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Altamont duo loan tank to museum

M-47 Patton Tank rolls into ALCO

By JOHN PURCELL
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Police sirens weren't blaring as a M-47 Patton Tank tread spit out dirt in Schenectady, because the decommissioned WWII relic was simply retreating to its temporary home.

The American Locomotive Company Heritage Museum obtained its first large showpiece on Thursday, Sept. 22, from Jack and Mark Pollard, who are a father and son duo from Altamont with the unique hobby of building and restoring tanks. The M-47 tank will be on loan to the museum until the Pollards ride it out. To get the tank into the building, ALCO workers constructed a dirt ramp from the old loading bay at the rear of the building.

Acting Mayor of Schenectady Gary McCarthy read a proclamation celebrating the tank's return before it rumbled into the museum.

"The tank is one of the last tanks manufactured by the American Locomotive Company in 1952," said McCarthy. "The M-47 Patton Tank is just the first of many vintage Schenectady-built products to be welcomed back home."

Before ending up at the Pollard's home, the tank was used for training purposes by the U.S. Army Reserves before it was sold to the Italian government. The tank is believed to be one of the last tanks manufactured by ALCO. The Pollards obtained the tank from a private collector in Indiana and put the tank back together piece by piece.

"We have several military vehicles and several armored tanks," said Mark Pollard. "When we received it, it was totally disassembled... I think one of our hardest things was to find missing parts."

Mark's father, Jack Pollard, 78, had served in the military, but Mark said there isn't a particular

reason they decided to restore tanks. Jack, though, implied his 47-year-old son spurred the interest. Their collection now totals three tanks, nine artillery pieces from WWII, jeeps and other vehicles.

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"He wanted a tank. I had old cars," said Jack Pollard with a laugh.

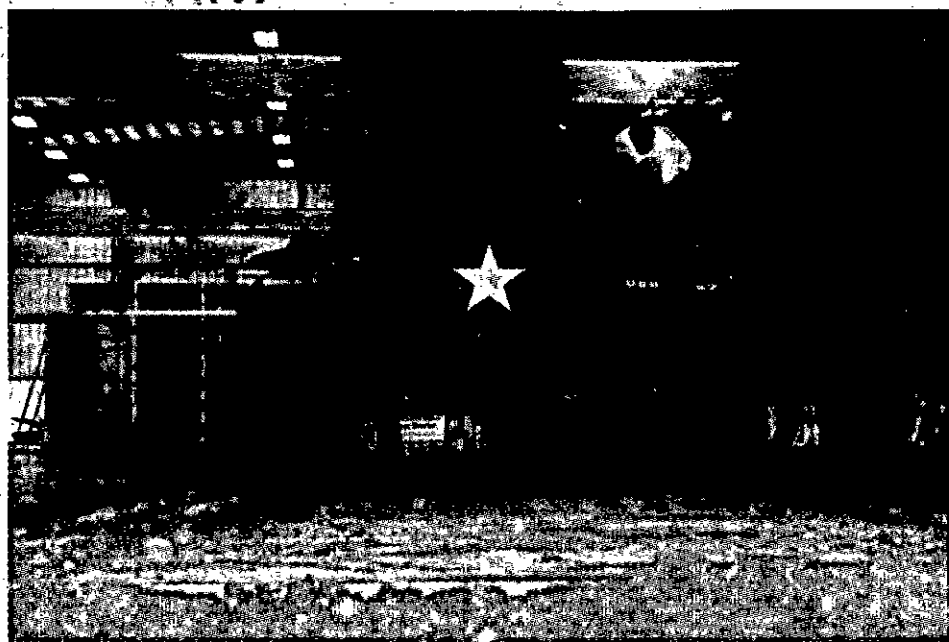
They don't go riding around in their tanks and other vehicles often but do take them for a spin on special occasions.

"Most of them we put in parades," said Mark Pollard.

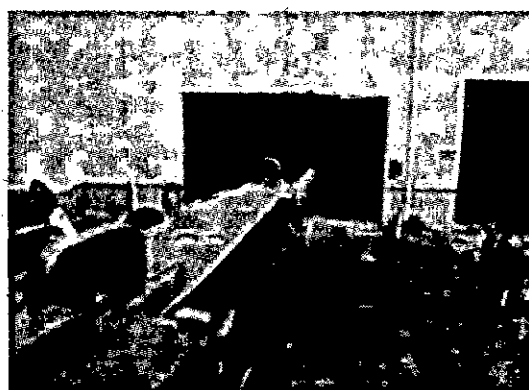
For both, it is all about getting to see the excitement on the faces of children.

"It is fun to see the kids," said Jack Pollard. "If you come when we are at a parade we are loaded with kids or veterans... the most fun is the kids."

Building the tank involved a lot of trial and error along with searching for information from manuals or any other sources.



ABOVE: A M-47 Patton Tank rolled into the ALCO Heritage Museum in Schenectady on Thursday, Sept. 22, after climbing up a dirt ramp. The tank is on loan from Altamont father-and-son duo Jack and Mark Pollard, which assembled the tank piece by piece.



LEFT: The M-47 Patton Tank sits outside the ALCO museum before being moved indoors for display.

Photos by John Purcell/Spotlight

Matt Giardino, vice president of the ALCO museum, said the tank is a good fit with the museum and is a great start on the road to obtaining larger pieces for display.

"We have a home for it, so it is out of the way, safe and secure in here and dry," said Giardino. "This

is the first big thing and hopefully not the last."

He added "things are looking positive" and there a few locomotive projects the museum is looking to finalize. Since there are multiple groups involved, he said, it can be a lengthy process. By the spring grand opening he hopes at least one

locomotive will be at the museum.

The museum is also trying to compile an oral history of former ALCO employees for an exhibit and asks any former employees to contact the museum. For information on the museum and upcoming events visit ahts.org.



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Town deadlocked on Porco records request

Convicted killer's FOIL appeal will go unanswered following split vote

By CHARLES WIFF
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Deliberations on the Bethlehem Town Board were deadlocked Wednesday, Sept. 28, as leaders discussed how to respond to a freedom of information request from Christopher Porco.

The board voted 2-2 over how to respond to Porco's appeal, which was filed when the town refused his original FOIL request for all materials related to the murder investigation that led to his conviction.

Supervisor Sam Messina recused himself from the matter.

Town Attorney James Potter told the board Porco's FOIL request was turned down because all of the police department's materials were turned over to the Albany County District Attorney's Office, which were then made available to Porco's defense team in discovery when he was brought to trial. It is not incumbent on the town to provide records that have already been provided to the requester, he said.

"I looked into this very carefully," Potter said.

The split vote will effectively mean the appeal will be refused, as that's the result of issuing no response to an appeal within the mandated time frame. Porco could conceivably bring an Article 78 lawsuit against the town seeking the records.

Councilmen Mark Jordan and Kyle Kotary voted in favor of denying the appeal.

"I don't see anything before me that would make me want to overturn the determination," Jordan said, adding that it shouldn't be the town's responsibility to take on the expense of providing records that have already been released.

Potter said fulfilling the FOIL request would likely involve a lot of legwork, not only because of the volume of records but because the police department may have disposed of some of them after holding on to them for several years. That includes documents like telephone bills, time cards or patrol records.

"It's kind of chasing down, one: do we have the documents still? And two: does it relate to the Porco investigation?" Potter said.

The freedom of information law allows agencies holding records to charge a processing fee, which is generally set at a per-page rate by the holder of the records.

Councilman Mark

"A person's life hangs in the balance with what happens with this case. Even if it's materials we provided before, we should provide it again."

— Councilman Mark Hennessey

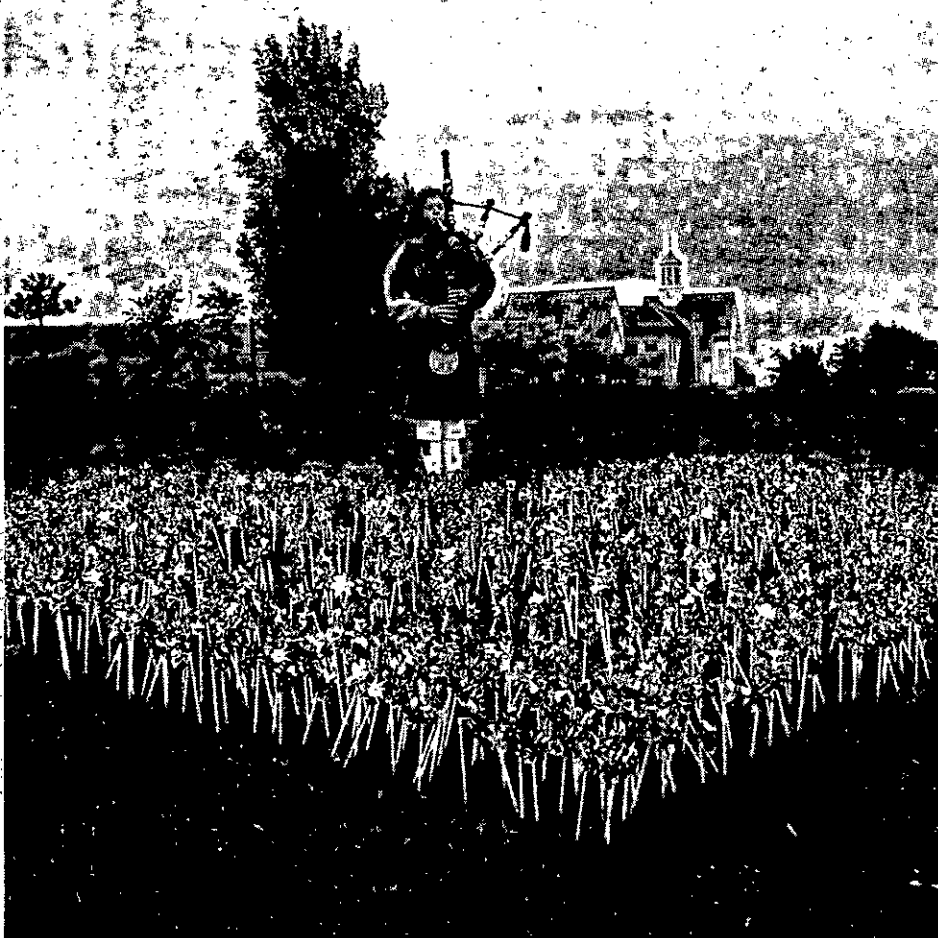
Hennessey and Councilwoman Joann Dawson voted in favor of providing the records.

"A person's life hangs in the balance with what happens with this case," Hennessey said. "Even if it's materials we provided before, we should provide it again."

Porco was convicted in 2006 of murdering his father and attempting to murder his mother in their Bethlehem home. He's serving a 46-year-to-life sentence now, and his lawyers are in the process of appealing the case to the state's highest court.

A decision on that appeal is expected sometime this month.

A piper and some pinwheels



Allyson Crowley-Duncan of Latham plays the bagpipe at the Pinwheel Heart created during the Capital Region Heart Walk on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Crossings of Colonie. Participants at the Heart Walk placed pinwheels to honor loved ones lost to heart disease and stroke. Nearly 2,000 people walked to fight the No. 1 and No. 3 killers in America, heart disease and stroke. The North Country Heart Walk is set for Saturday, Oct. 22 at The Saratoga Race Course in Saratoga Springs. Visit saratogaglenfallsheartwalk.org for information.

Submitted photo

FEMA office in V'ville closes

The Federal Emergency Management Agency closed its Disaster Recovery Center in Voorheesville on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

The office, located at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 24 Martin Road, was open for almost three weeks. Residents affected by Tropical Storm Irene were able to gather information and advice there, and also register with FEMA for disaster aid.

"We keep our disaster recovery centers open until we feel they are no longer critical in a given area," said Federal Coordinating Officer Philip E. Parr in a statement. "Hurricane Irene left a huge amount of damage in its wake, quickly followed by Tropical Storm Lee. FEMA has to deploy people where they are needed most and often to places where we are still addressing serious problems."

Affected residents can still register with FEMA at disasterassistance.gov.

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Non-injury collision



On Friday, Sept. 30, at about 5:45 p.m., an ice cream truck and SUV collided at the intersection of Elsmere Avenue and Feura Bush Road. Early reports indicate the female operator of the SUV allegedly failed to yield to the truck. Albany County Paramedics checked out a male toddler, a passenger in the SUV for any injuries and found none. The driver of the ice cream truck complained of back pain, but refused medical attention. Elsmere Fire and Delmar Ambulance were on the scene. Bethlehem Police are investigating the incident.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight



Man veers off road, charged with DWI

Bethlehem police on Saturday, Sept. 24, arrested William John Barrowman, 22, of 22 Wander Court, Glenmont, and charged him with common law DWI, moving from his lane unsafely and not wearing his seatbelt.

Police received a report at about 5:09 a.m. that Barrowman's 2004 Chrysler Concorde had gone off the road in the area of 36 Brightonwood Road, Glenmont. Police arrived to find the car in a yard and running, in gear and with its left directional signal on. Barrowman was passed out behind the wheel, police said.

Police woke Barrowman by banging on the window and door. When he awoke, he displayed signs of intoxication and had the odor of alcohol on his breath, according to arrest reports.

Barrowman allegedly tried to give police a \$1 bill when asked for his license and had trouble getting out of the vehicle. He said he'd had four or five shots of liquor and was heading to his girlfriend's house, police said.

A breathalyzer test

Elsmere Ave. rollover



On Thursday, Sept. 29, the Elsmere Fire Department was dispatched to a rollover accident in which the vehicle apparently turned off Elsmere Avenue onto West Poplar Drive, rolling over crashing into the steps at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The accident is being investigated and speed is believed to have been a factor. The teen driver and passenger reportedly sustained minor injuries.

Shawn Higgins/Spotlight

administered at the scene showed his BAC to be 0.24 percent — three times the legal limit — but at the police station Barrowman refused to take any chemical test, according to arrest reports.

He was scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 18.

Other arrests

Bethlehem police on Sunday, Sept. 11, arrested Linda Gail Sorge, 55, of 18 Hanover Drive,

Delmar, and charged her with DWAI-drugs.

Police responded to a motor vehicle accident at 146 Delaware Avenue at about 8:07 p.m. Witnesses there said Sorge backed out of a parking space in her 2011 Ford and hit another vehicle, according to arrest reports.

When police interviewed Sorge she allegedly appeared intoxicated but did not have

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Pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) the Bethlehem Town Board will hold a Public Scoping Session on October 12, 2011 at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY, to receive public comment on the draft Scoping document for the Wemple Corners Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Scoping Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. Following a brief presentation, residents will be invited to speak on the draft Scope. The Scope, when completed, will serve as the outline for what will be studied in the EIS. A copy of the draft Scope is available on the Town web site as noted below.

Description of Action: This application concerns a petition submitted by Milltowne Plaza Inc., to rezone 95 +/- acres of land from Mixed Economic Development District (MED) to Commercial Hamlet District (CH). The site is located at the intersection of U.S. Route 9W and Wemple Road. The stated purpose of the rezoning is to allow future construction of a mixed use development consisting of multi-family housing, senior apartments, twin homes and mixed use apartments (526 +/- total units), and 145,000 sf of commercial and office space.

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Seeking forgiveness for a lack of leftovers

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

Sing it with me now: "On top of spaghetti, all covered with cheese, I lost my poor meatball, when somebody sneezed. It rolled in the garden and under a bush, and now my poor meatball is nothing but mush."

Just a few weeks ago I let my 82-year-old Aunt Selma know that I don't make meatballs. She had been encouraging me to cook extra food and bring it to my 81-year-old father so that he can have a supply of homemade meals in his freezer.

"You don't understand," I told her, "I don't cook that often, and when I do I want to keep the leftovers so that my family will have something to eat."

She said, "What's the big deal? When you are making meatballs, you throw a few extra into the pot."

"I don't make meatballs. I buy them frozen at the supermarket."

"What??? I can't believe this!" she said.

"Yup. They come in a bag. I defrost them in the microwave for five minutes. Then I either heat them in the oven for

20 minutes, or, if we're short on time, they just stay in the microwave for another three minutes on high."

I went on to explain that if my dad wanted me to, I could defrost and then cook the meatballs and then drive to his apartment and put them into his freezer, but that wouldn't really make much sense.

She said, "When he's gone you'll feel guilty that you didn't make extra food for him."

Oy vey, such things to have upon my head during the Jewish high holy days!

A time of deep reflection, the holy day period begins with the celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and ends with the solemn observance of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. It is a time for contemplating how to be a better parent, spouse, child, neighbor and friend. It is a time to consider our actions over the past year and to make amends with people whose feelings we have hurt, intentionally or unintentionally.

So I will now publicly

Commentary:

From Robin's Nest



apologize to anyone I have offended by my store-bought meatball confession and/or my selfish desire to keep my own leftovers. I will work harder in the coming months to prepare and share homemade food with my father. Please note, however, that when my brother recently brought some extra food over to dad, he discovered that the freezer contained ample frozen leftovers.

My brother told me, "I'm not bringing more food until he eats what is there." I said, "I believe what's in there is chicken and dad is sick of chicken." This is a bummer, because when we do cook, it's most often chicken: chicken stir-fry, roasted chicken, grilled boneless chicken breasts, oven-fried drumsticks.

Suddenly, I'm really hungry.

Which reminds me that I have another food-related confession to make: I've grown particularly fond of burritos in the past year.

And now I feel that I must publicly apologize to anyone I have offended by my talk about beans, which was heading in the direction of "bathroom talk," of which some people feel is not polite conversation. Of course, other people may not give a crap.

And although I grew up reciting, "beans, beans are good for your heart," I know in reality that beans are best in moderation. And mixing beans, beef and rice inside a soft, flour tortilla the size of a dinner plate probably provides a month's worth of carbohydrates (probably a year's worth if you eat all the fried tortilla chips the restaurants give you, for free, when you buy the burrito).

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A week after the meatball discussion with Aunt Selma, she

and my cousin Steven came up from Queens for a visit. There was no exact plan for when they'd be arriving so I didn't know what type of meal to prepare. Would they arrive before noon? Would they be staying for dinner? Should I prepare a lunch and then plan to order take-out for dinner?

I settled on a brunch-like menu, and everyone just grazed all afternoon. I had bought cold cuts and macaroni salad, and also prepared an egg bake (basically a omelet mixture poured over bread into a 9x13 pan and baked in the oven) and roasted vegetables.

This enabled me to keep things simple, while also serving something homemade. Plus, I bought enough food for at least 20 people, even

though only nine were coming, so I was able to send several guests home with leftovers.

"Give him another piece," my aunt ordered, as I dished some of the egg bake into a container for my father to take home. She took some banana-oatmeal muffins (baked by her great-niece Rachel) and a bag of grapes for the car ride back home. My nephew, Dave, went home with cold cuts and bread. I had gone crazy with bread and rolls.

Anyhow, I will work harder in the coming months to bring more balance to my diet. I've been doing pretty good incorporating more fruits and vegetables, but I need to pull back on bread, rice, pasta and red meat.

I may not apply those restrictions, however, to the meal I prepare for Yom Kippur eve, which falls on Oct. 7 this year. My dad will be coming for dinner and then we'll be going to synagogue. We've had a standing date for the Kol Nidre service for as long as I can remember and I'm looking forward to it. And Dad can look forward to getting plenty of leftovers from dinner to store in his freezer.

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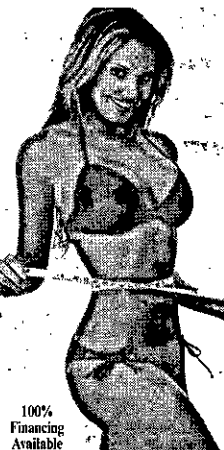
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Fire safety starts at home

With the temperature taking a downward turn, here at The Spotlight we're turning our thoughts to fires.

Not comforting, cozy fires, unfortunately. No, we're thinking about Fire Prevention Week, which kicks off on Oct. 9 and serves as a reminder about what we can all do to protect our families and ourselves.

Careful as you might be at home, the sad truth is that any household can fall victim to a fire.

And not nearly enough of them are prepared for that eventuality, according to the National Fire Prevention Association, which runs Fire Prevention Week every year.

What is most tragic is that so many fire-related deaths are unnecessary. While some readers may feel patronized to hear the same fire safety advice over and over again, it evidently bears repeating.

The number of fire-related deaths actually rose in 2010 over the previous year, the first time the number has jumped since 2007. And while the number of home fire deaths per annum has been roughly halved since 1977, when the NFPA began surveying fire departments, the number of deaths per 1,000 fires has barely lowered at all.

So while there are fewer fires and fewer deaths, the proportion of people succumbing to house fires is about seven per 1,000 fires, or just one less than it was more than three decades ago.

These and other fascinating facts are contained in an annual report recently released by the NFPA.

"With home fire deaths still accounting for 2,640 fire deaths ... fire safety initiatives targeted at the home remain the key to any reductions in the overall fire death toll," the report reads.

The message is quite clear. Despite the vigilance and efforts of our fire departments, which through advances in technology and best practices are ever improving their performance, it's still true that the most important safety measures are taken in the home.

With the approaching switch off of daylight savings time, we would advise readers to adopt the practice of testing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when they reset their clocks — and sticking to this routine in the future.

And if you don't have a carbon monoxide detector, a friendly reminder: It's the law. "Amanda's Law" went into effect last year, and requires every residential property to have one installed. That includes apartments and other multi-family housing.

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Returning to a flood-damaged home

Owners whose homes were flooded during Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee are urged to proceed cautiously and prepare carefully before returning to their flood-damaged homes.

Your home and its contents may look beyond hope, but in many cases your property can be restored. If done right, your flooded home can be cleaned up, dried out, repaired and reoccupied sooner than you think.

State and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials advise homeowners to use caution when returning to a flood-damaged dwelling. Don't return to your flood-damaged home before the area is declared to be safe by local officials. Your first concern after a disaster is your family's health and safety. Mud left by floodwater can contain chemicals from various sources and homeowners should assume that anything touched by floodwater is contaminated.

Play it safe. The dangers are not over when the water goes down. Your home's foundation may have been weakened, the electrical system may have shorted out and floodwaters may have left behind things that could make you sick. Walk carefully around the outside and check for loose power lines, gas leaks, and structural damage. If you have any doubts about safety, have your residence inspected by a qualified building inspector or structural engineer before entering.

Ask for help. Many people can do their own clean up and repairs. But if you have technical questions or do not feel comfortable doing something, get professional help.

Be aware of exhaustion. Don't do too much at once. Pace yourself. Get enough rest.

Drink plenty of clean water. Eat well. Wear sturdy work boots and gloves.

Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and clean water often when working in debris.

Call your insurance agent and take pictures of damages for future reference. Keep records of repair and cleaning costs.

Before beginning to work

Point of View

on flooded homes, make sure the electricity is turned off. Then unplug appliances and lamps, remove light bulbs and remove the cover plates of wall switches and outlets that got wet.

If your basement has flooded, pump it out gradually (about one-third of the water each day) to avoid damage. The walls may collapse and the floor may buckle if the basement is pumped out while the surrounding ground is still waterlogged.

Don't let floodwater sit for long. Use a mop, squeegee or wet/dry vacuum to remove standing water. Always wash your hands with soap and clean water after working in flood-affected areas.

Remove as much mud as possible. Once you've checked the water system for leaks, hose down the inside of the house and its contents. It's best to use an attachment that sprays soap to wash and rinse the walls, floors, furniture, sockets, electrical boxes and other major items that got muddy.

Remove heating and cooling registers and ducts, then hose the ducts to prevent contamination from blowing through the ducts at a later date. After hosing duct work, wash with a disinfectant or sanitizer. If ducts are inaccessible, have them cleaned professionally.

If pipes are damaged, turn off the main water valve. Check with local authorities before using any water; the water could be contaminated. Pump out wells and have the water tested by authorities before drinking. Do not flush toilets until you know that sewage lines are intact.

Throw out all food and other supplies that you suspect may have become contaminated or

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Do you have information you think others would benefit from hearing about? Let us know.

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have come in to contact with floodwater. Be alert for objects that may fall from shelves and cabinets.

Reduce the humidity so everything in the home will dry more quickly. You can speed the process by ventilating the house, opening closet and cabinet doors and using fans and dehumidifiers.

Materials that absorb water — called desiccants — can be useful in drying closets or other closed areas to help retard the growth of mold and mildew. A solution of household bleach and water can be used to wash down walls, floors and other mold-contaminated areas. Use no more than 1½ cups of bleach per gallon of water. This will reduce mold problems and their inherent dangers. Follow directions on containers and take particular note of warnings.

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Weekly poll

With some FEMA Disaster Recovery Center's scheduled to close and a deadline approaching to apply for assistance, recovery from flooding caused by Tropical Storm Irene has kicked into high gear.

So...

Is enough being done to help flood victims?

Log on to www.spotlightnews.com to cast your vote

Last week's poll results:

"Is an animal abuse registry necessary?"

- Yes. It will be a great tool in ending abuse. 75%
- No. Our efforts should be focused elsewhere. 25%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

GOP 'blew it'

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Republican Committee blew it. Is there no Republican that the committee could have run for supervisor?

Republicans over the many years made this town one of the best places to live, work and play. They gave us water and sewer systems that are second to none. They gave us a noble and responsive police force, a volunteer fire department that we can be proud of and properly zoned developments that fill every need. No other town provides better highway care. The beautiful town parks and pool were built by Republicans. Republicans should be proud and determined to continue this fine service to the community. Whereas, the Democrats have been self serving and can show little for their time in office.

One Democrat supervisor quit for a state job; another lost

to a dissatisfied fellow Democrat (endorsed by the Republican party) and turns up working in the Town of Colony's Democrat administration. And now we have a candidate endorsed by both the Democrat party and the Republican Committee who lost by nearly 2 to 1 in a Democrat primary. How embarrassing. The Republicans will likely lose the coming election with a 'Democrat Committee endorsed Democrat' on the Republican line.

The Republican Committee needs to call a meeting, retract the endorsement of Kotary and offer a candidate of its own. If it is too late to get that candidate on the ballot, they should start a write-in campaign. And finally it needs to be reorganized. If for one, will write in Mickey Mouse if I have to, to preserve a two party system in our town.

John T. LaForte
Delmar

Reeves-Ellington right choice for Bethlehem

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

As a Delmar resident, I'm thankful that Richard Reeves-Ellington is running for town supervisor on the Working Families Party line. Why? He offers a tremendous amount of both business and academic experiences; he strongly supports the voices of grassroots and neighborhood organizations; and he is committed to improving

our lives without waffling ideologically.

Reeves-Ellington's agenda focuses on improving our school system and on strengthening opportunities for students, and he endorses our hard-working teachers. As a community, we invest in our educational system because it represents the community's commitment to future generations. Reeves-Ellington

also concentrates on improving our aging infrastructure, which helps to position us for a more competitive business environment.

I'm also glad Reeves-Ellington is running for public office because he seems to be the only candidate who is not confused about what he really believes in. Embracing more than one political party just to attract more votes seems

to be common these days. As a voter, do you want to be sure of a candidate's political beliefs or are you already trained in to accept candidates who engage in shape-shifting depending on the audience?

In my case, I'm glad that Reeves-Ellington knows what he stands for.

Vera Eccarius
Delmar

No time for politics as usual this November

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The recent Democratic primary demonstrated that Bethlehem is tired of obvious political maneuvering by political candidates and parties. Now it is a three way race. But, the political parties are still trying to control the process. Elections seem to focus on electoral politics rather than the issues that concern voters.

According to the Times Union, recently

September, the local Democratic Party is starting to line up behind Mr. Clarkson. And only yesterday, he was playing dirty according to the direct mail from Kotary. It seems politics as usual. To date, it appears that the Democrats are sitting on a fence,

Government actions also continue as usual. Both other candidates come from government employment with little other work experience.

I have held senior positions in international corporations, management positions at the School of Management, and consulting for private companies and universities. My experience would bring non-governmental eyes to the game. This is important at this time of limited funds and a need to shift strategies to accommodate this limitation.

I ask that Bethlehem voters you consider me as an alternative to party politics and government business as usual. This would strengthen the message that citizens want control of their local politics and changes in the way government business is done. I represent that choice.

Richard Reeves-Ellington

Candidate for Bethlehem supervisor

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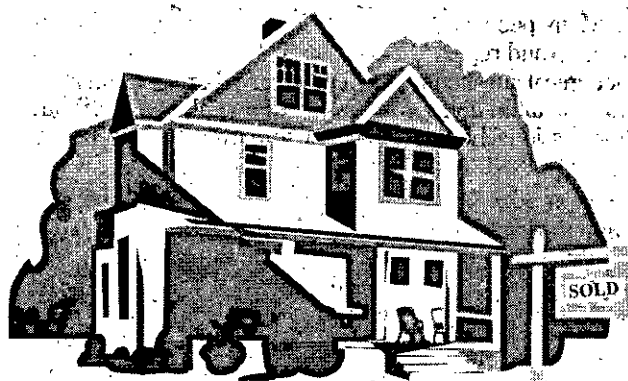
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Redwoods film at Five Rivers

A free screening of the one hour documentary film Climbing Giant

Redwoods will be shown at the NYSDEC Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Friday, Oct. at 7 p.m.

Redwoods are living giants. Often towering more than 350 feet high, redwoods are one of the Earth's largest and oldest tree species. This film, part of the recent International Forest Film Festival, will highlight the little-explored environment of the redwoods using high-tech aerial laser surveys and breathtaking imagery.

The screening, which continues the Center's celebration of the United Nations' International

Year of Forests, is open to the public free of charge, but space is limited. Please call the center at 518-475-0291 by Wednesday, Oct. 19 to register. Complimentary popcorn and cider refreshments will be available.

Rose specialist to speak

The Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society will hold its monthly meeting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011 at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

Guest speaker Carol Mastromarchi, Master Gardener and perennial and rose specialist, will present "Perennials: The Bold and the Beautiful." HADS is open to the public and welcomes new members at any time.

An optional potluck lunch is served following every meeting for those choosing to stay to socialize. The October meeting also includes the Photo Contest and election of 2012 officers. Questions: <http://www.ahsregion4.org/hads.htm> or Jim Healey, 438-1819.

Lyme disease support group

A faith-based lyme encouragement group will meet at Bethlehem Community Church (201 Elm Avenue, next to the town park) on Oct. 12 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. This group will be held the second Wednesday of every month. For additional information, contact Sandy Evans at sevans@delmarhome.com, or call 640-4637.

Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Arboretum relief concert a success

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
The Pine Hollow Arboretum in Slingerlands appreciates the outpouring of community support from residents, five Bethlehem restaurants, the farmers market, the historic Community United Methodist Church and Duo Marchand to make our Renaissance concert on September 25th a huge success to raise funds for area hurricane relief.

The Spotlight featured a wonderful article September 14th about Dr. John Abbuhl who founded the non-profit Pine Hollow Arboretum, which protects land in balance with the natural world to educate the public about its vast horticultural collection.

When Hurricane Irene struck our region, few of the 3,250 trees on the 25-acre preserve suffered damage.

The Arboretum inspired giving in the storm aftermath. Generous donations from the community enabled the Arboretum to help bring relief to our regional neighbors devastated by the storm's aftermath.

We thank everyone who kindly helped to make our recent community benefit a huge success!

Sheri Sanduski
Slingerlands

Don't mistake Delmar for 'Dullmar'

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
I read with interest the recent letter regarding the young man teaching English in Korea.

He is to be commended for taking the initiative and seeking employment wherever it can be found. The same may be said of any individual who chooses to work for an honest day's pay, regardless of the locale.

But I find it strange that one would single out a business, (PETSMART), to

be mocked as being beneath the dignity of anyone working there. And, in an adolescent attempt at humor, the writer refers to it's location as "Dullmar, NY".

Often these cynical comments are a reflection of one's own life. Furthermore, the writer is apparently geographically challenged, for the aforementioned PETSMART is not in Delmar, but in Glenmont.

Richard J. Harte
Elsmere

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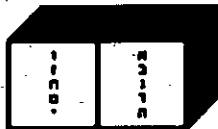
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Tomorrow's energy-efficient neighborhoods

New York home builders are setting positive trends.

Across New York State, builders and developers are creating thousands of new homes and apartment buildings that have energy efficiency already built in.

New York ENERGY STAR® Homes, a program administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), is a major reason why. Like the familiar ENERGY STAR logo seen on many consumer products, New York ENERGY STAR Homes is a hallmark of energy efficiency—only in this case, it applies to an entire structure rather than a dishwasher or a furnace.

The program supports the construction of energy-efficient residential buildings in New York by providing builders and developers with knowledge, financial incentives, quality assurance and other important resources. As New Yorkers become increasingly aware of the costs of energy inefficiency—high bills and homes that often feel uncomfortable—more ENERGY STAR Homes are being built.

"Economics play a major role in the success of the program," says Lori Borowiak, a NYSERDA project manager who helps run New York ENERGY STAR Homes. "If you live in a New York ENERGY STAR Home,

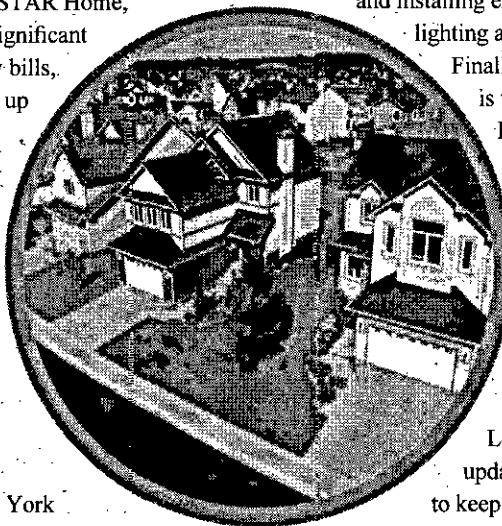
you can expect significant savings on utility bills, which really add up over time. And then there's the fact that a New York ENERGY STAR home is more comfortable year-round. It's a win-win situation."

To earn the New York ENERGY STAR Homes rating, developers must build homes to a higher standard. They use special software to create a "model" of each building, which allows them to plan

the best ways to meet energy efficiency benchmarks. During the building process, developers take measures such as minimizing air leaks, using quality insulation and ENERGY STAR windows, and installing energy-efficient lighting and appliances.

Finally, each building is tested by a Home Energy Rater to ensure that it will perform as intended.

"The New York ENERGY STAR Homes process is very thorough," Lori says. "We update it often to keep up with the latest knowledge about energy efficiency, so consumers can be sure they're getting a home that will perform well into the future."



One important aspect of New York ENERGY STAR Homes is that many structures that earn the program's certification aren't single-family houses, nor are they all priced for the higher end of the residential market. "While you can certainly buy a spacious, higher-priced house that has earned the New York ENERGY STAR Homes label, many developers in the program are building smaller houses, townhomes and low-rise apartment buildings," Lori says. "In many cases, you can buy or rent a New York ENERGY STAR Home very affordably."

New York ENERGY STAR Homes are good investments and the program is gaining recognition in all areas of the state. To date, nearly 20,000 New York ENERGY STAR Homes have been constructed since the program was launched in 2001. As more New York residents and home builders see the benefits of energy efficiency, that number is expected to continue to grow.

What makes a New York ENERGY STAR Home different?

Judging by appearance alone, it's hard to tell a New York ENERGY STAR Home from a conventional one. But what you can't see makes a big difference. New York ENERGY STAR homes have many important distinctions, such as the following:

- ▶ **Low air leakage.** When air escapes in or out of a home, furnaces and air conditioners have to work harder and consume excess energy. New York ENERGY STAR Homes are extra-tight, which helps seal drafts and keep out undesired air.
- ▶ **Quality insulation and windows.** New York ENERGY STAR Homes are required to use high-performing windows and insulation, which reduce demand on heating and cooling equipment and ensure comfortable indoor temperatures year-round.
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Library celebrates Austen anniversary

Jane Austen's first novel, "Sense and Sensibility," was published 200 years ago, and the library is marking the anniversary this month with a series of events for all ages. We call it "Austen-tious." Here's the schedule:

On Monday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m., share your favorite Austen-related titles and learn some new ones at "Jane Bites Back: modern Austen stories." Austen-era delectables will be served.

Kids in grade K-8 and families are invited to high tea on Friday, Oct. 21, at 4 p.m. Tea-tasting and old-fashioned party games honor the Great Miss Austen and her famous novels about 19th-century English society. Dress fancy if you like.

Austen scholar David Shapard is our guest Sunday, Oct. 23, at 1:30 p.m. He will focus on the historical context of "Sense and Sensibility," including etiquette, archaic language and social mores. A specialist in 18th-century history, Shapard is author of annotated editions of "Pride and Prejudice," "Persuasion" and "Sense and Sensibility." His discussions about Austen and her works have been broadcast on NPR.

We're also showing two films among the month's events. "Becoming Jane" (2007, PG, 120 minutes) will be screened on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 2:30 p.m., after



Shapard's talk. This biopic about young Jane Austen follows her romance with a young Irish lawyer who many believe is the model for her famous character Mr. Darcy. Anne Hathaway, James McEvoy and James Cromwell star.

Winding up our celebration is a screening of the film "Sense and Sensibility" (1995, PG, 135 minutes) on Monday, Oct. 24, at 6:30 p.m. Emma Thompson received an Oscar for her adaptation of the novel — a tale of two sisters looking for romantic happiness in an early 19th-century England obsessed with financial and social status. Directed by Ang Lee, the film stars Thompson as Elinor and Kate Winslet as Marianne.

Family game night

Thursday, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m.

Drop in for some quality time; choose from a variety of games.

Preschool picnic

Friday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.

A film and activities just for preschoolers. Bring a lunch or snack.

Who's your Paddy

Friday, Oct. 21, 1 p.m.

Irish music performed by Steve Gray on guitar, Scott West on fiddle, and Ric Moran on bodhran. This program is supported by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Jane Austen's house party

Friday, Oct. 21, 4 p.m.

Tea-tasting and old-fashioned party games for children in grade K-8 and families. Call 439-9314 to sign up. Part of the library's "Austen-tious" program series marking the 200th anniversary of the publication of Austen's Sense and Sensibility.

Sense and Sensibility (talk)

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Louise Grieco

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Get the most out of college

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This program is presented by professionals from Education Funding Specialists, people who daily deal with exactly the problems you're facing now ... or will one day take on. They specialize

in assisting families in creating a realistic college game plan that links students' academic abilities with parents' financial resources.

You must register for this program. Call 456-2400, ext. 40 to sign up.

In your basement and your house

Radon, an invisible, odorless gas that can become a health hazard if it accumulates indoors, is the topic of "What You Should Know About Radon," a program at the Guilderland Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m.

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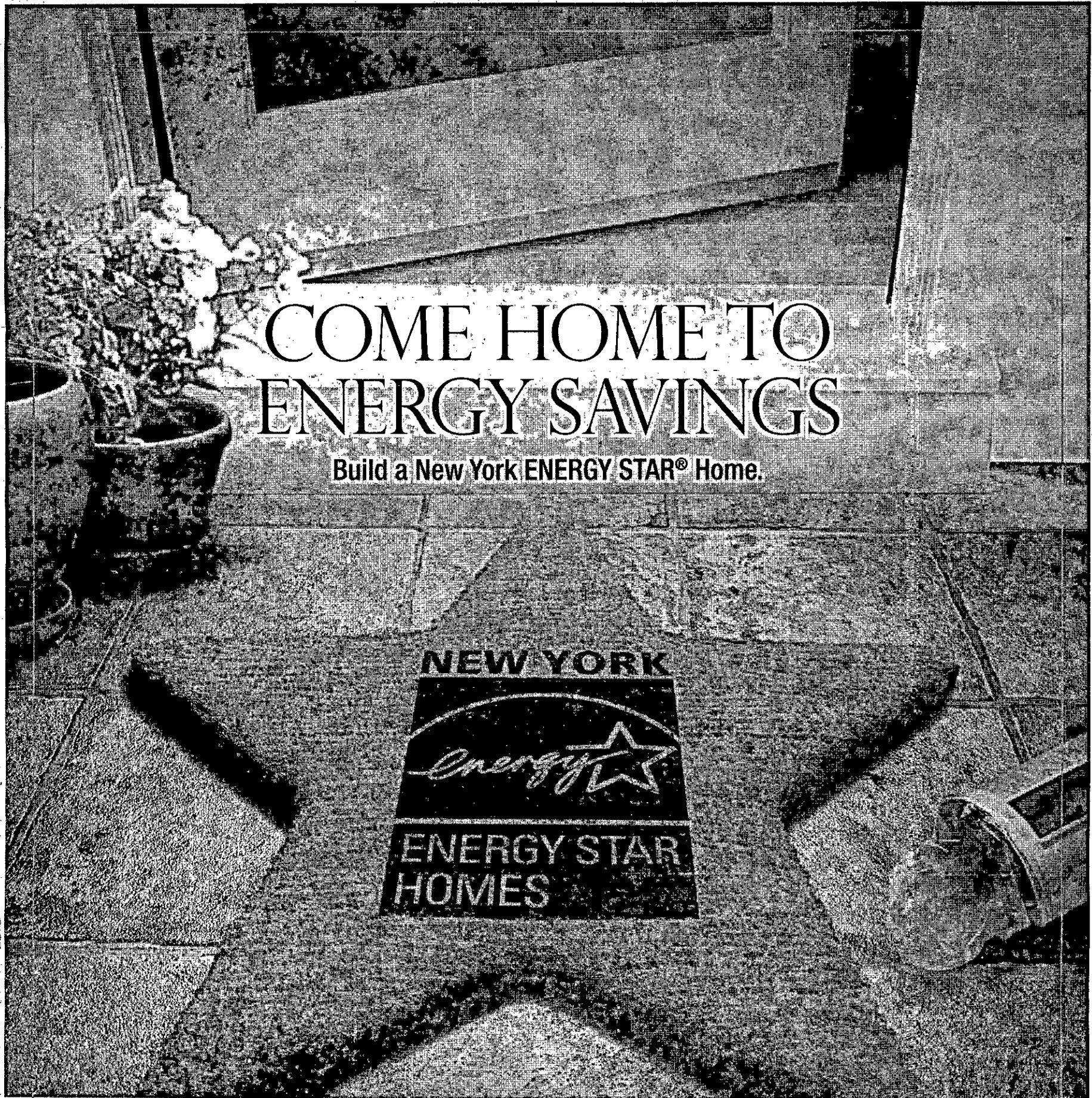
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Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Wednesday, Oct. 5
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Line Dancing
9:30 a.m. Defensive Driving @ Library
10:30 a.m. OsteoBuster
10:30 a.m. Sr Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Thursday, Oct. 6
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Osteobusters
9 a.m. Aerobics
1 p.m. Mahjongg
1:15 Pinochle

Friday, Oct. 7
Scheduled Shopping

10 a.m. Painting
10:30 a.m. Bridge
1 p.m. Quilting
1:30 p.m. Balance Class

Monday, Oct. 10
Town Hall Closed
Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct. 11
9 a.m. OsteoBuster
11:30 a.m. Luncheon
Braised Beef or Cold Plate
Noon Special Raffle
12:30 p.m. Bingo/
Games/Billiards

Wednesday, Oct. 12
Scheduled Shopping
No Line Dancing
10:30 a.m. OsteoBuster
No Sr Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Roast beef dinner on tap

Join us for a roast beef dinner on Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Berne Volunteer Fire Department. Dinner is served at noon and the cost is \$10 at the door. Take outs are \$11. The dinner includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, cabbage salad, homemade pickles, vegetables, homemade applesauce, rolls, coffee, tea, milk, and homemade pies. Senior transportation will leave town hall at 10:30 a.m. Suggested van donation: \$5. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to arrange transportation. Home pickup is available.

Monday, Oct. 10
Town Hall closed

Tuesday, Oct. 11
• Seniors in Motion
A low level fun aerobic exercise class to music. Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9-10 a.m. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

• Food Stamp and Medicaid Assistance Representatives from the Legal Aid Society and the Department of Social Services will be available



Town of Bethlehem

from 10 a.m. to noon to answer food stamp and Medicaid questions and to help with applications. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make an appointment.

Wednesday, Oct. 12
• Senior grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770.

• Are you turning 65 this year? Come to the Town Hall, Room 101, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm to learn about Medicare, and EPIC, New York State's prescription drug program. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a reservation.

Thursday, Oct. 13
• Senior grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem. For reservations, call 439-5770.

• Senior Legal Services Program This

free program, staffed by the Legal Aid Society, is available between 10:30 pm and noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall. It provides legal advice and service at no cost for residents of Albany County who are 60 years of age or older. Call 430-4955, ext 1176 for an appointment.

• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30 am - 3:30 pm. We play bridge, mah jongg, bingo and pinochle.

Friday, Oct. 14

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

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

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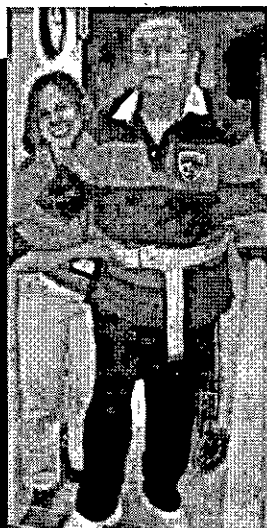
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RCS library offering free classes for adults

The RCS Community Library has planned the following computer classes for adults.

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Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 pm or Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 11 am

•Interview Basics: In this workshop, we will learn about the DOs and DON'Ts of job interviews, explore some helpful interview preparation websites, and practice answering typical interview questions. Don't miss this opportunity to prepare for your next job interview.

Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 pm or Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 11 am.

•Introduction to Goodreads: Similar to social networking sites like Facebook, Goodreads is a book networking site focused around literature experiences. In this workshop, learn about creating a Goodreads profile, writing book reviews, and rating books you've read. Also learn how to connect with friends, and even meet the authors of the books you've read. Basic internet skills are necessary for this workshop.

Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 pm or Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m.

•Beginning Internet: Get comfortable with the internet and learn how to navigate the world wide web in this beginner's

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class. Understand what the address bar is, how to type in a url; and add a page to your favorites. Mouse skills required. Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 pm or Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 11 am.

Registration is required for all classes. Call (756-2053) or email (info@rcscommunitylibrary.org).

Classes are free and open to the public.

Banned books at the library

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating

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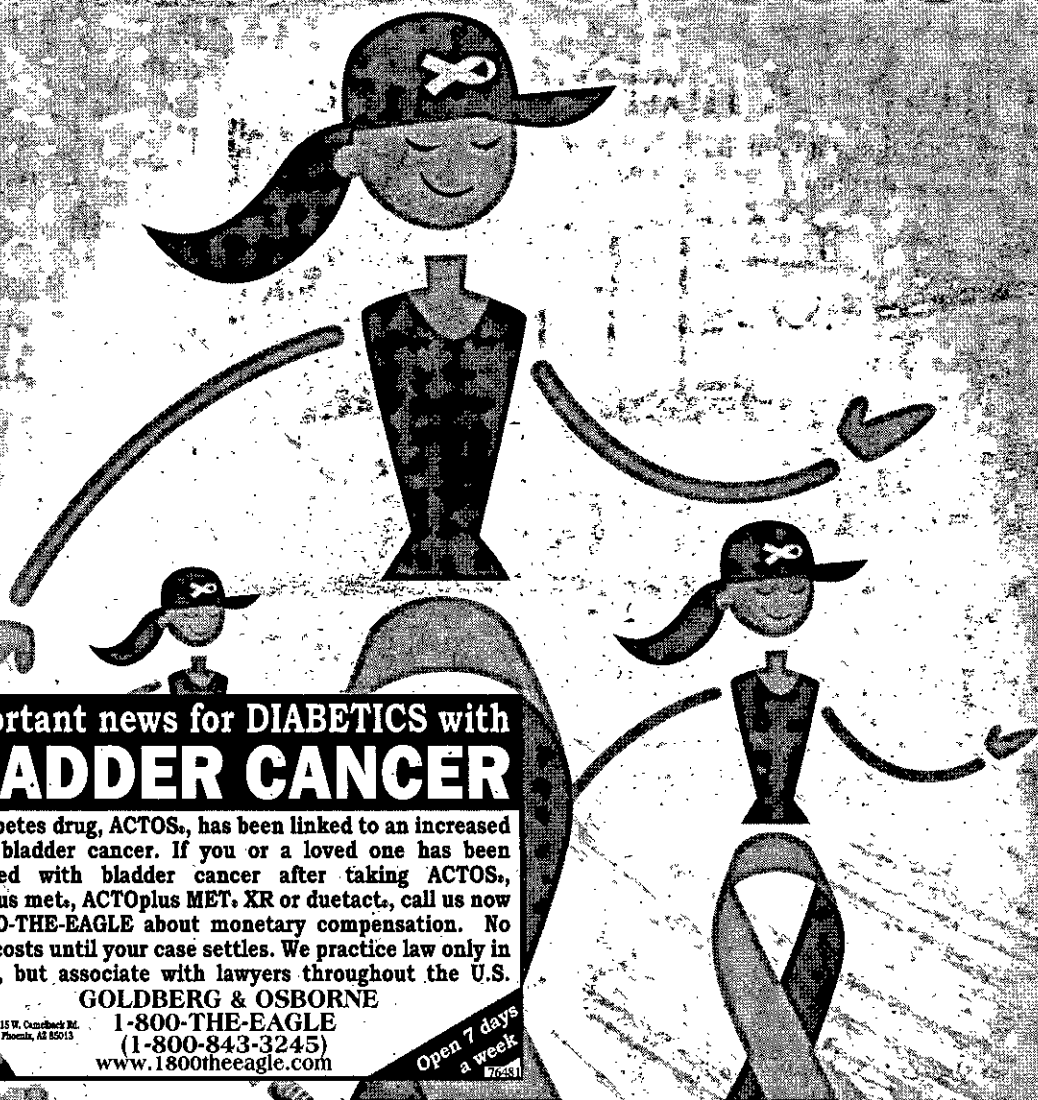
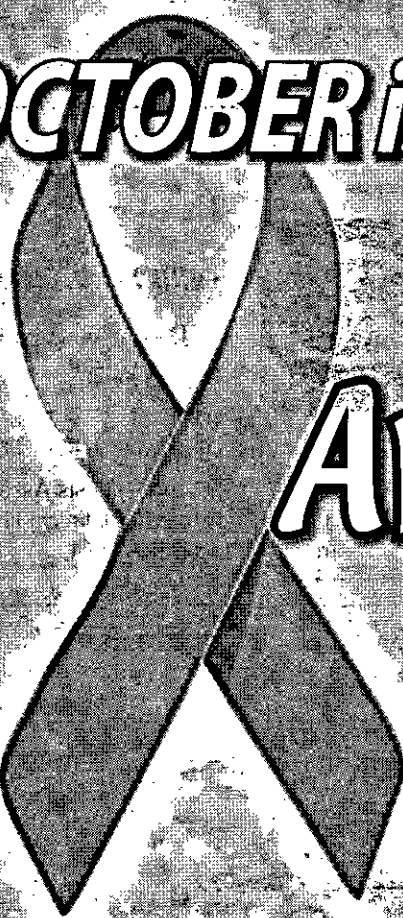
•Adult Non-Fiction
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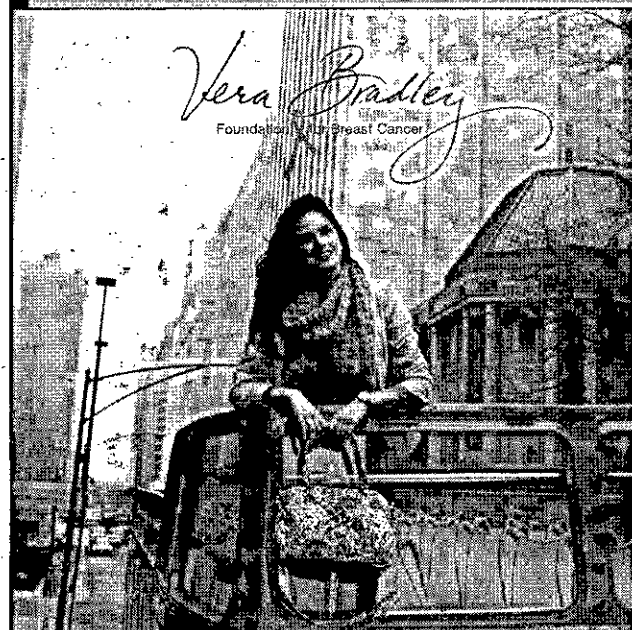
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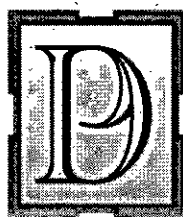
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from Senior Services of Albany will present Understanding Medicaid and Medicare. Learn what these two programs are and the differences between them, understand what each pays for, who is eligible, and how to get more information. Call the library to register for this program.

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Join us on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for a storytelling/book discussion program. First, storyteller Kate Dudding

uses Clara Barton's diaries and letters to bring this American heroine to life. Immediately following, we will be discussing the book "My Name is Mary Sutter" by Robin Oliveira. Oliveira's novel describes the pitiful state of combat medicine in the 19th century through the eyes of one woman determined to save soldiers. Call the library to register. Each participant can purchase a copy of the book for \$5.

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The last in our Seminars for Seniors will take place Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m.

Laurie Milward

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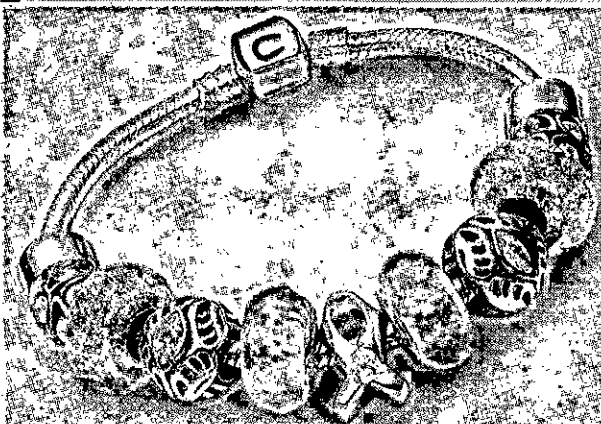
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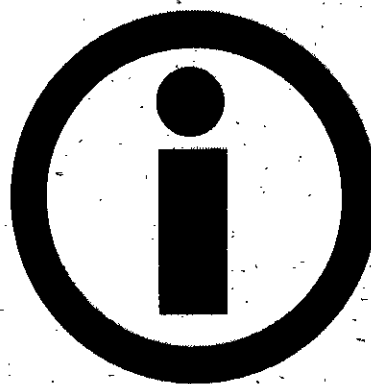
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Instead of a vacation, take an 'edventure'

Local travel company blends education and vacation

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Two friends named Mary shared a love of travel and education, so in 1999, they created Edventures, a travel company in Saratoga Springs.

"It's really very special. Every tour is different. No tour is ever the same," said Mary Rachun, founder.

Rachun refers to Edventures as a "boutique tour company" for the destinations it travels to and the overall experience it strives for.

"It's very unique travel, often with a certain topic or affinity people are interested in and we work with experts in those fields," said Rachun. "We look for interesting destinations a little off the radar, a little different, where people won't just go by themselves."

The tour groups are also significantly smaller than what other tour companies provide, usually around a dozen. Rachun said the smaller atmosphere makes for a more intimate and enriching travel experience.

"I think the quality of the experience suffers so we specialize in small group travel," she said.

Edventures also gives back to the community with each trip. Since its inception, the company has worked with Saratoga Arts to promote the trips and, in

turn, contributes back. After the donation from the Scotland trip Rachun was leaving for on Tuesday, Sept. 27, Edventures' contribution to the arts organization was getting close to \$65,000.

"It's really helped them. We do all the work except they help us by promoting the trips to the members," said Rachun. "I think that's what distinguishes our company from the big players in the industry."

Joel Reed, executive director of Saratoga Arts, said Edventures' contributions have allowed the organization to extend its outreach, membership base and programs.

"We're fortunate and grateful to be able to work with them," said Reed.

The next Edventures trip is a quick overnight run to Philadelphia, a tradition, in March.

"We usually fill the bus," said Rachun.

After that though, it's off to another far-reaching, exotic location: New Zealand.

The 13-day tour leaves March 25 and returns April 6. Travelers will tour New Zealand's two major islands with mountain chains, coastlines and rainforests, exploring wineries, private gardens, landscapes featured in the movie "Lord of the Rings" and villages from the Maori culture. The tour will finish with two nights in Sydney, Australia.

The New Zealand trip (\$5,499

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Mary Rachun (right) and Mary Huber (left) run Edventures, a tour company that specializes in offering travel packages to "off-the-radar" destinations with an educational component. Rachun and Huber visited New Zealand prior to planning the upcoming March 25-April 6 trip. An information session is Saturday, Oct. 15, at 11:30 a.m. at Saratoga Arts.

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The ghost hunt is on in Clifton Park Travel

(From Page 16)

Science and spirit meet in program at tavern

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Jeffrey House

If there's a ghost haunting the historic Grooms Tavern in Clifton Park, he or she will be exposed on Friday, Oct. 7, when local ghost hunter Jeff House presents a Halloween program as part of the town's First Friday series.

"We always look for something around Halloween that's appropriate," said John Scherer, town historian.

House considers himself a legitimized ghost hunter. He's got the equipment seen on popular television shows and investigates local haunts to detect paranormal activity.

"I believe there's a marriage between natural instincts and the scientific end of it," said House. "Marry those two together and it's really concrete answers to what you're looking for."

He didn't always hunt ghosts. It wasn't until 10 years ago, when he experienced strange occurrences in his apartment in Saratoga Springs.

"Hairdryers turning on by themselves, unexplained shaking of a bed where it was very noticeable and almost felt like a small earthquake," said House. "Things like that that really started to pique my interest and make me really wonder about what existed paranormally."

and ask it to turn on or off based on the answer," said House. "We had an hour's worth of direct questioning and answering with the flashlight turning on and off by itself. I had a fork thrown at me when no one was near. It was a very interesting experience."

Another ghostly run-in that sticks out was at a private residence in Schenectady.

"They were having some really bad experiences and I went in there and a group member [of mine] was physically touched by this," said House. "We believe it to be a demonic entity because it was actually making some sort of signs on his forehead that looked like welts, raised skin, very red, that just came out of nowhere and within 20 minutes they were gone. That was pretty intense."

House said he'd like to hunt the Canfield Casino in Saratoga Springs, a site known to have active paranormal activity.

He said he realizes many people won't believe in his ghost hunter findings or that ghosts exist at all.

"It's easy to dismiss because a lot of times the fear of the unknown or that something could exist, it makes you not want to believe and makes you question what experience you did have," said House. "It's important to know there could be something out there that exists beyond what we see every day... I truly am a believer."

It doesn't take much to sway a non-believer, said House.

House's curiosity led him to a local ghost-hunting group (he's no longer involved with them) where he became familiar with the proper equipment and techniques.

"That's where I got my feet wet with it," said House.

House works with an infrared video camera that allows him to see infrared and ultraviolet light the eye can't pick up. He carries an EMS protector that measures electric fields (a high reading is said to mean a ghost is present and drawing off the energy) and a digital voice recorder.

"A lot of times, a ghost is trying to make contact and can speak very minimally and otherwise in sentences that can't always be picked up by human ears," said House.

His favorite ghost hunting experience was at Bulls Head Inn in Cobleskill where he caught several voices on the voice recorder and communicated with ghosts through a flashlight exercise.

"You take a flashlight and put it up on an area or table where it's not moving around. You ask questions

total, which includes international airfare from San Francisco, double occupancy accommodations, some meals, attraction fees and a charitable donation) will benefit Saratoga Arts and Soroptimist International of Saratoga County. An information session will be presented by Mary Huber, the other founder of the company, on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 11:30 a.m. at Saratoga Arts at 320 Broadway.

"Edventures has been working with Saratoga Arts for many years. Through our partnership, Saratoga Arts has been able to do world-wide and closer-to-home trips that blend art education with the pleasures of traveling with a small, warm group of people and supremely qualified and experienced trip planners," said Reed.

Rachun said Edventures provides travel where people learn, an important business pillar that grew out of her years of event or travel planning for Cornell University and an international tour firm.

"You're not going on a cruise or sitting on the beach getting a tan," said Rachun. "That's lent

"You're not going on a cruise or sitting on the beach getting a tan."

— Mary Rachun,
Edventures founder

credibility to us as experts in art and culture."

The interactive trip often forges friendships that extend beyond the vacation.

"I consider it a circle of traveling friends," said Rachun. "Usually that is what happens when people travel together and hit it off. It's made it really rewarding."

Picking a favorite trip is impossible, said Rachun, who insists "my best trip is my next trip."

"I always look forward to my next experience and that enthusiasm can be infectious," said Rachun.

A few travel experiences stand out from the rest.

"Last October, I went with both my sons to the great pyramids at Giza into King Tut's tomb. It was an unforgettable experience," said Rachun. "We went hot air ballooning over the Valley of the Kings."

For an itinerary of the New Zealand trip or for more information about Edventures, visit www.goedventures.com.

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By CHARLES WIFF
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For any family, a fire can well be a nightmare scenario. In a matter of minutes, a lifetime worth of memories and treasured possessions — or much worse, loved ones — can be wiped out.

Tragically, most home fires could have been prevented, and every year in October, the National Fire Protection Association and fire departments aim to remind of that simple fact during Fire Prevention Week.

The week is scheduled every year to coincide with the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which famously killed more than 250 people and destroyed much of the city on Oct. 8 and 9 of that year.

The NFPA points out that this well-known American blaze wasn't the biggest or most deadly on record, though. The distinction belongs to the Peshtigo Fire, a forest fire that immolated 16 towns in Wisconsin and had a death toll of 1,152 people. Remarkably, this fire also broke out on Oct. 8, 1871.

The tradition started in the '20s, and while Fire Prevention Week has morphed through many forms, the message has always remained constant: fires



are a preventable tragedy.

"The big takeaway is that people can make their families safer from fire by taking some very simple steps," said Lorraine Carli, a spokeswoman for the NFPA.

A recent report conducted by the NFPA showed while there were fewer fires in 2010 when compared to the previous year, more people died as a result of them.

Fire departments responded to 1,331,500 fires in 2010, the lowest number since 1977, but there were 3,120 civilian fire deaths and 17,720 civilian injuries. Both figures are a 4 percent jump from the previous year's statistics.

The American Red Cross, which also promotes Fire Prevention Month every October, reported that of the 74,000 disasters nationwide it responded to last year, 93 percent were fire related.

The best way to protect

against fire is one everyone should already know: place smoke detectors in the home and check them regularly.

But what about when the detector sounds? Families are advised to have an escape plan ready and practiced, including setting an outside meeting place a safe distance from the house.

Fire Week also comes at a time of year when the number of home fires spikes as heating equipment kicks on for the winter.

"We see the majority of fire occurring in December, January and February. That tends to be associated with a number of heating fires," Carli said.

Overall, heating equipment is the second leading source of home fires and home fire deaths. How you protect yourself against a winter fire depends on how you heat your home.

Perhaps the most deadly form of heating equipment fire is one from a space heater. These are common, Carli said, because the heat source is near potentially flammable materials and also close to the user, so when something catches fire it can be a danger quickly.

For fireplace users, homeowners should check their chimneys for creosote, a flammable substance that builds up over time. It can eventually go up in flames, starting a fire in the chimney that would then spread.

Additionally, many residential heating systems carry the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Homeowners should install CO alarms in addition to their smoke detectors to monitor for the deadly gas, which is invisible and odorless.

Locally, most fire departments will do something special for Fire Prevention Week. The Delmar Fire Department will be tying a special open house commemorating the organization's 100th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 1-4 p.m.

There will be a series of fire safety demonstrations, including a live fire demonstration. The department's newest fire engine, Engine 21, will also be unveiled.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week and safety tips, visit nfpa.org.

IN BRIEF

Skating team to hold flapjack fundraiser

The Albany Figure Skating Club's Achilles Edge Synchronized Skating Team will be holding its annual Flapjack Breakfast fundraiser at the Applebee's Restaurant in Latham (555 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham 12110) on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The breakfast will feature all-you-can eat pancakes, bacon, juice and coffee, all served by synchro team members. Tickets are \$5 each and all proceeds benefit the synchronized skating program. If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets, contact Patricia Clancy at 518-295-8615 or doonbeg@midtel.net.

For more information about the Albany Figure Skating Club's synchronized skating program, visit the website, www.albanyfsc.org.

Make a solar cooker at Fiver Rivers

A family-oriented program on making solar reflector cookers will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 10 a.m.

Center naturalists will provide a brief overview of the physics of passive solar power and demonstrate several passive solar devices. Afterwards, participants will construct their own solar cookers from everyday materials.

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Bethlehem police charge youth with torching shed

Bethlehem police have arrested a 13-year-old and charged him with setting fire to a shed behind the Bethlehem Central Middle School on Friday, Sept. 23, destroying the structure.

The name of the juvenile was not released because of his age, but he was charged with the felonies of arson in the third degree and criminal mischief in the second degree, and the misdemeanor of criminal trespass in the third degree.

After being processed, he was placed in the Juvenile Detention Center by the Albany County Family Court.

Lt. Thomas Heffernan of the Bethlehem Police Department said it is believed the teen acted alone. Over the past few months there have been many acts of vandalism to school property, and police has arrested six or eight juveniles in connection with those past acts, he continued.

"It doesn't appear he runs with the same group of youths that we had arrested for the other acts," Heffernan said.

School officials recently

"It is very serious, there are two felony charges."

— Lt. Thomas Heffernan

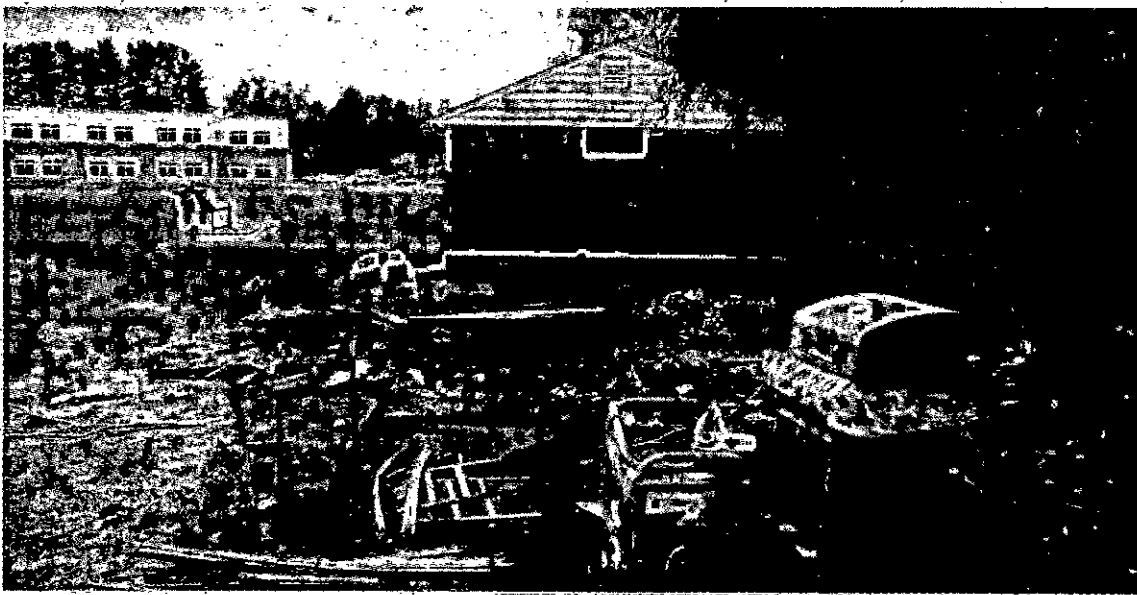
described the destruction of the shed, which was property of Bethlehem Pop Warner Football but was on BC grounds, as the latest act in a rash of vandalism. Other incidents include the making of graffiti, destruction of school property, a fire set in a dumpster and an attempted burglary of a school.

The shed and its contents were valued at about \$3,500.

Cases involving juveniles are usually handled in Family Court. The court could take a number of different actions.

"He could get anything from a juvenile fire counseling, he could get probation, or he could end up in a secure juvenile detention facility," Heffernan said. "It is very serious, there are two felony charges."

— Charles Wiff



Bethlehem police have arrested a 13-year-old boy in connection with a Friday, Sept. 23, fire in a shed behind Bethlehem Middle School. When firefighters arrived, the shed was engulfed in flames. The building and everything inside was destroyed. The shed housed two gas grills, a generator, cases of soda, paper products and three 20-pound propane tanks, which did not explode.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

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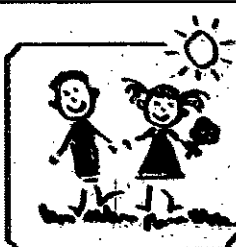
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Entertainment in the Spotlight



Fan Yang performed a free preview show at Proctors in Schenectady on Wednesday, Sept. 21. He'll be back with his Gazillion Bubble Show on Saturday, Oct. 8, for performances at 2 and 8 p.m.

A show with POP

Gazillion Bubble performance mixes education and entertainment

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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When Fan Yang was about 6 years old, he grew passionate about bubbles. He started experimenting with his own solutions, mixing liquids together and seeing what kind of bubbles he could make.

He sees a different world today. Kids are always playing video games or watching television.

That's one of the reasons he encourages families to check out his Gazillion Bubble Show, which will visit Proctors in Schenectady on Saturday, Oct. 8. It's a chance to get out and do something, to see entertainment and education interact.

"It blends art and science," Yang said. "Anyone who comes will think of bubbles in a completely different way."

In other words, bubbles aren't just the clear little circles that kids blow with

the wands and solution they can get at the dollar store. During a recent free preview performance at Proctors, Yang made bubbles big enough to encase two kids from the audience. He bounced bubbles on a racket. He squished and pulled bubbles.

It's an unusual way to make a living, but Yang's been doing it for more than two decades now. After growing up in Asia, he moved to Canada about 20 years ago, but he's frequently on the road, putting on his bubble show with his wife, Ana, their sons Deni and Jano, and his daughter, Melody.

The show has enjoyed "phenomenal success" in part because it's not something people see everyday. It's also just a sight to see.

"There's fantastic lighting, and it looks so beautiful," Yang said.

All of his bubbles are water based, Yang said. Water vapor helps create bubbles that can do things like bounce and spin,

stretch and contract.

"I can make bubbles in every size and shape imaginable," Yang said.

And part of the lure of the show is that everyone in the audience can, too. Yang said there are always "bubble gadgets" for sale at his shows, and he encourages families to take them home to experiment and make their own amazing bubbles.

"It's not magic," he said.

While people are watching him perform, he promises a good show, noting that it's interactive. Audience members are called on stage and bubbles sometimes float into the crowd.

"It's a true family show," Yang said.

Yang holds 17 world records, most recently putting 108 people inside a bubble. His shows at Proctors are at 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$45. They are available at Proctors box office, 346-6204, or online at proctors.org.



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Music

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Playing a mix of folk, traditional and American pop, Oct. 6, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

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

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COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

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SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

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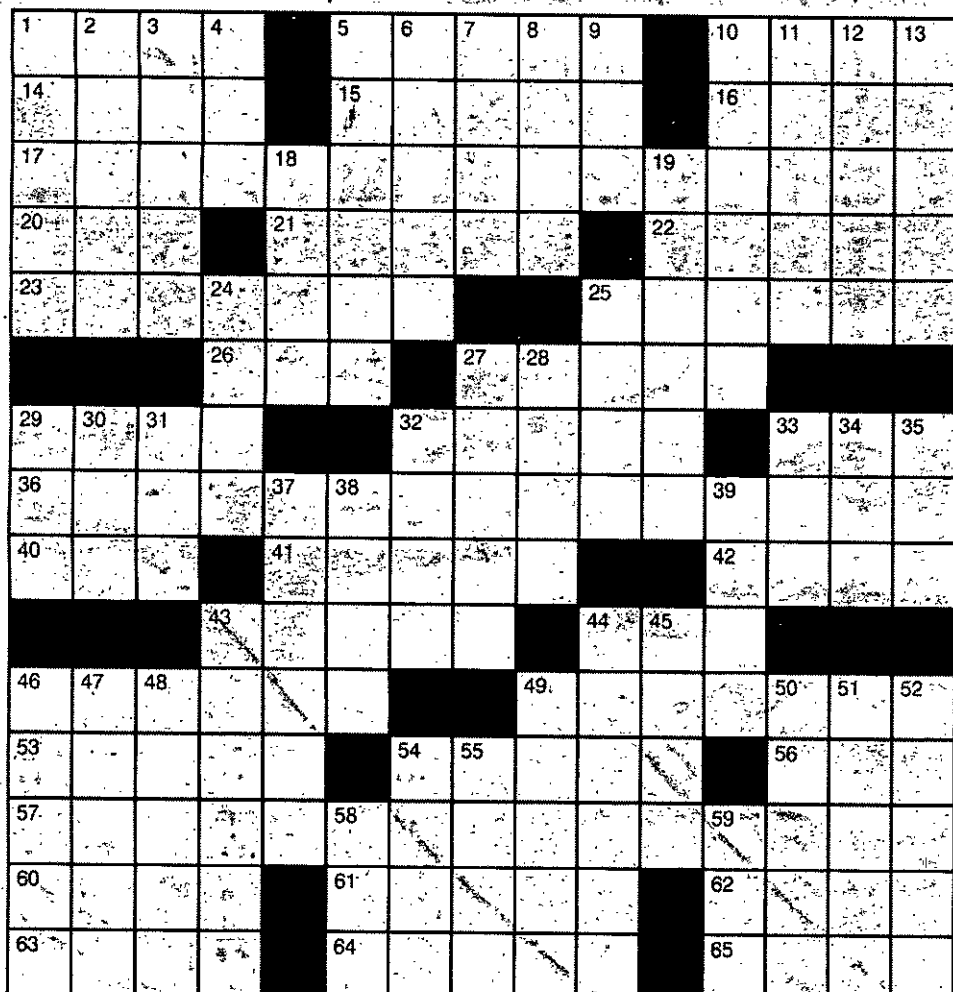
Openings in the string section, also need French horn, trombone, flute and bass drum players, rehearsals Friday at 9 a.m., Shenendehowa Senior Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park. Information, 372-5146.

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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Weekly Crossword

Potentates



ACROSS

- 1 Overlook
- 5 On the outs
- 10 Is obliged
- 14 Actor Estrada
- 15 Two-door
- 16 Fly line fling
- 17 Callous ruler
- 20 Wallet bill
- 21 Harte and Saberhagen
- 22 Pizzeria patron
- 23 Speak to be heard
- 25 Big name in burners
- 26 Switch positions
- 27 Slapping blows
- 29 Ballyhoo
- 32 Morel start
- 33 Thurman, of films
- 36 Benevolent ruler
- 40 First name in life vests
- 41 Exact moment
- 42 Oland role
- 43 Investment opt.
- 44 Little deli order
- 46 Displayed
- 49 Che
- 53 West Side gal
- 54 Dance studio rail

- 56 Harbor craft
- 57 Barbaric ruler
- 60 Beret site
- 61 Ballroom dance
- 62 Normandy city
- 63 Iditarod necessity
- 64 Cockney drays
- 65 ___ boy!

DOWN

- 1 Office mail
- 2 Tabriz native
- 3 Lorelei
- 4 Certain runner
- 5 Fired-up Greek?
- 6 Group of nine
- 7 Ramis ram
- 8 Mil. addresses
- 9 ___ gratia
- 10 Continental borders
- 11 Los Angeles area
- 12 Cosmetician Lauder
- 13 Barge back
- 18 Black, in verse
- 19 Alter, in a way
- 24 Roman foe
- 25 Shakespeare, for one
- 27 Disburse
- 28 Habit
- 29 Flat-crowned hat
- 30 A feast ___ famine
- 31 Salt Lake team player
- 32 Pirouette
- 33 Nasty!
- 34 Rhea relation
- 35 Dancer/actress Mille
- 37 Positive
- 38 Cross
- 39 End for Romeo
- 43 Wrapped, in a way
- 44 Jackasses
- 45 Rude look
- 46 L.A. Law actor Jimmy
- 47 Czech poet/president
- 48 Address the hall
- 49 Loonlike bird
- 50 Up
- 51 Robert's forte
- 52 Rocket type
- 54 Grizzly
- 55 Money machs.
- 58 Health care gp.
- 59 Here, in Paris

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Blotter

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the odor of alcohol on her breath. A drug recognition expert was called to the scene and Sorge took sobriety tests, and she was subsequently placed in custody.

At the police station, a paramedic was unable to draw a sufficient blood sample from Sorge, and she then refused to go to Albany Medical Center to complete the blood test, police said.

She was scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 4.

• Bethlehem police on Friday, Sept. 9, arrested Hendrick J. Collen Jr., of 42 Beacon Road, Glenmont, and charged him with operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs, failure to keep right and following too closely.

Police responded to a report of an erratic driver in the area of Elsmere and Kenwood avenues at about 3:21 p.m. Near the intersection of Delaware and Kenwood avenues, police observed two cars pulled over, one of them Collen's 2001 Nissan Altima.

A witness reported that Collen was swerving from his lane into

Paramedic in collision



An Albany County Paramedic Supervisor's vehicle was involved in a collision at the intersection of Elsmere Avenue and Feura Bush Road the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 30. According to early reports, the paramedic was responding to a call with red lights and siren on at the time of the crash. The Albany County Sheriff's Department is investigating the cause of the crash.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

oncoming traffic and hit another car, according to police. He allegedly appeared disoriented and intoxicated.

Collen failed sobriety tests and told police he was taking prescription medication, according to arrest reports. He had his blood drawn by a paramedic at the police station and was scheduled to appear

in court on Oct. 11.

• Bethlehem police on Saturday, Sept. 24, arrested Leanna Marie Napoli, 28, of 1½ Hudson Street, Green Island, on arrest warrants for criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree and identity theft in the second degree, both felonies.

The warrants stemmed from a Sept. 3 incident.

Green Island police arrested Napoli on the warrants and turned her over to Bethlehem police. She was arraigned and remanded to Albany County jail without bail. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Sept. 29 and a court date for Oct. 18.

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Budget keeps tax hike, adds limited raises

More pension costs means fewer purchases in tentative proposal

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Bethlehem 2012 budget is slowly taking shape, but with the release of a tentative budget on Wednesday, Sept. 26, it became even more clear that it will be tough to meet all the town's goals, especially if leaders want to limit tax increases.

In the three-act drama that is the budgeting process, this tentative budget is the second big step. A draft budget was

projects and borrowing. What's changed in the last few weeks is that the town now has a definite figure on what it will have to pay into the pension system next year, and it's \$337,000 more than expected. That makes pension costs weigh in at a \$1 million year-to-year increase.

Messina noted that the portion of the town budget spent on pensions has doubled 15 times over since 2002, while the number of employees has decreased slightly.

The budget also includes about \$200,000 in what were described as "limited merit increases and incentives." These

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— Supervisor Sam Messina

New cuts appeared in each of the town's four funds, and consist of several five-figure reductions to things like engineering services, road materials, equipment purchases and other line items.

The tax levy increase being proposed is holding at 1.27 percent, which Messina said is a responsible figure.

"We need those resources. It's not easy to propose any tax rate increase ... but I would argue we need those funds," he said.

In addition to the tax hike, 3 percent rate increases would be applied to water and sewer services. Those charges result in much more revenue for those funds that tax receipts.

But it remains to be seen if there is support on the board for a tax hike.

Commenting after the meeting, Councilman Mark Hennessey panned the idea.

"Proposing a tax increase right now is like praying for rain in the middle of a flood. People are tightening their belts and we should, too," he said.

Hennessey said he

thinks more cuts could be made to the budget.

"While it's a solid starting point on several levels, I'm not in favor of the proposed tax increase and strongly believe we can cut more spending, do less borrowing, and still make smart long-term investments in our town," said Councilman Kyle Kotary.

If a 1.27 percent tax hike were passed, the owner of a \$100,000 house would pay \$3.81 more, for a total of \$282.70 in town taxes.

The next meeting on the budget is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 13, when there will be a workshop. Another is set for Oct. 17 and a public hearing is scheduled for the Town Board meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Another workshop will take place on Nov. 2, sandwiched between the hearing and the targeted budget adoption date of Nov. 9.

All meetings start at 6 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall and are open to the public. Budget documents are available for review at the town's website, at www.townofbethlehem.org.

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presented at the end of August before several budget workshops, and now Supervisor Sam Messina has presented the tentative plan to the Town Board and residents.

"This may be called the supervisor's budget, but it's really the town's budget," Messina said, alluding to two budget workshops that have already been held.

"In the Town of Bethlehem, the budget is put out earlier, more complete and in more detail than anywhere I can think of," he continued.

On the whole, the plan is similar to what was proposed several weeks ago, though there are notable differences. The budget calls for \$38.7 million in straight appropriations, plus another \$7 million in capital

will essentially be "step" increases in pay meted out by the Town Board and department heads to worthy employees.

At a past budget workshop, Superintendent of Highways Gregg Sagendorph posited that a proposal of holding all salaries flat had already impacted employee morale.

On Wednesday, Messina described the merit-based raises as an effective management tool to reward deserving staff without putting a strain on the town. Exactly how the money will be distributed is to be a topic discussed at coming workshops.

Dipping into fund reserves and holding off on various expenses that had been previously budgeted will largely cover the new expenses.

Milestones

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Splendor of Heaven,
Blessed Mother of the Son of God,
Immaculate Virgin, assist me in
My necessity, Oh Star of the Sea,
Help me and shelter me, herein you
Are my Mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven
And Earth! I humbly beseech you

From the bottom of my heart to
Succor me in my necessity.
(Make request). There are none
That can withstand your power.
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For more information, please call 463-0134.

Local WWII veteran receives overdue honors

Niskayuna resident gets medals at Ingersoll Place

By JOHN PURCELL
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For one Navy veteran, receiving the medals he earned during WWII came as a complete, but pleasant, surprise.

John Luczka, an 88-year-old resident at Ingersoll Place Assisted Living, received three medals and two pins he should have received decades ago after serving as a tail gunner protecting American allies during WWII. A reception was held on Thursday, Sept. 22, with family and friends as Luczka shared many smiles for medals he thought he'd never receive. U.S. Rep. Paul Tonko's Office worked to secure the medals after Luczka's niece, Linda Novak, contacted Tonko asking for help.

"My Uncle, when he first came into the assisted living, he had said to me 'I was in the Navy, but I never got my medals.' ... so I said 'Okay, I'll see what we can do,'" said Novak. "He is just thrilled with the fact that he got them."

Luczka was excited he'd finally received his medals and he also happened to save room for some of the American flag decorated cake, which was served during his celebration.

"I wasn't expecting anything



John Luczka, center, holds the medals he hadn't received after serving in the Navy during WWII until Thursday, Sept. 22. To Luczka's left is his niece Linda Novak, who pursued obtaining the medals, and to his right kneels Cora Schroeter, constituent representative from U.S. Rep. Paul Tonko's office.

like this ... it was a complete surprise," said Luczka. "I had a pretty big lunch ... so I skipped dinner tonight and I'm glad I did, because I wouldn't be able to [eat some cake]."

The process of getting the medals took a couple of months to complete, said Novak, but she had his discharge papers and necessary documents, which made it easier to obtain

the medals. The three medals he received were for Navy Good Conduct, WWII Victory and American Campaign; also the two buttons were for Navy Discharge and Honorable Service.

Luczka even shared one of his war stories during the event.

"We were at least half way to England ... when we came

upon this Italian submarine on the surface and most of the crew were on deck," he said. "We thought that was one of the enemies, so we opened our bomb bays and went in on them."

He said the Italians then waved a white flag and surrendered, seeing the bomb bay doors open on the plane circling the submarine, but the captain of

the submarine and the first pilot spoke to each other on the radio. He said the submarine's engine was dead and a destroyer was called in to pick up the crew from the submarine.

Receiving the medals, Luczka said, "means that my service was appreciated."

Novak was also pleased she could get her uncle, who grew up in Niskayuna on his parents farm, the medals he earned.

"I was so happy and so excited," she said. "For tonight, I was probably one of the most excited persons, because I knew how happy he was going to be. They were well deserved and for not to be able to have them I wanted to make sure he got them before anything happened to him."

Cora Schroeter, constituent representative from Tonko's office, said getting veterans their medals is something he has done before and tries to assist in whenever he can help.

Unfortunately, not receiving due medals isn't unheard of.

"Sometimes because of the turmoil of the time and when they are discharged from service ... sometimes it gets overlooked," said Schroeter.

She said for anyone interested in getting due medals it is important to seek out their representatives to ease the process along.

"Sometimes these medals are difficult to get," she said.

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Your Community in The Spotlight

Korean War vets invited to lunch

Korean War veterans are invited to join the Adirondack Chapter Korean War Veterans as they meet for lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at noon at the Home Front Cafe in Altamont.

Roger and Terry Calkins will host the lunch. Call them at 584-3037 to make a reservation.

Any veterans from the Korean War era, 1950 to 1955, are invited to chapter activities. For more information, call Commander Ray Waldron at 584-4362.

Soccer club plans registration

The RCS Soccer Club is holding registration soon.

Spring 2012 Recreation Soccer Season Signups will run from Oct. 8 to Jan. 31. There will be a late registration period from Feb. 1 to 15 with a late fee of \$20 per child. Uniform orders will be placed on Feb. 15.

The registration fee is \$50 for the first child and \$35 for each additional child per family. Children ages 5 to 12 are welcome to play.

For more information, call Carley Libertucci, recreation registrar, at 860-7329.

Travel signup registration for the spring travel soccer program will run from Oct. 15 to Dec. 16. Regular registration is \$100. It is not necessary to order a new uniform unless your player(s) have outgrown theirs. If a new uniform is necessary, order it at the time of registration.

Payment in full will be required by Feb. 1.

Late registrations will be accepted from Dec. 17 to Jan. 1 with a late fee of \$50. Registration will be closed after Jan. 1. Uniforms will be ordered at that time.

For more information, call Mary Hyer, travel registrar, at 338-8135.

Animal hospital to make donation

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Canterbury Animal Hospital in Delmar will donate \$5 toward the fight against breast cancer when pets or owners come in wearing denim between Oct. 8 and 15.

The hospital is at 88 Delaware Ave.

Poetry open mic planned

Old Songs Community Arts Center will hold Sunday Four Poetry Open Mic on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m.

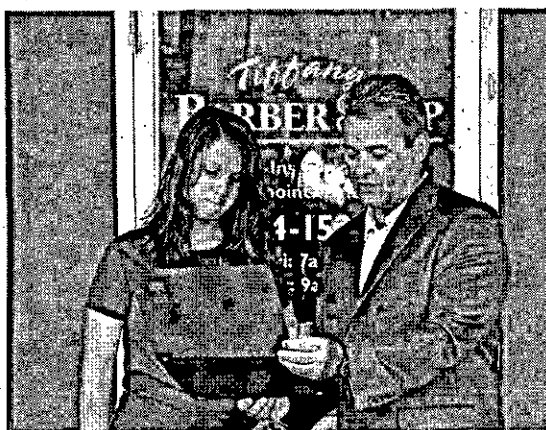
Jason Crane will be the featured poet. Dennis Sullivan,



New location

On Saturday, Sept. 24, Tiffany Westervelt, owner of Tiffany's Barber Shop, joined with the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin in a ribbon cutting ceremony that took place in front of the shop's new location in the Glenmont Price Chopper Plaza. Tiffany's Barber Shop held festivities throughout the day, including giveaways and discounted men's haircuts.

Shawn Higgins/Spotlight



Mike Burke, and Edie Adams are the hosts.

Old Songs Community Arts Center is at 37 S. Main St., Voorheesville. For more information, email dsullivan6@nycap.rr.com or call 469-0202.

St. Thomas seeks crafters

Crafters are needed for the Nov. 5 "Shop 'Til You Drop!" craft fair to benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School.

The committee is in search of crafters who want to showcase their talents during the holiday season.

Call 756-3732 or 439-6417 to reserve a space or learn more.

Lyme disease group to meet

The Capital Region Chapter of the Empire State Lyme Disease Association will hold an open forum support group meeting on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Guiderland Public Library, 2228 Western Ave., Guiderland.

The open forum meetings provide an opportunity for participants to raise questions, exchange ideas and experiences, make connections, and locate resources, drawing from the extensive experience of the other support group members.

Anyone with questions about Lyme disease is welcome to attend. The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, email felice44@aol.com.

Church holds fall supper

The Presbyterian Church in New Scotland will hold its annual fall supper on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall, at 2010 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands.

The menu consists of roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberry relish, squash, green bean salad, rolls and butter, and homemade pies for dessert. The cost for the dinner is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children and free for children under 5. Seating is first-come-first-served. No reservations will be taken. Take-outs are available. For more information, call the church office at 439-6454.

Fire Department sets open house

The Westmere Volunteer Fire Department is inviting all neighborhood families to visit during fire prevention week. Their Fire Prevention and Open

House will be on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The theme this year will be "Protect Your Family From Fire." Numerous displays with fire prevention materials and fire safety items will be on hand, as well as a children's fire truck bouncy-bounce with face painting. Also, a group from Operation Safe Child will be present, as well as numerous other events.

For more information, call the Westmere Fire Department at 456-5200.

CF Foundation makes Great Strides

The Northeastern NY Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation announces the launch of Great Strides, a national walk that generates critical funds for lifesaving cystic fibrosis research, education and care.

Locally, Great Strides will step off Sunday, Oct. 9, at Elm Avenue Park in Bethlehem. Registration is 10 a.m. and the walk starts at 11 a.m.

Funds raised through Great Strides have helped spur progress in the lives of those who have cystic fibrosis.

"We still lose precious young lives to this disease every day. It's more important than ever

that we raise every dollar we can to fight CF," said Kristine Tracey-Lindskoog, volunteer chair for the CF Foundation's Great Strides Walk in Bethlehem. "We're grateful for every volunteer, donor and sponsor who supports Great Strides."

To get involved in Great Strides, call the Northeastern NY Chapter at 783-7361 or visit <http://greatstrides.cff.org>.

Altamont VFW holding fundraiser

The Boyd Hilton VFW 7062 in Altamont will be hosting a chicken 'n biscuits fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 8, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the organization's Mill Street location. Advance tickets are \$9, and \$9.50 at the door. Chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables and cranberry sauce will be served, along with coffee or tea and a variety of pies. Tickets are available at the VFW.

For more information, call 861-8323 or 470-7310.

Harvest Dinner at McKownville church

The McKownville United Methodist Church at 1565 Western Ave., Albany, will be having a Celebration Harvest Dinner from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5.

For more information, go to www.RedDoorsChurch.org.

Class of '81 plans reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1981 30th reunion is planned for Sunday, Oct. 9, at Jillian's 59 North Pearl Albany at 6 p.m. For more information, visit <http://sites.google.com/site/bchs1981classreunion/> or contact Diane Giaccone Stever at Steverdiane@yahoo.com

NABA slates technology fair

The Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany will hold a low-vision technology fair Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Beltrone Living Center in Colonie from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The purpose of the fair is to showcase the latest in low vision technologies designed to assist the visually impaired with reading and daily activities such as computer use, working and shopping. Low-vision technology companies will be demonstrating state-of-the-art products that help with low vision, as well as healthcare experts to present the latest in eye health research.

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In the bag



In an effort to help children affected by recent flooding, the Capital District YMCA's Greene County branch helped organize a community effort to collect backpacks and school supplies. The Y was able to collect and fill 500 backpacks to be distributed to students in the Windham Ashland Jewett Central School District, and they were delivered on Sept. 15. Some businesses and groups donating supplies were Delmar Pediatrics, Greenville Girl Scouts, EmUrgentCare of Coxsackie, Flach Realty and Ford Lacy. At left is Dr. Michael Looney from Delmar Pediatrics, with Heather Bagshaw, executive director of the Greene County YMCA.

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British singer to play at Old Songs

Old Songs will present British singer and instrumentalist Brian Peters on Friday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m.

The concert will be at 37

South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at www.oldsongs.org. Reservations may be made by calling Old Songs at 765-2815.

Peters is one of the English folk scene's great all-arounders: a compelling singer, a top squeezebox player and a skilled guitarist.

Thacher Park to ring in fall

It's well into fall, and just as in past years, the season will be rung in at John Boyd Thacher State Park with a Fall Festival.

The eighth year running, this year's celebration will take place Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pear Orchard Picnic area at the park.

Attendees will have the chance to make their own cider and scarecrows, take a hayride on the

Helderberg Express, partake in a scavenger hunt and much more.

Music will be provided by The 3 Js, vendors will be selling handcrafted artwork and crafts and there will be plenty of hot cider and baked goods.

Patrons wishing to participate in the scarecrow building pageant may bring their own outfits to design a scarecrow. Scarecrow clothes are also available at the park while supplies

last. Visitors may wish to bring a camera and take a picture with Helderberg Hildie, Buzzard Bill, Atticus the Owl, and Scout, the Fox. Costumes are always welcome at the festival.

There will be a vehicle use fee of \$6 per car. Call 872-1237 for more information.

In case of extreme inclement weather, the event will be held Sunday, Oct. 9.

IN BRIEF

UAlbany plans shared concert

The University at Albany Department of Music will hold a shared program between the University-Community Symphony Orchestra and the University-Community Concert Band on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 3 p.m. in the Main Theatre of the UAlbany Performing Arts Center on the uptown campus.

Under the direction of Kevin Champagne, the Concert Band will perform W. Francis McBeth's "With Sounding Trumpets," Eric Whitacre's "Noisy Wheels of Joy" and Claude T. Smith's "Joyance" and as well as a Blues Brothers Revue arranged by Jay

Bocook to close out the first half of the concert. Under the direction of Christopher Neubert, the Symphony Orchestra will take the stage after a short intermission to perform Tchaikovsky's "Romeo & Juliet."

Tickets are \$6 for the general public and \$3 for students, seniors and UAlbany faculty/staff and may be purchased through the Performing Arts Center Box Office. For more information, contact the box office at (518) 442-3997 or visit www.albany.edu/pac.

Map, compass workshop set

A hands-on workshop

on how to use a map and compass will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 1 p.m.

NYSDEC Forest Ranger Karen Glesmann will demonstrate how to read and understand a map and use a compass for descriptions, direction, distance, scale and detail. Participants will then practice way-finding skills outdoors along gentle center trails.

Space is limited. Call the Center at 475-0291 by Wednesday, Oct. 19 to register.

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Leader Vista

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"bright and talented."

The district received over 40 applications in a search that was run through Capital Region BOCES. Of those applicants, the school board interviewed 11 and a panel of about 60 community stakeholders — teachers, parents and community leaders — interviewed three.

"It was definitely a long process, and it was a great process," said Board of Education President Diane Giaccone Stever.

Douglas confirmed that BC's vetting was more in-depth than what he's experienced in the past, but said he welcomed the opportunity to meet members of the community in the interviews and around town.

He added he'll need to get right into the district's budgeting process when he starts in January.

Douglas will be moving to the area with his wife, Lorian, and their 2-year-old son, Carter.

Like many developments, a poor economy was a big factor in slowing down Vista. Earlier this year, stakeholders reached out to the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency and over the course of several months crafted a financing plan making possible the building of Vista Boulevard.

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, the IDA met to discuss those bonds again. The final details are still being worked out, but a decision was made to proceed with construction, with Columbia Development backing the initial phase. The bonds should be issued sometime in October, Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina said, and they're likely to total in the neighborhood of \$7 million.

Messina called Vista "the most significant economic development project in the history of Bethlehem."

"Many people and organizations including the Albany County Executive Michael Breslin and

Legislative Chairman Dan McCoy, the developer, the Town, the Bethlehem IDA, landowners and others worked together as true partners over the last year on Vista. Now, Bethlehem is poised to see the construction of the road and the buildings — and the revenue generating tax benefits and new employment that will result," he said.

Monday's work began without fanfare, but a groundbreaking ceremony will be set in a few weeks.

Many Bethlehem residents have already noticed the construction equipment staged by Builder BBL Construction.

"It's going to be a busy next couple of months. This project represents a great deal of construction for a whole lot of folks. That's good news in any economy," said Jonathan deForest, BBL executive vice president.

The Vista master plan calls for 1.4 million square feet of office, retail and commercial space. Developers have been guarded when it comes to the identity of initial tenants but it's likely a Shoprite grocery store will anchor the park's retail component.



Pam McSweeney, center, owns and operates Eight Mile Creek Farm in Westerlo.

AEM presents sign to farm

On Sept. 19, Pam McSweeney, owner and operator of Eight Mile Creek Farm, was presented with an Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) "Farmers Partnering to Protect Our Environment" road-side sign in recognition of her exemplary stewardship of natural resources

and commitment to environmental protection.

The Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District presented the sign at the farm on Johnny Cake Hill Road in Westerlo.

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Fifteen years ago, Saratoga Springs chiropractor Dr. David Gabay worked with the U.S. Olympic team at the training center in Colorado Springs, Colo., before the Atlanta summer games in 1996.

Now, in a move rarely afforded twice, he's doing it again.

"Usually you get to do one location in a career or lifetime but I was absolutely thrilled when they called me to do another rotation in Lake Placid," said Gabay, who recently got a call from the Olympic Committee.

Gabay will spend the last two weeks of October treating athletes in training for the 2014 Winter Olympics at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid. He doesn't have a full schedule of which teams he'll work with, but sports like bobsledding, the luge, skeleton and ski jump typically train up north.

"My function is team chiropractor at the [U.S.] Olympic Training Center. I'll be handling lower back injuries but also all muscular skeletal injuries," said Gabay. "I'll be on call, setting up, working on patients, evaluating and treating their injuries."

Gabay will work with a team of other doctors chosen by the U.S. Olympic Committee, including a medical doctor, orthopedist,

massage therapist and athletic trainers. For many of the athletes, this October training session will determine the future of their Olympic dreams.

"I'll be ascertaining which ones will continue to train, which will be sidelined, what tests need to be done and balancing the aspirations of the athletes for their goals in competition and what is safe for them," said Gabay. "We don't want to send an athlete out for competition in the Olympics and have them dealing with a lifelong injury that will affect them for their remaining years. Sometimes you've got to make that unpopular decision and say 'You can't compete.'"

The U.S. Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid opened in 1982, and the present facility opened in 1989.

There are only about 130 chiropractors that have the certification required to be considered by the Olympic Committee for a training center gig, which are unpaid.

"A lot of young guys and gals are not doing the certification because it's an additional three years, you've got to be published, do practical exams, written requirements, it's a lot of work," said Gabay, who thinks that might be a reason the committee is pulling second rotations from doctors like him.

Gabay has been practicing for 30 years and said he was one of the first chiropractors to get the extra certification. The first time

he was asked to train athletes before the Olympics in Atlanta, he said he was excited.

"I was thrilled the first time because it's the cream of the crop that really gets chosen to do these assignments. It's a feather in your cap," said Gabay. "I had been practicing for 15 years, I had cut my teeth."

Many of the athletes he treated during his first go-around were suffering from chronic overuse syndromes and plagued with past injuries. For example, when the weight lifting team arrived at the training center in Colorado Springs, four out of the 12 individuals were slated to sit out the Olympics. With Gabay's help, though, they made it to their dream.

"We got them to the point where they could compete and they went to Atlanta and competed," said Gabay. "That was a wonderful feeling and to get the phone calls and letters afterward saying 'Doc, thanks for your help,' that's what it's all about. That's what the training is all about. It's good to give back."

Treating Olympic athletes isn't much different than working with his everyday patients, said Gabay.

"When I have just the average individual coming in as a patient and dealing with debilitating back pain, there's pressure to try and do your best for every patient get them better because they've got to maintain a job and family,"



David Gabay, a Saratoga Springs chiropractor, will treat athletes training for the 2014 Winter Olympics when they use the U.S. Olympic training center in Lake Placid during the last two weeks of October.

Submitted photo

said Gabay. "That's the same with Olympic athletes but it's cranked up a little more."

The pressure at the U.S. Olympic Training Center is eased a bit because the doctors work collectively to find solutions.

"That's why we use a team approach. We all sit down and talk," said Gabay. "We're seeing that change in practice where everybody's a part of the bigger team in working with patients and their best interests. We try

to leave egos at the door."

He'll have to close his practice for his two weeks of Olympic work but it's worth it, said Gabay.

"I'm looking forward to it. It's real tough losing your practice for two weeks because there's no income and an interruption in patient care," said Gabay. "I try not to take any new patients for two weeks before."

The 2014 Winter Olympics will be held in Sochi, Russia.

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Law
a. The name of the Limited Liability Company is Barrel O' Fun, LLC.
b. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on August 10, 2011.
c. The office of the Limited Liability Company will be located in Albany County.
d. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: Barrel O' Fun, LLC, c/o Alessio F. Depoli, 61 Briar Avenue, Albany, New York 12203.
e. The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes.
75379 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Gallagher Family Markets, LLC.
Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/19/11.
Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities.
75380 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Bravo Buildings LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/22/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 991 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
75383 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

ISLAND SMOKES DISTRIBUTION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/09/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210 will be design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes.
75351 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

ISLAND SMOKES VIII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/09/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210 will be design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes.
75352 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of InSite Wireless, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/2/11. Office LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/9/05. SSNY designated as agent

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of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal office address: 301 North Fairfax St., Ste. 101, Alexandria, VA 22314. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.
75429 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY
X
AMERICAN TAX FUNDING, LLC, BMO CAPITAL, F/K/A HARRIS NESBITT CORP., AS SECURED PARTY, Plaintiff,
INDEX NO. 694/10
against
THERESA ANN WALKER a/k/a THERESA A. WALKER, if
living and if she be dead, any and all persons who may claim and devisees, distributees, legal representatives, successors and interest of the said defendants, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained.
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Successor by merger to FLEET NATIONAL BANK, N.A. SCHENECTADY FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK; FLEET NATIONAL BANK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
Defendants.
X TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Amended Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the amended complaint not of appearance, on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within 20 days after service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or 30 days after service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded herein.
Plaintiff designates SCHENECTADY County as the place of trial.
SUMMONS AND NOTICE: The address of the real property is 586 ONTARIO STREET, SCHENECTADY, NY served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve NOTICE
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME
If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the tax lien holder who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.
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YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (TAX LIEN HOLDER) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.
Dated: June 27, 2011
STAGG, TERENZI, CONFUSIONE & WABNIK, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
BY:

Notice of Formation of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal office address: 301 North Fairfax St., Ste. 101, Alexandria, VA 22314. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.
75429 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

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75429 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

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75429 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

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75429 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Jacqueline M. Della Chiesa
401 Franklin Avenue, Suite 300
Garden City, NY 11530
(516) 812-4500
The object of this action is to foreclose tax liens covering:
586 ONTARIO STREET, SCHENECTADY, NY 12306
JUDGMENT IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$6,289.99 plus interest.
75385 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal office address: 301 North Fairfax St., Ste. 101, Alexandria, VA 22314. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.
75429 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

ISLAND SMOKES II LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/22/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210 will be design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes.
75428 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of 261 Madison Executive Suite, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/24/11. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in California (CA) on 8/19/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Premier Business Centers, Attn: Jeff Reinstein, 2102 Business Center Dr., Irvine, CA 92612, also the principal office address and the address to be maintained in CA. Arts of Org. filed with the CA Secretary of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities.
75432 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
Name: D & R Paving, LLC.
Articles of Organization filed with New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on: 08/09/2011.
Office Location: Albany County.
SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process c/o D & R Paving, LLC, 6 Dorsman Drive, Latham, New York.
Term: Until: N/A.
Purpose: Any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized.
75433 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 319 WEST 76TH STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/25/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
76409 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 321 WEST 76TH STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/25/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
76408 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Restore Group, LLC. Name: Young's Roofing LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Missouri (MO) on 5/12/11. 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 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in MO: 10 Triad South Dr., Ste. D, St. Charles, MO 63304. Arts of Org. filed with the MO Secretary of State, 600 W. Main, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Purpose: any lawful activities.
76406 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TWO PENCES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/19/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
76405 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation J.D.G. Aviation, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/23/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY. Purpose: all lawful activities.
75430 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE DATA CENTER, LLC
UNDER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206
The name of the limited liability company (LLC) is: THE DATA CENTER, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed on July 26, 2011 with the Secretary of State (SS). The office of the LLC is in Albany County, NY. The LLC shall dissolve on December 31, 2061. The SS of NY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SS shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him is the LLC, 18 Norris Drive, Valatie, New York 12184. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed, both within and without NY State.
76400 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BRKLYN HTS CONDOS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/13/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 315 Park Ave. South, NY, NY 10010. Purpose: any lawful activities.
76394 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 6718 13th Ave LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/1/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
76028 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 332 A 9th St. LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/30/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
76027 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of B.E.S.R. LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/30/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
76018 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
Name: Mingle: The Un-Cafe LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 23, 2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to The LLC, c/o Julie Royston, 41 Balboa Drive, Latham, New York 12110-3044. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose.
76017 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Blue Line Medical Products, LLC.
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/23/11. 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, 1350 Northmeadow Parkway, Suite 130 Roswell, GA 30076. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.
76012 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Gunt Painting, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy of State (SSNY) 7/21/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 141 Orchard St., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities.
76011 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of William Cox, M.D., PLLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy of State (SSNY) 8/31/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 834 Worcester Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309. Purpose: to practice the profession of Medicine.
76010 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Summit Technical Solutions, LLC.
Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/1/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 11/4/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 726 S. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903, also the principal office address. Arts of Org. filed with the NV Secretary of State, 202 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701-4069. Purpose: any lawful activities.
76009 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Jersey Staffing Solutions Limited Liability Company. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/17/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 5/10/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Incorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza - 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210-2822, also the registered agent. Address to be maintained in NJ: 400 Valley Rd., Ste. 106, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856. Arts of Org. filed with the NJ Secretary of State, 225 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608-1101. Purpose: any lawful activities.
76008 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BEACON PACIFIC LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/7/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
76007 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of AEON CHANT LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/2/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/6/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
76006 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Labor Source, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/1/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Kansas (KS) on 9/8/99. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: Spenserv, Inc., 9401 Indian Creek Pkwy., Bldg. 40, Ste. 700, Overland Park, KS 66210. Arts. of Org. filed with KS Secy. of State, 120 SW 10th Ave., 1st Fl., Topeka, KS 66612. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
76004 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 544 DELAWARE AVENUE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, August 9, 2011. 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: c/o Eitan Evan, 41 Hamilton Lane, Glenmont, NY 12077.
76003 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Cathay Holdings, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/7/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 9/24/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: c/o CSI, 800 Brazos, Ste. 400, Austin, TX 78701. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
76000 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 226135NYC LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/7/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
75078 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 43-73 Union St LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/14/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
75079 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 252-06 Hillside Ave LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/14/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
75080 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Quantum LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/13/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
75081 (D)
(October 5, 2011)

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LEGAL NOTICE: Notice of Formation Family Life Midwifery, PLLC filed with the NY Sec. of State on 8/9/2011. Location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC, upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail process to: 20 Elm Street, Albany NY, 12202. Purpose: Midwifery. 76185 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE - SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE

OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY-AMERICAN TAX FUNDING, LLC. BMO CAPITAL F/K/A HARRIS NESBITT CORP. AS SECURED PARTY against THERESA ANN WALKER a/k/a THERESA A. WALKER, if living and if she be dead, any and all persons, who may claim as devisees, distributees, legal representatives, successors and interest of the said defendants, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Successor by merger to FLEET NATIONAL BANK, N.A. SCHENECTADY FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, FLEET NATIONAL BANK, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE PEOPLE OF THE

STATE OF NEW YORK. To the above named Defendants - YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Amended Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the amended complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within 20 days

after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or 30 days after the service is complete, if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded herein.

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Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the tax lien holder will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (TAX LIENHOLDER) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE - The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Vito C. Caruso

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dated on August 1, 2011. The object of this action is to foreclose a tax lien encumbering the premises known as 536 ONTARIO STREET, SCHENECTADY, NY lying and being in the City and County of Schenectady, State of New York, known and designated as Section 48.67, Block 2 and Lot 22, Stagg, Terenzi, Confusione & Wabnik, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, BY: Jacqueline M. Della Chiesa, Esq., 401 Franklin Avenue, NY 11530 (516) 812-4500. 76182 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ROCKY CANEY WIND, LLC a domestic Limited Liability Company organized under the laws of New York whose Articles of Organization were filed on September 13, 2011 with the New York Secretary of State. 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 Corporation Trust Company, 3 Winners Circle, 3rd Fl., Albany, New York 12205. New York Office Location: Albany County. Purpose: All lawful activities. 76181 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Slingerlands Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, will hold a public review of the Slingerlands Fire District Annual Budget for the year 2012. The review will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Slingerlands Firehouse, 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York. NOTE: As at all public Fire Commissioner's meetings, reasonable accommodations and access are available. Gayle A. Griffiths Secretary to the Board Slingerlands Fire District 75077 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

ISLAND SMOKES XVIII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/14/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210 will be design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 76425 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Horse To Water Marketing, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/10/11. Office location: Albany County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: C/O United States Corporation Agents, Inc. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Purpose: any lawful activity. 76424 (D) (October 5, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of 5122 Broadway LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/13/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 76423 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Preeminent Realty LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 8, 2011. Certificate of Amendment filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 15, 2011 changing its name to Apic Realty LLC. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to c/o The LLC, 63 Shaker Road, Suite 203, Albany, New York 12204. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. 76421 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Developmental Psychiatric Consulting LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/15/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76419 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Rex Stern Insurance Agency LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/15/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76418 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Iketo Eyewear LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/15/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76558 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Entertainment by Gail LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/15/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1848 E. 4th St., Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: any lawful activity. 76557 (D) (October 5, 2011)

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Notice of Formation Satya Enterprises LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY

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9/20/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76554 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of Mare of Albany, LLC (the ALLC@) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (ASSNY@) on December 17, 2007, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o Elisabeth Ruthman, 14 Aspen Heights, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. 76553 (D) (October 5, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of Fire-Works Film, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on September 15, 2011, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 1 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203, which is the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. 76552 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Opus e-Solutions, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 21, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1621 Central Ave. Albany, New York 12205. 76551 (D/C) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: PLOTZKER MANAGEMENT CONSULTING, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/10/2011. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: c/o PLOTZKER MANAGEMENT CONSULTING, LLC 545 Dawson Rd, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. 76543 (D) (October 5, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of TERM Power & Gas, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/15/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/16/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1679 S. State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 76542 (D) (October 5, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of Twin Eagle Resource Management, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/15/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/30/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1679 S. State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 76541 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation MOS Architects PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/22/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76540 (D) (October 5, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of RMS Asset Management Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/12/11. Office location: Albany County. Delaware (DE) on 10/1/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Principal office Address: 2727 Spring Creek Dr., Spring, TX 77373. Address to be maintained in DE: 1679 S. DuPont Hwy., Ste. 100, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 76539 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JACKSFLASH LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/23/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76535 (D) (October 5, 2011)

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Notice of Formation Veritas Property Management L.L.C. Application for Authority filed with SSNY on 9/27/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNJ on 9/7/2007. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Address required to be maintained in NJ: 186 Edgemont Place, Teaneck, NJ 07666. Name and address of the authorized officer in NJ where copy of Arts. of Org. is filed: New Jersey State Treasurer, Division of Revenue, 33 West State St., 5th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76533 (D) (October 5, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Got Poop NY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/26/11. 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 Gerald Weinberg PC, 90 State Street, Suite 815, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 76684 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KOKI ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/27/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76678 (D) (October 5, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of TEAM J-MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/27/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76677 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Del Designs, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Secy of State (SSNY) 8/22/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 3 Sunset Dr., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 1/1/2110. 76676 (D) (October 5, 2011)

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PUBLIC NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of the Planning Commission of the Village of Voorheesville the Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the following application from: Mark Wilcox for a Special Use Permit to operate a retail business (proposed NAPA

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auto parts store) in an industrial zone to be located at 20 Grove Street, Bldg. 4. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 7 PM at the Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, NY 12186.

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION Georgia Gray, Chairperson, Dated: September 27, 2011 76682 (D) (October 5, 2011)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Proposed Budget of the Elmwood Park Fire District of the Towns of New Scotland, Bethlehem and Guiderland, State of New York, will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Elmwood Park Fire District, for its consideration.

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Elmwood Park firehouse located at 589 Russell Road, Albany, New York 12203, in the Towns of New Scotland, Bethlehem and Guiderland, State of New York on the 18th day of October, 2011.

Pursuant to Town Law §105, the Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing.

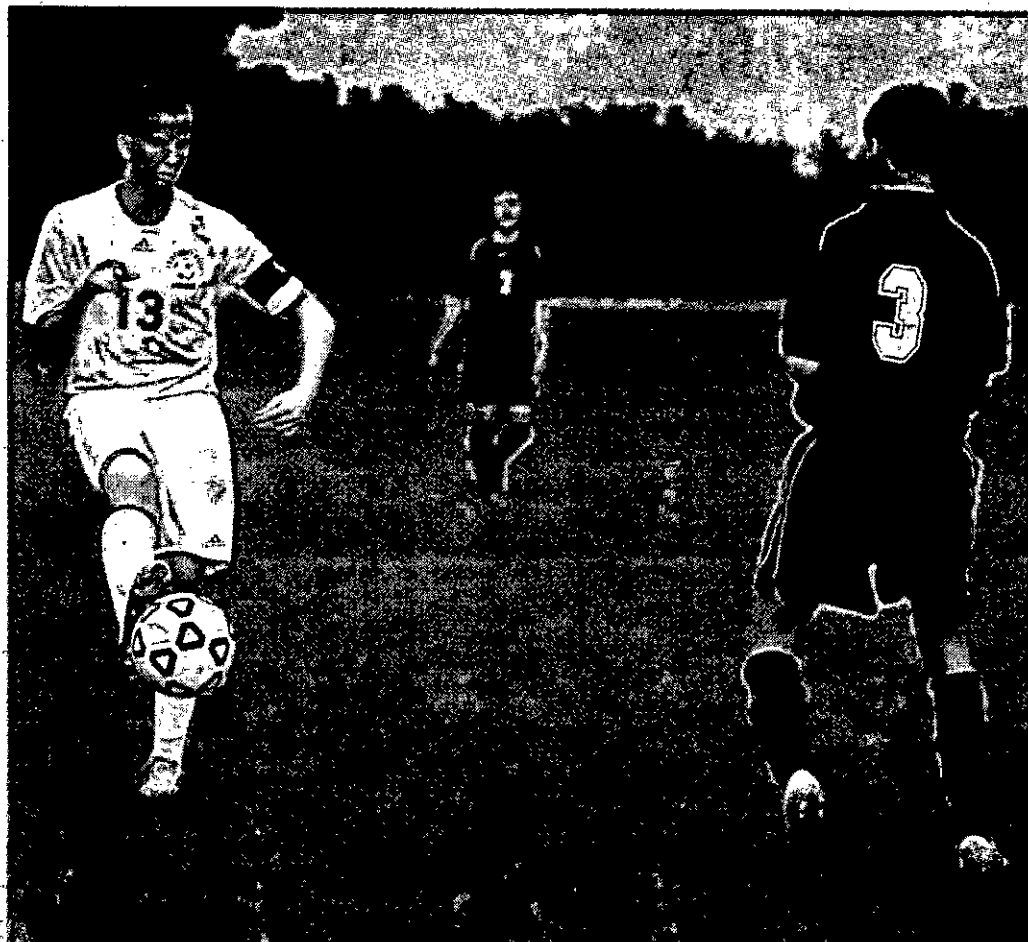
The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same.

That a copy of the proposed budget is available at the Offices of the Town Clerk of the Towns of New Scotland, Bethlehem and Guiderland and Fire District Secretary Ann Wall at (518) 869-3726 where it may be inspected by an interested person during office hours. 76680 (D) (October 5, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Elmwood Park Fire District located in the Towns of New Scotland, Bethlehem and Guiderland, Albany County will accept sealed bids for snow removal from all paved surfaces at the firehouse located at 589 Russell Road, Albany, New York 12203. Copies of the contract can be obtained by contacting the Fire District Secretary Ann Wall at (518) 869-3726 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bids for this contract must be submitted to the Elmwood Park Fire District's firehouse located at 589 Russell Road in a clearly marked envelope entitled "Snow Plowing" and must be received by November 1st, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at which time the bids will be publicly opened, read and recorded. The Elmwood Park Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners will award the bid as soon as possible after the opening bids. The Elmwood Park Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids. 76679 (D) (October 5, 2011)

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Blackbirds face Bulldogs

Above: Voorheesville's Colin Prendergast (13) controls the ball during last Friday's Colonial Council game against Cobleskill-Richmondville. Right: Dylan Hensel (7) of the Blackbirds passes to a teammate being shadowed by a Bulldog midfielder.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Hockey

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Replacing Polacek — a Hobey Baker Award candidate — and Helfrich will be more difficult for the Engineers. The duo combined for 35 goals and 51 assists last season. Their 35 goals represented 32 percent of RPI's total output, and their 51 assists represented 28 percent of their team's total of 186 assists in 2010-11.

RPI will need veterans such as Brock Higgs (nine goals, 12 assists in 2010-11), C.J. Lee (5-12) and Marty O'Grady (7-7) to take larger roles on offense. Freshmen such as Mark McGowan and Matt Neal — both of whom played significant roles on Canadian junior teams last year — will also be counted on to provide some scoring.

While the local college hockey teams are showing promise, area pro puck fans can only hope that the Albany Devils and Adirondack Phantoms can turn things around. The Devils and Phantoms battled each other for last place in the AHL's

East Division last year, with Adirondack pulling ahead of Albany on the final weekend to send the Devils into the basement.

The good news for both teams is that they are no longer in the same division with such AHL powers as Hershey and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. Realignment following the Manitoba Moose's move to Newfoundland (a result of the NHL's Atlanta Thrashers moving to Winnipeg) placed Albany and Adirondack into the new Northeast Division with Connecticut, Bridgeport and Springfield. The East Division retained Hershey, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Binghamton, Norfolk and Charlotte (aka the former Albany River Rats).

Realignment hasn't had an influence on the schedules for either team. While Albany and Adirondack meet each other 10 times, they also play Syracuse 10 times each and Norfolk and Binghamton eight times each. Fortunately, that cuts down on the number of games Albany and Adirondack have to play against Hershey and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton — two teams that the Devils and Phantoms had trouble

with last year.

Though nothing has been made official as of Monday, Albany Devils fans should probably expect to see a pair of players with local ties in town when the team plays its home opener Saturday against Springfield. Kinkaid (likely as Jeff Frazee's backup in goal) and defenseman Jay Leach (an Altamont native). Stephen Gionta, Steve Zalewski and Matt Anderson should also be suiting up for Albany.

Adirondack is bringing back several key players from last year's team including goaltender Johan Backlund and defensemen Mike Matczak and Dan Jancevski. The thought in Glen's Falls is if these guys could rescue the Phantoms

from the basement of the East Division last year, they can move them into the playoffs this year.

Time will tell if Albany and Adirondack can move into playoff contention this year. But for now, it's all about hockey returning to the ice and the hope that it brings.

I won't be at Saturday's Albany Devils home opener because I will be at the CBA-Shenendehowa football game — the one where Brent Steuerwald will be honored for his four-plus decades of coaching in Clifton Park. I'll be Tweeting all the details of this battle of unbeaten Class AA teams, plus what I can of the Steuerwald ceremony. Follow me @jonas_spotlight.

Eagles enter stretch run of season

The Bethlehem girls tennis team is heading for the home stretch of the 2011 season in good shape.

The Lady Eagles have won six of their seven Suburban Council matches entering Monday's home contest against Niskayuna.

Bethlehem has been led in singles play by Jamie Rosen, Aria Shi, Carley Bashant, Alisa White, Lauren Nardacci and Sam Fitzgerald. Shannen O'Brien, Sara Bashant, Casey Coffey, Haley McCarthy, Megan D'Andrea, Alie O'Donnell and Hannah Storch com-

prise the doubles teams.

Bethlehem's season continues Wednesday when it visits Shaker, one of two teams along with Emma Willard that could challenge the Lady Eagles at the Section II Class AA team tournament, which begins Oct. 17. Individual Sectionals begin Oct. 24.

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Grout

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placed fourth with 106 points, while RCS finished eighth with 187 points.

Guilderland's top five runners packed themselves among the top 30 overall. Alex Campione led the way with a 12th place finish in a time of 14:41.85, followed by Brian Maceli (21st, 15:00.73), Knute Armstrong (22nd, 15:02.53), Matt Pasquali (23rd, 15:02.97) and Erick Kopff (28th, 15:18.26).

RCS had one runner in the top 30 with Griffith Eddy placing 15th in a time of 14:53.46.

On the girls' side, Guilderland and Bethlehem each posted third-place finishes in their respective divisions.

Guilderland placed third in a highly-competitive Division I race with 63 points. Connetquot from Oakdale, Long Island, edged Shaker 43-44 for the girls team title, and Niskayuna placed fourth with 89 points.

"I thought they did pretty well," said Guilderland girls coach Dave Kosier. "We were missing two of our [usual] top five girls due to injuries."

Jenna Robinson led the Lady Dutch with a sixth-place finish in a time of 16:29.01. Anna Pickett placed ninth with a time of 16:55.75, and Taylor Tommell finished 13th with a time of 17:22.28. Anya Joynt (17th place, 17:55.82) and Christine Bolognino (22nd, 18:06.23) also had top-25 finishes.

The Bethlehem girls had a similar performance to Guilderland in the Division II race. The Lady Eagles placed five runners



Guilderland's Jenna Robinson runs down the hill toward the finish line in last Saturday's Grout Run in Schenectady's Central Park. Robinson led the Lady Dutch with a sixth-place finish in a time of 16:29.01. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

in the top 30 to finish third in the team standings with 71 points. Colonie defeated Bayport-Blue Point of Long Island 37-50 for the Division II title.

"I'm very happy for them," Bethlehem girls coach Jack Rightmyer said of his team. "I was especially pleased with our fourth and fifth runners."

Danica Jensen and Lindsay Cheu finished in the top five overall for Bethlehem. Jensen was fourth with a time of

16:45.76, with Cheu close behind in fifth place with a time of 16:46.50.

Megan Davitt (16th place, 17:43.21), Mary Devries (24th, 18:19.68) and Natalie Muller (27th, 18:22.53) rounded out Bethlehem's top five.

The RCS girls team finished eighth in the Division II standings with 177 points. Alaina Kreuger (20th place, 17:53.49) and Alexandra Eddy (30th, 18:30.22) placed in the top 30 among individuals.

Home

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late in the second quarter to give Bethlehem a 35-0 halftime lead.

Albany broke up Bethlehem's shutout bid with a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns—one of which was a 76-yard scoring pass from Justin Holmberg to Tysheem Morris. But by then, the damage was already done.

Tailback Mike Graves gained 109 yards on 12 carries to lead Bethlehem's offense.

The Eagles face a tough challenge Thursday when they travel to East Greenbush to face Columbia (4-1) in a Class AA cross-divisional game. The Blue Devils are coming off a 29-13 victory over Averill Park last Friday.

Elsewhere Thursday, Guilderland (2-3) looks to even its record when it hosts Albany. The Dutchmen won their second game of the season

with ease last Friday by beating Colonie 43-6.

Guilderland jumped out to a 30-0 halftime lead on Colonie (0-5) and didn't allow the Garnet Raiders into the end zone until late in the fourth quarter.

The Guilderland-Albany and Bethlehem-Columbia games are being played Thursday due to the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur beginning Friday night. Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk will host Highland (Section IX) Friday, and Voorheesville travels to Fonda-Fultonville Saturday.

RCS (4-1) enters its game with Highland off last Friday's 21-12 Class B Reinhardt Division victory over Hudson. A pair of Cameron Greco touchdown runs in the second quarter gave the Indians a 21-6

halftime lead, and the RCS defense limited Hudson to a third-quarter touchdown to preserve the victory.

Quarterback Conner Zeoli completed four passes for 131 yards and a touchdown to lead the Indians. Ryan Rivers hauled in three of the four completions for 114 yards.

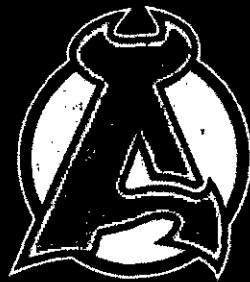
Voorheesville (2-3) mucked out a 7-6 Class C South Division victory over Cossackie-Athens on a rainy afternoon last Saturday in Voorheesville.

The Blackbirds scored their points in the third quarter on Mike Chiseri's 2-yard touchdown run and extra-point kick. Cossackie-Athens struck for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter, but its two-point conversion pass fell incomplete.

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of 25-22, 25-22 and 25-23 in their Sept. 26 match in Clifton Park.

"We are very evenly matched with Shen, so it comes down to the little things," said Arket. "They [Shen] had a few more missed serves and few more passes off target [in last Saturday's tournament semifinal], which can be the difference in a close match."

Bethlehem looks to improve on its 10-0 Suburban Council record Wednesday when it travels to Niskayuna. The Eagles host Guilderland Friday.

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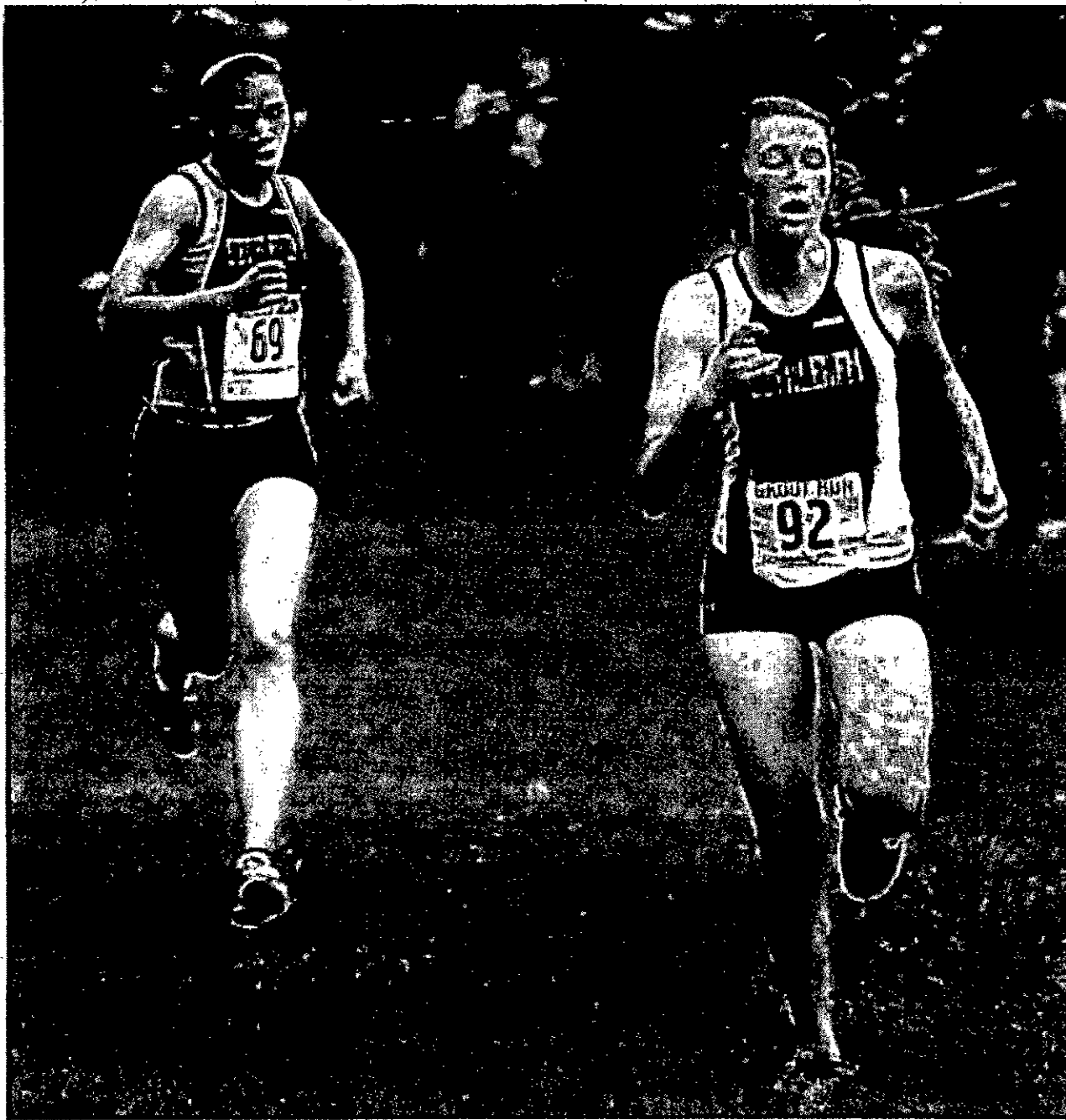
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Sports in the Spotlight



Bethlehem's Danica Jensen, right, and Lindsay Cheu sprint towards the finish line at last Saturday's Grout Run in Schenectady's Central Park. Jensen finished fourth with a time of 16:45.76, and Cheu was fifth with a time of 16:46.50. The Lady Eagles placed third in the Division II team standings.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Eagles run well at Grout

Carpinello leads Bethlehem boys to Division I title

By ROB JONAS
jonasr@spotlightnews.com

Luke Carpinello and the Bethlehem boys cross country team had a breakthrough at last Saturday's Grout Run in Schenectady.

Carpinello won the individual title with a time of 13:52.68 to lead the Eagles to the Varsity Division I team championship. Bethlehem finished with 49 points, 12 points ahead of

runner-up Washingtonville.

"I'm really an 800 [meter] to a mile, so this was long for me," said Carpinello, a track and field runner who uses cross country as off-season training. "I think one of the biggest challenges of a middle distance runner is not to get too excited at the start and stay relaxed."

The mostly flat and paved Central Park course suited Carpinello and the rest of the Eagles well. Bethlehem's top five runners all finished among the first 20 runners and all posted sub 15-minute times.

"That's what I liked about this course," said Carpinello. "The

pavement makes me feel at home — like I was on a track."

"I think the team ran really well," said Bethlehem boys coach Adam Ayers. "We grouped ourselves together very well."

Ben Fishbein contributed a fifth-place finish with a time of 14:10.10 for Bethlehem. Matt Crawford was 10th with a time of 14:39.47, with Chris Shaw (16th place, 14:54.34) and Tom Quackenbush (17th, 14:56.66) rounding out the Eagles' top five.

Guilderland and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk also ran in the Division I boys race. Guilderland

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BC bounces Brockport

Marshman helps BC win Midseason Tournament

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For the first time all season, the Bethlehem boys volleyball team had to respond to some adversity.

The Eagles (13-1) dropped the first game of their championship match against Brockport at last Saturday's Burnt Hills Midseason Tournament, but they responded by winning the next two games to earn the title.

Brockport defeated Bethlehem 25-18 in the first game of the best-of-three series, but the Eagles won the next two games 25-20 and 25-23 to place first.

"We were not mentally prepared for the first game against Brockport, and they took advantage," said

Bethlehem coach Richard Arket. "We were able to match their intensity in games two and three, and [we] pulled out a hard-fought win."

As he had most of this season, Mike Marshman led Bethlehem's offense. The senior middle back recorded 14 kills and was often helped by senior setter Benji Federman, who had 31 assists.

The Eagles swept past a pair of Suburban Council opponents in the playoff rounds to get to the finals. They eased past Columbia 25-17, 25-10 in the quarterfinals, and they defeated Shenendehowa 25-16, 25-20 in the semifinals.

Shen has been Bethlehem's closest competitor in the Suburban Council this season, but even the Plainsmen have been unable to win a game against the Eagles. Bethlehem swept Shen by scores

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Home sweet home

Eagles take control early against Albany

There was no suspense in last Friday's Empire Division football game between Bethlehem and Albany.

The Eagles (2-3) scored the first five touchdowns of the game on their way to a 42-14 victory over Albany in Bethlehem's homecoming game.

Quarterback John

Gosstola got Bethlehem on the scoreboard with a pair of short touchdown runs in the first quarter. Gosstola then threw a 30-yard scoring strike to Trey Silver early in the second quarter to put the Eagles ahead 21-0 on the winless Falcons (0-5).

Bethlehem's defense provided the next touchdown as Mike Anziano returned an interception 25 yards to the end zone. R.J. Diego added a 7-yard touchdown run

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Drop the puck: It's hockey season in the region

It's early October. Are you ready for some hockey?

That's right. It's hockey season in the Capital District. And we haven't even had our first hard freeze of the season (just a LOT of rain).

RPI played an exhibition game last weekend, while defending ECAC regular season champion Union played an intrasquad scrimmage. And this weekend, the Albany Devils and Adirondack Phantoms begin their American Hockey League seasons.

We'll start with the local Division I college representatives, since Union and RPI both had far better seasons last year than either the Devils or the Phantoms.

Union has two serious questions it must answer as it enters the 2011-12 season. Can new head coach Rick

From the
Sports Desk
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Bennett continue Nate Leaman's work in turning the Dutchmen into an ECAC power, and who will replace Keith Kinkaid (now a Devil) in goal?

Bennett has big shoes to fill behind the bench. Leaman took Union from a perennial cellar dweller to the pinnacle of the ECAC mountain, a top-10 national ranking and its first NCAA Tournament appearance before departing for Providence College in the spring. As Associate Head Coach the past four years, Bennett was Leaman's second-in-command in all aspects including recruiting. That certainly favors a smooth transition, but you never know in the sports world.

Replacing Kinkaid is likely to be Bennett's biggest challenge. Kinkaid was a workhorse in goal, posting a 25-10-3 record with a 1.99 goals against average and a .920 save percentage before bolting for the pro ranks with the New Jersey Devils organization.

Kinkaid's potential replacements are mostly unproven. Sophomore Troy Grosenick leads the list of candidates mainly because he's had a little collegiate experience (three games played, 2.12 GAA), but freshmen Colin Stevens — a Niskayuna native — and

Dillon Pieri are also possibilities.

The good news for Union is that most of its offense is back from last year including leading scorer Kelly Zajac (younger brother of another Devil, Travis Zajac) and sophomore Daniel Carr, who scored a team-high 20 goals. So as long as the offense holds up its end, Union should be in the thick of the ECAC race.

RPI will also be in the hunt this year, though the Engineers face challenges of their own as they look to improve on last year's 20-13-5 record and NCAA Tournament appearance. Seth Appert's bunch will have to make up for the loss of three key players — goaltender Allen York and forwards Chase Polacek and Tyler Helfrich.

Unlike Union, RPI has a logical replacement for its departed goaltender as Bryce Merriam returns to Troy for his junior year. Merriam started five games in place of York last year, posting a 2-2-1 record and a 2.71 GAA. Merriam may not be at York's level (York left for the pros after his junior year), but he should be a suitable replacement.

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