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Amateur historian Henry Hamilton spoke before the Bethlehem Historical Association on Thursday, Oct. 15, about how this area came to be called Albany.

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Sing for a cure

Local musicians will perform at Emack and Bolio's in Albany and Guilderland on Saturday, Oct. 24, as part of a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

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Eagles explode in second half

The Bethlehem boys soccer team scored five times in the second half to defeat Colonie 5-1 in last Thursday's Suburban Council South Division game in Delmar.

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Sphere playing the field

Firm terminates contract with Bender Farm owners, seeks new parcel in area

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Sphere. Development LLC terminated its contract to buy the former Bender Melons Farm, but is now in negotiations for another parcel, according to representatives.

The contract pending between Bender Melon Farm owners and the developer was shelved sometime last week.

Maura Mottolese, a lawyer representing the owners of the former Bend-

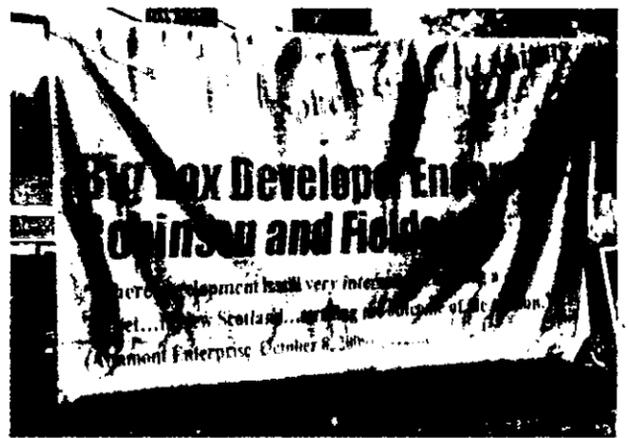
er Melon Farm, located at the corner of routes 85 and 85 A in New Scotland's commercial zone, has confirmed that the contract with Sphere was terminated.

Discussions to buy the property and develop the land began in January of 2008, Mottolese said.

She said the terms of the termination would remain confidential. The parcel, she said, "will remain on the market." A Platform Realty sign sits on the property and is visible coming from Route 85.

Town Supervisor Tom Dolin said regardless of its current status, the parcel requires regulation, and he favors a size cap for retail buildings of 50,000 square

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This sign sits on the corner of Route 85 and Route 85 A, opposite the former Bender Melon Farm.

Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight



Jay Harold Jakovic is concerned that a sidewalk being put in along Feura Bush Road in Glenmont will present a danger to passers-by by bringing them close to his new electric fence. Town officials say that the sidewalk is a safe distance from the fence.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

On the fence in Bethlehem

Local landowner raises concerns about new sidewalk

By CHARLES WIFF
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A Glenmont landowner is hoping that pedestrians who travel a soon-to-be-completed stretch of sidewalk along Feura Bush Road near the intersection of Wemple Road won't find the experience too invigorating.

Jay Harold Jakovic said he is concerned that his electric fence will pose a danger to passers-by walking a new section of sidewalk. Town of-

officials have erected a plastic fence between the sidewalk and his property, but contend there is no risk of accidental electrocution.

The sidewalk is just a level stretch of gravel now with a drainage ditch running alongside. The concrete will be poured in coming days as part of the town's effort to offer pedestrian access to the town's center to Glenmont residents. Work along Elsmere Avenue will also be finished up before the year's end.

Right now, the fence is inactive and the livestock moved to fields further back from the road. In late November, Jakovic said, he will move his cattle back to the grazing area closer to the road,

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5K to aid cancer causes

Slingerlands medical group hopes event becomes tradition

By CHARLES WIFF
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A Slingerlands medical group is hoping that an upcoming 5K run will not only raise awareness of the serious cancers they treat, but also raise money to help those who suffer from them.

Capital Region Special Surgery is holding the race Sunday, Oct. 25, at their offices. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Care Center through a special fund that will go specifically toward patient services.

Making sure the donation goes directly to benefit patients was a top priority, said Race Director Sarah Nicole Mahoney.

"It's just an effort to reach out and do more," she said. "We're excited to do something very specifically to give back to our patients."

Once the final take is tallied, it will be easier to know exactly where the money is going, but it could fund outreach campaigns, better diagnostic services or help defer treatment costs for the under and uninsured.

CRSS has already raised more than \$30,000, and hopes to bolster that amount to meet their \$50,000 goal.

CRSS is an independent group of

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Police Blotter

Two-car crash



This crash happened on Route 144 at the entrance to the New York State Thruway at Exit 22 Friday, Oct. 16, around 5:45 p.m. when the white Ford Crown Victoria, foreground, was traveling north on Route 144, and attempted to make a left-hand turn to go onto the Thruway, police said. It was hit almost head-on by a car, background, traveling south. The driver of the southbound car was transported to Albany Medical Center. The driver of the Crown Victoria was treated at the scene. Bethlehem police are investigating.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

Coeymans man gets 19 years for killing son

A Coeymans man who shot his son in the back with a pistol earlier this year was sentenced to 19 years in prison on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Judge Stephen Herrick also sentenced Glenn Vosburgh, 44, to five years post-release supervision. Vosburgh had pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter in August.

On March 16, at 1934 Route 9W in Coeymans, Vosburgh killed his son, Craig Vosburgh, by shooting him in the back with a loaded Luger, 9mm semi-automatic pistol.

"This was truly a senseless act. From all indications, this young man chose to live with his father in order to help him through some difficult times," commented Albany County District Attorney David Soares. "But in the end, the very man who was a part of giving Craig life was responsible for taking it away."



James M. Ainsworth

The victim, a 35-year-old Glenmont man, was transported to the Albany Medical Center, where he was in stable condition.

Ainsworth was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and was remanded to the Albany County jail without bail. Smith was released and was scheduled to reappear in Bethlehem Town Court on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

Police arrest two in stabbing incident

The Bethlehem Police Department arrested two Selkirk residents on Saturday, Oct. 17, after responding to a fight call that reported one person being stabbed at 716 Route 9W in Glenmont at approximately 10:30 p.m.

James M. Ainsworth, 31, of Clapper Road, Selkirk, was arrested and charged with assault in the first degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, both felonies. Also arrested was Jamie L. Smith, 29, of Clapper Road, Selkirk, on a misdemeanor charge of endangering the welfare of a child. Her charge stems from allegedly having her 6-month-old child present during the altercation.

Other arrests

•Guilfordland police arrested Nicholas F. Fattizzi, 22, of 11 Holly Ridge Road in Valhalla, on felony charges of criminal possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell on Thursday, Oct. 8, according to police reports.

The report states Fattizzi was stopped on the basis of an inspection sticker violation in his white BMW, when police smelled an odor of marijuana coming from his car.

Police said they found a pipe containing marijuana residue under his seat, two glass vials with marijuana in them and four "yellow-colored Percocet pills."

One pill was in a clear plastic bag, police said, and three were in pink colored bags.

He was arraigned Oct. 8. The report states the offense took place near the corner of Crossgates Mall Road and Rapp Road on Saturday, Oct. 3.

•Guilfordland police arrested Rory M. Nunamacher, 18, of 95 Velina Drive, in Albany, on charges of DWI on Sunday, Oct. 11, accord to police reports.

Nunamacher was arrested near the corner of Ann Drive and Carmen Road and will appear in court on Thursday, Oct. 22.

Lift Your Earning Potential! Forklift Operator Training for Adults

15-hr. class to be offered by the Capital Region BOCES Adult Education Program on Nov. 7 & 14, 8:30 am - 4 pm, at the Capital Region Career & Technical School, 1015 Watervliet-Shaker Rd, Colonie. Cost: \$135. Must pre-register by calling (518) 862-4707.



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Five Rivers to hold teacher workshop

Five Rivers Center will hold a Project WET teacher workshop Saturday, Oct. 24, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The workshop, open to teachers and youth leaders, will introduce Project WET (Water Education for Teachers), an interdisciplinary aquatic education program that focuses on the water resource and the creatures that inhabit it. Teacher in-service credit is available for this workshop.

Registration is required by Tuesday, Oct. 20, is necessary. For information or to register, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

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Fall fun continues at area orchards

Apple picking draws to a close, but more events scheduled

By DAN SABBATINO
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As apple picking season winds down, local farms still offer some scary, and festive, opportunities for family fun during the cold months.

Two farms, Indian Ladder Farms and Altamont Orchards offer a number of events with Halloween themes, fall traditions and Christmas holiday fun.

Cecelia Soloviev, retail manager at Indian Ladder, said the farm will offer pick-your-own pumpkins until Halloween.

On Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22, the farm will have its Farm Market, offering many Thanksgiving staples.

"From nuts to potatoes, we carry everything but the turkey!"

the farm's Web site reads.

On Sunday, Dec. 6, the farm will host Winterfest, which features breakfast with Santa and other holiday activities.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, pre-cut trees from local farms will be available for purchase.

For the next two weeks, the farm will continue to offer pick-your-own apples. Soloviev said the season has gone well so far.

"A lot of local orchards were hit by hail. We were not," Soloviev said.

The rain generated large apples, though.

Altamont Orchards has some haunted attractions coming up, featuring live music as well.

On Saturday, Oct. 24, Cosheen will perform. Halloween activities will take place noon to 5 p.m. The music is from 1 to 4 p.m. On Oct. 25, entertainment is provided by



Members of the University at Albany Newman Graduate Association enjoy a day at Indian Ladder Farms on Friday, Oct. 16, making some last season grabs for juicy apples. From left are Shawn Smith, Josh Marlow, Nicole Lopez, Scott Smith, Dan Smith, Kaitlyn Jorge, Theresa Gasper and Beth Ensell.

the Mariaville Cattle Company Band. Activities will take place noon to 5 p.m., with music beginning at 1 p.m., according to the Orchard's Web site.

Joe Abbruzzese, the proprietor, said apple-picking season is just about over, with Oct. 17 and 18 most likely the last weekend for

pick-your-own apples, he said.

"It sort of came to an abrupt end with this cold weather," he said. "A couple of weeks of bad weather brought the season to an abrupt end."

September was good, he said, but October's chilly weather dampened the pick-your-own

business.

"Everything is dependent on the weather," he said.

Abbruzzese said the next two weekends will feature Halloween themes and the farm will have a crate maze and haunted house.

"It does pretty well when we have the weather," he said.

A city by any other name ...

Historical Association hears how area came to be called Albany

By CHARLES WIFF
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Most area school children know the story: the City of Albany was once a prosperous Dutch fur trading town called Beverwyck, until the arrival of the English in 1664 when the area changed hands and names.

But according to amateur historian Henry Hamilton, who spoke before the Bethlehem Historical Association on Thursday, Oct. 15, the grade school version that many accept is simply the tip of an iceberg that is an influential and often overlooked man.

"That portrayal is such a gross oversimplification of the story it almost distorts the truth," said Hamilton, who by day works for the Department of Environmental conservation.

Hamilton presented the well-attended meeting with a brief but engaging history of James, the Duke of Albany and York.

Duke of Albany was the title conferred to the second in line for the throne of Scotland (Albany being another name for Scotland). As second son of the king of England, Charles I, James was also known as the Duke of York and Earl of Ulster, for his position in the

line of succession in England and Ireland.

James is perhaps most well known for his short time as king after his older brother, Charles, died, and his rule is generally a footnote in the arrival of William and Mary of Orange in 1688 and the Glorious Revolution

that cemented Protestant rule in England. In this limited role, many historians view James as something of a pushover.

"I think that's a bit of an unfair assessment," said Hamilton.

On the contrary, much of his most impressive deeds occurred during the rule of his older brother.

These included James' exploits in New Netherlands, the Dutch settlement west of New England. James secured these lands for the crown in an effectively bloodless fashion by guaranteeing the residents religious and social freedoms unheard of in most societies of the time.

The Duke of Albany was a longtime proponent for religious tolerance, perhaps because he grew up during a religiously charged period of civil war in England that eventually claimed the life of his father by execution.

"These boys grew up in this milieu of people running around killing each other because of religious beliefs," said Hamilton. "He really believed in religious tolerance, and perhaps this was because of his experiences as a child."

By routing the Dutch for his brother, James was granted rule of New Netherlands, which to better manage he split down

the Hudson and adorned with his titles: New York to the east and New Albany to the west. Eventually, as other lands were carved out of his domain, the area became known simply as New York.

This royal influence can also be seen in the naming of some of the state's counties: Queens, Kings, Orange, Ulster and Dutchess, for example. (Fun fact: Dutchess County has the improper "t" because that's the old Scottish spelling.)

The City of Albany, retained its new title, and the entire area flourished under James' rule largely because of the freedoms afforded to the residents. His principles were cited by the Founding Fathers and bear a similarity to arguments made by Adam Smith a century later in a little book called "The Wealth of Nations."

"The fellow was well ahead of his time," quipped Hamilton.

Unfortunately for James II, his religious sensibilities were so far advanced that the Parliament organized the aforementioned coup, and James' ended up living the rest of his days in France, devising a plan to regain control of England that never materialized. Today, his laissez-faire social policies can be seen in the confluence of ethnic and religious histories in the area.

The Historical Association holds monthly meetings at the Cedar Hill School House on River Road in Selkirk. Oftentimes speakers will join the group to share their knowledge. The next meeting is on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m., and is "Potpourri Night," when association members will have a chance to share their own research or experiences with the group.

For more information on meetings or membership, visit www.bha1965-webs.com.



Henry Hamilton

Neighborhood wary of proposed dorm

McKownville group says facility could turn area into 'student ghetto'

By DAN SABBATINO
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As the University at Albany plans to add more than 500 new dormitory beds, a group of McKownville residents say it will create a disturbance in their neighborhood.

The University is working on a multi-million dollar capital improvement project, projected to take place over the next several years, and the new dorm building is a part of that project.

A public meeting is slated for Thursday, Oct. 29, at the SEFCU Arena, at 7 p.m., to discuss the proposal.

Construction on the dorms is slated to begin in late spring of 2010, according to officials.

Karl Luntta, director of media relations for the university, said the dorms are planned for the southeast side of the school, away from McKownville.

That's not far enough away for some McKownville residents.

"Its proposed location would not be good for our friends on Tudor,

Cambridge, Oxford streets, which are just east of the Eckerd's drugstore,

and would not be good for McKownville either," said Don Reeb, president of the McKownville Improvement Association.

He said the structure is to close to Western Avenue and Maggie's Sports Bar, where police have been called to quell student problems on Western Avenue.

"We do not need the increased pressure on Western Avenue in this area, to make McKownville into another student ghetto," said Reeb.

Reeb suggested that the university consider private dorms off campus, away from the

neighborhood.

"With the huge empty Harriman Campus, they could find a way to do it farther from the houses," he said.

Reeb said there are about 1,000 college campuses in the country that institute the private housing strategy, and it has been successful.

He said having the housing on private property would yield income and property tax for the City of Albany and county, while keeping the dorms away from the McKownville residences.

"This way, they are not close to people raising three kids and trying to be in bed by 10," Reeb said.

Reeb said many people have voiced support for the Harriman plan, but said it is unlikely to happen.

Luntta said the university is sympathetic to the surrounding areas.

"The university has done feasibility studies, looking at the neighboring areas," he said.

He said traffic is expected to decrease with more students on the campus, and less driving into class from apartments downtown.

"A lot of the traffic comes from students traveling on Western and Washington avenues," he said.

Luntta said the university is also planning to address noise issues, and is considering a berm, or raised land mass to block sound, along with a number of trees to isolate the dorms.

University officials are still planning possible positions for the dorm, keeping it as far away from the community as possible.

"Our students want to live on campus," Luntta said.

Reeb also said he was fearful the University at Albany was seeking property by Norwood and Waverly streets for additional dorms, but school officials said they are not pursuing any property in that area.

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Don't split hairs over floods and soap scum

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR
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It took me nearly a decade into my marriage to realize that engaging in the "you never clean the bathtub" argument was a gigantic waste of time and breath. I'm thankful to say that I no longer remember the actual exchange, which is unusual not only because my husband says I never forget anything, but also because the discussion never changed. There was never any new evidence or excuses introduced. We could have each recorded our sides and then just hit the play button.

A few snippets remain in my brain. For example, he claimed that because he can't see without his glasses and because he doesn't wear his glasses in the shower, he couldn't see that the tub and shower were dirty. My response was that he didn't have to see the dirt to know that the bathroom needed to be cleaned on a regular basis.

I must, at this point, take a step back and explain that my husband has never refused to clean the bathroom. At issue in the argument was my desire that he think of cleaning the bathroom all on his own. And maybe even more than thinking about it, that he actually want to clean it. Perhaps not in the same



way that a person may want to go out on a bike ride or want to enjoy a roast beef sandwich, but more of a wanting to not be surrounded by soap scum or mildew or whatever. Not that he wants to be surrounded by soap scum, it's just that he's lucky that he can't see or smell it so it doesn't bother him.

This wanting him to initiate and possibly even relish cleaning the bathroom was an unrealistic desire on my part. Why did I choose to go through the aggravation of an unsatisfying argument rather than simply asking, "Honey, would you please clean the bathroom this week?"

I finally learned that I should either just shut up and clean the bathroom or ask him (nicely) to help. It took me many years to get to this point, but I'm hoping that others can learn from my experience.

A big part of marriage is learning to put up with your spouse's annoying habits. Just ask my husband. My annoying habits outnumber his 10-to-1, yet I'm generally the less

A big part of marriage is learning to put up with your spouse's annoying habits. Just ask my husband. My annoying habits outnumber his 10-to-1, yet I'm generally the less tolerant spouse.

tolerant spouse.

For example, there's the issue about hairs in the sink when he shaves. At one point my husband told me that there are no hair droppings from his electric razor. This made no sense. I had an electric razor years ago and it did not double as a vacuum. I know that lawn mowers come with bag attachments that hold the grass clippings, but I'm unaware of anything similar for razors. I believe he is in denial about the hair because, like the dirt in the shower area, he cannot see the hair.

I, however, can see the hair. I see it in the bowl of the sink and I see it on the counter behind the faucet where it drops when he leans in close to the mirror. I also see it accumulated on the drain stopper when I pull out the stopper to clean the sink.

Worse than his microscopic facial hairs are the long wavy strands which loosen from my skull when I am grooming. I try to wipe these from the sink but a good number somehow find their

way into the drain and get stuck not on the stopper (which can be pulled out) but on the little bar that hooks the stopper in place. Lucky for Jeff I'm the one that uses an old toothbrush to clean the drain, which means I'm the one who lifts out the disgusting nest of hair.

But I'm also the one who causes floods when I wash my face. I can't help it. When I raise my hands to splash water over my face to rinse away the cleanser, the water runs down my arms, off my elbows, off the edge of the counter, down the side of the vanity and onto the floor and my socks. Wet socks are so uncomfortable.

My husband is not worried about my feet. He's concerned that I'm destroying the wood veneer on the bathroom vanity. And so, I am careful to towel dry said vanity and counter and floor, although sometimes I miss a spot and then he ends up with wet socks.

And sometimes I create a small flood while showering. I swear that I keep the shower

curtain liner inside the tub and we even have one with suction cups that keeps it secured to the walls. And yet, water somehow escapes. For a time I thought the tub had a leak, but there's never a flood when Jeff showers, so it must be my inattentiveness to the positioning of the curtain and liner, which of course is in juxtaposition to my over attentiveness to the soap scum on the shower walls.

Did I mention that I'm the one who likes to clean the bathrooms?

But back to my annoying habits. Jeff does all the ironing. I'll ask him to iron a shirt and he'll iron the shirt and then I'll let the shirt sit on the ironing board until I want to wear it which may not be for months. The ironing board becomes an extension of my closet unlike the laundry baskets of clean clothes that live in various places such as the top of the dryer, the family room couch, or at the foot of our bed.

Just the other day I put a pile of my shirts on the ironing board. "These are clean," I said, smiling sheepishly, "but instead of hanging them up right away I left them draped over the side of a laundry basket for a week and now they're wrinkly." He said, "You're lucky I love you."

Now that's something I can't argue with.

Back 2 Basics
By Matt Zalen
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Panel 1: "Whoa, this comic book looks great! Nah, it's way too unrealistic. The superhero's a girl!"
Panel 2: "Actually, I would think a female superhero is more realistic." "Excuse me?" "Well think about it. When a woman gets pregnant, her whole body transforms. It's almost like she can mutate!"
Panel 3: "Amos, that's completely different! Besides, a superhero needs to be able to stop bad guys! You think a pregnant woman could do that??"
Panel 4: "Meanwhile..." "Any goo... did her water just break?" "I'm getting out of here!"

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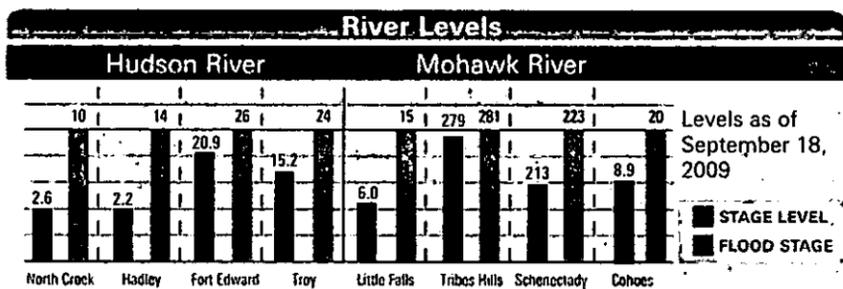
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Record high/low/year

Day	AVERAGE HIGH 68°	AVERAGE LOW 46°
Wednesday, September 23	97°/1895	32°/1963
Thursday, September 24	87°/1961	27°/1963
Friday, September 25	89°/1970	29°/1963
Saturday, September 26	89°/2007	29°/1947
Sunday, September 27	84°/1998	24°/1947
Monday, September 28	83°/1959	24°/1947
Tuesday, September 29	86°/1921	29°/2000

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:44am	6:50pm
Thursday	6:45am	6:49pm
Friday	6:46am	6:47pm
Saturday	6:47am	6:45pm
Sunday	6:48am	6:43pm
Monday	6:49am	6:41pm
Tuesday	6:50am	6:40pm



ANNUAL PRECIPITATION
29.91 inches as of September 18th
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Moon Phases

September 26 First
October 4 Full

Water temp.

Lake George	67°
Bolton Landing	66°
Sacandaga Lake	66°
Saratoga Lake	67°
Jersey Shore	70°
Cape Cod	69°

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	8:51am, 9:21pm	3:18am, 3:29pm
Thursday	9:39am, 10:10pm	4:09am, 4:19pm
Friday	10:30am, 11:03pm	5:01am, 5:11pm
Saturday	11:25am, 11:58pm	5:54am, 6:06pm
Sunday	-----, 12:23pm	6:48am, 7:01pm
Monday	12:53am, 1:20pm	7:41am, 7:55pm
Tuesday	1:48am, 2:16pm	8:32am, 8:49pm

This week in weather

September 29th 1988 High pressure brought freezing temperatures to parts of VT and NY. Binghamton reported a record low of 34°F and Albany, although not a record, reported a low of 35°F. This high also dropped temperatures to 5 to 10°F in parts of the Rocky

Supervisor candidate floats budget proposal

Incumbent contends suggestion is politically motivated, impossible

By CHARLES WIFF
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Sam Messina, a sitting Bethlehem Town Board member and candidate for supervisor, released on Friday, Oct. 16, a proposal that he says will allow the town to adopt a budget with a zero percent tax hike.

Incumbent Supervisor Jack Cunningham, however, says Messina's pitch amounts to nothing more than political maneuvering and would be impossible to implement.

Messina is proposing that all major departments and programs cut their expenses by 4 percent and minor programs cut their budgets by 2 percent, for an estimated savings of \$155,000.

He also said the salaries of the supervisor, Town Board members and town justice should be reduced by 10 percent for a savings of \$40,000, and that the Zoning Board of Appeals should be consolidated with the Planning Board — whose number of members would be reduced from seven to five — for a savings of \$30,000.

According to Messina, these changes would save the town \$225,000, enough to offset the proposed \$197,000 increase in the tax levy.

"A 2- to 4-percent reduction can be achieved," said Messina. "I want the public to have a chance to see that there's at least some flexibility and opportunity."

Messina said offices like the Highway Department and Police Department would be considered "large" programs, while offices like the Town Clerk or Assessor would be considered "small" ones. The cuts would likely be "marginal," he said, involving seeking out efficiencies and examining equipment expenses without impacting services.

Cunningham countered that

"We've been working very hard to cut spending, and there's not a lot of areas that are left to cut. What we need to do is find sources of revenue."

Supervisor Jack Cunningham

the town has examined the possibility of spending cuts and would not be able to reap significant savings without making layoffs, which Messina emphasized are not a part of his proposal.

"We've been working very hard to cut spending, and there's not a lot of areas that are left to cut," Cunningham said. "What we need to do is find sources of revenue."

He noted that personnel-related costs like health care coverage and pension costs are rising, with very little opportunity for recourse on the part of the town.

Cunningham declined comment on the pay cut element of the proposal.

"If he wants to make a motion when we're actually going to approve the budget in November, he's welcome to do that," Cunningham said.

Messina told *The Spotlight* he was going directly to the press with his proposal, a fact confirmed by Cunningham who, as supervisor, is also the town's chief financial officer.

"I'm disappointed that he would hand it to *The Spotlight* and not talk to the Town Board about it," said Cunningham, who added that he believed the release to be politically motivated.

Messina maintains his amended budget is a suggestion to move the debate on the budget forward.

"I don't have any other way to get this notion or thought out to the public," he said. "I don't jump onto emotional issues — and there are many of them out there now — for political purposes."

When asked how he would go about making the cuts,

Messina said it would have to be a collaborative effort put forward to department heads.

"You take them one at a time, you sit around the table with the department heads ... and you say, 'Here's our goal and objective,'" Messina said.

Cunningham argued that process has already occurred through public budget workshops earlier this year. In the meetings, the Town Board meets with department heads and talks about their budgets line by line.

"That's the opportunity for the board to start to push back if they believe the spending is too high and ask questions," said Cunningham. "[Messina] asked some questions, but he never said at any point, 'I don't think we should spend this money.'"

"When we left those meetings, he was fully on board with the budget we had presented," Cunningham said.

Councilman Mark Hennessey, a Democrat not up for election this year, said he found it "unusual" to see such a proposal via the press. He said the proposal was lacking in specifics, and said across-the-board cuts struck him as an "arbitrary" suggestion.

"We've tried to make tough choices without cutting into our core services," he said.

He also said the budget workshops would have been a better time to present such

an idea.

"There are front end points during that process when all of us had a chance to make our thoughts known," he said.

Messina argued that the tentative budget released in late September was "crafted by Mr. Cunningham and his staff," and that his proposal is largely in response to that.

"This is really the beginning of the process," he said.

The tentative budget calls for a 2 percent tax rate increase, which would equate to a town tax hike of 5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value to \$2.77.

Spending would increase under this budget by 3.78 percent to nearly \$39.9 million, but the tax levy would be kept down through the use of alternative financing means like bonding or leasing.

Messina also said he thinks bonding certain capital improvements is a good idea, but he would prefer to hold off on bonding \$780,000 worth of paving expenses in the Highway Department in hopes that ongoing research into new technologies can result in more cost effective practices.

Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph said he protests that assertion. While alternative paving practices are being used in limited situations, asphalt paving remains the best standard, he said, and skipping a year could have impact down the road for the town's 175 miles of highway.

"If we pave about 12 miles a year, which is what we average on any given year, we're still falling behind on the curve," he said. "To skip 12 miles of pavement, even for one year, deferring that maintenance

just puts us that much further behind on our schedule."

Asked how he would reduce his budget by four percent, Sagendorph said he would likely examine his equipment replacement schedule, but warned that cuts in staffing or equipment could threaten service.

"When a winter storm hits, you want reliable equipment ready to go," he said.

There will be a public hearing on the budget prior to the Town Board meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 28. The Town Board will likely adopt a budget at its Nov. 10 meeting. The tentative budget can be viewed at the town's Web site: www.townofbethlehem.org.

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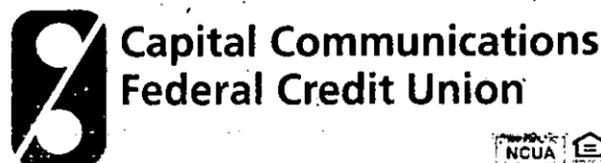
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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

In the 'ghetto'

In light of the University at Albany's plan to add more than 500 new dorm rooms to its campus, Don Reeb, president of the McKownville Improvement Association, is worried that his neighborhood will become a "student ghetto."

Construction on the dorms is slated for the late spring of 2010, according to school officials, and is planned for the southeast side of the school, away from McKownville.

That's not far enough away for Reeb. He wants students to pay for housing down Interstate 90 at the desolate Harriman campus — something that would generate tax revenue for the City of Albany and Albany County.

If there are tenants, that is. You see, education is a business just like any other. And when its customers (those pesky students Reeb is worried about) are faced with paying for housing that is so far removed from the school's campus that they'd have to take a city bus up I-90 to get to basket-weaving class, they might just decide to take their tuition-paying, local-business-supporting, tax-revenue-generating dollars elsewhere.

However you feel about *The Spotlight's* view on the matter, we encourage you to attend a public meeting on the proposal slated for Thursday, Oct. 29, at the SEFCU Arena, at 7 p.m.

Editorial

A quick note on our upcoming debates: As you are well aware, *The Spotlight* and The Albany County League of Women Voters are hosting a couple of debates before Election Day. On Thursday, Oct. 22, we're hosting a debate among New Scotland Town Board and supervisor candidates that will take place at 7 p.m. at the performing arts center in the Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville.

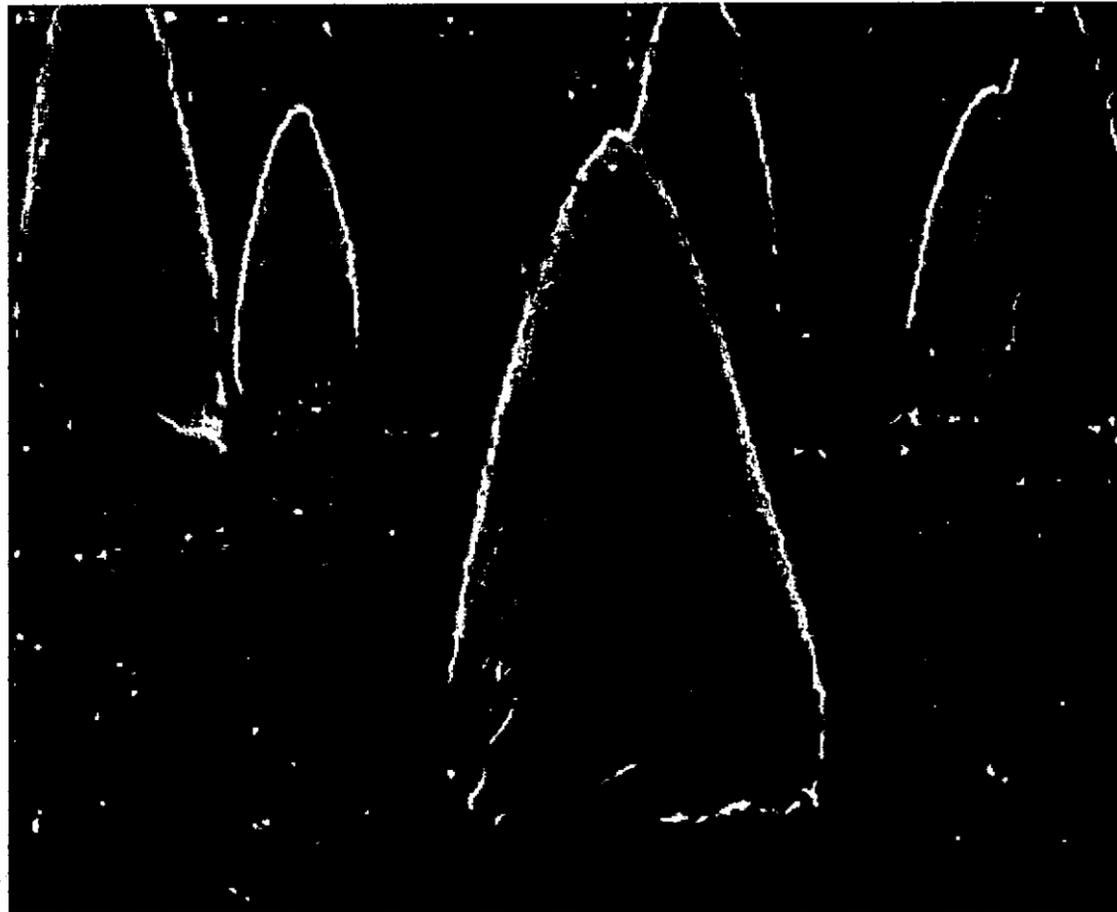
A similar debate among Bethlehem candidates will be held on Thursday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

For both events, we encourage our readers to bring questions for the candidates.

While we've hosted debates in the past (and hope to continue to do so), these events will be somewhat unique in the sense that our coverage of them will be completely online. Our production schedule doesn't allow for us to put the debate stories in print before our rather extensive voters guide appears on Wednesday, Oct. 28, or before Election Day, the following week.

So, while we hate to rehash last week's editorial, visit the newly redesigned www.spotlightnews.com for complete local coverage of these debates.

Protect your plants from the perils of winter



Foliage, roots, and bark could all benefit from some type of protection during the harsh winter months.

By CHUCK SCHMITT

The writer is a regional nursery/landscape educator.

It's that time of the year when we need to start thinking about protecting our valuable landscape plants from the many perils that winter brings. Foliage, roots, and bark could all benefit from some type of protection during the harsh winter months ahead. Below are a few simple practices that can help prevent damage to landscape plants.

Evergreens, both narrow and broadleaved species, continue to lose moisture through their leaves in spite of their inability to

Point of View

gather moisture from the frozen ground. If the foliage dries out it, will turn brown and drop. In our region, the most serious damage is seen on hollies, boxwoods, rhododendrons, and evergreen azaleas. One method used to spray the foliage with an anti-transpirant. Anti-transpirants reduce water loss and thereby minimize damage.

Anti-transpirants can be one of three common types. Some anti-transpirants work by reflecting radiant energy to reduce photosynthesis and transpiration; others work by chemically preventing the stomates (the pores in the leaves) from fully opening; and the most popular type works by coating the plant with a thin transpirant film of wax, latex, or plastic. These products provide protection for a limited amount of time and must be reapplied according to label direction.

Another common practice used to reduce desiccation (drying out) injury is to wrap the plant with burlap or canvas to protect against sun, wind, and deicing salt spray. When applying the wrap, be sure to leave the top portion of the plant uncovered so it is able to get

some light.

After the ground freezes, apply a thin layer of mulch, 2-2.5-feet deep to keep the ground frozen. By minimizing shifts in soil temperature, roots are protected from injury due to soil heaving. Shallower rooted plants tend to get the most benefit from this practice.

Plants with multiple leaders often suffer breakage from the accumulation of snow and ice. A simple method to prevent breakage is to secure a heavy twine at the base of the plant and wind it in a spiral fashion from the base to the tip of the plant and back down in a reverse spiral. This practice keeps individual stems from collecting heavy loads and falling open. As plants become larger, this type of protection becomes more important.

Rodents can also be a serious problem in times of extended snow cover. Rabbits, mice, voles and moles can damage the tender bark and young stems of many trees and shrubs. These critters can remove enough bark to completely girdle the plant. Stems can be protected in the fall with a plastic plant collar or aluminum foil placed around the base. Hardware cloth can also be used as to create a barrier.

Consider the perils your plants will face this winter and take steps to help them winter well.

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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Thank you, scouts



Mike Knight and members of Cub Scout Pack 258 plant trees at Maple Ridge Park.

Submitted photo

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department I would like to thank Mike Knight and Cub Scout Pack 258 for planting 36 new trees at Maple Ridge Park!

In the years ahead these trees will beautify the park and provide

a visual barrier to the traffic on Elm Avenue East.

We are grateful to their spirit of conservation in our parks!

Nan Lanahan
administrator

Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept.

Fields, Robinson and Stanton will return common sense to New Scotland

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

With all of the confusion surrounding party politics, it's easy to get confused about what each candidate stands for. There is no doubt this election has had its share of surprises, but what voters must not confuse is that they should vote for the candidate they believe will do the best job for New Scotland.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with the residents of New Scotland my reasons for petitioning for a spot on a second line under the New Scotland First Party. I submitted a petition to the Board of Elections signed by 280 residents. The petition was signed and supported by Republicans, Democrats, Independents and Conservatives.

As the Republican nominee, my hope was to provide townspeople with the option of voting for whom they felt was the best candidate for town supervisor — even if it differed from their party affiliation.

Much to my dismay, and to the disappointment of many residents who support my bid for supervisor, we were unable to give the people of New Scotland that choice. Mr. John Dearstyne, a fellow Republican,

and Town Supervisor Tom Dolin challenged the voting rights of hundreds of townspeople. My opponents are afraid that giving voters another option will allow a silent majority to be heard. As we head to Election Day, residents looking to put "New Scotland First" can find my name on the Republican line.

In his efforts, Mr. Dolin continues to show that he is very good at starting an argument, but inadequate at helping residents find a working solution. Back in his 2007 campaign, he stated that the school taxes were unbearable. He called town officials too passive and suggested they were dragging their feet on development. He pledged to aggressively pursue the problems developers were encountering and to encourage small business enterprises to locate along the New Scotland Road corridor.

Two years later, he wants to hinder the development of some of our existing businesses with a size cap of 50,000 square feet, crippling the potential growth of our commercial zone, and deny the town the opportunity to build a stronger tax base.

Tom, why the change of heart?

My opponent has occasionally mentioned the need for an adequate water supply. However, for two years he has consumed the town's agenda with big-box-store fear. In the meantime, his lack of diplomacy with the Town of Bethlehem has allowed their government to deny us needed water and dictate what we can do with our own commercial zones.

Our opponents and the special interest groups that support them would like you to believe that this is a one-issue election. This is the only way they can keep residents from realizing they have inadequately dealt with any other issues the town faces.

Please be assured that Roz Robinson, Tim Stanton and I are not pro big box. We need to work out a solution on commercial development that bolsters our growth, preserves our dignity and then move on.

Residents can be assured that I will work along with Robinson and Stanton to bring back a common sense government to the Town of New Scotland.

Mike Fields
candidate for

New Scotland supervisor

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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Cunningham has demonstrated leadership Can you hear us now?

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I want to express my gratitude for the leadership that Bethlehem Town Supervisor Jack Cunningham has demonstrated over the past three years.

Supervisor Cunningham is a leader who has done an excellent job balancing the pursuit of smart commercial growth (e.g. Vista Technology Park and Selkirk Yards projects along with finding new businesses for pre-existing but previously vacant commercial properties) with quality of life concerns (e.g. implementation of the comprehensive plan including a pedestrian and bicycle safe/friendly infrastructure, and the Rails to Trails initiative and open space preservation set asides).

In the past three years, I have stopped by Town Hall after

regular business hours and often found Supervisor Cunningham hard at work burning the "midnight oil" diligently working to find solutions to the challenges facing our community. The Times Union recently reported that Supervisor Cunningham's challenger voted exactly as Supervisor Cunningham a stunning 99 percent of the time. Even during the debate between the two candidates, Sam Messina attempted to criticize Supervisor Cunningham for: (1) acting too quickly on projects, while also, (2) taking too long and performing too much diligence on projects. In this campaign Supervisor Cunningham's challenger seems to have become more and more aggressive and vindictive in his attacks against Supervisor

Cunningham, but given Mr. Messina's past voting record and his conflicting criticisms of Supervisor Cunningham it begs the question of who is really playing political games during this campaign.

The citizens of Bethlehem deserve and should demand committed and disciplined leadership which leads by finding common ground and pragmatic solutions for the issues the Town faces. We have just that in Supervisor Cunningham, and I hope you will join me in letting this talented man continue to work hard to address the issues the town faces and lead in what is clearly a bipartisan manner.

Nicholas Behuniak
Slingerlands

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Bethlehem residents are now aware of a plan being considered by the Bethlehem BOE to erect cell phone towers on the grounds of three schools - Bethlehem Central high school and two elementary schools, Clarksville and Hamagrael.

It is the responsibility of the school system to do everything possible to ensure the health, well being and safety of every child entrusted to its care. There is an enormous amount of highly respected scientific documentation which clearly reveals evidence of long term, serious health consequences caused by exposure to radiation from cell phone towers. These potential risks include leukemia as well as many other diseases. This research is readily available. The BOE's recently released "fact sheet" mentions only an FCC web site and does not mention the many school districts throughout

the world, including New York City, which have banned cell towers on school grounds

At the Wednesday, Oct. 7, BOE meeting, the BOE chair stated that the amount of money each cell tower would bring into the district would be only \$1,000 to \$20,000 per year (in a school budget of \$88 million). Developing children are especially vulnerable to even a small amount of cell tower radiation. The health, wellbeing and future of even one child should not be risked for any amount of money. There is controversy about the health risks, but if there is even the slightest doubt, is it reasonable to take a chance with our children for a mere pittance in the total school budget?

I hope that residents and parents in Bethlehem will attend future BOE meetings and make their voices heard.

Arlene Ainsworth
Delmar

Thanks from Saturday Delmar Farmers Market

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

As we enjoy our new fall season, we also approach the close of the first season of the Saturday Delmar Farmers Market.

We want to thank all of our customers who have made our market a tremendous success. Your participation in the market has helped keep our local economy strong and given great

support to our local farmers, bakers, cheese makers and craftspeople. We are happy to have been able to provide you with the healthiest and freshest foods available, with unique crafts and with live music and entertainment.

Before the season ends, we want to thank Town Supervisor Jack Cunningham, school Superintendent Mike Tebbano and middle school Principal Sandy Morley for their gracious support. They helped pave the way for all of us and without each of them our market would not have been possible. We also want to thank

the many local businesses that have donated to help our market get off the ground. They are too many to list here but you can see them at our website at: www.delmarmarket.org.

The Saturday farmers market may be continuing in the winter at a new and wonderful location. Keep your eyes on The Spotlight for our special announcement. Bethlehem is a great community; we hope you will continue to attend the market and support our local farmers and independent businesses.

Paul Tick
market manager

Messina places people over politics

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Our support for Sam Messina for Bethlehem Town Supervisor, is founded on the belief that Town government can be better, governance is more important than politics and openness and transparency of government is essential.

Long before his foray into local politics, we worked with Sam to improve our community and our town government. Over 25 years or so, we have not only become friends of the Messina family but we, like many others, have witnessed Sam's energy, independence, creativity, integrity, commitment and leadership being applied, publically and privately, to many aspects of our town government and community programs.

We want independence, integrity and commitment from our leaders; Sam will do that for us. We have no hesitation voting for Sam for supervisor and we encourage all voters to do the same.

John Smolinsky
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Kotary, Jordan have town's best interests in mind

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I write to express my strong support for Kyle Kotary and Mark Jordan for Bethlehem Town Board.

As a Town Board member, Kyle has enthusiastically and effectively promoted the interests of the Town of Bethlehem. I particularly support his efforts to promote "green initiatives" in town.

If given the opportunity to serve, Mark, who has a great deal of experience in government, will also be an effective and responsive Town Board member.

Please join me on Election Day in voting for Kyle Kotary and Mark Jordan for Bethlehem Town Board.

Kate Powers
Delmar

Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Cunningham the best choice for Bethlehem

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I have known Jack Cunningham for many years and I believe he is the best choice for the Town of Bethlehem.

I had the privilege of serving on the Town Board for eight years and I am currently the Deputy Supervisor. As a result, I have worked with both candidates running for Town Supervisor. It is clear to me that Jack Cunningham is the right person to continue to lead our town. He is a dedicated professional who every day carefully weighs the issues that come before him and

makes decisions that are in the best interests of the Town of Bethlehem and its residents.

Jack listens to all positions on every issue and his office door is open to anyone who wants to talk with him. He is constantly encouraging the department heads and town employees to find ways to reduce costs and find more efficient ways to provide town services. He is open to new ideas and approaches and is always promoting the town to businesses to encourage them to locate in Bethlehem to help reduce the residential

property tax. Jack is committed to making the town safer by adding more sidewalks and he is developing, for the first time in our town, a management plan that will ensure the towns infrastructure can handle the needs of the community. These are just a few examples of Jack's management style and focus. We are fortunate to have Jack as our Town Supervisor and I encourage all voters to re-elect him. Thank you for your consideration.

Dan Plummer
Bethlehem

deputy town supervisor

Nanci Moquin for Bethlehem town clerk

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

As the Bethlehem Planning Board attorney, I have worked directly with Nanci Moquin on the Town of Bethlehem Planning Board for the last six years.

As Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals secretary, Nanci is the critical initial point of contact for anyone doing business with either board. She helps guide applicants through the review process and efficiently administers the workings of both boards. Her knowledge of the Bethlehem Town Code is

extensive and her work product is meticulous. She works efficiently and tirelessly.

In my opinion, she will make a tremendous town clerk. We will miss her on the Planning Board.

Keith Silliman
Glenmont

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Dolin, Mackay, LaGrange stand for character

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, the citizens of the Town of New Scotland will go to the voting polls to vote in the most critical election New Scotland has ever held. Each of us will have the opportunity to decide on the future character of New Scotland. There are only two questions to consider as we walk into the voting booth: Will the footprint of New Scotland be allowed to keep that rural look and feel about itself that the majority of residents say they love? Or

will it be left unattended, nakedly waiting to be raped?

The only way we as citizens and advocates can assure our beautiful rural community that its character will be protected, is to vote for and elect the team of Dolin, LaGrange and Mackay. Tom Dolin, Doug LaGrange and Dan Mackay have proven to be the team that has the character, initiative and courage to do the right thing for not only the residents of New Scotland, but for the natural beauty of the landscape we all call ours.

And by the way - No, the big-box issue is not the only important issue facing the town, but it is the issue that obviously must be put to rest so that the Town of New Scotland can move forward on issues that will evoke the most appropriate course of development throughout the Town.

Please be assured that a vote for Dolin, LaGrange and Mackay is a vote for character and courage.

Sharon M. Boehlke
New Scotland

Let them know what you think of cell towers

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 7, a group of Bethlehem parents and neighbors attended the Bethlehem Central School District School Board meeting to express their concerns about a developing project to install massive cell towers on the property of three Bethlehem schools: Hamagrael, Clarksville and the High School.

Superintendent Michael Tebbano explained that the district was studying this step because of the potential revenue that such towers could generate (between \$1000-\$20,000, according to School Board Chair Jim Dering) from the private contractor, Independent Towers. In challenging economic times, they said, the need to consider such projects was the board's responsibility.

Most of us who gathered in protest would be intimately affected; those towers would be our neighbors. During the meeting, we raised questions about potential serious health concerns for growing children; about the destruction of neighborhoods due to tree-cutting and road-building; about the resultant loss of property values and quality-of-life for the neighbors, students and town; about safety hazards and rising insurance costs; about the use of industry-friendly research as a basis for decision-making; about turning our school district into a landlord for commercial interests; and about the lack of transparency in the process itself.

Dr. Tebbano and Mr. Dering assured us that they were eager for input from all Bethlehem residents; a decision isn't yet firmly made; all views will be considered. In light of this, I would ask that your contact the

board and superintendent and share your thoughts about this project. Once the trees are gone, and the towers stand on school property, the time for deciding will have passed. Weighing the

pros and cons, do you think the revenue generated would balance the negative aspects?

Eileen Schuyler
Delmar



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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Messina embodies good leadership

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

As the Berne town supervisor for the past eight years, I have had the pleasure of working with many town supervisors and I know that Sam Messina possesses the qualities of the best town supervisors and will be a wonderful supervisor for the Town of Bethlehem.

In particular, I have always liked and admired Bethlehem Town Supervisor Theresa Egan and Sam Messina will be the same type of supervisor. Sam Messina will carry on the great work and accomplishments of Theresa Egan. Sam Messina will put the residents' needs and concerns above party politics. Sam Messina will provide true leadership and

bring people together to promote good government. Sam Messina possesses the skills, characteristics and leadership to be the best town supervisor.

The choice here is not about political parties but about who will provide leadership, integrity and good government. I believe that Sam Messina is that man for Bethlehem. That choice is up to Bethlehem voters on Election Day, Nov. 3.

Only you can make the right choice and I believe the right choice is Sam Messina for Bethlehem town supervisor.

Kevin G. Crosier
Berne town supervisor

Local business owners support Cunningham

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

As local business owners and town residents, we believe it's important to have the right person managing Town Hall, our finances and our town government. After careful consideration, we have decided to vote for Supervisor Jack Cunningham for a few simple but important reasons.

First, as a local business owners, supervisor Cunningham has been very supportive of our business, has always attended our events and fundraisers, and has shown a dedicated commitment to helping our local business community. Jack has always been there for small businesses in Bethlehem.

Second, as active community members, we know Supervisor Cunningham is everywhere, whether at the Farmer's Markets,

the American Legion, The Grange, Community Clean Up Days, Senior's Program Events & Town Firehouse Events, he's there. He clearly has demonstrated a strong level of commitment to all of our community organizations and events.

Finally, as town residents and taxpayers for more than 25 years, we know Supervisor Cunningham is committed to saving our tax dollars by showing leadership in cutting \$750,000 from this year's budget. We were also pleased to see on his Web site that he consolidated areas like vehicle fleet management, reduced the Town's health insurance cost and saved Colonial Acres golf course from development, creating a nice little revenue stream for the town in the process. Those responsible decisions are saving the town hundreds of thousands

of dollars per year.

Supervisor Cunningham's experience as a business person and his career in Finance and Information Technology is exactly the right experience for this job in these tough economic and rapidly changing times. We need energetic, experienced, positive and forward thinking leaders like Supervisor Cunningham and Town Board member Kyle Kotary who is also a big supporter of local businesses and is running again this fall.

When you vote this November 3rd, please think of this: who is the person we want as our CEO, CFO and CIO. I think on all three counts your answer will be John H. Cunningham.

Barbara and Jeff Ostroff
owners,
Delmar Florist

Spotlight gets it wrong by burying mercury story

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

What is wrong with this picture? In the Oct. 7 *Spotlight*, front page news was "Claws out in cat fight", while buried on page 25 was an article about high mercury levels in the area. It would seem a toxic chemical wafting in the air we all breathe trumps complaints about "uncontained" cats.

Perhaps those in suburban areas of our town are unaware that Bethlehem also comprises rural and agricultural areas where uncontained barn cats serve an important role in controlling rodent population.

Barbara Burt
Glenmont

Thanks for making the market magnificent

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Voorheesville Farmers Market ended Oct. 9 and I'd just like to thank all the vendors, the marketers and for the stories the local newspapers printed about the market.

with entertainment and possible more vendors. I received many positive comments and I would welcome any suggestions or recommendations.

Dianne Luci
market manager.

We hope to be back next year

Flanagan stands for open government

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

John Flanagan, a candidate for our Bethlehem Town Board, is a contemporary example of the famous Norman Rockwell painting entitled, "Freedom of Speech." John is a schoolteacher, husband, father and a concerned citizen. This past spring, John had the courage to agree to have his name placed in nomination to

run as a candidate for our Town Board.

John is challenging incumbents, whose careers are tied to Albany politics.

I encourage every registered voter who admires the value of open government, to vote for John Flanagan.

Tom Pillsworth
Glenmont

Thank you for a wonderful Homecoming Game

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On behalf of the Bethlehem Football Program, I would like to thank all of the students, parents, alumni and community members who attended our Homecoming Game last Saturday, Oct. 10.

It was a beautiful day for football. Our field, thanks to the BC Gridiron Club and the Bethlehem maintenance team, looked great. The crowd, encouraged by our outstanding

cheerleaders and the spirited Bethlehem Pep Band, created an exciting and extremely positive atmosphere.

I know that the end result was not what we had hoped for on the field, but I believe that we represented the school and the community with class and with maximum effort. We were proud to play in front of such a great crowd. Your overwhelming support made the day truly special for our players and for our coaches.

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Thank you for making youth golf tournament a success

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department hosted its 2nd Annual Youth Golf Tournament at Colonial Acres on Saturday, Oct. 3, and it was a great success!

The day followed by nine holes of play followed by pizza, beverages and awards. We had a total of 24 participants competing for trophies in two different age groups for low gross score. Awards were also giving out for closest to the pin on hole 2 & 9 and longest drive on hole 3.

The trophy winners on the day were Robert Taranto for low gross (38) in the 12-14 age group; Andrew Wilkinson for closest to the pin on hole 9; and Lila Johnson for longest drive by a female on hole 3. However, the biggest winner on the day was Austin Fox, who took home three trophies. Austin won for low gross (34) in the 9-11 age group, closest to the pin on hole 2 and longest drive by a male on hole 3. Great job everyone!

A special thank you goes out to Jeff Gillham of Our Towne Promotions, who donated all of the trophies that were giving out to the fortunate winners on the day. Thank you also to Angela's Pizza & Pasta Restaurant in Glenmont for providing Pizza to all of our participants.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who participated in this event and the Bethlehem Recreation Department staff who helped out. We hope to see you all out there again next year.

Jason Gallo
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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Jordan an example of 'good people getting involved'

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Democracy is self-rule which requires the active participation of all persons. Our democracy and our government is exactly that — ours — and it is what we make of it. Criticism of government is routine, often justified and is an inherent part of a healthy democracy. Nonetheless, even though we as individuals sometimes disagree with certain policies, the ownership of government always remains ours as the people. In order for this democracy of ours to work we need the constant involvement of the citizenry and for those among us to readily step up to represent our collective will and offer themselves as candidates for public office.

Once elected, we need officials who remember who it is they work for while at the same time working into account with empathy a multitude of differing views and opinions from the people they represent. The most effective representatives also have a temperament that reflects an understanding that they need to work well with others in government. Yesterday one may have disagreed with a colleague on a particular issue but today will only be successful on another issue of vital importance by joining together.

I share these views because

I care very much about who our representatives are here in our hometown. Having had the honor of serving on the Bethlehem Town Board prior to joining the State Assembly I experienced the challenges our local governments face every day. In addition to that education I am also privy to something else that I want the people of Bethlehem to know about.

Over the past three years, it has been my great fortune to have working alongside me in my Assembly office, my chief-of-staff Mark Jordan. In this time, I have witnessed Mark as a thoughtful and caring servant of the people we represent and is someone who gets things done Mark Jordan is a trusted advisor to me and I applaud his willingness to become a candidate for Bethlehem Town Board joining his hard working incumbent running-mate, Board member Kyle Kotary.

It takes good people getting involved if we are to have good government. In Mark Jordan I believe we have a good one who has come forward this year and I urge the good people of Bethlehem to support Mark's candidacy for Town Board by voting on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Tim Gordon
Assemblyman, 108th District

I'm voting for the Democratic team because of their record

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I'm voting for Jack Cunningham and the Democratic team of Kyle Kotary and Mark Jordan for Town Board, and Nanci Moquin for Town Clerk. Why?

In short, because this team came into office just a few years ago, initially with Terri Egan at the helm and now under the leadership of Supervisor Cunningham, and have done something few elected officials ever do — they delivered on their promises.

The Democratic ticket ran on a platform of passing the town's first comprehensive plan, preserving more open space, building more sidewalks, supporting more town planning, making town government more efficient and effective, creating more opportunities for citizen participation and improving the town's communications.

They have delivered on each of those promises, while

accomplishing much more.

For example, under the experienced guidance of Deputy Supervisor Dan Plummer and the perseverance of Supervisor Cunningham and Councilman Kotary, the town brokered an agreement with the Open Space Institute to save Colonial Acres Golf Course from development. Not only preserving green space and a wonderful recreational facility, but creating a revenue stream for our town government as well. How often does any government do something that actually makes sense and money for the community?

As a father of three young children, I'm particularly pleased this team has focused on building more sidewalks, improving the pool and park facilities, and has made public safety a priority.

But perhaps even more telling regarding their commitment to our community is the fact that for the last few years (not just in an

election year), everywhere you go, from the soccer fields, to the town pool, at seniors events, at the Grange, to Kiwanis pancake breakfasts, Chamber events, the Legion, or at the Perfect Blend some early morning, you're likely to run into Jack Cunningham and/or Kyle Kotary. They are deeply rooted and deeply involved in our community and that says more about them as people than public servants.

So on election day this November 3rd, I ask you to forget politics, forget party affiliation and forget all those campaign signs, rather remember what they've done for you, for our kids and for our community and vote to re-elect Jack Cunningham and Kyle Kotary and give Mark Jordan and Nanci Moquin a chance to deliver more of the good government we're already getting in Bethlehem.

Sam NeJame
Bethlehem

Jordan will work across the aisle

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

As a candidate for town board in the general election on Nov. 3, I wanted to express my views on some of the issues affecting our town.

I am both pleased and proud to be an Independence Party member who is also endorsed by the Democratic, Conservative and Working Families Parties, and the reason I am running is that I love Bethlehem. We are a premier community in the Capital Region and I want to do my part to help maintain our quality of

life. I hope to bring to the town board a fresh perspective with broad appeal and support.

My wife, Jeannette, and I reside in Slingerlands. Our daughters, Alexandra and Christine, attended Slingerlands Elementary School, Bethlehem Middle School and have both graduated from BCHS, and I know how important a quality education is to a community. As an attorney admitted to the bar for over 16 years, I will bring my legal experience to the town board in the interpretation and

implementation of local, state and federal laws. I have been a public servant for over 14 years, first in law enforcement, then as a lawyer, and currently as the Chief-of-Staff to our Assembly Member Tim Gordon. I am running for town board to continue to serve the public and to help maintain our quality of life here in Bethlehem.

My voice will be the voice of fiscal integrity, holding the line on taxes while maintaining town services. I will advocate for managed growth by using smart growth principles and community based planning, and I will support clean energy by making sure that the town uses all available tools and technologies to reduce town energy use and expenditures.

I believe in managed growth that will both maintain our existing infrastructure and allow new development, but on a limited scale. Bethlehem needs to expand our commercial tax base, but not with big-box stores. As a member of the PATHS 4 Bethlehem Committee I am working to expand our sidewalks and pathways in order to link our hamlets, neighborhoods and recreation destinations and to make our whole town more user-friendly.

For more information on my background and platform please visit my website, www.jordanfortownboard.com or feel free to email me at msjordanlaw@aol.com. For information on where you may vote, please visit the Albany County Board of Elections website, <http://access.albanycounty.com/voterinfo/>. My door is and will always be open to your thoughts, ideas, and criticisms alike. I do hope you will consider my qualifications, and I would be honored to have your support on Nov. 3.

Mark Jordan
Candidate for
Bethlehem Town Board



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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Kotary running on a record of results

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Four years ago, I ran for Bethlehem Town Board on a promise to implement the town's first comprehensive plan, preserve more open space, build more sidewalks connecting our community, support more town planning, make town government more efficient and effective, improve our communications, and create more opportunities for community dialogue and participation. And now, four year later, I'm pleased to say that we've accomplished all of that and a whole lot more.

Over the past four years, we have managed our town's exceptional services with fiscal responsibility and, as a result, have navigated our town through the rough waters of a difficult recession. We have balanced good government with a balanced budget and cut spending this year by roughly a million dollars.

We also saved Colonial Acres Golf Course from development and added hundreds of acres of open space in several locations around town. We expanded the Henry Hudson Park and recently added a new preserve along the Hudson River. We built several new sidewalks -- with more to come -- and cleared significant hurdles in the quest to make the Rail Trail a reality. We're also currently developing an Open Space Plan and a Farmland Protection Plan.

I was proud to sponsor the resolution making Bethlehem one of New York's first Climate Smart Communities. The resolution passed 4-1 with only 1 (Councilman Messina) voting against protecting our environment. Over the last few years, we've done a lot to go more "green" from enhancing our recycling program, to installing energy-saving equipment, to finding ways to reduce fuel consumption, to starting monthly town clean up days.

We also now have more town residents, of all political parties and from all parts of town, on more citizen committees than ever before. We approved Supervisor Cunningham's idea to create the Bethlehem 20/20 Committee, we also created the Citizens Advisory Committee on Conservation, the Rt. 9W Advisory Committee, the Waterfront Advisory Committee, the Agricultural and Farmland Study Committee, a Noise Ordinance Committee, the Delaware Ave Committee, and the PaTHs 4 Bethlehem Committee to name a few.

Those who say town government is anything but more open, more inclusive and more transparent than before are ignoring the facts. I'm proud to say we have more citizens committees, have held more public meetings on more issues, and utilize more communications tools and more technology-based information-sharing than at any point in our town's long history.

The bottom line is this. During these uncertain times, we need experienced leaders with a record of delivering results and preserving our quality of life. That team includes Supervisor Jack Cunningham, Town Board candidate Mark Jordan and Town Clerk candidate Nanci Moquin.

Together, our team has accomplished a lot in four years, under Supervisors Egan and Cunningham, and together we can accomplish even more in the next four. With your continued support, I will keep fighting to save our tax dollars, preserve our quality of life, upgrade our infrastructure, protect our environment, and improve our local government operations. Thanks again for you continued support and I hope to have your vote for Town Board on Nov. 3.

Kyle Kotary
Bethlehem
Town Board member

Mackay, LaGrange and Dolin will guide responsible development

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

No matter what Sphere D'Éveloppement says about moving on from the Bender farm or to other property in the market, New Scotland is still at risk from the wrong type of development in its commercial zone unless an effective size cap is put in place. Only one slate of candidates for New Scotland Town Supervisor and Town Board has committed to take this action: Tom Dolin, Doug LaGrange and me, Dan Mackay.

An effective size cap would accomplish several things:

- It would stop big-box development at a location that cannot handle the traffic volume that would be required

to make a big box economically viable.

- It would prevent a town-wide tax increase that would be required in New Scotland to provide police and public safety services to a big-box anchored mall.

- It would assure that that future development in our town is in-keeping with the language of our Comprehensive Plan and the wishes of many in the community who have turned out at public meetings and forums over the past two years.

The Route 85/Route 85-A corridor is the right place for New Scotland to promote and attract commercial development. How we build there is the real issue. Mr.

Dolin, Mr. LaGrange and I advocate for planning and development in this corridor that is economically viable, strengthens our tax base, and enhances our community character. A big-box development accomplishes none of these goals.

To move the town of New Scotland forward on this issue and all its related impacts to our community, a new leadership team is required, and that is Team New Scotland: Tom Dolin for Supervisor and Doug LaGrange and Dan Mackay for Town Board.

Daniel Mackay
New Scotland
Town Board candidate

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Celebrate your life at Senior Expo

By ELLIN GELTING

If you attended last year's Senior Expo at Colonie Center, you know how great it was — 4,000 attendees visited more than 65 booths overflowing with free information staffed with helpful, friendly people. If you missed it, mark your calendar now for Friday, Oct. 23, because this year's event will be even better.

As always, the Senior Expo features free admission, free medical screenings thanks to our fantastic sponsors, booths, exhibits, and a sales-pressure free environment for seniors and caregivers to access the information and resources they need. Presented by Senior Services of Albany and CDPHP Medicare Choices, Senior Expo is an event that has something to offer adults of all ages and interests. It's free, easy to get to, and fun.

Senior Expo opens Friday at 8:30 a.m. with "Ask the Doctor" featuring question and answer sessions with three popular CDPHP physicians, Drs. Panneng, Vacca, and Rosenbeerg. Reservations are required for these sessions, which always have full-house crowds. Call today to reserve your seat, 800-218-3960 ext. 105.

Booths open at 10 a.m. and attendees will find that they can comfortably stroll the ground floor and learn about the myriad of services, products and programs designed for older adults. Booths are staffed by knowledgeable experts, all of whom have time to answer your



Medical screenings are among the many offerings at the Senior Expo at Colonie Center.

Submitted photo

questions. Various health services will also be available including blood pressure and

flu shots. Music, dancing, and a fashion show.

Make sure to review the special pull-out section inside this paper for a complete schedule of events.

Planning Board hears Dutchman Acres proposal

Outlet on School Road still an issue

By DAN SABBATINO
sabbatinod@spotlightnews.com

After appearing in front of the Guilderland Planning Board, representatives of a proposed housing development in Guilderland Center are seeking counsel from the county Department of Public Works and an engineering consultant as they move forward with Dutchmen Acres, a 34-lot subdivision near the high school.

The Planning Board heard an update on the hamlet development on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Town Hall, and the discussion focused on whether or not to connect the development's main road to School Road. The proposal currently has an outlet on Depot Road.

The developers said they do not have school road access in their plans because of concerns that people coming from the high school would use the development as a short cut.

"The reason being is that it is direct access to the high school," Chris Meyer, a representative of the developers.

An Albany County Department Public Works representative recommended against having a School Road outlet. Project engineering consultant Creighton Manning Associates issued the same recommendation, and remarked that the development would not likely have a significant impact on the overall traffic of the area.

Steve Feeney, planning board chairman, asked the developer to reconsider the School Road outlet, where a cul-de-sac is currently proposed. Feeney said a School Road connection would give residents faster access to

their homes.

The current proposal does include emergency access to the cul-de-sac, as well as pedestrian access, but not regular vehicular access.

"I just have concerns about barricades," Feeney said. "From our perspective, it's much safer to have a road that goes through."

Planning Board member Paul Caputo asked Meyer to include in his request to Creighton Manning and DPW information about how many cars are likely to head toward Altamont in the first place.

Other key issues facing the proposed development are access for pedestrians to Neilsen Road and stormwater drainage.

Kelly Gardner, of 14 Neilsen Road, said she was concerned that high school students would use the pedestrian access to Neilsen Road to cut school, and slink around the neighborhoods.

"I just have concerns about barricades. From our perspective, it's much safer to have a road that goes through."

Steve Feeney, planning board chairman

"It's just good planning to connect the neighborhoods," answered Jan Weston, the town's planner.

The planning board members agreed that without pedestrian access, students skipping school could cut through the development, but would instead be in residents' backyards, rather than on sidewalks.

"If we don't provide it, kids will make their own way," said Terry Coburn, a planning board member.

The concept for the development has been approved, and its stormwater retention pond will help alleviate any runoff into the houses in the development, or the neighboring Black Creek, Meyer said.

Questions about whether the neighborhood should have a recreation area also came up, along with concerns it might attract people who are not residents of the development. Additionally, the possibility of roundabout at the corner of Route 146 and School Road will be considered as the development moves forward.

Meyer will come before the board again after he consults with the Albany County DPW and engineering consultant within the next few weeks.

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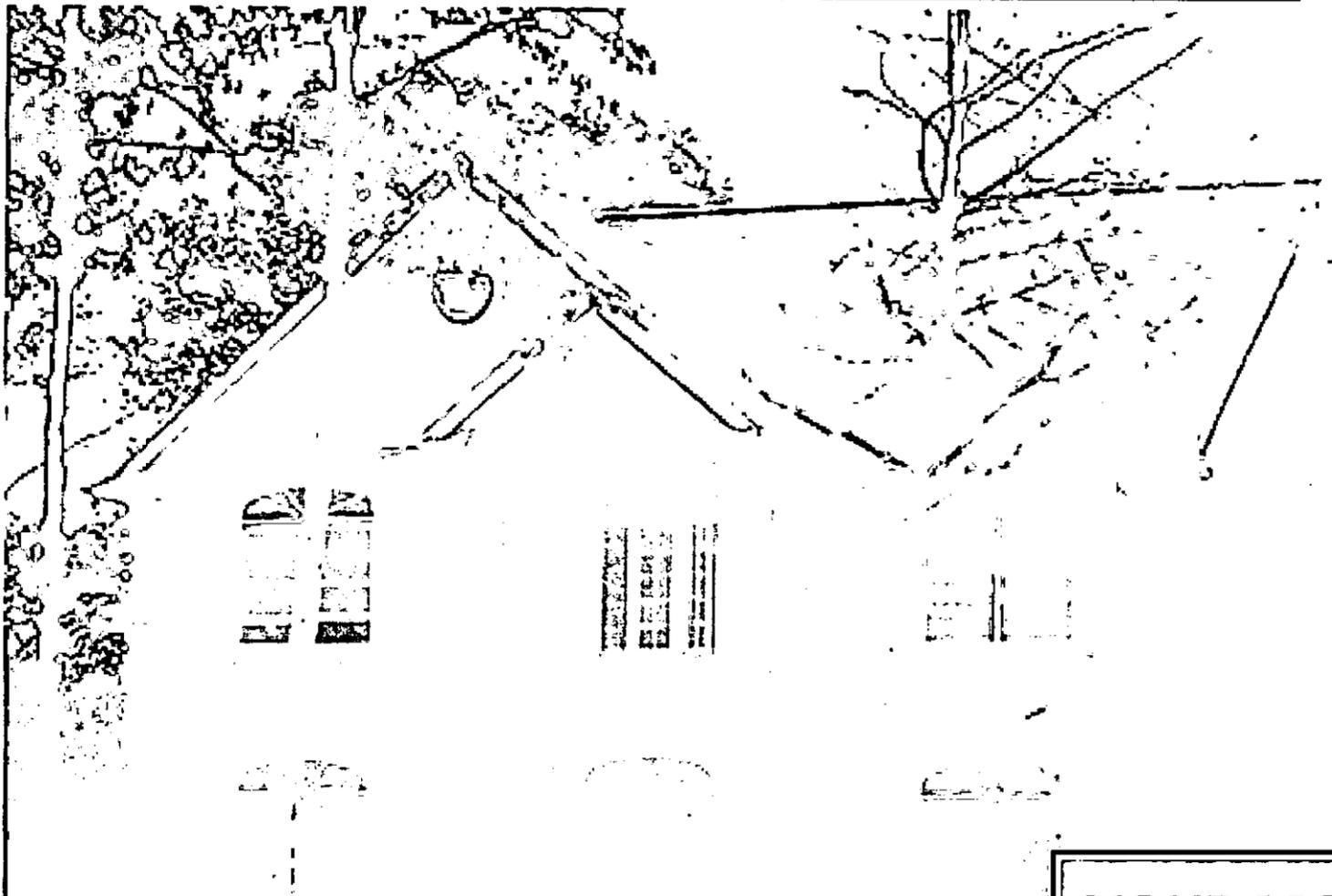
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Cub Scouts of Pack 23, chartered by Hamagrael Elementary School in Delmar, picked apples for Bethlehem Central School District's weeklong Squash Hunger fruit and vegetable drive for the hungry. Their apples along with other donated produce will be brought to local shelters, pantries and soup kitchens during the weeklong Squash Hunger fruit and vegetable drive for the hungry.

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New Scotland closing in on wind energy law

Comments on proposal will be accepted through October

By DAN SABBATINO
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New Scotland will continue collecting public comment on a wind energy law through October, eventually adopting something by year's end, town officials said.

Town Supervisor Tom Dolin said the town is not planning to enact a permanent moratorium on wind energy. Language for a moratorium is currently in place in case the town is faced with a proposal before a law is passed.

New Scotland officials are using the town of Duanesburg's zoning law as a template, said Todd Mathes of Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna.

Mathes is serving as the town's independent consultant and is assisting with the process of drafting a wind energy law. Mathes helped put laws in place for Rotterdam, Princetown and Duanesburg, and said New Scotland is on a similar course as far as adopting laws.

The Town of New Scotland held an informational workshop earlier this month on wind energy.

"I think the major issue is the distance permitted between the property and the wind turbine,"

Dolin said.

He also said noise level is going to be an important factor.

New Scotland's draft wind energy facility law gives the Planning Board discretion over the review of applications. It also calls for measures regulating a complaint process for neighbors and requires the wind energy sites to have a means of financing the decommissioning of the wind energy facilities.

The law addresses noise ordinances as well, and the template the town is using calls for no wind turbines to exceed 45 decibels. The template law New Scotland is using asks the applicants to seek input from the Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the risk to birds and other airborne wildlife, as well as comply with all of the state environmental requirements. All wind turbines and towers must be white in color, the proposed law reads, and are to be no less than 1,500 feet from residences. They must also rest at least 500 feet, or 1.5 times the height of the turbine, whichever is more, from the property line or public roads.

Dolin said the public comments the town gets will be integrated into a draft law, and that law will formally go in front of the board and in front of the public for comment.

"We making movements toward something we can present as a local law," Dolin said.

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Salon and spa to host benefit

The Ambiance Salon and Spa, 635 Loudon Road, Latham, will hold MAGIC Night Out on Friday, Oct. 23, from 5 to 9 p.m.

The event, which will feature spa and salon services, wine tasting, a DJ, and raffle for gift baskets and Southwest Airlines tickets, is being held in honor of 4-year old Devan Hannks of Glenmont. Devan suffers from Russell Silver Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder. The event will benefit the MAGIC, or Major Aspects of Growth in Children, Foundation.

Guests who donate \$30 to the foundation will be able to choose from three spa and salon services: an airbrush makeup application, a mini-massage, or a hairstyling session. One complimentary cocktail for those over 21.

To donate to the MAGIC Foundation or purchase raffle tickets, e-mail Rebecca Hanks at info@devanhanks.org.

Shaker Class of '67 plans reunion

More than 150 members of Shaker High School (North Colonie) Class of 1967 and their spouses and significant others will gather Friday, Oct. 23, and Saturday, Oct. 24.

The reunion, 42 years after graduation, will be conducted to honor the deceased members of their class as well as to celebrate their 60th birthdays.

Activities will start Friday night at the Century House Tavern in Latham.

On Saturday, there will be a tour of Shaker High School followed by a memorial service

honoring the 23 members of the class who are deceased. The service will include the dedication of a Japanese curly leaf maple, which has been planted in their memory, and a plaque. The Class of 1967 also has donated an 8-foot-long banner to Shaker High School. Donated to Shaker from a silent auction will go to Capital Communication Credit Union Foundation who will distribute to local families in need.

The Class of 1967 will conclude its reunion with a dinner dance at Shaker Ridge Country Club on Saturday night.

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Report: Cooperation key to protecting open space

CACC study says large landowners must be on board

By CHARLES WIFF
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Maintaining and building upon open space in the Town of Bethlehem will require not only the efforts of town government, but the cooperation of large landowners in the town.

That's according to the findings of the town's Citizens Advisory Committee on Conservation's study on open space preservation. The report was compiled in July and presented to the Town Board on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

The report identifies existing open space resources in the town and outlines 15 recommendations to the Town Board for maintaining and expanding the town's resources. While it is not an open space plan, said Senior Planner Robert Leslie, it sets the groundwork for moving forward.

"What we have here is a good framework for addressing some of the issues related to open space," he said.

The Town Board commissioned the study in February of 2008 — development of an open space protection plan was part of the 2005 comprehensive plan. Since then, the CACC has met 17 times to discuss the issue and has held four public comment sessions.

The committee identified and mapped three open space elements present in the town: recreational and pathways spaces, agricultural lands and natural areas. Agricultural preservation was studied in another recently completed report that ran concurrently with the open space effort.

It is important that the town acknowledge that the citizenry—especially large landowners with seven or more acres of land—will play a part in the process, said Leslie.

"Any type of open space protection in the town is really going to require the voluntary participation of landowners in the town," he said.

CACC Chairwoman Libby Liebschutz echoed those thoughts, and added that the report represents a cooperative victory between sometimes conflicting points of view.

"The CACC really represents a cross section of interests in the town," she said.

In meetings with landowners, a number of issues came to the

forefront, including concerns about trespassing. The report states if landowners have issues with trespassers, who might use ATVs or snowmobiles on private property, they are less likely to leave their land undeveloped. Consequently, a dialogue between the police department and landowners should be developed, says the report.

The report brings another issue to light: how much the town will be willing to spend in pursuit of open space initiatives such as purchase of development rights or conservation easement programs, which essentially pay landowners to leave open space undeveloped.

The Town Board ultimately holds the decision of what elements of the report the town will pursue. Liebschutz said she hopes the board will direct the CACC to develop land feature criteria that can be used to assess the open space value of land and help the town make decisions when faced with a purchase opportunity.

"I regard that as an essential part of an open space plan. So I hope we move forward on that piece quickly," she said.

Liebschutz also noted that with a proper open space plan in place, it would be much easier to seek out funding opportunities. Members of the Town Board said they would like to know more about how open space initiatives could be funded through government programs or groups like the Mohawk-Hudson Land Conservancy or the Open Space Institute.

"I definitely would like to see more research into not only those existing entities we are working with, but perhaps

there are others out there," said Councilman Kyle Kotary.

The report's recommendations are broken into short, medium and long-term initiatives. They include making updates to the town code, forming a pathways committee (the PaTHS 4 Bethlehem Committee was commissioned in March) and planting trees along the right of way in certain areas.

"Trees are recognized as an open space resource in the town. It at least gives a perception of open space in the developed areas of the town," said Leslie.

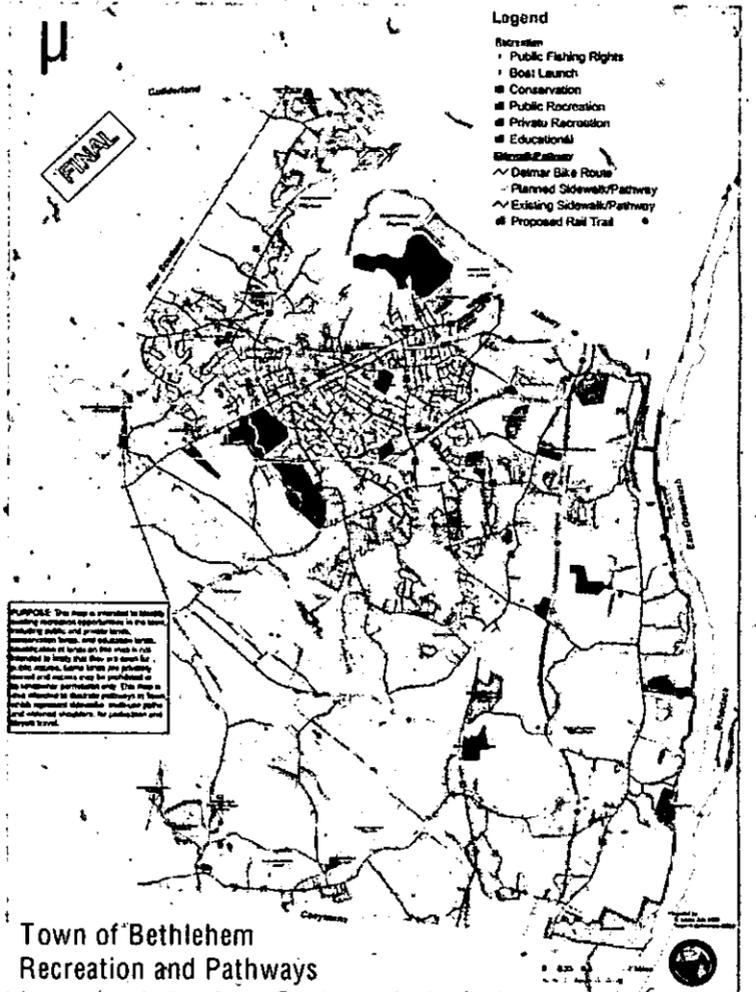
The town retained the services of Behan Planning and Design of Saratoga Springs at a cost of approximately \$25,000, said Leslie.

The CACC meets on the second Monday of the month, and meetings are open to the public. The entire Recommendations on Open Space Needs and Opportunities report can be viewed on the town's Web site: www.townofbethlehem.org.

Also on Wednesday, the Town Board voted to partner with the Bethlehem Central School District in applying for a state grant to in order to research the possibility of sharing municipal services as a cost saving measure.

The \$25,000 grant would pay for outside consulting services. A ten percent contribution from the town and school district would be required. The BC Board of Education passed a similar resolution earlier this month.

The application for the grant must be submitted by the end of the month and, if the funds were awarded, the study would likely start early next year.



This is a map of the recreation spaces and pathways in the Town of Bethlehem as identified by the Citizens Advisory Committee on Conservation's study on open space preservation. In addition to agricultural and natural lands, recreational spaces are an integral part of the town's open space resources.

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Town to draft new ethics law

Law on books violates municipal code, New Scotland attorney says

By DAN SABBATINO
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New Scotland officials are tossing around ideas for a new ethics law, and are hoping to have one on the books in the coming month, according to town attorney Michael Mackey.

The law on the books now is in violation of the general municipal code, Mackey said, because currently, the ethics committee is comprised of town board members.

"You can't have a majority of the ethics board be officers or employees of the municipality," he said.

Mackey took a substantial part of Guilderland's ethics code and used that as a basis

for discussion. He said a highlight of neighboring ethics codes is a limit on the number of committee members who share a political party.

Once a law is in place, it is up to the Town Board to appoint members of the committee.

Town Supervisor Tom Dolin said Guilderland's law features provisions that call for a seven-member committee, and he is expecting New Scotland's to be pared down to five members.

The next town board meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 11, and the board will discuss Mackey's draft at that time.

Mackey said he discovered the problem with the ethics committee's current configuration last year when Liz Kormos was accused of ethics violations related to a conflict of interest in her position as chairwoman of the citizens zoning advisory committee.

G'land Central juggles stimulus money

District could use funds to add teachers, software

By DAN SABBATINO
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The Guilderland Superintendent of School's office is recommending the creation of several teaching positions with recently allocated federal stimulus money, according to officials.

Last spring, the federal government issued \$1.7 million in stimulus money to offset state cuts for educational programming. At the time, the spending parameters were not specified, but the district made tentative plans to use the money for certain programs, such as full-day kindergarten.

The district also made spending cuts during the budget preparation, Assistant Superintendent for Business Neil Sanders said, based on enrollment projections and other factors. At the time, he said, a lot

was up in the air.

"We didn't allocate all of the [stimulus] money," Sanders said.

The federal government now gave the district the spending parameters and asked it to fill out its applications between Sept. 21 and Oct. 1.

With the money it did not tentatively allocate during last year's budget, the superintendent's office is proposing several new teaching positions at its Tuesday, Oct. 6, meeting.

Sanders said the money could go toward five math academic intervention service positions, an English as a second language job and 2.5 literacy assessment specialists.

Sanders also said the money could go toward software for data analysis and special education.

Board President Richard Weisz said he would address the issues at the next meeting, and "discuss public issues in public."

Superintendent John McGuire said he is eager to hear the board's thoughts.

McGuire discussed the district's future as well, and said it is going to have to look ahead in the budget planning process. The district is expecting another \$1.7 million in stimulus money for this year, but after that, the future is uncertain.

"The third year's the question," he said.

Sanders said for this budget season, which kicked off at the Tuesday meeting, a lot will depend on whether the state makes cuts in its aid to the school districts. He said with another round of stimulus money, they could offset those cuts, and the spending parameters will most likely be the same as last year.

The district will also wait to see if the governor will announce his budget a month early, in December, like last year, in order to help them brace for potential cuts.

IN BRIEF

Garden Club to hold tag and bake sale

The Helderview Garden Club will hold its annual tag sale and bake sale on Saturday, Oct. 24.

aked goods, toys, and household products will be some of the items available for sale. Sales will fund community beautification projects. The event will take place from 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Old Songs Building at 37 South Main St. in Voorheesville.

For information, call Kathy Dunston at 439-3141.

Five Rivers plans Halloween event

Five Rivers Center will hold a Halloween open house, "Spiders, Bats, and Snaks — Oh My!" on Saturday, Oct. 31.

The event will include activities themed around animals with a "bad reputation," games, and refreshments. The open house runs from 1 to 3:30 p.m. It is open to the public free of charge. People are invited to dress in nature or animal themed costumes.

Five Rivers is at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar. For information, call the center at 475-0291.

VFW auxiliary seeking donations

VFW Auxiliary, Hilderbrand-Davis Post 1895 is accepting items for its rummage sale.

Call President Gerry MacIsaac at 356-5285. The sale will be Saturday, Oct. 24, at 609 Draper Ave, Schenectady.

Arts center to offer adult workshops

The Hamilton Hill Arts Center will hold a variety of art workshops for adults beginning with the workshop "Inside Out," which runs Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 24 and 25.

This two-day workshop costs

\$60 and will focus on mask making. The Hamilton Hill Arts Center's programs focus on African American culture and art.

The Hamilton Hill Arts Center is at 409 Schenectady St. For information, contact Justin Cook by e-mail at Justincook@hamiltonhillartscenter.org or by phone at 346-1262.

Heritage Society to hold lecture

The Shaker Heritage Society will hold a free lecture open on African American Shakers on Thursday, Oct. 22.

The society's executive director, Starlyn D'Angelo, will speak about topics including Shaker activity on the Underground Railroad. The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. at the Shaker Meeting House off Heritage Lane, located near the Albany Airport.

For information, call Starlyn D'Angelo at 456-7890.

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Sphere

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Sphere representatives said Tuesday, Oct. 13, that the company is under contract negotiations for another parcel in the "same market," but would not confirm if it was in New Scotland.

Sphere, a developer based near Syracuse, had never made an official proposal to the town but had discussed building a 137,000-square-foot Target to anchor a shopping plaza on the former Bender Melon Farm.

Last month Greg Widrick, a managing partner at Sphere, said New Scotland is no longer listed as an area of economic opportunity on Sphere's Web site. However, he indicated that if the town's zoning code was conducive to development, Sphere

would continue to look at the possibility.

Kurt Wendler, another managing partner with Sphere, and Widrick noted that eventually, property owners may begin to make infringement claims if the commercial building moratorium the town has enacted exhibits no feasible end.

"It just can't go on indefinitely," Widrick said.

The pair said they are hopeful the town will draft a zoning code that is conducive to their development.

When asked if they were endorsing any candidates in the upcoming town elections, the developers said they did not have any specific endorsements but would prefer candidates who do not support a size cap. They added it is unclear how candidates Roz Robinson and Mike Fields could oppose a size cap and big-box development at the same time.

5K

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practices specializing in five areas: neurosurgery, sleep/wake, ear nose and throat, physical therapy and a specialized ear institute.

Though lung cancer is undoubtedly the better-publicized result of smoking, cancers of the mouth, throat and neck are also a common outcome.

According to The Brain Tumor Foundation, 130 in 100,000 in the U.S. suffer from brain cancer, and The National Cancer Institute says that in 2008, an estimated 35,000 were diagnosed with head and neck cancers in the U.S.

"We decided to establish this road race in an effort to help people in the Capital Region who are affected by brain, head and neck cancers," said CRSS's Dr. Edward Scheid in a statement. "It is important for health-care providers in our area to support and develop local resources to treat our community."

The race will be run in memory of Susan Britain, a Colonie High School graduate and patient of the CRSS who died of cancer at the age of 37.

"Her passing really affected the physicians who cared for her," said Mahoney. "We said, 'It's right in front of us; this is what we're going to do.'"

Runners, or walkers, will begin at the CRSS offices on New Scot-

land Road in Slingerlands, and will proceed south, taking a left on Thackery Drive. They'll continue onto Cherryvale Boulevard, turn around on Queen Anne Drive, and proceed back to CRSS via Cherry Avenue and New Scotland Road.

The Town of Bethlehem highway and police departments will help mark and patrol the route for the safety of participants.

You don't have to be a superb athlete to participate. The group chose a 5K because it will allow more people a chance to participate, even if they choose to walk the route rather than run it.

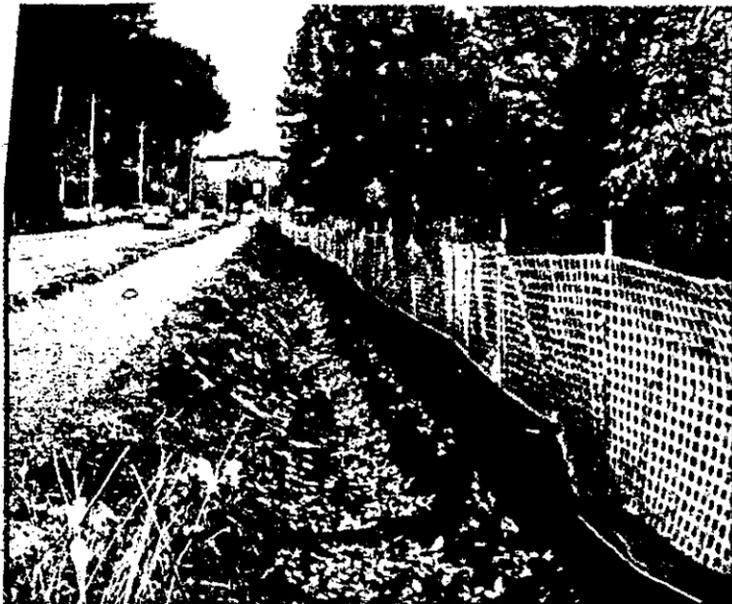
"It's a very level playing field, anyone who wants to participate can walk, can run ... it's something that everyone can be a part of," said Mahoney.

For those who aren't up for the 5K or are supporting loved ones, a farmers market will be held at the start/finish area and Radio Disney will be on hand to provide entertainment. A fun run for kids will also be held after the 5K.

There is still time to sign up for the run; online registration closes at noon on Friday, Oct. 23. The first 1,000 participants will receive a free Race for Hope long-sleeve T-shirt. Registration is \$25, and participants are encouraged to collect donations.

Don't despair if you can't participate this Sunday, because CRSS wants to bring the event back.

"It's really something that we want to do every year," said Mahoney.



At left is a sidewalk being put in along Feura Bush Road in Glenmont. Above is a sign warning of Jay Harold Jakovic's electric fence near the sidewalk.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Fence

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as he does every year, and reactivate the fence.

"Running a sidewalk along an electric fence is certainly not safe," said Jakovic, who said while his primary concern is the safety of his neighbors, he also worries about being held liable if someone leaves the sidewalk and touches his fence.

"I'm not opposed to the sidewalk, I have no objection to it," Jakovic said. "I just feel the sidewalk should be made safer."

The town's position is that there is no real danger posed by running a sidewalk in that location. Supervisor Jack Cunningham said that the sidewalk is about 16 feet from the fence.

"You have to go off the sidewalk, over the drainage ditch, go up and reach inside the fence to get a shock," he said. "We don't believe there's any risk to residents."

In response to Jakovic's initial

alarm, an orange construction fence was erected between the sidewalk and the fence.

Jakovic — who runs a real estate law practice in addition to raising heifers on the same land his grandfather, Harold Magee, worked decades ago — said he would like to see a more permanent fence installed, or the sidewalk built on the other side of the road entirely. Cunningham said the town looked at both sides of Feura Bush Road, and building on the southerly side would have been more costly.

"The cost would have been much greater because the terrain was a little bit more difficult for us to maneuver through," he said. "We did look at that at one point."

The electrical portion of the fence was recently installed. Jakovic applied to the town for a building permit on May 4 and was promptly granted approval. Electricity is carried through a single wire that runs behind the fence, though the openings in the fence are easily large enough to reach through to touch the line. Signs warn of the charged line.

Jakovic said he did not know plans to build the sidewalk were ongoing when he installed the electric line. The town had contacted all the landowners along that stretch of road — including Jakovic — earlier this year, said Cunningham, for permission to enter their land for the construction process. Later, it was realized that the Department of Transportation right of way was wider than originally thought, meaning the town didn't need permission from landowners to put in the sidewalk.

"The original request was to get on his land to put the sidewalk in," Cunningham said. "We determined that it wasn't necessary."

Jakovic said that since he didn't hear from the town again and was aware of pressing economic issues, he assumed the project had been put on hold until bulldozers showed up.

As for putting a permanent fence up, Cunningham said that would be subject to approval of the DOT, as they own the right of way.

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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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For the past couple of years, Rob Jonas has put together a day of music at

Tess' Lark Tavern as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

This year, Jonas wanted to find a bigger venue, one with two stages. That way, twice as many musicians could play, which could bring in twice the crowd and potentially twice the donations for a cause that has special significance for Jonas.

"My mom died in 2007 of cancer, so I wanted to try to do something to defeat it," he said.

Jonas, the Spotlight sports editor, is also a regular on the local music scene. He has played frequently over the past year at Emack and Bolio's, an ice cream chain with shops in Guilderland and Albany.

"It kind of occurred to me, maybe this would be a good place," Jonas said, noting that Emack and Bolio's has good acoustics and the dual locations would fit his wish for an expanded roster of musicians.

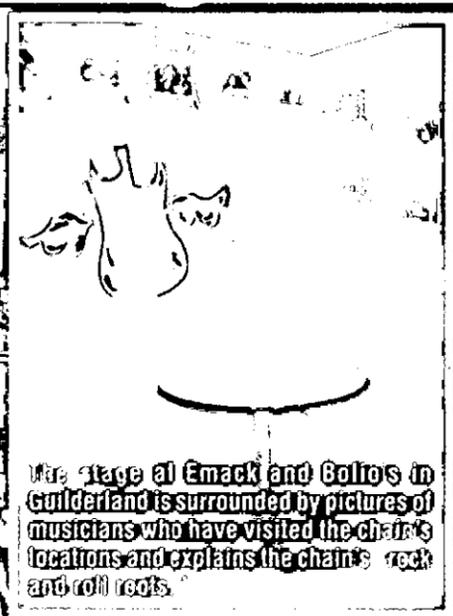
There was another reason Emack and Bolio's was a good fit. Co-owner Ken Young's mom is also fighting cancer. She just recently started chemotherapy. So when Jonas approached Young about the fundraiser, he was more than happy to offer Emack and Bolio's as the venue. The shops will serve up live music all day on Saturday, Oct. 24, with all CD sales and music tips, as well as a percentage of the food sales, benefiting the American Cancer Society.

That's particularly exciting for Jonas, who in the past raised money only from donations and raffle tickets he sold for prizes he collected from local businesses.

"People might just go there for the ice cream," he said. "They're in effect donating to the cause."



Vicky Gayle and Mike Short have been performing as 2Late since 2004.



The stage at Emack and Bolio's in Guilderland is surrounded by pictures of musicians who have visited the chain's locations and explains the chain's rock and roll roots.

Singing to STOP cancer

Musicians take the stage at Emack and Bolio's in Albany and Guilderland for fundraiser

Ice cream isn't the only draw at Emack and Bolio's, although that's certainly what hooked Young's wife, Amy Riddell. An ice cream aficionado who worked at the Ben and Jerry's on Lark Street in Albany during college, Riddell visited an Emack and Bolio's in Cape Cod about six years ago and said to her husband, "This is it."

"This is what?" Young remembers asking. Riddell told him that she was going to quit her job as a guidance counselor at Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville and open an Emack and Bolio's franchise. She did just that last summer, when the Albany area's first Emack and Bolio's debuted on Delaware Avenue near St. James Church. The Guilderland location opened in June.

Young said the couple promotes "a coffeehouse-type atmosphere," offering free wi-fi, "little espresso drinks," pastries and hand-dipped chocolates. Music is also a key part of the scene, with regular performances and open mic nights.

The Emack and Bolio chain has a deep connection with music, as founder Bob Rook started out as a rock and roll lawyer. But Young noted that only about a half-dozen of the 50 or so Emack and Bolio shops offer live music. He wanted to be one of those shops because he started playing guitar a few years ago "and thought it would be cool to combine those things."

One of the regular performers at Emack and Bolio's is acoustic folk duo 2Late, made up of Vicky Gayle and Mike Short. Their performance at the cancer fundraiser is among several recent charity gigs; they also recently took part in "Shop For A Cause Day" at Colonie Center and a "coffeehouse" at Gayle's church, St. Boniface in Guilderland, with proceeds benefiting the ministries of the St. Boniface Women's Group.

What's funny is that there wasn't a whole lot of goodwill

between Gayle and Short when they first met. As Gayle recalls, "I didn't like him. Didn't like him at all."

Short, it seems, was substituting as the organist at St. Boniface and was a little critical of a song. That rubbed Gayle the wrong way.

The story might have ended there, but not long afterward, Gayle attended a concert at Short's church, and she and her husband were seated with Short and his wife.

"It was a better meeting that time around," Gayle said with a laugh.

The two became friends and eventually played some music together. They clicked - so much so that Gayle began to rethink her idea of pursuing music only as a solo act.

"She had vowed that she would never have a partner again," said Short, explaining that Gayle had been in some groups that had gone sour.

Soon enough, 2Late was born. The duo jokes that the name refers to the fact that it's too late in their musical careers to land a major recording deal.

But they have released two CDs: "Comments from the Kitchen" (a nod to Short's wife, who would often critique songs from the kitchen while 2Late was rehearsing), and "Just 2Late."

"We pride ourselves on when we sing, we're together," Gayle said. "We spend a ton of time on it."

"And we like each other, and that's a really big deal," Short said.

Like the other musicians taking part in the cancer fundraiser, 2Late came on board early after hearing about the event from Young.

"When I sent out the e-mail, I just got an instant response," Young said. "People were very willing to do this for the cause."

Young, an earth science teacher at the high school in Voorheesville, is also spearheading a collection there. All told, he and Jonas hope to raise at least \$1,000 after bringing in "a few hundred" each of the last two years.

There is no cover charge. The Guilderland Emack and Bolio's is at 1704 Western Ave. The Albany store is at 366 Delaware Ave.

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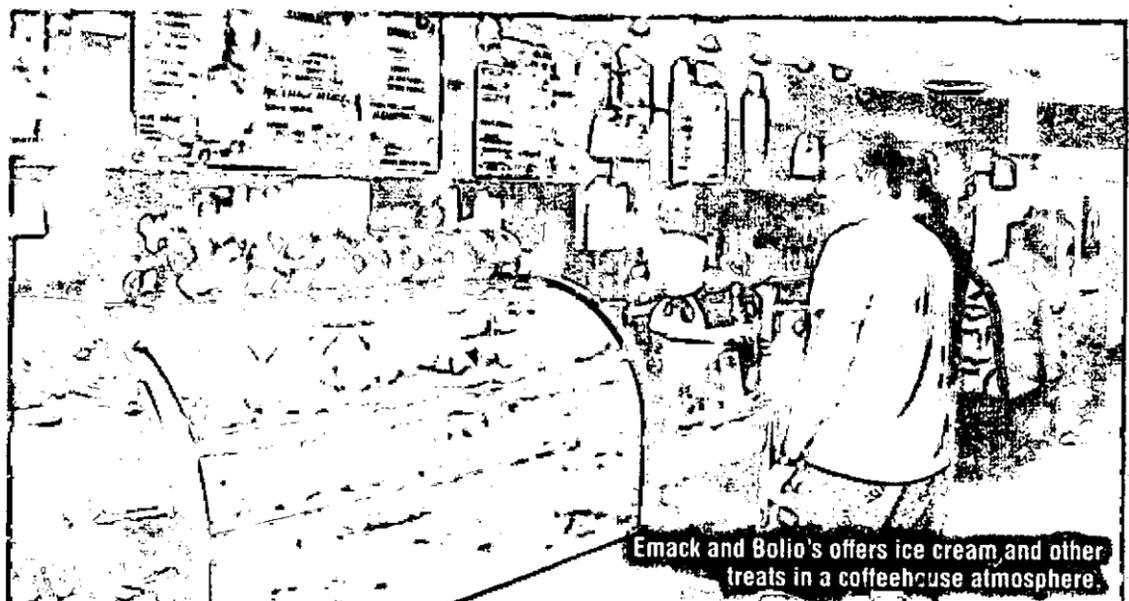
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Theater

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CURTAINS

Regional premier of irreverent murder mystery musical, presented by Home Made Theater, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, through Nov. 1, 8:15 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, \$24-\$27. Information, 587-4427.

A LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

Play about what might have inspired Washington Irving to write his famous book, presented by New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Oct. 30, adults \$20, students/seniors \$16, children 12 and under \$10. Information, 274-3256.

THE PAJAMA GAME

Classic Broadway musical comedy, presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State St., Schenectady, through Oct. 25, adults \$22, children \$12. Information, (877) 350-7378.

REBECCA

Daphne DuMaurier's classic mystery, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, Oct. 21-25, adults \$15, students \$12. Information, 382-2081.

THE SEAFARER

Black comedy about five old friends playing an all-night game of poker with very high stakes, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Nov. 1, \$15-\$44. Information, 445-7469.

Music

EMERALD DAWN

Acoustic duo, Oct. 23, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

TWO DOGS BARKING

Acoustic jump blues and R&B, Oct. 23, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland. Information, 250-4196.

KATE POWER AND STEVE EINHORN

Two songwriters from the Pacific Northwest, with opening act Danny Schmidt, Oct. 23, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St.,

Saratoga Springs, \$15 advance tickets, \$17 at door. Information, 583-0022.

ICE CREAM THAT ROCKS

All-day benefit show for American Cancer Society featuring Jim Gaudet and the Railroad Boys, Tem Rounders, Big Nixon and more, Oct. 24, noon, Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, and Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 512-5100 and 250-4196.

BOB WARREN BAND

Soft rock/soul musician, with opening act Rachel Van Slyke, Oct. 24, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$15 advance tickets, \$17 at door. Information, 583-0022.

JOHN AND BARBARA METZ

Performing a program of Rachmaninoff, Schumann and Stravinsky on the piano and cello, Oct. 25, 2 p.m., Emerson Community Room, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, adults \$12, students \$8. Information, 463-7135.

Comedy

THEATRESPORTS

A judged improvisational comedy competition, presented by Mop and Bucket Company, Oct. 30 through Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Upstairs at Proctors, 440 State St., Schenectady, \$15. Information, 346-6204.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Through the Eyes of Others: African Americans and Identity in American Art," through Jan. 6; "This Great Nation will Endure," a collection of photographs from the 1930s and 1940s, through March 14; "1609," through March 10; plus "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"Hudson River Panorama: 400 Years of History, Art and Culture," through Jan. 3, 2010; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"Out of this World: Transcending the Terrestrial in Contemporary Art," through Nov. 29; "Repetitive Nature," in Concourse

A gallery; "Air Craft," photos by Jeffrey Milstein; plus site-specific installations by Larry Kagan and Cara Nigro, as well as installations by Anthony Garner, Boris Karayazgan, Paul Katz, Nancy Klepsch and Victoria Palermo. Information, 242-2243.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERY

"About Light: Photographs by Bill DeLaney and William Jaeger," through Nov. 28, 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information, 462-4775.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

Ballet Russes exhibit, "On Broadway," chronicling the progression of dance on Broadway, and ongoing exhibits, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"Lives of the Hudson," through March 14, 2010; Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Crow and Raven: Baskin, Hughes, Manet, Poe," through Jan. 10; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"Moving Frontiers: Early Transportation in the Mohawk Valley," through Nov. 4; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

CIRCLE THEATRE PLAYERS

Holding auditions for its January production of "The Nerd," a Larry Shue comedy, looking for four men in their 30s and 40s, one pre-teen male and two women age 30-40, Nov. 9 and 10, 7 p.m., Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 Route 43, Averill Park. Information, 674-2007.

IMPROVISATIONAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

Teaching all aspects of improv comedy, Wednesday evenings, through Nov. 11, ZuZu's Wonderful Life, 299-301 Hamilton St., Albany. Information, Gary Arzberger 466-4586 or garzberger@nycap.rr.com.

ETUDE CLUB

Looking for women interested in vocal and

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CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

Non-audition choral group is seeking singers in all voice parts for its December concert, "A Cool Yule with CCV," rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Columbia High School, Luther Road, East Greenbush. Information, 370-5434.

SARATOGA ARTS

Seeking local artists and fine crafters to display their works at its downtown gallery shop. Information, Adrianna Flax 584-4132 or aflax@saratoga-arts.org.

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

Ongoing rehearsals for its winter concert, Shenendehowa Adult Community Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park, no auditions required to join. Information, 371-6681.

SARATOGA SPRINGS HOLIDAY SHOWCASE OF ART

Seeking fine arts and crafts vendors for second annual show at the Art Center Theatre, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs on Saturday, Nov. 21, booth cost \$50. Information, Frenchy Loeb 461-4893.

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Holding auditions for a substitute accompanist to provide music for its improvised comedy shows. Information, contact Michael Burns at michaelburns@mopco.org or Kat Koppelt at katkoppelt@mopco.org.

CAPITLAND CHORUS

Openings for all voice parts for women who love to sing and perform, rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Thursdays at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, corner of Orleans and Western avenues, Albany. Information, 785-3567.

TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

Auditioning professional dancers by appointment at Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 75 Woodlawn Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 306-4173.

ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

Seeking new artists that work in pastels, meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at the Dave Francis Gallery, the Shirt Factory, Glens Falls. Programs, artist demonstrations and exhibitions are planned throughout the year. Information, 793-9309 or 793-9350.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-7749.

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Several openings, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

Openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Guilderland. Information, 861-8000.

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

Openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Information, 439-2360.

A CAPPELLA

New, informal, coed a cappella group in Delmar, for adults and teens 16 and older. Information, 439-0130.

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Openings in the string section, also need French horn, trombone, flute and bass drum players, rehearsals Friday at 9 a.m., Shenendehowa Senior Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park. Information, 372-5146.

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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- 15 Prefix for bat or phobia
- 16 "Sunshine of Your Love" group
- 17 College courtyard
- 18 Late actor Will
- 19 Iowa commune
- 20 Two Spanish provinces
- 23 Clever one
- 25 End of a palindrome
- 26 Past and future
- 27 Slow ballet
- 29 Indian garb
- 30 Mike Tyson's ex-wife
- 33 Part of many hotels
- 36 Building additions
- 37 Open carriage
- 38 Art Deco designer
- 39 Boise to Phoenix dir.
- 40 Dark red
- 44 Viscous

- 45 Late business leader Hammer
- 46 Oscar recipients
- 49 Movie dog
- 51 Actress Susan
- 52 Nursery tale pessimist
- 55 German poet
- 56 Ireland
- 57 "Picnic" playwright
- 60 Church leader
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- 5 Filipino language
- 6 Like unripe fruit
- 7 Norse goddess
- 8 Actress Spelling
- 9 Dentists' tools
- 10 Big name in men's fashion
- 11 Tilts

- 12 Triple Crown jockey of 1930
- 13 Compile
- 21 No, in Bremen
- 22 Hall-of-famer, Musial
- 23 Merchandise
- 24 Some statues
- 28 Soldiers
- 29 Utah's state flower
- 31 Pop of rock
- 32 Compete
- 33 Made wider
- 34 Pay reparations
- 35 "Delta Dawn" singer
- 38 Disappearing tree
- 40 Meat on the hoof
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- 42 Finds fault
- 43 Nasty kid
- 44 Moved a cradle
- 46 Farm units
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- 48 Spanish accent mark
- 49 Breathing
- 50 Fathered
- 53 Close
- 54 Lorna's half-sister
- 58 Test for college srs.
- 59 Long, long time

Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

Wednesday, Oct. 21

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY
Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m., Information, 767-2015

EVENINGS ON THE GREEN (JULY)
Bethlehem Public Library's Free Summer Concert Series, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9341.

BINGO
American Legion Blanchard Post No. 1040, 16 Poplar Drive, Delmar. 7:30 p.m. Food available.

PLAYGROUP MEETING
First United Methodist Church playgroups will meet from 10:30 to noon in the nursery. Playgroup provides opportunity for child caretakers and pre-nursery school age children to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Information, 439-9976, ext. 228.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
Daytime Caregivers Support Group. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Every fourth Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-4955.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)
Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Information, call Jennifer at 439-9929 or e-mail, info@drchurch.org. Second and fourth Wednesday during the school year. www.mops.org

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
Evening prayer service 7:00 p.m.; Bible study 7:30 p.m.; 1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

BC SCHOOL BOARD
district office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS
The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871. SECOND AND FOURTH

HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

NEW SCOTLAND TOWN COUNCIL
New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

PRAYER MEETING
Small groups meeting throughout the week for evening prayer and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155. Call for times and information, 765-3390.

PIONEER CLUBS
For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 to 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

TOWN BOARD
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

AA MEETING
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. 765-2895.

Thursday, Oct. 22

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
Meets Thursdays at 1 p.m. in Town Hall Auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave. Activities

include cards, games, bingo and conversation. A bi-monthly newsletter is available in the senior services office. Information, 439-4573.

AA MEETINGS
Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)
children's choir, 6:15 p.m., senior choir, 7 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

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Friday, Oct. 23

AA MEETING
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.

CHABAD CENTER
Friday services, discussion and Kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

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STORY TIMES
Weekly at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

Saturday, Oct. 24

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET
The Delmar Saturday Farmers Market will be open June 6 until October 31 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. rain or shine. The market is located at the Bethlehem Middle School, 322 Kenwood Ave. For more info, go to www.delmarmarket.org.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Information, call 439-4328.
Glenmont
Story Hour at Tea and Tattered Pages Used Books, 329 Glenmont Road, Glenmont. Information, 447-9910.

PRAYER MEETING
Small groups meeting throughout the week for evening prayer and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155. Call for times and information, 765-3390.

Sunday, Oct. 25

WORSHIP INFORMATION
Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, 482-2132.
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W 426-9955.
KTC Buddhis Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION
All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Guilderland, 475-9086, ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, 10 a.m.
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.
Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.
First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple

Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.
Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.
Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.
St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410. DAY --

Monday, Oct. 26

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL
Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace, weekly peace vigil, Four Corners intersection, Delmar, 5 to 6 p.m., Information, 439-1968.

PLAYGROUP
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. Meets 10:30 a.m. to noon in the nursery. The playgroup provides opportunities for child care takers and pre-nursery school age children to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Information, 439-9976 ext. 228

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA
rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 to 10 p.m.

PRAYER MEETING
Small groups meeting throughout the week for evening prayer and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155. Call for times and information, 765-3390.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

BETHLEHEM

FARMERS MARKET (SUMMER ONLY)
Market and Chicken Barbeque, 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. rain or shine, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave.

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Sponsored by the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Cafe, weekly on Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 767-9953.

PLANNING BOARD
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., p.m. Information, 439-4955. First and third Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m..

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION
First Tuesday of every month, firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY TIMES
Weekly at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS (SEPTEMBER-JUNE ONLY)
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

PLANNING BOARD
New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 6 p.m. Information, 765-3356. First Tuesday of each month.

PRAYER MEETING
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Wednesday, Oct. 28

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY
Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m., Information, 767-2015

EVENINGS ON THE GREEN (JULY)
Bethlehem Public Library's Free Summer Concert Series, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9341.

BINGO
American Legion Blanchard Post No. 1040, 16 Poplar Drive, Delmar. 7:30 p.m. Food available.

PLAYGROUP MEETING
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BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN
Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 7:00 p.m., program and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-9628. First Wednesday of each month.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
Evening prayer service 7:00 p.m.; Bible study 7:30 p.m.; 1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

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Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857. First and third Wednesday of each month.

HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4955. First and third Wednesdays of each month.

BC SCHOOL BOARD
district office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

PRAYER MEETING
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PIONEER CLUBS
For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 - 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

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First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. 765-2895.



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Milestones *in the* Spotlight



Matthew Abraham Shapiro and Emily Judith Stolzenberg

Shapiro, Stolzenberg to marry

Mary and Howard Shapiro of Menands, New York, are delighted to announce the engagement of their son, Matthew Abraham Shapiro, to Emily Judith Stolzenberg.

Emily, the daughter of Merle and Alan Stolzenberg of Morgantown, West Virginia, received a bachelor's degree in German from Princeton

University in 2007 and a Master of Philosophy in Political Theory from the University of Oxford in England in 2009. Matthew received a bachelor's in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs from Princeton University in 2005 and a Master of Philosophy in Political Theory from the University of Oxford in 2007.

Matthew is also currently completing his doctorate in Political Theory at Oxford. Both are now attending the Yale Law School.

Matthew and Emily will be married at Congregation Berith Sholom in Troy, New York, on March 14, 2010. The ceremony will be officiated by Rabbi Debora Gordon.



Eugene Spiak and Courtney VanAuskas

Spiak, VanAuskas to wed

Jacob and Daria Spiak of Colonie, announce the engagement of their son, Eugene Spiak, to Courtney VanAuskas, daughter of Frank and Linda VanAuskas of Gloversville.

VanAuskas graduated from Gloversville High School and from Siena College with a bachelor's degree in English. She is a sales associate at

Tyler's VersaTrans Solution, Latham.

Spiak is a graduate of LaSalle Institute in Troy and received a master's degree in architecture from the University of Buffalo. He is employed by M+W Zander US Operations of Watervliet, Albany County.

A wedding is planned for fall 2010.

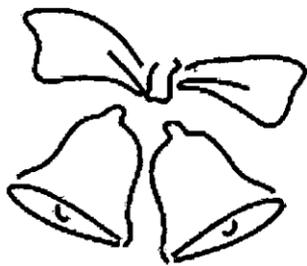
Michael H. Scanlon

DELMAR - Michael H. Scanlon, 90, of Delmar, died at home on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Judy (Kirkman) Scanlon; a son, Michael Scanlon (Rosalie) of Cape Coral, FL; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. A brother, Frank Scanlon, predeceased him.

Services are private at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Menands, NY 12204 or Community Hospice of Albany, 445 New Karner Rd., Albany, NY 12205.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.



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Academy to hold annual craft fair

The Academy of Holy Names will hold its annual Boutique Noel craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 7.

There will be more than 80 specialty craft vendors at the event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be available at the Noel Café, and baked goods will be served at Ciaus' Kitchen.

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Mark Grimm/Submitted photo



Individuals instrumental in the founding of the Bethlehem Soccer Club were honored at the celebration of the club's 30th anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Soccerplex. A crowd turned out for free hot dogs and soda and to participate in a food drive for the Bethlehem Food Pantry.

Colleen Piccolino/Submitted photo

Bethlehem Soccer Club celebrates 30 years

Plans for future include building indoor complex

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Bethlehem Soccer Club invited the community to celebrate the organization's 30th anniversary Saturday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m. at the Soccerplex, and about 150 braved the chilly weather for free hot dogs and soda, said organizers.

The year 2009 is not only a landmark for the group's founding, but it also marks the club's 15th year owning the Soccerplex. The club will be honoring 24 people who were instrumental for the group's success, said Art Scheuermann, who sits on the club's board of directors.

"We had a group of people who over the years spend a lot of hours and a lot of time," said Scheuermann. "The constant for them was it was for the kids. It's always been for the kids, which is why we do it really."

The founders built the club from the ground up as the sport gained popularity in suburban areas following World War II. In 1968, Bethlehem schools adopted soccer into their sports program, and a decade later the

club was formed as a not-for-profit entity.

Today, 2,500 children of all ages participate annually in three levels of competition in the Bethlehem Soccer Club. The club owns the Soccerplex, unusual for a club entity, and has hopes of constructing an indoor facility at the site in the future.

During the winter months, the club currently rents out an area for practices and games, which sets the organization back approximately \$100,000 annually.

The new facility would cost about \$2 million, which Scheuermann estimated would take three to five years to raise. But while that future is bright, Saturday will be to recognize the people who established the roots of the flourishing organization.

"Before we do this new venture, we want to recognize all the people who worked so hard," said Scheuermann. "These pioneers got us to where we are today. Now we need an equal amount of ingenuity and boldness to get us that indoor facility."

The club also held a food drive on Saturday to benefit the Bethlehem Food Pantry. Children who brought an item received a coupon for a free soccer ball from BJ's Wholesale Club.

The honorees were as follows:

- Dick Allington
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- Fran Teeter
- Dale Walts
- Wolfgang Wehmann

Muffin Man finds it's better to give

Schenectady entrepreneur values helping people more than his bottom line

By SEAN AHERN
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Thaddeus Pinckney knows who the muffin man is, and he doesn't live on Drury Lane.

Armed with a bachelor's degree in food science from Rutgers University and a master's degree in marketing from the University of Albany, the Schenectady man has only one goal in mind: spreading goodwill with a bag of baked goods.

"Originally, I was a food scientist. Kool Aid was my thing," said Pinckney.

Pinckney said he was the

first undergrad at Rutgers to receive a patent, and he worked to create new drink flavors. After graduating in 1999, Pinckney attended the University at Albany and graduated with a marketing degree to help continue his goal of creating his own brand of baked goods.

Working in malls, delivering to local coffee shops and turning to the Internet, Pinckney created LuVins Muffins in May of 2001.

"The whole game plan was how to make profits off this one thing," said Pinckney. "If you don't have the volume, you're in trouble."

The peppy Pinckney became successful in bringing his brand to local and online markets and began to share his love for muffins with those in need.

"People weren't buying the products because they were muffins, but because they were doing good for others," said Pinckney.

Using his Web site, luvinsmuffins.com, and his own personal blog, "The Muffin Man Gives," Pinckney is spreading his joy for food and giving across the area.

"No one knows exactly what other people are going through," he said. "We're all so needy it's almost a taboo to talk about. It's sad really."

In helping people through tough times, Pinckney has seen both the good and bad parts of the emotional spectrum.

"You see the rawest of emotions. It makes you do a lot of soul searching," he said.

Through his Web site, Pinckney has been able to bring about goodwill to people in the region by brightening the day of the underprivileged and forgotten. In recent blog posts, the Muffin Man talks about delivering baked goods to toll

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Boy gets a chance to serve as soldier for a day

National Guard base in Latham pulls out all the stops for cancer patient

By ARIANA COHN
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Some might already consider Jacob Kaminski a soldier. He fights the bad guys and maintains a winning attitude through it all.

The firepower he uses is chemotherapy, and while he is currently engaged in his second battle with acute lymphoblastic lymphoma, the 9-year-old from Amsterdam has hopes of some day becoming a real-life soldier.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, Kaminski got the chance to be one for the day, experiencing what real soldiers-in-training do when they go into the military at the New York State National Guard base in Latham. He was able to operate the Avcat, a helicopter flight simulator, ride in a Humvee, a Hummer-type vehicle used in the military, and go through the process of moving up in rank – something that normally takes several years – in only a few hours.

All of this was possible when Kaminski, who was first diagnosed with cancer in May of 2004 when he was 4, was chosen by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Boy of the Year.

Theresa Petrone, spokeswoman for the Leukemia



Nine-year-old Jacob Kaminski, of Amsterdam, was given authentic gear at the New York State National Guard base on Tuesday, Oct. 6, when Kaminski became a soldier for a day.

Ariana Cohn/Spotlight

and Lymphoma Society said the organization learned of Kaminski's story after being referred by someone on the base to his Web site, which is maintained by his family to

share his story and his mission, which is remission.

Kaminski's mother, Dawn, said that after her son was diagnosed, he endured three-and-a-half years of treatments at Albany

Medical Center, which eventually knocked out the cancer.

For 18 months, she said, Kaminski was cancer free, but eventually the cancer returned and spread.

Since then, Kaminski has undergone, "obnoxiously heavy chemo treatments," his mother said, though through it all, "he holds his own."

"From the Web site, we learned that Jake's wish was to become a soldier for a day," said Petrone.

She said the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society made some calls and did what they could to make Kaminski's wish happen.

Julie Rutledge, the assistant to the director of joint staff at the base, was the person who organized the event. "We haven't done a soldier-for-a-day before," Rutledge said. "We've done a soldier-for-a-day activity. I think this whole day is unique."

Rutledge said Kaminski was able to participate in many things that anyone who's not a soldier would not typically be able to, such as an electronic shooting system, meeting the general in Scotia, experiencing what soldiers do in real-life emergency operations and getting a tour of the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters.

Being able to do these things has been a part of Kaminski's dreams for years, his mother said.

"He's just always wanted to be [a soldier]," she said.

When asked why he wanted to be a soldier for a day as his wish, Kaminski said, "It would be fun and such."

IN BRIEF

Church to hold clothing sale

The Rosary Society of St. John the Evangelist Church in Schenectady will hold a clothing sale on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will be held in the school gymnasium and cafeteria. Items for sale are adult and children's clothing of all sizes, shoes, accessories and jewelry. Food and beverages will be sold.

The school is at 806 Union St.

Mansion to hold haunted weekend

The Ten Broeck Mansion will hold a haunted mansion weekend Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23 and 24.

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Wildlife rehabilitation is icing on the cake

Ballston Spa woman's hobbies include caring for squirrels and creating masterpiece confections

By JACKIE SHER
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Patty Rutland of Ballston Spa, owner of the Patty-Cake Shoppe (which, she will have you know, is trademarked) and a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, has a list of accomplishments and interests that could make up a 500-page biography. Currently, it seems, cakes and animals in need of some TLC top that list of interests.

Rutland has baked cakes for Mario Cuomo and George Pataki and has nursed as many as 20 baby squirrels to health at one time.

Where to begin? It all happened because Rutland wanted to be an art teacher.

"I went to work at Samaritan Hospital in Troy to get enough money to go to SUNY Albany, and they talked me into going into nursing," said Rutland.

She decided to enter a nursing program at Albany Medical Center.

"Then I met my husband as a nurse, and I worked as a nurse and got married and voila! And then my kids came along, and I started doing cakes for my kids, and I realized it was something I really enjoyed," said Rutland, who is a self-taught baker.

For the first 10 years of her

baking career, she taught herself "how to do everything."

She then started taking courses from the experts, including Betty van Norstrand and Colette Peters.

"I never stop learning, and you can learn something from everyone. A beginner can teach me something so it's really being open to sharing your ideas," said Rutland.

Her shop, which is attached to her home in Ballston Spa, is filled with examples of her work, which range from wedding cakes to inauguration cakes to a cake she made of a gumball machine (that partially worked), which contained someone's engagement ring – long story.

"I don't let anyone touch my cakes but me," said Rutland. "I'm not a bakery. I do custom cakes so I'm really limited."

Rutland said that in her "younger days" she used to bake seven cakes in a weekend and deliver them to various weddings and events, but has had to slow herself down to three to four cakes per weekend in recent years since her husband (the only person who was allowed to help out) died.

"I don't want to be rushing through someone's cake because my work is very precise," said Rutland.

Rutland is a strong believer in making sure she gets along with her clients – especially brides-to-be.

"First you have to be happy



with the person you're working with, and they have to like your work," said Rutland.

Rutland has photo album upon photo album with pictures of her work – she's been at it since 1978. She shows brides-to-be these albums and tells them, "These are my cakes. You can have them any way you want them. You can change them all around, but this is what my work is," said Rutland.

She said she is also willing to work with photos from magazines if that's what the bride-to-be wants.

Rutland gives brides-to-be samples of cakes to bring home and taste at their leisure.

"If it's awful, what are they going to say? They're sitting in front of you," said Rutland, who added that she never worries about her cakes tasting awful because she's "very particular."

However, just in case, she does this so that clients don't feel obliged to say, "Oh, this is really good, when they don't like it."

While Rutland has made cakes for the likes of former Govs. Mario Cuomo and George Pataki, she said that she's just as happy "making cakes for Joe Schmo."

As if Rutland wasn't busy enough with her cake decorating, she also rehabilitates squirrels. Don't worry – it's legal and they never, ever go near the kitchen where she bakes her cakes. Ever. She is a New York State licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

It all started when she went for a massage and had a conversation with her masseuse, who happened to be a wildlife rehabilitator and encouraged Rutland, because of her interests,



TOP: Patty Rutland of Ballston Spa shows off one of her custom cake creations. ABOVE: This is one of the baby squirrels Patty Rutland has helped nurse to health.

Jackie Sher/Spotlight

to become one as well. It is done on a strictly volunteer basis.

"Patty does all of this out of her own pocket," said Nancy Mognoni, another wildlife rehabilitator, as she held a baby squirrel in a patch of blanket in Rutland's home.

"Without us there's no one to take them," said Rutland of injured wildlife. "We get so inundated. I had 20 baby squirrels to feed every four hours [at one time]."

Most people have never touched a squirrel, and Mognoni said that until people realize how

cute these animals are, some even go out of the way to hit them with their cars.

"If you ever raised a squirrel, you wouldn't think of hurting an animal," said Rutland.

Rutland is a member of North Country Wildcare. For more information, the organization's Web site is located at <http://www.northcountrywildcare.org>.

Rutland has described herself as a lifelong learner.

"The older I get the more I want to learn, and I wish I had this drive when I was 16 instead of 60," said Rutland.

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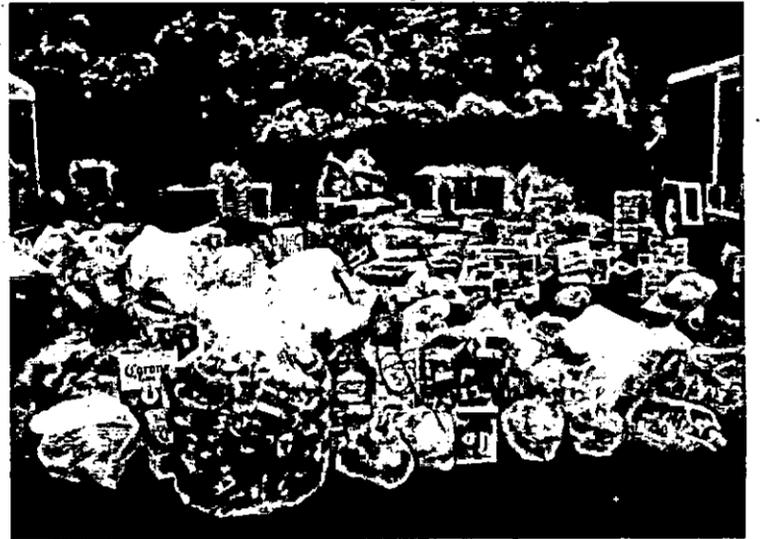
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Bottled up

Boy Scout Troop 50 of Guilderland completed its first bottle drive on Saturday, Oct. 17. The event took place at Ft. Hunter Volunteer fire station and lasted the entire day. Plans are in the works to hold another drive in the spring. For information about the troop, call Scoutmaster Larry Vincent at 859-9633.

LEFT: Connor Chew and Peter Boeri sort cans.

Submitted photos

Bring health questions to library

Finding reliable, current, consumer-friendly information about wellness and illness can be a daunting task. But the Bethlehem Public Library has a specialist on staff who can help you get the answers you need.

Adult services librarian Alissa Jones is certified by the Medical Library Association as a consumer health information specialist. Her research expertise can help you find answers to your health questions and concerns. She has specialized knowledge of print and electronic resources, including specialized medical databases.

Contact Alissa directly with your medical or health reference questions by calling 439-9314, ext. 3029, or e-mailing jonesa@uhls.lib.ny.us.

All communication and research is confidential.

Please note that information provided by the library is not to be interpreted as medical or professional advice. All health information should be reviewed with your physician or other health care professional.

Maintain your brain

Speaking of health, mark your calendars for the next Fit for Life program at the library. "Cognitive Vitality" on Monday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m. will explore the four steps to brain health: mental stimulation, nutrition, stress reduction and exercise.

Presenter Paula Fanning is a social worker for Eddy Alzheimer's Services at the Marjorie Doyle Rockwell Center in Cohoes.

She currently provides assistance for caregivers and assessments for individuals with memory loss.

Fit for Life is made possible by a grant to the Upper Hudson Library System from the MeLife Foundation.

Volunteer tutors needed

If you're computer-savvy and would like to help those who aren't, consider volunteering for Computer Partners, the library's



computer-literacy program for adult beginners.

Students are matched with tutors according to students' interests and levels of proficiency. Tutors are trained by library staff, and all student instruction takes place at the library, on library laptops.

Tutors help their students navigate the desktop, manage a mouse, set up and use an e-mail account, surf the Web or do basic word processing.

All you need is patience, good communication skills, and a willingness to commit a few hours a month. If you are interested in being a Computer Partners tutor, call Michele Giuffre at 439-9314 extension 3018, or e-mail her at giuffrem@uhls.lib.ny.us.

Preschool movies

Friday, Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m.

Movie versions of some of the best books for preschoolers.

Library tour

Friday, Nov. 6, 1 p.m.

Senior citizens and others can learn about the library's DVD and CD collection, local history reading room, periodicals lounge,

large-print collection, health reference service and more. Cosponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Going green for kids

Saturday, Nov. 7, noon to 2 p.m.

Make some eco-crafts at the library's Tech Fair. All ages.

Tech fair

Saturday, Nov. 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Get a holiday shopping preview as area businesses and service groups introduce this year's consumer technology innovations through demonstrations and exhibits.

Daybooks

Monday, Nov. 9, 1:30 p.m.

People of the Whale by Linda Hogan. Copies available at the information desk. New members welcome.

Board meeting

Monday, Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m., Open to the public.

Louise Grieco

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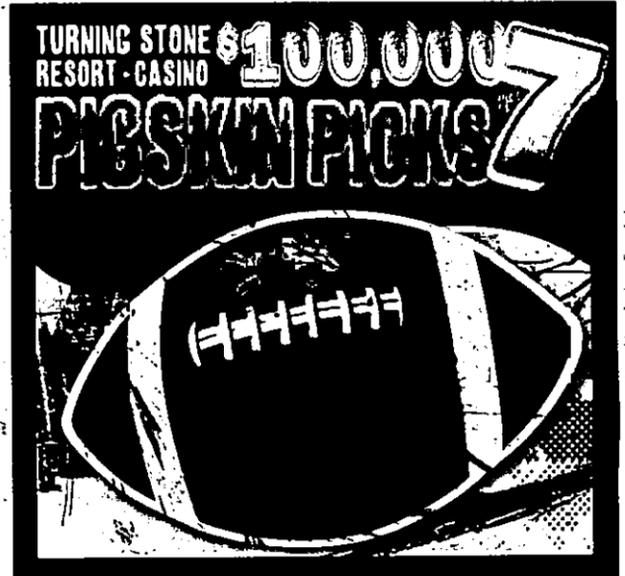
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Library offers camera class

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Professional photographer Sally Delmerico will teach you how to download picture files to your computer and email them. Some basic photo editing will be covered, such as red eye removal and color adjustment. Participants are encouraged to bring their own cameras and charged batteries.

You must register in advance for this program; call 456-2400, ext. 7. No walk-ins, please.

Internet crime and prevention

Investigator Jeffrey Scholz, of the New York State Police Compute Crime unit, will be at the library on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss the issues related to Internet Crime and Prevention, a program for parents, guardians and older children. This presentation will cover online

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safety for children and teens, specifically information sharing, photo downloads, privacy, and other concerns about personal information on the Internet. Suggested audience: children in grades six and older.

Meet Samuel de Champlain and his wife, H  l  ne Boull  

Enjoy a Sunday afternoon with the explorer and his wife (re-enactors, of course) and learn how they poured their energies and talents into the establishment of French settlements in North America. This presentation on Sunday, October 25, at 2 pm, entertains you with stories about Champlain's adventures as a mariner and cartographer and how his efforts resulted in a continuing French presence in North America. French Professor David Graham and his Qu  becois wife, Louise Pilon, become the Champlains in this informative program appropriate for all ages.

This program made possible

by a grant from the Upper Hudson Library System.

Finance is topic of second small business session at GPL

On Saturday, Oct. 24, at 10 a.m., Kevin Catalano from the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce and Tom Reynolds from the Business Development Center will speak at the Guilderland Public Library and detail major business financing options. The head of the Guilderland Public Library's Adult Services department, Margaret Lanoue, will present information about some of the useful resources available in the library and online for people starting or running small businesses.

This series of Small Business Workshops is co-sponsored by the SUNY Small Business Development Center, the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, and the Guilderland Public Library; the third and

See Class Page 31

Librarian to talk about Turkey trip

For millennia, Turkey has been at the crossroads of civilization, steeped in beauty and history. On Nov. 3, librarian Suzanne Fisher will share her recent journey through this amazing land.

Istanbul's Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace are impressive monuments to the wealth of the Ottoman Empire. You will visit the mythic city of Troy, ancient Roman towns and the unique landscape of Anatolia and sample the sights of the spice bazaars, carpet markets and pottery workshops. The traditions that bridge Turkey's past and present will be unveiled in the program called "Under the Crescent and Star." Everyone is welcome to enjoy what should be a fascinating evening.

Real Life 101

Real Life 101, a series of seminars based on topics we all face at some point, is being held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the library community room. The next topic for discussion will be Preparing Your House for Sale with Jill Jackson of RE/MAX Realty on Friday, Oct. 30. Register by calling 765-2791, stopping by the reference desk or e-mailing voorefq@uhls.lib.ny.us.

Arts and crafts update

The winning artist in the People's Choice Art Show was Voorheesville resident Susie Flansburg, who received the most ballots for a beautiful,

Voorheesville Public Library



realistic painting of a barn window with a bird. The winner of the Nimblefingers quilt in the FOL raffle was Warren Schlickerieder. On display this month is a collection of handmade pottery from the studio of Joyce Schreiber. In the hall gallery, see tapestries from Barbara Meilinger and Linda O'Connor.

For teens

Don't miss the Friday film fest on Friday, Oct. 23, from 6 to 9 p.m. Signup, grades 6 and older.

Electricity monitors

One of our patrons has graciously donated six "Kill a Watt EZ electricity usage monitors" to be circulated by the library. The monitor is an easy-to-use meter that calculates electric usage and the cost of household appliances to help you understand and reduce your energy bill. They are displayed at the circulation desk and can be checked out for one week.

Barbara Vink

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RCS library to hold kids' Halloween party Class

(From Page 30)

Kids ages 10 to 16 are invited to celebrate Halloween at the library with the Time 4 Teens group on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The kids are planning fall crafts, face painting, games, poetry and music. Fun food like spooky snacks, goody bags and beverages will be a part of the celebration. The party is just around the corner, so start planning your costume today!

Join Rowdy's reading challenge

Rowdy and his friends, left wing Drayson Bowman and goalie Mike Murphy visited the library on Oct. 15. They answered lots of questions, signed autographs and talked about becoming professional players.

The River Rats are promoting the Reading With Rowdy program. Kids who track 1,000 minutes of reading time between now and Dec. 15 will earn tickets to a River Rats game. Stop by the library for a reading log, and start tracking your reading time today!

You've got to have friends

Do you love your library? The library is forming a friends group to support the library and its activities. We are looking for volunteers for the Friends Steering Committee. If you would be interested in helping to form a group to make your library an even better place to be, call the library at 756-2053.

Time 4 Teens weekly schedule

The regular schedule for the Time 4 Teens program has changed to Tuesday and Thursday, 4 to 6 p.m. Saturdays have been dropped; the kids seem to be sleeping in.

What's new

- Adult fiction
- "The Professional" by Robert



ABOVE: Albany River Rats left wing Drayson Bowman makes a local reader's day during his visit to RCS Community Library.
BELOW: Rowdy, the River Rats' mascot, gives reading a thumbs up during his visit to the library.

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

B. Parker

"Once in a Blue Moon" by Eileen Goudge

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"The Perfect Christmas" by Debbie Macomber

• Picture books

"Tell Me Another Scary Story... But Not Too Scary!" by Carl Reiner

"Would I Trade My Parents?" by Laura Numeroff

"What will Fat Cat Sit On?" by Jan Thomas

"Rhyming Dust Bunnies" by Jan Thomas

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final session, "Market!" will at the library on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration is required. To sign up for these free classes, call the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce at 456-6611 or e-mail kburbank@guilderlandchamber.com.

Going 'Wild'

Excited about the new movie "Where the Wild Things Are?" Bring preschoolers (other family members are also welcome) to this monster story hour on Monday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 p.m. We'll focus on the book "Where the Wild Things Are," but kids will also guess what Halloween objects lurk in the Secret Bag, scramble on a Monster Hunt and meet Brave Brian. Make a monster. No registration required.

Jungle movie

It's a movie, but it's actually a "jungle book." The Disney Family Friday movie on Oct. 23 is the story of Bagheera the Panther and Baloo the Bear, who have a difficult time trying to convince a boy to leave the jungle for human civilization. This movie starts at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Helderberg Room.

Have you seen your scarecrows online?

Check out all the scarecrow entries at www.guilpl.org/scarecrow (the scarecrows are cool, but the entries in the "Color Your Scarecrow" contest are adorable). Remember, you have only until midnight Monday, Oct. 26, to submit your entry.

Mark Curiale

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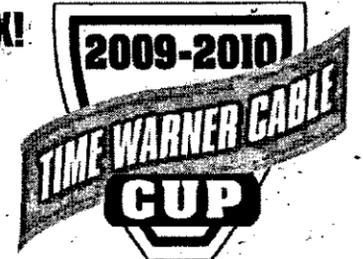
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Thanksgiving Day preparations are in the works by Equinox, Inc. for their 40th Annual Equinox Thanksgiving Day Dinner. In order to get home delivery, we need to update our list of dinner recipients, so please contact the Senior Office, 356-

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

1980, ext.1095, to make your reservation as soon as possible.

Monday, Oct. 26

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones+
10:30 a.m. Sr Fitness
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones+

Tuesday, Oct. 27

9 a.m. Strong Bones +
11:30 a.m. Luncheon Salisbury Steak or Cold Plate
12:30 p.m. Bingo/Games/ Billiards

Wednesday, Oct. 28

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:30 a.m. Bridge
11:45 a.m. Sr. Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Thursday, Oct. 29

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:30 a.m. Movie: "Last Chance Harvey" Please call ahead to sign-up
1 p.m. Pinochle/Games

Friday, Oct. 30

Scheduled Shopping
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Concert to benefit Senior Projects Inc.

You can enjoy an evening of music, music and more music without traveling far, by attending an upbeat concert by two local groups, the (Knox) Traditional Strings and the Delmar Desperados, at the Delmar Reformed Church in the Fellowship Hall, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 to 9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30.

These popular groups are volunteering their talents and time to help raise funds for Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., which is continuing its efforts to raise much-needed funds to replace vehicles in the Bethlehem senior transportation fleet. Suggested donation for the concert is \$10 for adults or \$5 for children.

An additional option for the evening is dinner at Mercato's, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, prior to the concert with dinner cost on your own. Bethlehem senior transportation leaves Town Hall at approximately 4:30 p.m., with home pickup available on a pre-arranged basis. Suggested van donation \$5.

Why not consider either dinner and the concert or just attend the concert on your own or carpool with friends? Either way, you surely will have an enjoyable and fun-filled evening with lots of good company and easy listening, and all for a great cause. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176 right away.

Program highlights Saturday, Oct. 24

• "Sweeney Todd," a show with drama, fun and dark humor, at the Cohoes Music Hall, 3 p.m. \$25. Bethlehem senior transportation leaves Town Hall at 1:30 p.m. with home pickup available on a pre-arranged basis. Suggested van donation \$5. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176. Only wait-listed tickets available at this time.
• Delmar Farmers, Market, Bethlehem Middle School, 322 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Interesting variety of vendors.

Monday, Oct. 26

• Seniors age 62+ can play at Colonial Acres Golf Course for \$11 (greens fee for nine or 18 holes). Special senior rates on Mondays and Thursdays only. For more information, call 439-2089.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

• Dinner at Schenectady County Community College's Department of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism, 6 p.m., \$25. Always popular, the complete dinner choices include chicken Luigi; grilled salmon; and a vegetarian option. Bethlehem senior transportation leaves Town Hall at 4 p.m. with home pickup available on a pre-arranged basis. Suggested van donation \$5. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

• Seniors in Motion - a low-level aerobic exercise class to music, Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 to 10 a.m. No registration necessary. \$3 fee



per class.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

• "The Seafarer," an Irish fable and a Tony Award-nominated Broadway hit, at Capital Repertory Company, Albany, 10 a.m., \$10; followed by lunch at Panera Bread, Glenmont, cost on your own. Bethlehem senior transportation leaves Town Hall at approximately 8:45 a.m. with home pickup available on a pre-arranged basis. Suggested van donation \$5. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176. Only wait-listed tickets available at this time.

• Caregivers Support Group, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Caregivers of a spouse or loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are welcome to share concerns, successes, difficulties and experiences with others in similar caregiving situations. Sharing your thoughts within a safe and supportive environment can be helpful. For information, call Jane Sanders, LMSW, 439-4955, ext. 1174.

• Seniors grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770.

Thursday, Oct. 29

• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets for an enjoyable social afternoon of games and entertainment, Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 11:30 a.m. All seniors welcome. For information, call 439-4955, ext.1176.

• Seniors age 62+ can play at Colonial Acres Golf Course for \$11 (greens fee for nine or 18 holes). Special senior rates on Mondays and Thursdays only. For information, call 439-2089.

• Seniors grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem. For reservations, call 439-5770.

Friday, Oct. 30

• "An Evening of Music," concert to benefit Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 to 9 p.m.

• Seniors in Motion (see Tuesday's activities for details)

• Seniors grocery shopping for residents of Good Samaritan Senior Housing and Van Allen Senior Apartments. For reservations, call 439-5770.

For information on the above or a list of additional activities, call the Bethlehem Senior Services Office at 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Doris Davis,
Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.
board member

Muffin

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booth operators, office cleaning ladies and mourning families at wakes.

"Attending the wake was a sorrowful ideal," he said in a recent blog post, "but I'm so glad I was there. I can only imagine how sorrowful the family felt as well."

Pinckney has also worked with the Schenectady Damien Center and the local branch

of the Salvation Army. For Thanksgiving, Pinckney plans on a promotion that will donate pies to local shelters when a pie is ordered through the Luvins Muffins Web site. The pie program has been promoted locally, as well as in Maine, Syracuse, Rhode Island and Boston. Pinckney also hopes to advertise the program through shows on up to 50 public access stations across the country.

"I don't know if we'll be able to do 10,000 pies, but that's the hope," he said. "People are really responding to it. They hear about

it and go, 'Wow.'"

As his mission grows, Pinckney said he cares less about profit margins and more about the satisfaction of helping others in need. Luvins Muffins gains online orders daily, but the most important goal is helping others.

"It's more about conviction than profit margins," he said. "You don't need a big desk to be successful. I'm finding my calling; the true idea of the Muffin Man is that he is giving. Business will happen as the Muffin Man gets known for what he does."

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LEGAL NOTICE

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CAMERON TRADING LLC was filed with the SSNY on 09/08/09. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o CorpCo, 910 Foulk Rd., Suite 201, Wilmington, DE 19803. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21663 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Thrive HR AO, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/8/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 8/17/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Incomp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Address to be maintained in FL: 13014 N. Dale Mabry #362, Tampa, FL 33618. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. Of State, 2661 Executive Center Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21666 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Paper Planes, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/4/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/23/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Address to be maintained in DE: National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Cover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21667 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: ARES SYRACUSE, LLC Articles of Organization were filed

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with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 26, 2009. Office Location: 21 Euclid Avenue, City of Delmar, County of Albany SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 21 Euclid Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for any lawful purpose. LD-21670 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Squid Ten LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 09/15/09. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, 121 Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205. The street address of the principal business location is 121 Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-21672 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

The name of the Limited Liability Company is THREE PINE AVENUE LLC, the articles of organization of the LLC were filed with the NYS Secretary of State on 9/16/2009, the purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity, the office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County, the street address of the principal business location is 3 Pine Ave, Cohoes, NY 12047, the Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served, the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Lifford RD #1, 7 Forest Avenue, Cohoes, NY 12047 LD-21675 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication - NAMU ARTICULATIONS, LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/16/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21681 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JALOSA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/16/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21685 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

BLANDI INTERNATIONAL LLC Notice of Organization: BLANDI INTERNATIONAL LLC was filed with the SSNY 5/17/05. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC, served upon him: c/o Rotondi & Associates 230 Park Ave., Suite 2300, New York, NY 10169. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity. LD-21689 (October 21, 2009)

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LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of formation of Larry's Foods LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of New York (SSNY) on July 20, 2009. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: the LLC, 8 Paxwood Road, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21690 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: D'Arrigo Residential Properties LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/15/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC c/o LLC, 42 Huntswood Ln, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-21691 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of QualityTech, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/22/09. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/5/09. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LP: c/o CSI, 615 South DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Name/address of each gen. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-21694 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of QualityTech GP, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/22/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/5/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: c/o CSI, 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-21695 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ANDRICK MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/25/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21696 (October 21, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of ZULINAKA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/28/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21697 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication MILES REAL ESTATE HOLDING LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/24/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The registered agent is: Accumera LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21699 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Belvedere of Albany LLC, App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/11/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in DE 5/3/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 3 East Comm Square, Albany, NY 12207. DE office addr.: Incorporating Services, 3500 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21700 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1520 48 LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 06/19/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corporate Svcs Corp., 1 Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21701 (October 21, 2009)

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INSPIRED HEALTH COACHING LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the NY Secretary of State ("SOS") on 9/22/2009. LLC office is in Albany County, NY. SOS was designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SOS shall mail copy of process served to Inspired Health Coaching LLC, 6254 Johnston Road, Albany, NY 12203. The purpose is any lawful act or activity. LD-21706 (October 21, 2009)

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Notice of Qualification of United Debt Holding LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/14/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/23/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address of the principal office: 4833 Front St., Unit B, Ste. 243, Castle Rock, CO 80104. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Cover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21707 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Veruca Salt of New York, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/16/09. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o David J. Kucker, 111 E. Wayne St., Ste. 800, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21708 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication SPECKLED LIZARD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/30/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21711 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: CYPRIANA CATERING & EVENTS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 1, 2009. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1975 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. LD-21717 (October 21, 2009)

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NOTICE
 1. The name of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company is Jeffrey Ryan Family Medicine, PLLC.
 2. The Articles of Organization were filed April 23, 2008.
 3. The office of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
 4. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agency of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
 5. The purpose of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company is to engage in any lawful activity for which a Professional Service Limited Liability Company may be formed. LD-21721 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of IT OF NYC, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 8/24/09 Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 2692 Coney Island Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-21722 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING, BETHLEHEM CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC. 7 P.M. MON. NOVEMBER 9, 2009 AT DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH, LOCATED AT 386 DELAWARE AVE., DELMAR. THOSE WISHING TO VOTE MUST CONTACT 439-2394 FOR VERIFICATION OF RIGHTS BY 11/5/09. LD-21723 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RONIA AMIRA SKIN CARE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/31/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21724 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of AA CAPITAL SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/29/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail

Section II champions



The Bethlehem golf team won the Section II, Class A title two weeks ago by edging defending champion Shenandoah by four strokes. Vic Fox's 74 helped the Eagles finish with a team score of 315, while Shen settled for second place with a score of 319. Mel Rucinski had Bethlehem's second-best individual score with a 78, followed by Ben Grace's 81 and Ian Seymour's 82. The Eagles entered Sectionals with a 10-5 Suburban Council record and a third-place finish at the league tournament in September. The team at Sectionals included, from left, (front) Mitch Ramos and Ben Grace; and (back) Dan Hogan, Ian Seymour, Vic Fox, coach Richard Villa and Mel Rucinski. Not pictured are team members Brendan McCann, Andy Edmundson, Pat Gillespie and Jeff Pamerino.

Richard Villa/submitted photo

Making

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The car wash – along with a golf tournament held earlier this year – are part of a season-long effort to raise the money that the team needs for ice time.

"We're chipping away at it," said Bethlehem Varsity Hockey Booster Club president Mike Cooper. "We've also got a raffle, we've got concession stand sales [at home hockey games] and the school district is letting us keep the gate receipts."

The Bethlehem Central School District used to pay for the ice time, but it had to drop that portion of its funding for the team in this year's school budget.

"I went to all the budget meetings, and I said that they should look to make cuts across the board," said Cooper. "Ultimately, the decision was to take the three sports that had outside rental expenses – hockey, cheerleading and gymnastics – and cut some of the funding for each."

It's not the first time hockey, cheerleading and gymnastics lost full funding from the school

district. Several years ago, the district had to cut all funding to the three programs when its budget was defeated at the polls.

"We had to raise the whole nut – \$35,000," said Cooper. "So, \$21,000 doesn't seem all that daunting."

The hockey players and their families are used to raising money to support their sport.

"The hockey parents are used to helping us out by paying for us to play [youth] and go to tournaments," said Cooper's son, Alex, who is Bethlehem's goaltender. "We wouldn't be able to do this without our parents' support."

"It gets a little annoying [doing fund raisers], but I think it helps build team chemistry," said Sheridan. "We had everybody here to help with the car wash."

Alex Cooper added that the players feel no ill toward the school board for not receiving full funding for the season.

"It is what it is," he said. "It is an expensive sport, and we have to find ways to make the money we need."

The hockey team begins practicing for the 2009-10 season in two weeks.

Zaid places eighth at invy

Yousef Zaid led the Bethlehem boys cross country team with a top-10 finish at last Saturday's Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Invitational at Saratoga Spa State Park.

Zaid finished eighth out of 154 runners in the Division III (large school) race with a time of 15:44.34. BH-BL's Otis Ubriaco won the individual title with a time of 15:15.73.

BH-BL took the team title in Division III with 57 points. Guilderland was 12th with 317 points, and Bethlehem finished 14th with 358 points.

In the girls' Division III race, BH-BL won the team title with 45 points. Bethlehem placed seventh with 193 points, five points ahead of eighth-place Guilderland.

Guilderland's Michelle Fish was 14th in a time of 18:45.09.

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process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21725 (October 21, 2009)

lawful purpose. LD-21730 (October 21, 2009)

the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 14 Bridle Place, East Greenbush, NY 12061. Filed by Mark Yavornitzki- 125 State St. 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207 LD-21741 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Qualification of 301W57-22C, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 03/06/09. LLC Formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/03/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. DE address of LLC: 321 Raven Circle, Wyoming, DE 19934. Arts. Of Org. filed with DE. Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 11901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21745 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Kiddie Krawlers, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/19/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21747 (October 21, 2009)

Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21749 (October 21, 2009)

12110. Purpose: practice the profession of architecture. LD-21754 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of: FORTMATE of KOBAs. WORLDWIDE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/29/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21725 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of a New York Professional Service Limited Liability Company - The name of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company is NATALIE LOPASIC, M.D., PLLC (the "Company"). The Company was formed, and the Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State, on October 2, 2009. The Company's principal office is located in Albany County. The registered agent for the Company, upon whom process against the Company may be served, is 711 Troy-Schenectady Road, Suite 109, Latham, New York 12110. The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution. The character or purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Professional Limited Liability Company Law. Respectfully submitted, JAMES F. SEELEY, ESQ. October 7, 2009. LD-21731 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Qualification of DNA 2050 Outlet, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 09/28/09. LLC Formed in Delaware (DE) on 07/23/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. DE address of LLC: 32 W. Doekerman St., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. Of Org. filed with DE. Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 11901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21744 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Qualification of 30W61-30E, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 09/25/09. LLC Formed in Delaware (DE) on 09/18/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. DE address of LLC: 32 W. Doekerman St., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 11904. Arts. Of Org. filed with DE. Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 11901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21746 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of It's All About Me Now, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/20/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21748 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC). ROBERT P. VIGNA-LI, DDS, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Secretary of State September 2, 2009. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for service of process against PLLC and shall mail copy to 790 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. LD-21751 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Hauerwas, Isabell, Blanch & Lenagham for an area variance under Article VI, Section 128-48, flag lots, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for creation of a flag with at 56 Blessing Rd., NY.

Michael C. Hodom
Chairman Board of Appeals
NOTE: The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled.
Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate in the public hearing, should contact the Town Clerks Office at (518) 439-4955 ext..1183. LD-21761 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Labouriau, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/1/09. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21727 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
Articles of Organization of GR Initiatives, LLC. Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Law: The name of the limited liability company is GR Initiatives, LLC. The Company within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Publication PYNKC LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/13/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21743 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of 45 Dune Road LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/22/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered

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Name: Trudeau Architects, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY on 9/30/09. Off. Loc.: Albany Cty. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 219 Forts Ferry Rd., Latham, NY

LEGAL NOTICE
A SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 26TH AND OCTOBER 29TH AT 7:30 PM FOR TOWN BOARD REVIEW OF THE 2010 PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET.
By order of the Supervisor of the Town of Guilderland
Dated: October 13, 2009
Rosemary Centi, RMC
Guilderland Town Clerk
LD-21752 (October 21, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Bird-brain Films LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/14/09. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Crossroads Films, 136 West 21st St., 5th Fl., NY, NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21764 (October 21, 2009)

Class

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The Eagles couldn't stop them the first time, and it's unlikely that they will this time. **Edge: Ballston Spa**

Guilderland at LaSalle - This is the only match-up where we don't have past history to go on, only reputation and statistics.

Guilderland's spread offense can get down the field quickly behind quarterback Ryan Smith, who led Section II with 1,320 passing yards in the regular season. Where the Dutchmen sometimes run into trouble is getting the ball into the end zone, as evidenced in last week's 39-0 loss at Ballston Spa. Unfortunately for Guilderland, it has to play against a LaSalle defense that hasn't allowed an opponent more than one touchdown in a game since beating Saratoga 21-16 in Week 1. **Edge: LaSalle**

Other quarterfinal games

Class A: Queensbury at Niskayuna - The Spartans are still the "run first, run often" team they've always been, but they have been chucking the ball through the air on occasion the last couple of games. Queensbury quarterback Sean McAllister threw for 58 yards against Glens Falls and 75 yards against Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake.

That may make the Silver Warriors think twice before stacking the box to stop Queensbury's double wing offense, but I don't think that will stop them from winning this game. After all, Queensbury has to find a way to stop Ryan Alden, who has more than 800 all-purpose yards. **Edge: Niskayuna**

Class A: Averill Park at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake - The Spartans haven't always looked dominant this season. They struggled through some tough

first halves in two of their last three games before pulling out sizeable victories over Glens Falls and Queensbury. Somehow, I don't think they will allow Averill Park to hang around for long in this one. **Edge: BH-BL**

Class B: Albany Academy at Schalmont - The Cadets needed a strong fourth quarter to put the Sabres away 35-18 in Week 1. The rematch could be even more high scoring, since Schalmont has figured out its spread offense and Albany Academy continues to give up a lot of points (123 points in the last three weeks). It wouldn't surprise me if the Cadets win this one, but the Sabres have to win a playoff game one of these years. **Edge: Schalmont**

Class C: Voorheesville at Cambridge - The Blackbirds have a balanced offense with tailback Max Schuster and quarterback Ryan Duncan, but the Indians have one of the toughest defenses in Class C (five shutouts in seven games). Something has to give, and I have my doubts that it will be Cambridge's defense. **Edge: Cambridge**

Class D: Saratoga Central Catholic at Lake George - The Warriors shut down the Saints 32-0 two weeks ago in Lake George. Saratoga Catholic should expect another rude welcome from the Warriors. **Edge: Lake George**

A personal note to close out this week's column. Saturday is my annual fund raising show for the American Cancer Society. This year, the show takes place from noon to 10 p.m. at both Emack and Bolio's Ice Cream shop locations - 366 Delaware Ave. in Albany and Town Center Plaza in Guilderland. All I ask is that you stop by for a little while, have some ice cream, make a donation and listen to some of the Capital District's best musicians. More details can be found on this week's Family Entertainment page. Thanks.

Eagles

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out of the Empire Division after beating Albany 19-14 two weeks ago. The Dutchmen visit Liberty Division champion LaSalle Friday.

Blackbirds hit the road

In other Sectional playoff news, Voorheesville (6-1) received the South Division No. 3 seed and a trip to North Division No. 2 seed Cambridge (6-1) for Saturday's quarterfinal game.

The Blackbirds are coming off a hard-fought 24-22 victory over Taconic Hills last Saturday in Voorheesville. Max Schuster's 15-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter gave Voorheesville a 24-

14 lead, but Taconic Hills (3-3) rallied within two points on a Nick Warren 9-yard touchdown pass to Chris McKay and a Nolan Boice two-point conversion run.

Schuster rushed for 173 yards and two touchdowns, and James Currier added a 79-yard kick return for a touchdown for Voorheesville. Chris McKay scored twice for Taconic Hills.

Cambridge bounced back from a 21-19 loss to Hoosick Falls two weeks ago to defeat Granville 36-0 last Saturday. It was the Indians' fifth shutout in seven games.

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Guilderland for the South Division lead entering Tuesday's game at Columbia.

"We want to try to keep that lead," said Ridgway.

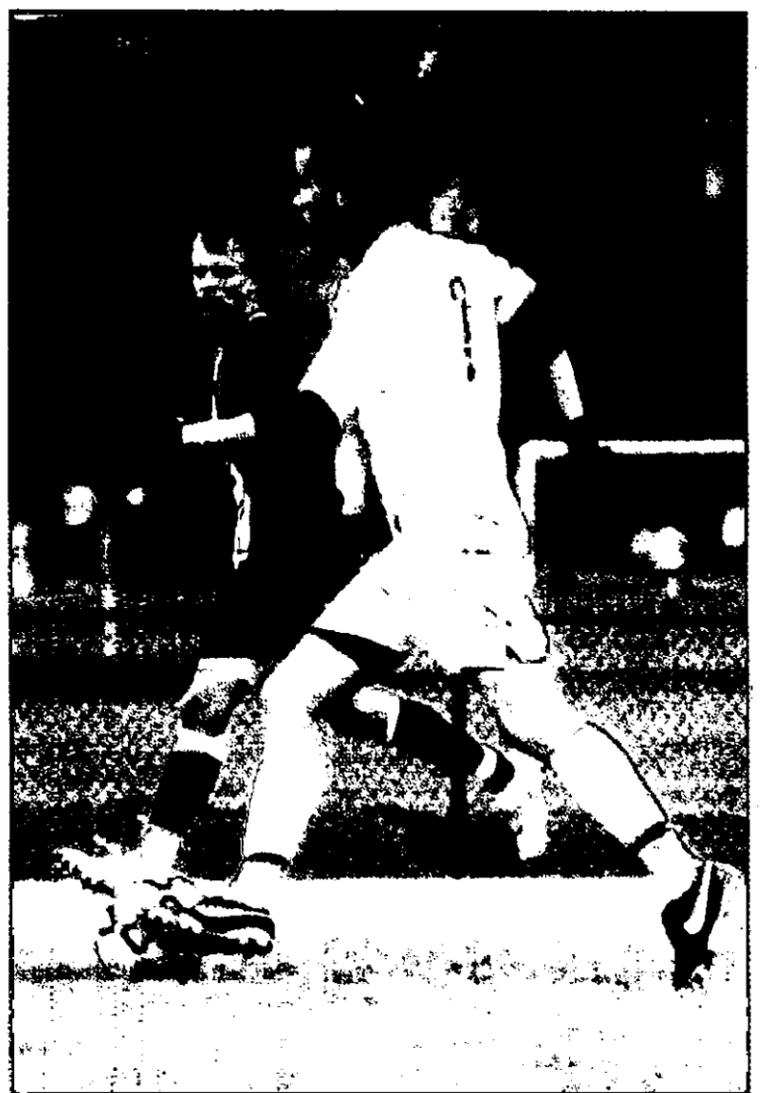
Guilderland (9-3-2) kept pace with Bethlehem by beating Columbia 8-0 last Thursday in East Greenbush. Cliff Bondi led a balanced Dutchmen attack with a goal and an assist. Matt Shamlan, Adam Barbera, Nick Cannistrachi, Mike Crupi, Nick Iourno, Caleb Ciaschetti and Jordan MacKenzie also tallied.

After hosting Averill Park Tuesday, Guilderland travels to Delmar Thursday for a possible showdown with Bethlehem for the South Division title.

In other boys soccer action Tuesday, Voorheesville visits Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk for a Colonial Council game.

The Blackbirds (8-2 league, 10-2 overall) entered Tuesday's game off a 2-0 victory over Mechanicville last Friday. Hatden Wood tallied in the first half, and Zack Keller scored off a Chris Dimmitt corner kick early in the second half for Voorheesville.

R-C-S (3-9, 4-9) defeated Cohoes 2-0 last Friday for its third league win of the season. Matt Norris and Chris Bowman each had a goal and an assist.



Bethlehem's Mike Mulhall dribbles the ball down the field during last Thursday's Suburban Council South Division game against Colonie.

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Making their own way

Hockey team raising money to pay for ice time

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Ordinarily, Kevin Sheridan would have spent his Saturday morning sleeping in.

Sheridan didn't have that luxury last Saturday. He had to help his Bethlehem hockey teammates raise money so they could pay for their 2009-10 ice time.

"It's for the good of the team," said Sheridan. "I could think of better things to do ... but it's for the team."

Sheridan and several more Bethlehem hockey players spent several hours washing cars in the Hewitt's Garden Center parking lot in an attempt to offset the \$21,000 cost to rent the ice rink at the Bethlehem Area YMCA. The car wash raised \$1,300 toward that goal.

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Bethlehem hockey players Kevin Sheridan (left) and Alex Cooper wash a pickup truck during Saturday's fund raiser for the varsity team. The Bethlehem Varsity Hockey Booster Club is trying to raise \$21,000 to pay for ice time for the upcoming season. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Eagles gain berth

Bethlehem beats Colonie on final day to earn No. 3 seed

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After dropping its first two Liberty Division games, it looked like the Bethlehem football team's chances of making the Section II, Class AA playoffs were remote.

But after beating Colonie 31-14 in last Saturday's regular season finale, the Eagles earned the No. 3 seed out of the Liberty Division and a trip to Empire Division No. 2 seed Ballston Spa for Friday's quarterfinal playoff game.

"I thought it would have been pretty far fetched walking off the field in Schenectady [following a 48-13 loss in Week 4]," said Bethlehem coach Rick Leach. "But the kids have been good at leaving things behind after a loss."

The momentum swung in Bethlehem's direction late in the second quarter when Trey Silver intercepted a pass. The Eagles (2-3 division, 3-4 overall) got deep enough into Garnet Raider territory to give Jon Martin a shot at a 41-yard field goal. Martin's kick sailed through the uprights to put Bethlehem ahead 17-14 at halftime.

The Eagles then dominated the second half. They got touchdown runs from Mike Strohecker and Devin Stampley to build a 17-point lead, and the defense did the rest to secure the victory.

"Our defense played really well, and the drive at the end of the first half was really important," said Leach. "That and coming out and scoring right away in the third quarter really put us in a great position."

Tailback Casiem Maxwell led Bethlehem's ground game with 162 yards and a touchdown. Strohecker contributed 92 yards, and Stampley added 75 rushing yards.

Bethlehem will try to use its ground game to counter Ballston Spa's option-based offense in Friday's quarterfinal game. The Eagles (4-1, 6-1) took the Eagles out of their element with a 21-point first quarter in their 61-13 victory over Bethlehem in Week 2.

"We have to control the ball - keep our offense on the field, and keep their good quarterback [Mark Seager] off the field," said Leach.

Ballston Spa enters the playoffs off a 39-0 Empire Division victory over Guilderland last Friday. Seager rushed for 148 yards and two touchdowns to lead a balanced attack for the Scotties.

Guilderland (2-3, 3-4) had already earned the No. 4 seed

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Big half boosts Bethlehem

Eagles remain one-half point up on Guilderland

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Some "motivational" words from Bethlehem boys soccer coach Phil Ridgway sparked a big second half for the Eagles.

Bethlehem scored five times in the second half to defeat Colonie 5-1 in last Thursday's Suburban Council South Division game in Delmar.

Bethlehem's second half was the polar opposite of the first half, when the Eagles (11-3) struggled to get a sustained attack going against Colonie (4-8-2). That got under Ridgway's skin.

"I got a little mad at them," said Ridgway. "We were totally out of our shape [formation] in the first half, and we gave up a goal. I went over with a half motivating, and they got the message."

Steve Russo began Bethlehem's surge with a goal less than one minute into the second half to tie the game at 1. The score remained that way until midway through the period when the Eagles struck for the first of four consecutive goals to break the game open.

Mike Mulhall led the charge with a goal and two assists. Phil Sell, Brian Spina and Danny Carrillo added goals for Bethlehem.

The victory kept Bethlehem one-half point ahead of

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Bethlehem's Kenny McDermith (14) collides with Colonie's Carson Deyo as they battle for the ball during last Thursday's Suburban Council South Division game in Delmar. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Class AA quarters feature rematches

We've hit playoff time in Section II football, so it's time to do away with power rankings and start looking at the match-ups. This week, I'll be focusing on the Class AA quarterfinals, as well as other playoff games of local interest.

Class AA

Colonie at Saratoga - This is the first of three rematches from the second week of the regular season. The Garnet Raiders played the Blue Streaks tough through the first half the first time they met before Saratoga pulled away to a 31-17 victory.

Colonie has a god running attack led by Matt Hamilton,



but Saratoga has a deeper pool of talent in the backfield that starts with talented tailback Tony DeLoatch and hard-running fullback Ford Plowman. Plus, the Blue Streaks have a better defense than the Garnet Raiders. **Edge: Saratoga**

Shenendehowa at Schenectady - A controversial two-point

conversion gave the Plainsmen a 28-27 victory over the Patriots the first time they met. That alone should give Schenectady plenty of motivation to defeat Shen in Friday's quarterfinal.

The key match-up will be Schenectady's defense against Shen's offense. The Patriots had a hard time stopping the Plainsmen's running backs the first time they met, but I think they'll do a better job this time around. **Edge: Schenectady**

Bethlehem at Ballston Spa - The Eagles looked bad in their first meeting against the Scotties back in Week 2,

which is a shame because this Bethlehem team has some talent. The running back duo of Casiem Maxwell and Devin Stampley is among the best Section II has to offer, with Maxwell gaining more than 1,000 yards in seven regular season games and Stampley averaging 89 yards over the last four games.

Bethlehem's problem is that Ballston Spa's running game is more diverse and harder to stop. Quarterback Mark Seager can either carry the ball himself or pitch it to the likes of Kyle Warmt, Josh Fabian and Nick Tubolino.

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