream, add remaining walnuts and puree until light and fluffy. Store tightly covered in refrigerator until ready to use.



Vanilla Walnut Whipped Cream



Walnut Pumpkin Cream Cheese Tart

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Total time: 2 hours, 30 minutes
Servings: 12

- Sweet Tart Crust:
- 1 1/4 cups flour
 - 1/3 cup California walnuts, finely chopped
 - 1/3 cup powdered sugar
 - 1/3 cup salted butter, softened
 - 1 large egg
 - nonstick cooking spray
- Filling:
- 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin
 - 4 ounces low-fat cream cheese, softened
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
 - 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1 egg, plus 1 egg yolk
 - 1/2 cup California walnuts, coarsely chopped
- whipped cream, for serving (optional)

To make sweet tart crust: In medium bowl, stir flour, walnuts and powdered sugar. Stir in butter and egg. Using fork, stir well until soft dough forms. Gather into ball and wrap tightly. Refrigerate at least 1 hour, or until dough is easy to handle. Preheat oven to 350 F and coat 9-inch tart pan with removable bottom with nonstick cooking spray. Lay pastry dough on lightly floured board and roll into 11-inch circle. Press dough into bottom and sides of prepared pan and poke with fork on bottom and sides. Bake 20 minutes. To make filling: In medium bowl, whisk pumpkin and cream cheese until smooth. Add brown sugar, pumpkin pie spice, vanilla extract, egg and egg yolk, beating until incorporated. Pour into prepared crust and top with walnuts. Bake 40 minutes, or until filling is set when pan is gently tapped. Remove from oven and let cool. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve each slice with dollop of whipped cream, if desired.

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