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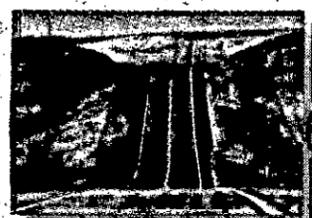
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Ash Borer found in Selkirk

Invasive species has been discovered across New York

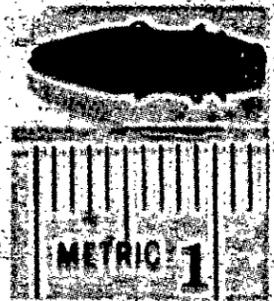
By GREG FRY
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State Department of Environmental Conservation officials have made their first discovery of an emerald ash borer in Albany County in a Selkirk trap located on private property near

the CSX rail yard.

The beetle infects and kills ash trees, and the infestation of the borer has led state officials to implement restrictions on the transportation of ash wood outside of neighboring Greene County, along with Ulster and Orange Counties in the Hudson Valley, in an attempt to limit the spread of the borer.

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The tiny emerald ash borer, which was recently found in a Selkirk trap, infects and kills ash trees.

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Making a difference



On Saturday, Oct. 22, Glenmont Job Corps Academy joined an estimated 3 million people and participated simultaneously in Make A Difference Day activities nationwide by assisting with several community service projects throughout the Capital Region. Over 75 Glenmont Job Corps students participated in various service opportunities, including (as pictured) a cleanup of the Henry Hudson Park in Bethlehem.

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Post office eyed for closure

Residents, officials say So. Bethlehem branch is 'vital' to community

By GREG FRY
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Public meetings are still being held to decide the future of nearly 3,700 post office branches of the United States Postal Service, and local and state officials are trying to save one of them: the the South Bethlehem location.

Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina and State Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin are explaining their reasons to a federal lawmaker in an attempt to save the local office. They've written a letter to Congressman Paul Tonko urging him to fight to keep the location on Bridge Street open.

"These post offices are vital to the fabric of those small communities," said McLaughlin. "They tend to be pretty

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Little opposition to budget

Seven people speak at Bethlehem's public hearing on 2012 budget

By GREG FRY
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There were plenty of compliments for the Bethlehem Town Board at a public budget hear-

ing held Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Town Hall.

Seven residents rose to speak about the \$38.6 million spending plan, which carries a 1.27 percent tax increase.

"I think we've gone through so many meetings that the public was invited to, and they've seen so much back and forth, that I believe that they are com-

fortable with the balance we've achieved in Bethlehem in our budget," said Supervisor Sam Messina.

Most residents spoke about the services provided by the town, and how the increase was a modest price to pay for those services to continue. Others

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Learning by laptop

Delmar school shows sixth-graders how to work daily with computers

By GREG FRY
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The days of heading to the chalkboard may soon be a thing of the past.

At St. Thomas the Apostle School in Delmar, sixth-graders are getting a chance to learn using Google Chromebooks. The laptops, which are built to pick up a WiFi signal, give students the opportunity to share projects and assignments with classmates and teachers.

"The idea of it is we are out in a cloud," said Julie Sica, technology coordinator at the school. "We're not storing documents, we're not taking pictures and downloading them to our own computers and then going home, to the library, or to grandmother's house and saying, 'Oh, I forgot my homework.' It's all saved in the cloud, in the web."

St. Thomas is one of the first schools in the country to use the technology. All students need is a Google email

"This will be their world. We have to prepare them for that."

Technology coordinator Julie Sica

account, which gives them access to elements such as documents, spreadsheets and other projects posted by classmates and teachers.

Sica said the 22 students in sixth grade have not taken the computers home. She added that because most have a personal computer at home, they can access the information there.

"It's a learning curve for us, because we haven't done this before, so the students are learning really slowly," said Sica.

Principal Tom Kane said the technology has changed drastically since those who are now parents were in school.

"When I speak to people of my generation who have school-aged children, we are constantly reminded that we grew up in an era where the future was talked about quite a bit," said Kane. "It was long spoken of that a time would come when textbooks or notebooks would be gone, or you would be learning on

electronic blackboards."

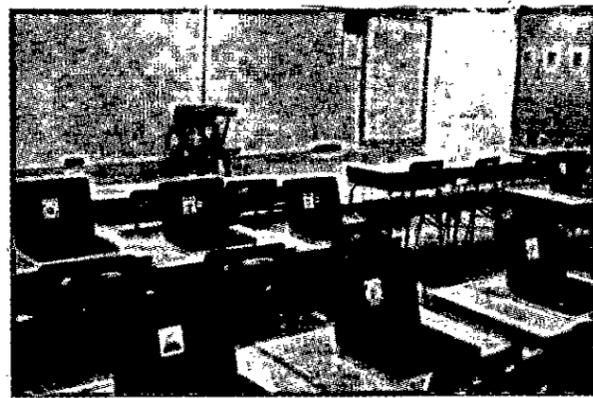
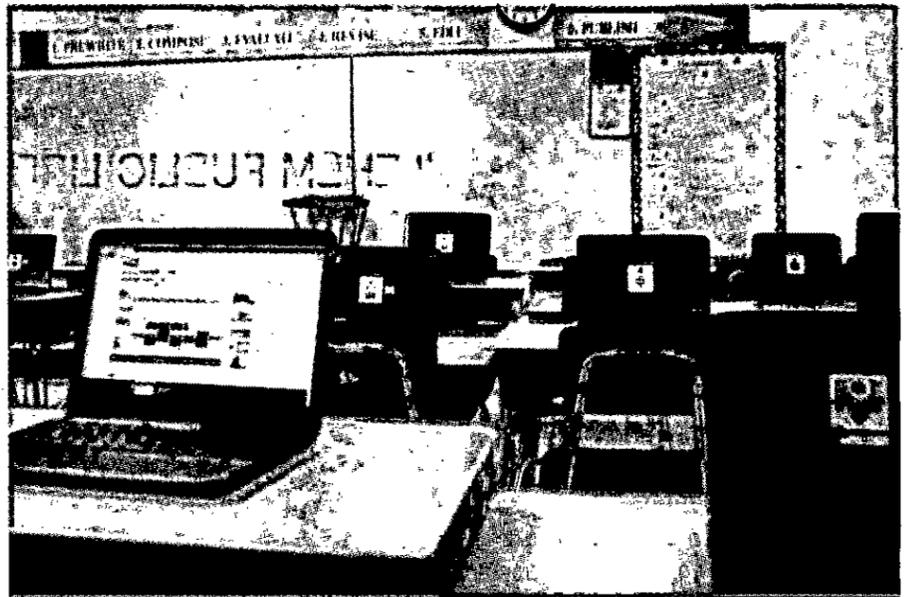
An important part of the program for Kane is the ability for staff to protect the privacy of students while they work on the lightweight personal laptops.

"Most importantly, we administer it carefully, so we are able to see and be assured that they are staying on task and are engaged in their work," said Kane.

If the computers have problems, Sica said Google will maintain them, and as part of the agreement with the school, the online giant has promised to update the technology if a new operating system is made available.

The goal is to get students, by the spring, to take all of their notes on the personal computers.

"Our expectation is that it will translate into heightened achievement," said Kane. "It's not the technology itself that's going to lead to higher achievement. It's that the technology brings in a deeper engagement."



Google Chromebooks sit on each desk in a classroom at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Delmar. The school paid for the computers for each sixth-grade student through its 2010 capital campaign.

School officials are convinced that this is the next wave of learning.

"This will be their world," said Sica. "We have to prepare them for that. By the time our sixth graders are in high school, they are all going to be using one-to-one devices."

"By the time they

graduate from high school, it is very likely most of them will take a course, and the teacher won't even be in the room," said Kane. "It will be distance learning and it will be through video conferencing, and certainly by the time they are in the workforce, it will

be such a different world for them."

The school was able to pay for the laptops with money raised from its capital campaign in 2010. Kane said each of the computers costs \$20 per month, and the school can keep them after three years of payments.

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Students plan concert for Irene victims

Nov. 10 benefit to be held at high school

By GREG FRY
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Two months have passed, but students at Bethlehem High School haven't forgotten about the impacts of Tropical Storm Irene.

Junior Mutjaba Warsi and a classmate are organizing a "Rockin' 4 Relief" benefit concert on Nov. 10 to help victims that were unable to avoid Irene. The storm hit close to home for the teenager.

"My parents own a store in Clarksville," said Warsi. "We had a customer who died from the storm."

He's referring to Sharon Stein, a 68-year-old Clarksville woman who died when she was swept into the Onesquethaw Creek on Aug. 28. Stein was last seen loading belongings into a car as she and her husband prepared to evacuate their home on Slingerlands Avenue due to the creek's rising waters.

Warsi said the devastating storm impacted everybody and caught the attention of his classmates.

"When school started, it was a week or two after (Irene)," said Warsi. "I think the fact that kids were discussing it showed the gravity of what occurred. A lot of kids have volunteered in Schoharie, and were just shocked at the sliding homes and flooding and the roads that were just missing."

Warsi has gone to



Wishful Endeavor will be one of the acts performing at the Nov. 10 benefit concert for Irene victims at Bethlehem High School.

Schoharie, and has watched as areas of Schoharie and Greene counties have received much of the attention, including from national media outlets. He hopes the concert will help people outside of just those areas.

"I think the devastation was widespread," said Warsi. "We're trying to make sure that anybody affected in any way will benefit from the concert."

The concert will include a performance by Tetrageddon, the Bethlehem student music group that has produced a song with the British band Deluka. Warsi said they hope to promote the sale of that song on iTunes and are working to have proceeds from sales dedicated to victims of Irene.

Rap, choir and rock groups will also perform at the concert, as will Talia Denis, a 10-year-old performer from Clifton Park who has received national attention. Her father, Stan, says they are happy to help.

"Doing these kinds of concerts is one of the few ways we know of to raise substantial amounts of money to benefit local organizations," said Denis.

Talia is excited to be helping those in need.

"I was so depressed when I heard what happened to Schoharie County and Vermont," she said.

Warsi is hoping that the concert will bring in between \$1,000 and \$2,000. Proceeds will be sent to the Schoharie County Community Action

Program and the Vermont division of the American Red Cross.

"I'm hoping a lot of people from the community and not just the school come," said Warsi. "I feel like even though it is two months later, the tragedy that people went through is going to take more than just a couple of months to repair."

The concert will be held Nov. 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Bethlehem High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for students from any school and \$10 for adults. Refreshments will be available at the concert. Tickets will be sold at the school. Community members can send their name of the number of tickets they would like to reserve to rockin4relief@gmail.com.

IN BRIEF

Old Songs plans Civil War show

Old Songs Inc. will present "Four Seasons, Four Years, The Civil War: A Musical Journey" on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 and 19, at 8 p.m.

The show features 11 singers and musicians performing a selection of songs extant in America between 1850 and 1865. These will include both popular songs of the period as well as songs composed in response to the Civil War itself and events leading up to it. The songs are interspersed with historical narrative specific to New York State and the New York Volunteer Regiments.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online at www.oldsongs.org. Reservations and tickets may also be purchased by calling Old Songs, Inc. at 765-2815. A preview performance will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. for which tickets may also be reserved.

The cast includes Greg Artzner, Dan Berggren, Stephen Fry, Betsy Fry, Reggie Harris, Terry Leonino, John Roberts, Bill Spence, Toby Stover, Susan Trump and George Wilson. The show was produced, written and directed by Old Songs, Inc. Executive Director Andy Spence in collaboration with the musicians.

Club to hold breakfast

The Onesquethaw Fish & Game Club, 2032 Tarrytown Road, will host a breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 6.

The breakfast will include plain, blueberry and whole wheat pancakes, eggs, bacon, home fries, toast, sausage and homemade sausage gravy. The cost will be \$8, with children under 5 free. Take outs are available by calling 366-0583.

Writers to talk at tavern

Three mystery writers from the Mavens of Mayhem, the Upper Hudson Chapter of Sisters in Crime, will discuss their latest published works on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Orchard Tavern, 68 Manning Blvd, Albany.

The program, featuring Robert Knightly, Nancy Means Wright and Betsy Bitner, will start at 1:15 p.m. following the chapter's regular monthly luncheon meeting. Mystery writers and readers are welcome. For more information, visit mavensofmayhem-sinc.org or call 475-9983.

Slater plans observance

The USS Slater Veterans Day memorial observance will be held Friday, Nov. 11, at 8:30 a.m.

The ship will be open to the public for guided tours following the observance until 4 p.m. Admission is charged.

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Police blotter

State worker accused of inappropriate calls on the clock

The state Inspector General's office has charged a Delmar man with racking up more than \$20,000 in improper phone charges during his time at the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Edward Reilly, 52, a former environmental engineer, is accused of making 760 calls to adult chat lines over a six-year period. He's accused of making the calls from his office phone,

and from conference room phones at the department's headquarters in Albany.



Edward Reilly

The calls allegedly lasted more than 500 hours, and happened while Reilly was supposed to be working for the state.

Reilly, who retired in August after 28 years of work

with the state, is charged with third-degree grand larceny and five counts of offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree. The top charge of grand larceny carries a maximum potential sentence of seven years in prison.

Reilly was arraigned Friday, Oct. 28, in Albany City Court and was released pending further court action.

Men charged with looting G'land homes

State Police arrested two men accused of robbing two homes, and leading police on a chase through Guilderland.

Police said Randy Whitten, 42, and Robert Genovese, 30, both of Rochester, were allegedly involved in a robbery at a home on Johnston Road in Guilderland on the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 24. Witnesses gave police a description of the van the men were traveling

in, which was spotted by police a short time later in Voorheesville. The men allegedly fled the van after pulling into a diner, and ran into a nearby wooded area. Police found a small dog and a small motorcycle inside the van, which were both believed to be stolen from the home.

30 minutes later, Albany County Sheriff's deputies responded to a call of a burglary in progress on Circle Drive in Voorheesville. Witness descriptions of the suspects matched those from the earlier incident, and police said the men drove from the home in a stolen pickup truck. Police again spotted the men a short time later. State Police, Guilderland Police, and Sheriff's deputies responded, and Whitten and Genovese were taken into custody along Western Avenue.

The men each face two counts of second-degree burglary, and several counts of criminal possession of stolen property.

G'land police collect money from IFCO

The Guilderland Police Department has received a check for \$60,000 as part of a settlement reached between federal prosecutors and IFCO Systems North America.

In April of 2006, federal and local law enforcement agencies detained 1,181 illegal and unauthorized workers at 45 of IFCO's pallet plants across the country, including at the company's facility in Guilderland.

In 2008, the company agreed to pay more than \$20 million as part of the settlement, including over \$18 million for future law enforcement activities. In its latest round of payments, the company also forfeited \$2.16 million for the New York State Police, \$120,000 for the Schenectady Police Department, and \$60,000 for the Albany County District Attorney's office.

The company still owes \$6 million dollars to finalize the settlement. That payment is due in early 2012.

Ritter sentenced in Pa. court

Former United Nations weapons inspector Scott Ritter will serve at least 18 months in Pennsylvania state prison.

Prosecutors said Ritter, from Delmar, engaged in lewd conduct on a web camera that he thought was being viewed by an underage girl, who was actually an undercover officer. Ritter was sentenced Wednesday,

Oct. 26, in Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

"Overall, we are pleased with the sentence," said Michael Rakaczewski, Monroe County, Assistant District Attorney.

Similar charges were brought against Ritter in 2001 in Albany County, but a case against him was eventually dismissed. Sealed records from those accusations were used in the Pennsylvania trial. On Oct. 20, a New York appellate division court ruled that the records should not be unsealed for prosecutors in Pennsylvania. Ritter's attorney argued for his client to be given a new trial because of the ruling in New York, but the request was denied.

Under Pennsylvania state law, Ritter must serve at least 18 months before he is eligible for parole. He could serve a maximum of five and a half years.

Delmar woman charged with DWI

Bethlehem Police have charged a Delmar woman with DWI following an Oct. 20 traffic stop.

Police attempted to pull over Sarah VanPraag along Cherry Avenue, and said VanPraag struck the curb with both passenger side tires as she stopped the car. Police said VanPraag failed to respond to requests from the responding officer, including rolling down her rear window when asked to roll down the driver's side window.

VanPraag is charged with DWI, obstruction of government administration, consuming alcohol in a vehicle, and failure to keep right.



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Clever car doubles as portable closet

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

Fall is a nice time of year to go for a drive and peep at the colorful leaves on the trees. I would offer to take people for such a drive, but I can't fit too many in my car.

In theory, my four-door sedan seats a total of four people comfortably, five if the riders in the back don't mind getting close. But since I use my car as both a means of transportation and also a storage facility, there is rarely room for passengers.

I don't mean to clutter up my car, but I seem to need a lot of stuff whenever I leave the house. Most of what goes into the car is meant to be there short-term, but a lot of it remains there for an extended stay. This includes the stuff I place in the back seat with care, the stuff I toss over my shoulder from the driver's seat and the stuff that mysteriously finds its way onto the floor of the back seat and under the front seats.

The "Stuff I Place" includes reusable shopping bags (which sometimes even make it into the grocery store), a backpack (overstuffed with items I may need during the outing du jour) and my gym bag (which sometimes even makes it into the gym).

The "Stuff I Toss" items are generally the items that are hanging out next to me on the passenger side seat. This may include a box of tissues, a backpack (if the back seat is already

full), the knee wrap I use at the gym, my lunch tote, store flyers or coupon booklets, a sweatshirt and my sneakers. When someone needs to sit in the passenger seat (usually my daughter), I fling many of those items into the back seat to make room for the rider.

The items that mysteriously end up on the floor are mostly things that fall, unnoticed, from my backpack, my lunch tote, my gym bag, my hands and/or my mouth. For example, a few months ago I cleaned out my car and I found the following under the seats and/or in the center console: two shriveled blueberries, several pens, a pencil, a plastic spoon, two wrapped peppermint candies, three wrapped sticks of gum (I unwrapped one and stuck it in my mouth), several water bottles (some empty, some partially filled), tissues, napkins, a menu for a hospital meal (a relative's) with a handwritten note (mine) about a medicine called heparin, a dime, a nickel, and one piece of blinking bling (a piece of toy "jewelry" that a DJ handed out at a bat mitzvah party — the ring lights up when you press the magenta-colored bauble on the top).

Those items are just a partial list, which I paused to record on a piece of paper I found in the car. The reverse side of the paper had information on foods that have either high or low levels of potassium. Interestingly, regular oranges are high



in potassium, whereas mandarin oranges have low levels. I have so much to learn about citrus and potassium.

Anyway, sometimes I do need to use my car to transport other people. That's when the trunk comes in very handy. No, I do not put people in my trunk. There would be no room for a person in my trunk unless the trunk was empty and that hasn't been the case since the day I drove the car off the dealer's lot. To accommodate passengers I "clean out the car," by tossing stuff into the trunk. Yes, my backpack and gym bag and what-not go into the trunk with the first-aid kit, the beach chairs, the phone book (that's right, my cell phone is not smart enough to search the web), the umbrellas and the snow brush.

In this particular round of car cleaning I was dismayed to find three unopened boxes of Girl Scout cookies in a bag in the trunk. Dismay turned to delight when I opened the boxes and found that the treats had not gone stale. I vowed to check the trunk more often.

Clearly there is a

In this particular round of car cleaning I was dismayed to find three unopened boxes of Girl Scout cookies in a bag in the trunk. Dismay turned to delight when I opened the boxes and found that the treats had not gone stale.

downside to moving a bag to the trunk to make room for passengers. It may get forgotten and/or I may get too lazy to retrieve it from the garage. So the next time I need to carry stuff, I just find a different bag. This is how I often end up with multiple bags in the car and a corresponding list of seemingly lost items. I wonder about the house asking: "Where are my sunglasses? Has anyone seen my work badge? What happened to that new pack of spearmint gum?" To which my husband will reply, "Have you checked in your car?"

Jeff's vehicle, on the other hand, is always passenger-ready. He only stores items in the places

meant for storage, like the glove compartment where he keeps a spare pair of reading glasses (which I sometimes borrow), proof of car insurance, a small pad of paper and some pens and a Chapstick (another item I sometimes "borrow"). Jeff doesn't like when I go rummaging around in his glove compartment because I jostle the items and then the door won't close. I rarely open up the glove compartment in my own car because it's stuffed full of I-don't-know-what-and-I-can't-reach-it-from-the-driver's-seat-so-what-good-is-it anyway?

Even the trunk of Jeff's vehicle is uncluttered. There's always room for

shopping bags or suitcases or a walker or a bushel of fresh-picked apples or whatever else we need to transport. Unless he's just been to Home Depot and picked up supplies for a project, there's never a need to "clear out" his car before loading it.

Not only is my husband's car uncluttered, it's also clean. Even when my clutter is gone (or hidden in the trunk), the seats aren't clean. My clutter leaves behind crumbs, peels, pits, shavings, shreds, dust, dirt, grass and gravel. During that recent cleaning I made considerable use of a car vacuum and its various attachments, a spray bottle of cleaner, and a bunch of paper towels. The results were amazing, but short lived.

So yeah, I'd be happy to take you for a ride in my car, but don't be surprised if I ask you to hold my library books on your lap or if you feel my lunch tote at your feet or if you see me toss a shoe over my shoulder. And please, don't shoulder to look in the trunk.



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We are fast approaching Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 8), which means that it's time for a little discussion on exactly why we here at *The Spotlight* get so agitated about seeing folks head to the polls every year.

It's certainly no secret Americans are not voting as much as they used to. Whether that has to do with quality of politicians, our go-go lifestyle or too much television, we can't honestly say, but we can say this is particularly bad in local election years like this one.

To use a handy example, in 2009 something like 60,000 people across Albany County headed to the polls to select their local leaders. That sounds pretty good until you consider the fact there were nearly 200,000 registered voters in the county at that time, for a voter turnout of around 30 percent.

(Oh, and by the way, right now there are about 60,000 county residents of voting age who evidently haven't even bothered to register to vote.)

Things looked a lot more impressive in 2008, when there was the highest turnout by percentage since the '60s, driven on by a remarkable presidential race. But the assumption that the contest would be the precursor to a new era of heightened political awareness has, for the most part, not come to pass. If more people are getting involved, it's to weigh in on national issues, not local ones.

They should, though. At the end of the day what your local government is doing may very well have a bigger impact on your day-to-day life. Local governments pave and plow roads, maintain sewer lines and police our communities. They also levy taxes, so on Election Day the people who vote are literally controlling who is behind part of that dreaded property tax bill.

That's really the crux of this whole diatribe. Your vote keeps politicians honest and working for you (and they are often very well compensated, we should add), and it's simply stunning so few people are willing to take five minutes to exercise that control.

Every election cycle, and especially during local contests, we endeavor to bring our readers the information they need. This year, we've released a voters guide along with the League of Women Voters of Albany County that arrived in a recent issue of *The Spotlight*. That information can also be found on the League's www.vote411.org.

We've also partnered with the League on several candidate forums. You can read all about a recent event in Bethlehem on page 16 and check www.spotlightnews.com for video of the debate.

If you're one of the 60,000 unregistered residents of this county, it's too late for this go around, but registering is easy. Simply visit online or call your board of elections and you can get them whole thing done by mail.

To those who are signed up: go out there and be heard.

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Lung cancer takes a toll

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month, so I figured I'd share what I know about lung cancer.

Lung cancer racked my mom's body with coughs that burned inside her chest. It stopped her short as she tried to climb a flight of stairs. It made her look for something — anything — to hold on to as she gasped for breath.

Lung cancer rushed my parents to the car. It led them in a panic around the streets of St. Petersburg, Fla., their winter home, searching for a place that could help them.

Lung cancer convinced my dad that my mom was going to die right in the front seat.

Lung cancer landed them in the emergency room. It masqueraded as a bad cold, maybe even pneumonia. It introduced itself on an X-ray, a mass on my mom's lungs.

Lung cancer left room for hope. It let us believe it could be beaten with chemotherapy. It released my mom from the hospital until treatment could begin.

Lung cancer turned out to be stubborn. It broke down my mom's body so much that she couldn't continue past the first round of chemo. It brought her back to the hospital while doctors and my dad decided what to do next. It sapped my mom's strength. It made her too weak to hold a spoon.

Lung cancer dried out my mom's lips. It tore open sores all around her mouth. It bloated her arms and her legs.

Lung cancer made it hard for her to talk. It ended our daily phone conversations. It reduced her "I love you's" to hoarse whispers.

Lung cancer burdened her with an oxygen mask. It sent

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blood streaming from her nose. It decimated her appetite, an especially cruel blow because food was one of her greatest joys.

Lung cancer prevented my mom from flying on a commercial jet. It meant that if she wanted to go home to Upstate New York to die, she was going to have to charter a flight. It rang up a bill of more than \$10,000 for a tiny plane that could accommodate my mom's bed and oxygen tanks.

Lung cancer couldn't guarantee my mom would survive the ambulance ride from the hospital to the airport. It forced me to guess whether she'd want to be revived if her body gave out on the way over when the paramedics asked me about her wishes.

Lung cancer spared her long enough that she made it safely back north. It filled her room with visitors and flowers alongside countless tubes and machines.

Lung cancer confined my mom to a hospital bed for the final two weeks of her life. It limited her view of the outside world to a patch of sky and a couple of nearby buildings.

Lung cancer rendered the last-ditch radiation ineffective. It forced Mom's doctor to tell us that we should probably switch from healing care to comfort care.

Lung cancer probably seeped into my mom's body through the cartons of cigarettes she smoked for the better part of three decades. It received a stern message it wasn't welcome when she quit cold turkey after being shaken by a

cousin's lung cancer. It faded into the background for the next 10 years or so.

Lung cancer filled my mom's eyes with tears when we said one of the many goodbyes we thought might be the last one. It elicited a quiet regret: "Those damn cigarettes."

Lung cancer left almost as quickly as it arrived. It killed my mom on May 4, 2010, six weeks after the X-ray announced its presence.

Lung cancer is the deadliest cancer in America. It kills more people each year than breast, colon and prostate cancers combined. It makes success stories of patients who live more than five years after their diagnosis, since only 5 to 10 percent do.

Lung cancer lives largely in the shadows, in part because of the stigma associated with smoking, the chief cause of the disease. It will be out in the open on Thursday, Nov. 10, when the local chapter of the Lung Cancer Alliance holds a Shine a Light on Lung Cancer vigil at the Latham Firehouse at 6 p.m. It unites people across the Capital District, offering hope and support.

Lung cancer will reveal itself in a photo tribute to those whose lives have been impacted by and lost to lung cancer. It moved me to include a picture of my mom, Joan S. Smith, who will look just as I remember her: beautiful and happy.

Lung cancer never stole my mom's smile.

For more information about the 2011 Shine a Light on Lung Cancer vigil, visit shinealightalbany.kintera.org. To submit a picture of a loved one for the photo tribute, email ttokarchuk@lungcanceralliance.org.

Weekly poll

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8, and there are a number of local seats up for grabs, so ...

Where will you be on Election Day?

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

Last week's poll results:

"Do renters make poor neighbors?"

- Yes. 60%
- No. 40%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

In memoriam

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
Our good friend and colleague, Kenny Umina, lost his battle with leukemia last Thursday. Kenny was a devoted family man, proud veteran and humble public servant. He served his country in the Navy, doing four years of active duty at sea, including participating in the blockade of Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Kenny later served as a police officer, corrections officer and became the founding director of a state crisis intervention unit. He later served on the New York State Parole Board. I only learned of Kenny's extraordinary background after he passed this week, since Kenny was not the type of person to talk about himself much.

Kenny was first appointed to a five-year term on the Bethlehem Zoning Board

of Appeals in January 2006. Earlier this year, Kenny was re-appointed by the Town Board and Supervisor Messina to a second five-year term. To Kenny, public service was an honorable calling, and throughout his life he heeded President Kennedy's call to "ask what you can do for your country." When Kenny became ill this summer, he spoke not of his battle with leukemia but of his concern that he was unable to attend a few ZBA meetings. He especially missed doing site visits and participating in our public hearings.

Those of us on the zoning board and the zoning department staff who knew Kenny and had the privilege of serving with him are better off for the experience.

Daniel W. Coffey
Chairman, Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals

Sale to benefit hurricane victims a success

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
Hurricane Irene did damage locally to the homes of some of the Voorheesville Methodist church family, and flooding devastated homes and businesses in nearby counties.

The coordinators of the Loving and Sharing Ministries met with Pastor Charlie Yang to discuss what should be done. There was no question that the church needed to reach out, but what was the best way to do it? We knew that there was no question that money would be needed. In less than 3 weeks, we put out the word that we needed donations of items to sell at the garage sale, baked goods and other food, monetary donations, and donations of volunteer time to make the sale happen.

The response was overwhelming.

Herb Reilly, Reilly and Son Funeral home, donated the use of their tent and helped set it up, and hearty souls from the church put up another large tent to protect sale items since the forecast was, once again, rain. People from the church, the village, and surrounding area donated items of value that were sold to the many shoppers who came to the sale.

One man donated a like new chair that had been his aunt's, wanting to contribute to the cause. Another man appeared with tables and other furniture. Two hardly used Pack 'n Plays were donated, along with other baby furniture that was in excellent condition. A church member who was downsizing donated large plants for the sale, while another member who is a talented artist donated some of her hand painted items.

Shoppers told us to

"forget the change" and gave extra for their purchases, knowing that the money would go to people who really needed help. People walked up to the coordinators with checks of all sizes to add to the fund.

Even the rain contributed to the day's success! It slowed to a drizzle when the sale first began, but by 11:00 am the rain was getting heavy. In the kitchen, the workers were heating the homemade soup and making sandwiches. When lunch was announced at 11:30, the crowd ran gratefully to the social hall. The kitchen sold out of food.

When they were finished eating, the shoppers continued to shop through the books, Christmas decorations, toys and games, and furniture and baby care items. It was a day of joy and blessing. When the totals were finally tallied, we had \$4,023 to distribute for those who needed help.

The money will be given to the United Methodist Upper NY Conference Disaster Recovery Fund, which coordinates efforts with local agencies in areas that have been declared disaster areas. The Conference emphasizes helping those who have exhausted other means of aid, who are lost in the system, or who fail to qualify for other help.

The Voorheesville Methodist church family wants to express their gratitude to the Spotlight for the pre-sale publicity, and to the community for their donations and support.

Your participation and generosity enabled us to raise a sizeable amount of money in a short time for relief efforts that will go to help people who are in great need.

Judy Ramsey
Sharing Ministry Coordinator
Dianne Luci
Loving Ministry Coordinator

Correction

The story 'Town details goals of study,' printed in the Oct. 26 edition of *The Spotlight* indicated that NYSERDA had provided about \$25 million for a study of energy usage at Bethlehem's wastewater treatment facility. The article should have read about \$25,000. The exact figure is \$26,400. *The Spotlight* regrets the error.

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Reflections on Steve Jobs by a school superintendent

By Dr. Michael Tebbano

The writer is Superintendent of Schools for Bethlehem Central School District.

Steve Jobs was an amazing individual.

His innovative and creative spirit spawned the Apple Corporation and he blazed a trail into all the areas of personal computing and technology that we use in our everyday lives. He embodied a truly unique spirit and was instrumental in changing the manner schools use technology to support instruction.

(And I write all this on a PC computer. What a tribute!)

As Superintendent of the Bethlehem Central School District I work to meet the demands of the State in implementing the endless mandates of testing, testing and more testing in order to prove whether our school district is doing an excellent job of teaching students. Most recently, I am struck with the realization in the form of a question:

Will our schools ever produce another Steve Jobs?

Do we inspire children to be creative? Or, do we deny them this opportunity due to the structure of how our schools are forced to run, currently?

A few weeks ago, on ABC's 20/20, Chris Cuomo did an excellent piece on the life of Steve Jobs. He summed up the inventor's life in seven rules that guided his work and achievements. These were derived from his comments,

actions, and presentations. In many ways, they sum up the direction we need to move as public schools, if we ever want to influence and hope for more creative people such as Steve Jobs. Allow me to paraphrase his thoughts.

Steve Jobs' rules for life as applied to schools:

1.) Do what you love to do, no matter what it happens to be.

Teachers are highly trained individuals that can offer so much to children through their knowledge and capabilities. Whether it is reading, writing, math, music, art, science or technology, teachers can truly be an inspiration to children if they work in an unfettered manner free of the assertions and assumptions of educational testing and the mediocrity it breeds. They entered the profession to do what they do best, and that is to motivate and inspire children. In spite of the demands from our politicians, they try every day to do just that. They are role models for others in doing what they love to do.

In the 38 years of my professional career in education, I am proud that I got to do what I love to do, and that was inspiring and motivating children to succeed.

2.) Put a dent in the universe.

Despite the budgetary problems our public school had last year, we developed a "bold vision" to immerse our students and the school community

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into 21st Century learning by employing personal devices wherever and whenever possible. We have committed ourselves in preparing students to be the next inventors of the newest technologies and to be ready for a future that will soon envelop us. Unfortunately, our community rejected this idea to make the dream a reality, but the school district continues to find a way to make it possible in everything we do, and say.

Putting a dent in the universe is about having a bold vision for what we believe in. Schools are truly the last bastion of hope for creating and energizing the future. It would be a shame if we did not boldly dream of new and exciting ways for children to be prepared for the future.

3.) Say no to a 1,000 things.

In other words, simplify our profession. This will be difficult given the interference of the politicians that care more about winning votes than preparing students for 21st Century challenges. But, public school districts need to thrive and push back against the absurd demands and mandates that come to us from the state, even though we must test, test and test more to make this standard of mediocrity conform to the political rhetoric in Albany and Washington.

In January our elected leaders made such wonderful promises about cutting back on the mandates that have compounded and exponentially multiplied over the years due to special interest lobbying. They promised that a special commission would be formed to help our municipalities and school districts bearing the brunt of cut backs in state aid, with the hope of preventing higher taxes. The result of the "promise" delivered by our "leaders" is just more rhetoric. Nothing substantial was done. Alas, we are forced to carry the same expensive mandates as we had to one year ago, and with less help from the state, but more threat, and criticism from our state leaders.

Someday, I hope our schools will be able to say no to the 1,000 mandates that were supposed to be curtailed in March, and still haunt our inability to fund the other things that will truly make a difference for students. Things like creative problem solving, artistic and aesthetic experiences, and increased rigor in literacy, math and science.

4.) Kick start your brain by doing something new.

Many teachers, administrators, support staff and students are stretching our comfort levels to learn new things. No matter what the venue is, we need to encourage organizational learning that includes all of our school-community members. If everyone experienced one new idea each month we would

be light years into the future of preparing children to do their best.

In Bethlehem Central we have encouraged and challenged our faculty to allow students to bring their personal laptops and smartphones to school in order to engage active research, as opposed to lectures and static student motivation. Some have accepted the challenge and others are still learning how to make this a reality. But, risking trying something new is what will keep our students engaged in their future.

5.) Sell dreams, not products.

In schools we should be selling dreams of educational success and creative opportunities, and not the bill of goods found in a report card or testing manual. With over 38 years in education I can confidently say that children learn best when they are challenged to confront a new reality. To do that we should mandate time each week in class for children to confront creative projects and problem solving activities.

These activities are not relegated to a select class of "gifted" children alone. All children must learn the reality that creativity and being allowed to express it in the schools and in their lives is a right, not a privilege of class.

6.) Create insanely great experiences.

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Woman's quilt on display

Estelle Yarinsky's art quilts honoring strong women and historical personages have been exhibited nationally. We are privileged to once again exhibit her work — a quilt honoring Winema Riddle of Oregon's Modoc tribe. The quilt will be displayed in the main library near the information desk during November, Native American Heritage month.

K a i t c h k o n a / Nonooktowa/Winema/Toby Riddle (1846-1920) lived during a pivotal era in the history of the Pacific Coast Indians, when westward expansion by white settlers pressured the Modoc and many others to give up their ancestral lands. The Gold Rush only made the situation worse.

Winemamarried a white miner from Kentucky, learned English, and served for many years as an interpreter and mediator for her tribe. You can read more about her at the library information desk and online at www.bethlehempublib.org.

A Delmar resident, Yarinsky was trained as a commercial textile designer at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. She is also skilled in silkscreening, printmaking and life drawing. Her work has been shown in New York, Ohio, Florida, Texas, and Washington, D.C. Her quilts were featured at the Albany Institute of History and Art in 2007. During the Henry Hudson Quadricentennial in 2009, we displayed her quilt honoring Adriaen van der Donck, an early Dutch settler who managed the van Rensselaer lands and recorded the flora, fauna and Native American culture of the region.

Stop by often; you'll want several visits to find all the historical details in this quilt and admire the fine workmanship.

A little Sunday music

Our annual winter concert series opens this Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. with a performance by the Glaston Duo. Flutist John Van Voris and guitarist Doug Esmond play classical music for concerts and special occasions throughout the greater Capital Region. They offer an eclectic mix of music, both standard and unexpected, with some original compositions to keep things lively. A Little Sunday Music is made possible with the generous support of our library Friends.

Children's circle
Thursday, Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m.



Stories, songs, crafts and toys for children of all ages and abilities.

Animal hospital

Friday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.
Bring your sick or injured stuffed animal or doll to the library for stories, a movie, and some TLC. Age 3 to 8 and families.

Red Cross blood drive

Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Walk-ins welcome.

Daybooks

Monday, Nov. 14, 1:30 p.m.

"The Rope Walk" by Carrie Brown. New members welcome.

Bethlehem Public Library board

Monday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Monday night at the movies

Monday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
"Pal Joey" (1957, NR, 110 minutes). Rita Hayworth, Frank Sinatra, and Kim Novak star.

E-book open house: Kindle

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Bring your Kindle e-reader and a laptop if you have one; learn how to use the library's e-book database.

Louise Grieco

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Film captures bond between girl, dog

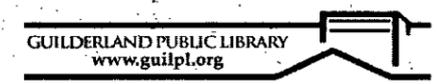
The Family Movie Friday flick showing at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, is based on the beloved, best-selling book, "Because of Winn-Dixie."

This is the heartwarming 'tail' of a young girl named Opal, and her preacher father who move to a small southern town. Looking for friendship, Opal adopts a scruffy, fun-loving pooch named Winn-Dixie. The special bond between them works magic on her dad and the eccentric townspeople they meet during this one unforgettable summer.

It's a match!

Selecting the right college sets the course for life. Get into a school you cannot afford and you could graduate with a crushing load of debt. A free program for high school students and their parents — Selecting the College that's Right for You, at the Guilderland Public Library on Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. — helps you find a balance between resources and reality.

Topics include zeroing in on the type of school that meets your



needs; learning exactly what to see and what questions to ask during your campus visits; and evaluating the academic and social climate on each campus. The presenter has 18 years' experience in the field, and has counseled nearly 500 students on the college admissions process, visited 485 colleges in 33 states, and spoken frequently on college topics. Please register for this program by calling 439-1843.

Mark Curiale

For more information on these programs, call the Library at 456-2400, or email info@guilpl.org. The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland. Visit the Library's website at www.guilpl.org. Become a Facebook Fan of Guilderland Library, follow the Library on Twitter (@GuilderlandLib), and get music information and downloads on the Library's Freegal page. It all starts at guilpl.org.

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Guitarist to give workshop

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At 7 that evening, join Robin for an evening of traditional early blues and gospel music, mixed with her original blues. Let the music take you back to a simpler time when blues was in the air, and everybody sang along! Berkshire-based O'Herin is a 2009 Telluride Acoustic Blues Finalist noted for her warm performance style. Her technique and her rich voice will captivate you!

The concert will be in the Ravena Village Courtroom. Admission to the 7 pm concert is a donation for local food pantries. The workshop is free. Two of Robin's CDs are in the Library's music collection. Her website, where you also can hear her music, is www.robinoherin.com.

All ages are welcome. Contact the library (756-2053 or info@rcscommunitylibrary.org) for more information.

Used book sale

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Autumn adult classes

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Tuesday, Nov 8, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Nov 9, at 11 a.m.

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Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m.

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

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The library will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. The library will be open Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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"What Puppies Do Best" by Laura Joffe Numeroff
- Young Adult Fiction
"Goliath, No. 3 (Leviathon)" by Scott Westerfeld
"Impulse" by Ellen Hopkins
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distemper vaccination. A titer is a sample of blood submitted to a lab. The titer checks for distemper virus, adenovirus and parvovirus. As long as these titers are above a certain value, the animal is considered protected and does not need to be vaccinated. If the animal's titers are below the protective value, the individual complex is boosted. In our experience, most mature dogs have very adequate levels of antibodies in their systems and do not need to be boosted. There are no agreed upon titers for rabies at this time. Since this disease is fatal and a public health risk, there likely will never be a titer for it. Cat distemper titers are in progress. The current cat vaccine titers are of questionable benefit.

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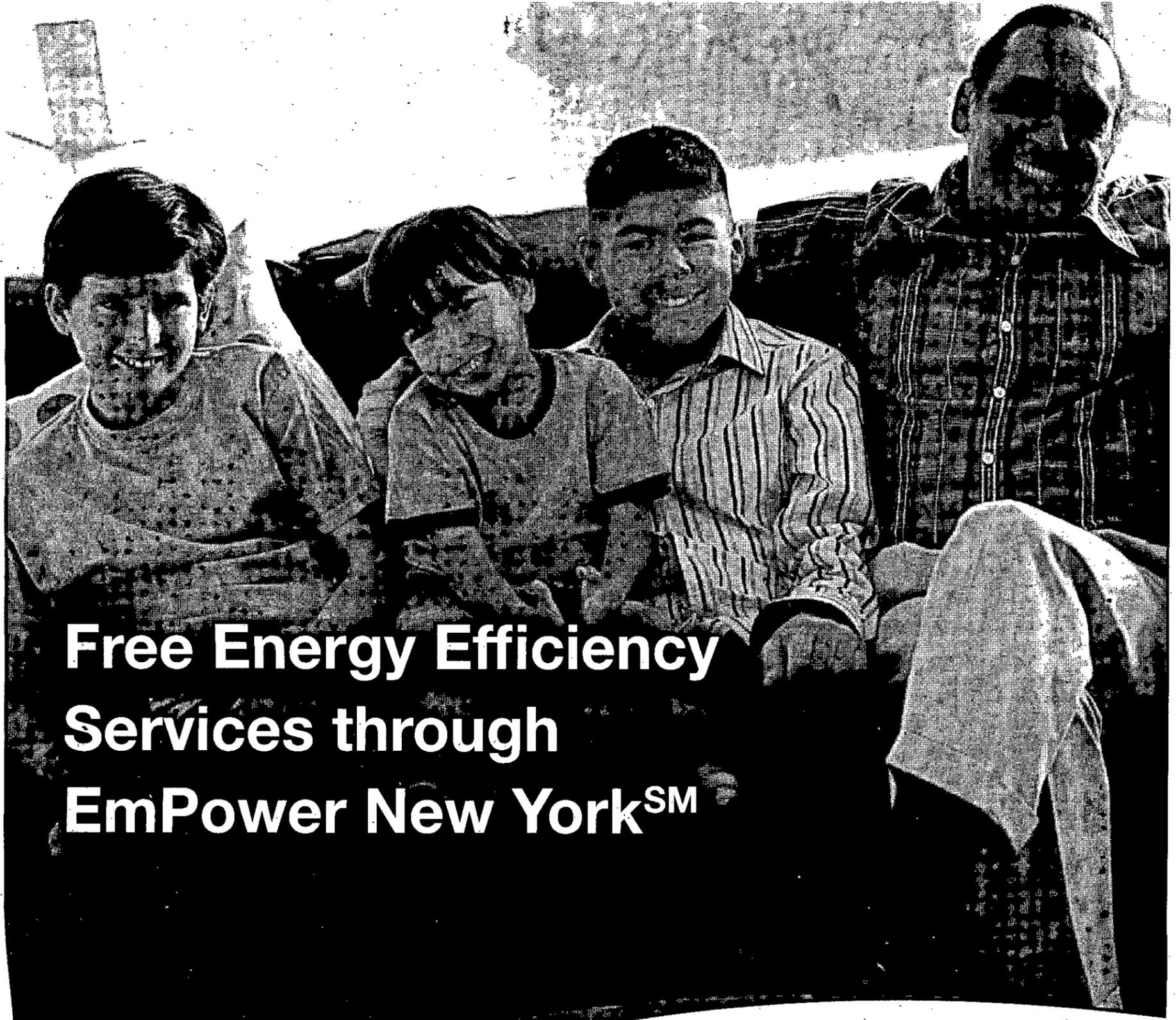
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Tuesday, Nov. 8

• Town Hall is closed for Election Day. Call 439-5770 to arrange morning transportation to the polls.



Town of Bethlehem

Wednesday, Nov. 9

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

Thursday, Nov. 10

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

• 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, Nov. 11

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

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

Wilma DeLucco

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Thanksgiving Day preparations are in the works by Equinox, Inc. for their 42nd Annual Equinox Thanksgiving Day Dinner. In order to get home delivery, we need to update our list of dinner recipients, so please contact the Senior Office, 356-1980, ext.1095, to make your reservation by Nov. 10.

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Wednesday, Nov. 2

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Thursday, Nov. 3

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Friday, Nov. 4

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The future wearing a green collar

New York's growing clean energy economy provides opportunity for advancement.



Kelly Watts thinks green is the new black—but he's not talking about fashion. He's talking about the future of the economy in New York State. It's a viewpoint central to Kelly's job as a Workforce Development Instructor at the non-profit Osborne Association's Green Career Center in the Bronx, NY, where he helps people build the core skills necessary to begin work in the clean energy economy.

"We're a green career center, not a green jobs center," he says. "If you are career-oriented, you're going to look at where a market is taking you." Kelly sees the market for energy efficiency and renewable energy technology services in New York continuing to grow, creating important opportunities for his students, most of whom are parolees looking for a fresh start.

"America is starting to catch up with some of the other industrialized nations that have already been going green," he says. "Green jobs are going to be popping up in almost every realm of our overall economy."

A newly released study conducted by the Brookings Institution proves Kelly right. Brookings counted 2.7 million Americans currently working in the clean energy economy, which outperformed the national economy during the recent recession and stands poised to breathe new life into the now-dormant manufacturing sector. The report shows that more than one quarter of all clean energy jobs are in manufacturing, compared with just nine percent of total U.S. jobs. Brookings also says that green collar workers are better paid, earning a median income 13 percent higher than the national median income.

Another recent study of the national and global clean energy economy, conducted by The Pew Charitable Trusts, paints a clear picture of the remarkable growth of green industry in the past dozen years. Pew found that between 1998 and 2007, green collar jobs in America grew 9.1 percent, while total jobs grew just 3.7 percent and traditional manufacturing jobs declined by 21 percent. The study also reported that between 2006 and 2008, more than \$12 billion in venture capital was invested in American clean technology businesses—yet another positive indication for the future of the green collar workforce.

As New York State pursues its aggressive energy efficiency goals—among them a 15-percent reduction of energy consumption by 2015—and continues to provide incentives that drive energy efficiency and renewable energy technology markets forward, the opportunity for New York workers to dive into green careers will continue to expand. In fact, the New York State Department of Labor recently concluded the "The New York State Green Jobs Survey," its research on New York State's green labor market. It found that firms serving the green sector expect to expand their green workforce by more than 25 percent over the next year. These firms include building services, construction trades, professional services and component manufacturing, and they will be seeking skilled workers to fill their needs.

That's where people like Kelly Watts and Lynn Fowler come into the picture. Both are instructors in a statewide network of non-profits, community colleges and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) that work in collaboration with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA

to provide the education to grow a 21st century green workforce in New York.

While Kelly Watts focuses on helping aspiring workers master the basics at the Green Career Center, Lynn Fowler is involved in various educational initiatives ranging from teaching to program development and administrative work as both a professor and the Chair of the Science Department at Clinton Community College (CCC).

CCC offers a variety of learning opportunities for students and professionals interested in green careers, particularly those that involve clean energy technology. The school's Wind Energy and Turbine Technology program prepares students to repair and maintain wind turbines.

In Lynn's view, long-term demand will drive New York's clean energy economy forward into the future as energy prices continue to rise and more people see the sense in making decisions that are good for the earth as well as their pocketbooks. She recently had to triple the number of Environmental Science courses offered at CCC, due to the overwhelming demand from students looking to fill general education requirements.

"These 18- to 20-year-olds aren't science majors, but they're becoming much more aware of what's going on with environmental issues," Lynn says. "They will go on to be more aware consumers for the rest of their lives."

Across New York, awareness is already taking root, and people's lives and careers are changing because of it. Take Mark Bomba for example. Mark built a career in the sign industry, selling and running large projects, but was laid off during the post-9/11 economic decline. Looking

for a new opportunity, Mark enrolled in a solar technology training program at Hudson Valley Community College. The training led to a sales job with Alteris Renewables, a company specializing in solar and wind installations. Today, Mark sells and manages dozens of solar projects each year in all regions of New York.

Mark gladly testifies to the growth of Alteris and the industry. "I've seen it go from where we worked in one room in someone's basement to now, when Alteris has 26 people out there installing solar systems," he says. "In the clean energy economy, there are many different fields that offer the opportunity for people who think outside the box to make a really good living."

Though the nation's overall economic recovery remains frustratingly slow, the outlook is good for green collar workers in New York. The Brookings Institution's study included three key data points that show the vibrant clean energy economy here in the Empire State. New York is home to more than 185,000 green collar workers, the second-most in the nation. From 2003 to 2010, New York's green economy experienced an average of 5.8 percent growth each year. In 2009, the average green collar worker in New York earned a salary of more than \$44,000.

NYSERDA is committed to promoting the continued expansion of New York's clean energy economy. Between 2006 and 2012, the agency will have invested more than \$34 million in green workforce training, supporting everything from infrastructure to curriculum development to subsidized tuition for trainees. So for New Yorkers looking to change careers, further their education with advanced training and certifications, or join a green collar industry at the entry level, there's no time like the present—and the future.

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Resources scarce for seniors

Summit in Bethlehem examines lack of support services for the elderly

By GREG FRY
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The prospects of a longer life and a tight economy are leaving many seniors with few financial options.

That's the crux of the many subjects discussed during a Seniors Summit held Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Bethlehem Public Library. The forum included perspectives from Michael Burgess, the former director of the New York State Office for the Aging, who described a situation of "promise and peril" for seniors. He explained how budget cuts in recent years on the state-level have led to cuts in programs such as home-delivered meals and community services for the elderly.

"We should spend more to keep these people in their homes, rather than putting them on the Medicaid rolls," said Burgess.

The problems were clear and familiar to many in the audience, who heard perspectives on what's being done at the local, state and federal level.

"It may not be discussed by the public, but people who work with seniors all the time are very

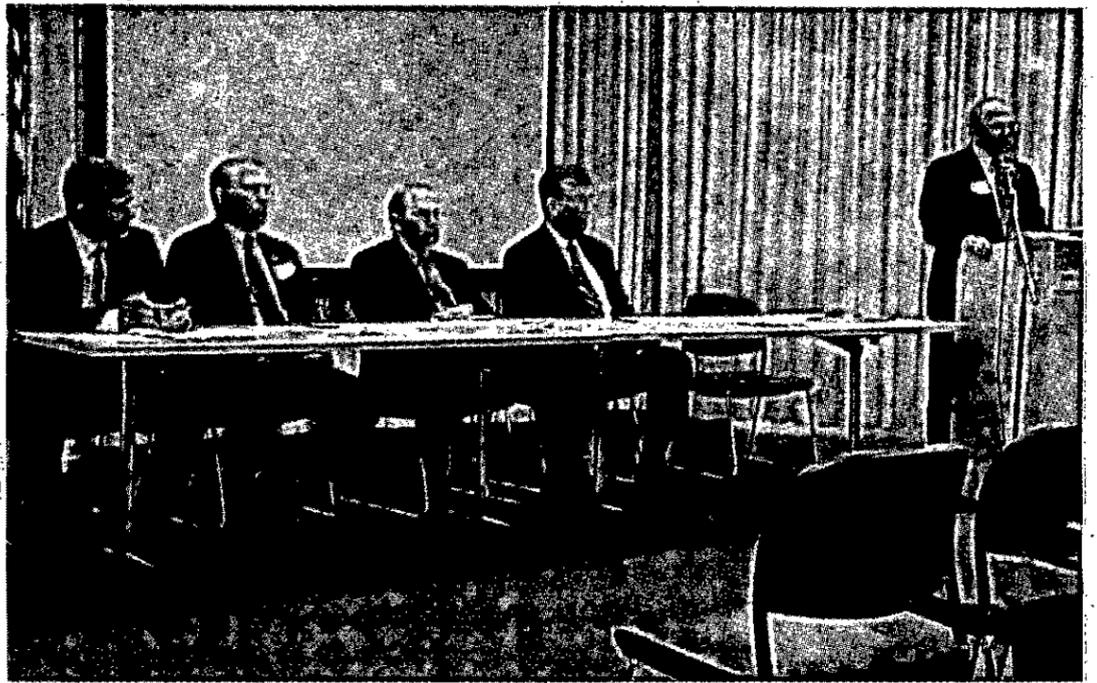
much aware that we do not have enough money to help people who are trying to age safely at home," said Lois Wilson, a resident of Bethlehem who has experience working with committees on issues pertaining to seniors throughout the Capital District.

One main theme at the summit was a conversation about the differences between nursing homes and the concept of seniors staying in their homes and aging in place. Albany County Executive Michael Breslin told the audience that it is less expensive to keep people where they are, but went on to say that there is "no question that there is a dramatic lack of resources."

Breslin's proposed county budget for 2012 calls for a 19.2 percent tax levy increase. Wilson said there is a connection between those rising taxes and a failure to provide for seniors who want to stay in their homes.

"In this town, we really need more subsidized housing," said Wilson, "and more support for seniors who are trying to age in place."

During a question and answer session at the end of the summit, the issue of transportation was raised. Audience members made points



A summit was held Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Bethlehem Public Library to discuss issues relating to care for seniors. Pictured from left to right: State Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin, Albany County Executive Michael Breslin, former State Office for the Aging Director Michael Burgess, State Senator Neil Breslin, and Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina.

Greg Fry/Spotlight

about the impact on seniors when public transportation routes are reduced and altered. Burgess said transportation issues are always in the top three when a list of concerns for seniors is compiled.

Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina highlighted the successful programs for seniors in the town, and said that older residents need to stay in place for their continued contribution to the community.

"Our seniors are some of our most engaged people in the community, and I like the point that was raised about in

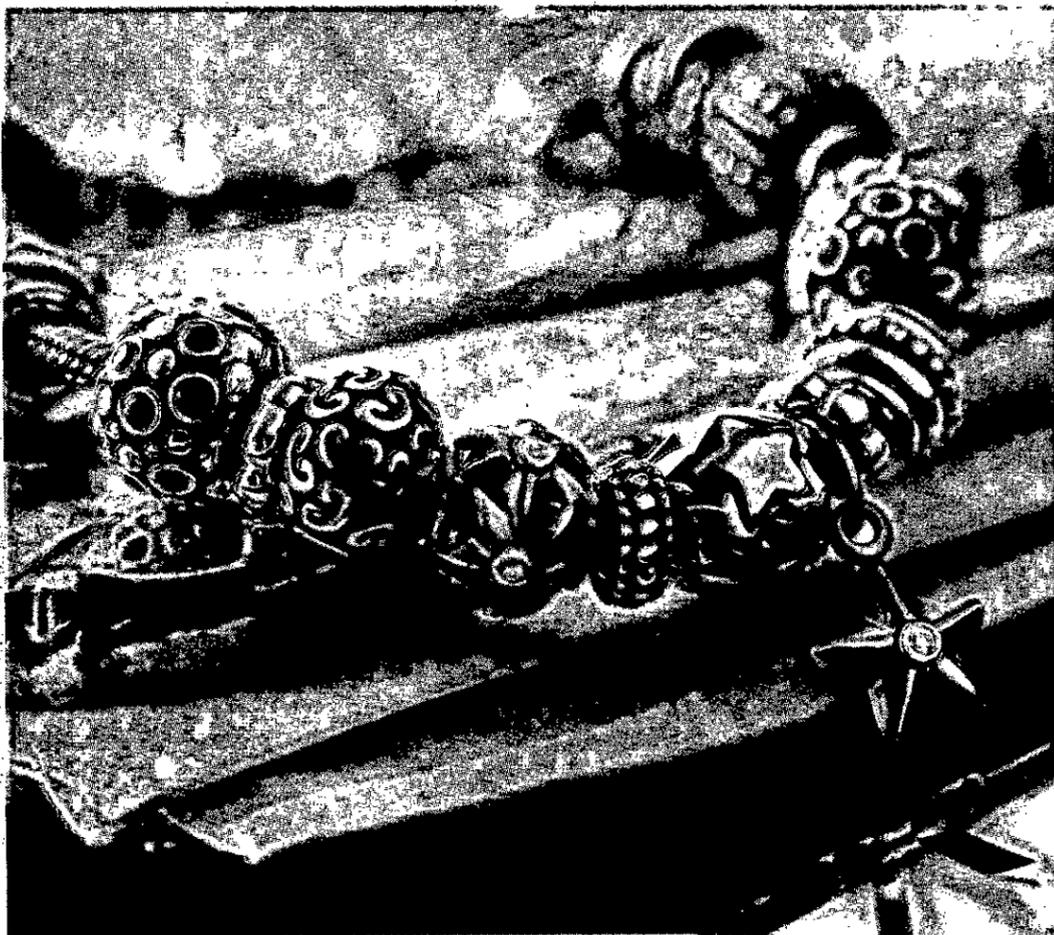
some societies, there is a long-standing tradition of respect and appreciation for our seniors," said Messina. "I think in some areas of our country that doesn't exist anymore."

That support for seniors may not be at the top of a list of priorities in the near future, when a bipartisan committee of federal lawmakers attempts to tackle the nation's budget deficit. Burgess told the audience that while big-ticket items like Social Security may be off the table, cuts may be on the way in a number of areas. He cited the Older Americans

Act, which was passed in 1965 in response to concerns that there weren't enough community social services for the elderly. Burgess said he's worried that deep cuts will impact state and local offices that handle issues pertaining to seniors.

"We are in a situation where we are in danger of not seeing the progress we've made continue," said Burgess.

Burgess said many of the items related to funding cuts would be making news as the Washington committee reaches decisions in November.



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Beetle

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DEC officials placed approximately 200 purple prism traps in Albany County in the beginning of this year, and say the discovery in Selkirk was the only one in the county. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service confirmed the finding on Thursday, Oct. 20.

"This is sort of an end of the season round-up," said DEC spokesperson Michael Bopp. "We bring in the traps and see what we've found."

The emerald ash borer was first discovered in the U.S. in 2002 in southeastern Michigan, and the first finding in New York was in Cattaraugus County in the western part of the state in 2009. Currently, the state has set about 2,500 traps for the borer, and there were over 5,000 traps set by federal and state partners this year.

"We are continuing our investigation and sharing our findings and developing a coordinated response with our partners so that we all move together," said Bopp. "We feel that we don't need to do an emergency response quarantine because we are past the fly-around season, so we are at a low-transmission risk." We expect to have some kind of plan in place by the spring.

DEC officials found no signs of infestation in ash trees surrounding the area where the beetle was found. The concern, though, is that damage could be done if the borer is not contained.

"There are 900 million ash trees in New York, and they represent about 7 percent of our forestry resources," said Bopp. He added that it is a large component of the state's

"This is sort of an end of the season round-up."

- DEC spokesperson Michael Bopp

natural resources to have at risk, and that a dead tree can provide a hazard to individuals and trouble for municipalities.

The state is carrying out a strategy known as SLAM, or Slow Ash Mortality. As part of the plan, the DEC is attempting to more precisely define infestation boundaries, while also researching insecticides and organisms that can be used to control the spread of the borer.

"Other states that have experienced this have essentially done clear-

cutting, presuming that was the end game," said Bopp. "Instead of cutting down every ash tree within 1,000 yards, we are visually inspecting trees before we get into any massive action or larger-scale action."

"It is very important to remind everyone to not move any ash materials or firewood from the Selkirk area to prevent this infestation from spreading further," said DEC Commissioner Joe Martens.

Bopp said the best thing for the public to do is to contact the department if anything suspicious is observed near ash trees. More details about spotting and reporting emerald ash borers can be found at www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7253.html.

New school official at RCS

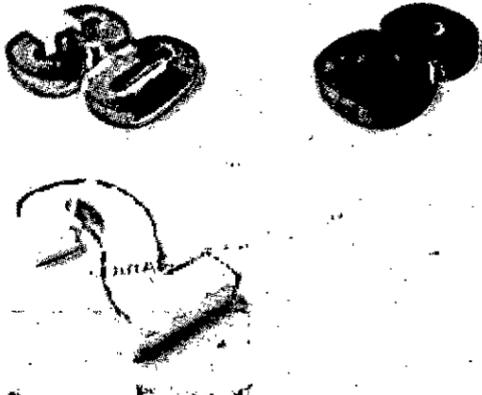


The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District has appointed Gregory Giammarco as the new Assistant Superintendent for Business. Giammarco is a resident of Kinderhook, who has served for eight years as the business administrator for the Ithaca Crane Central School District in Columbia County. Prior to that, Giammarco taught junior high school science for 14 years in the Newburgh City School District. Giammarco will replace Lyn Derway, who accepted a position in the Brunswick-Brittonkill Central School District.

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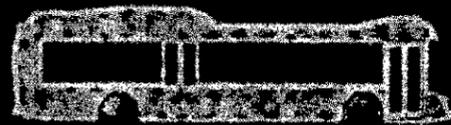
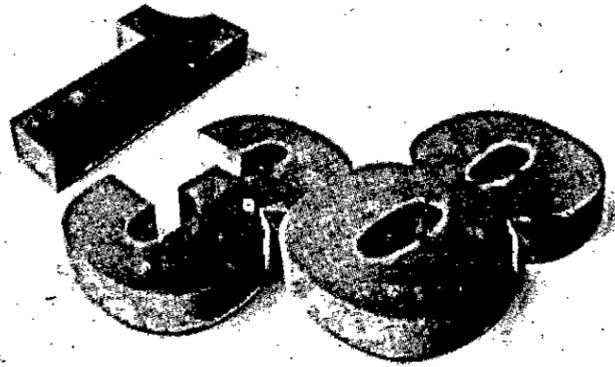
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Candidates debate economics, development of Bethlehem

Supervisor, Town Board, receiver of taxes and Albany county Legislature candidates take part in debate

By GREG FRY
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Twelve candidates for office put their platforms on display on Monday, Oct. 24, during a debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Albany County and The Spotlight.

Perhaps the most intriguing race involves four candidates vying for two spots on the Bethlehem Town Board. They include the sole incumbent, Democrat Joann Dawson, Democrat Jeffrey Kuhn and Republicans Jeremy Martelle and Jeremy Near.

The candidates were asked how they would invigorate economic development in the town.

"It's important to remember that we have a strong network of existing businesses in this town," said Dawson, who talked about how past development gave away some of the quality that town residents have come to expect while living in Bethlehem.



Candidates for the Bethlehem Town Board, above, and for the office of supervisor, right, discussed the issues facing the town Monday, Oct. 24, at a debate sponsored by the Albany County League of Women Voters and *The Spotlight*.



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Kuhn pointed to two projects: the Vista development off Route 85 and the need for development at the Selkirk Rail Yards.

"Both those projects for whatever reason have gone sideways over the past several years," said Kuhn, who expressed some optimism regarding movement on financing for the Vista campus.

Near then painted a picture that wasn't as rosy.

"Unfortunately for Bethlehem, the truth is that the town is regionally

known as anti-business. That's not because of residents in the town, but it is because of town hall, and a lot of red tape and bureaucracy," said Near.

Martelle said re-examining the town's comprehensive plan would be a good start, an idea that received plenty of support among candidates throughout the debates.

"We need to prepare for that next growth period," said Martelle, who spoke about tax-exempt businesses in the town. "Right now, we are shouldering the brunt of

the taxes, the citizens of this community."

The candidates shared varying opinions on the need for a plan to protect open space. Near said the town's comprehensive plan needs to be shredded, while Martelle said the plan should be revisited. Kuhn was concerned with proposals to implement an open space tax, while Dawson said that an open space program doesn't necessarily mean that the town is going to spend millions on land acquisition.

Finally, the

candidates were asked about the town's aging infrastructure, including repairs to the crumbling portions of Town Hall.

"It comes back to funding. First and foremost, we need to develop, adopt and promote a capital plan," said Near, who added that the town has to grow its way out of the situation.

"We can take advantage of a very good economic situation in terms of the town's bond rating, which is excellent," said Dawson, who stressed that the

town had to come up with some kind of plan to address the issues.

Martelle echoed the sentiments about long-term preparation.

"Economic development, getting the Industrial Development Agency involved in attracting businesses, that can help support this infrastructure and help support a capital plan," said Martelle.

Kuhn called it unacceptable that Bethlehem has not put

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together such a plan.

"What happens when you don't have a capital plan is that you have basically unorganized and inefficient borrowing and spending on a year-to-year basis, with no logic and no forethought," said Kuhn.

Supervisor

The three candidates for supervisor were cordial during their nearly hour-long debate.

Democrat John Clarkson, Kyle Kotary (a Democrat appearing on the Republican line) and Richard Reeves-Ellington of the Working Families Party also tackled the open space topic, as well as discussing the growing number of developed and proposed apartment and hamlet-style projects in the town.

"The basic question we have to ask ourselves is, 'What kind of community do we here in Bethlehem want?'" asked Reeves-Ellington. He said it comes down to a question of what

kind of investment the town wants to make, and whether it should be in projects, for example, that don't pay a living wage to workers.

Kotary ran down a list of points, starting with the need to revisit the town's comprehensive plan and to put together a cost-benefit analysis of all projects, while also asking for more communication between town hall and residents.

"We've been doing a real good job of that, specifically, with the Wemple Road project," said Kotary.

Clarkson talked about the importance of diversified housing in the town.

"If you have housing that appeals to seniors and younger people, you often get families that don't have children in school," said Clarkson. "From a fiscal stand point, that can help us tremendously, because we have taxes coming in, and we don't have that expenditures for that particular population (students)."

The candidates then tackled the issue of



County Legislature candidates Richard Mendick, far left; Leo Dorsey, second from left; and Howard Shafer, far right all promoted a different approach to dealing with budget issues.

budgeting, and how to better prepare the town for years to come.

"I think we've made the budget discussions more accessible. We've had more meetings. We can always do more and communicate more, but I think we have a really good process," said Kotary, who emphasized the need for more citizen involvement, and to start the budget discussions earlier in the year.

Kotary and Clarkson agreed on the need to think beyond the next year's budget.

"We have to look at the budget in more than a single year's time frame. When you solve a problem a year at a time, you're not really solving it," said Clarkson, who added that the town has made some progress this year in reducing its use of reserves.

Reeves-Ellington stressed that the town should focus on programs that the community wants and can afford, while also gathering more public comment.

"Rather than just

meetings such as this, or the monthly meetings of the board, there are a number of modern and more technological ways of getting citizen input," said Reeves-Ellington.

Albany County Legislature

There wasn't much agreement among the three candidates vying to represent the 36th District in the Albany County Legislature.

However, all three candidates stated they wouldn't support a 19.2 percent tax levy increase that goes along with County Executive Michael Breslin's proposed 2012 budget.

"I will not vote for anything over the 2 percent tax cap," said incumbent Richard Mendick, a Republican, who went on to say that the county needs to adopt a new budgeting philosophy that bases spending on revenues, rather than coming to residents when a budget shortfall develops.

"I'm not for that tax increase, and I'm not for any tax increase

whatsoever," said Democrat Leo Dorsey. He suggested creating a position of Director of Economic Development for the county to bring in and expand business within the county. Dorsey also added that the county could save money by taking action on its nursing home.

"In my first term on the legislature, I was the only Democrat who voted no on a tax increase," said former legislator Howard Shafer, who formed his own line this year under the title Notice Our Priorities. He joked that there was a gasp in the audience of legislators when he cast that vote. Shafer expressed a need to look at shared services between municipalities for services like road plowing to help save the county money.

The candidates were also asked about the long-term proposals for the closed Bens Bridge over the CSX rail yard in Selkirk.

"Those people down there are the people that I am concerned with

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because of the economy the way that it is. People traveling back and forth are spending more time and more money to go to work and come home," said Dorsey. The former Bethlehem police officer expressed concern that emergency crews haven't been able to get to people because of flooding on other access roads.

"The problem is the bridge costs too much money," said Mendick, who cited a long record



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— Nancy Mendick, Receiver of Taxes

of meeting with officials at all levels to try and find a solution for the bridge. "As it sits now, the bridge will not be rebuilt."

"We'll be long deceased before we see that bridge re-built," said Shafer, who said

there are alternatives, including the acquisition of property to build an alternative route.

Receiver of Taxes

Candidates for the

position of Bethlehem Receiver of Taxes were each given five minutes to make a statement to the audience.

"I'd like you to think of me as ET," said Nancy Mendick, Republican, who has held the position for the past 16 years. "Not ET as in the movie, but ET as in experienced and trustworthy."

Mendick cited a record of 24 years in the receiver's office. Her opponent, George Harder, Democrat, highlighted his 20 years with the New York State

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— George Harder, candidate for Receiver of Taxes

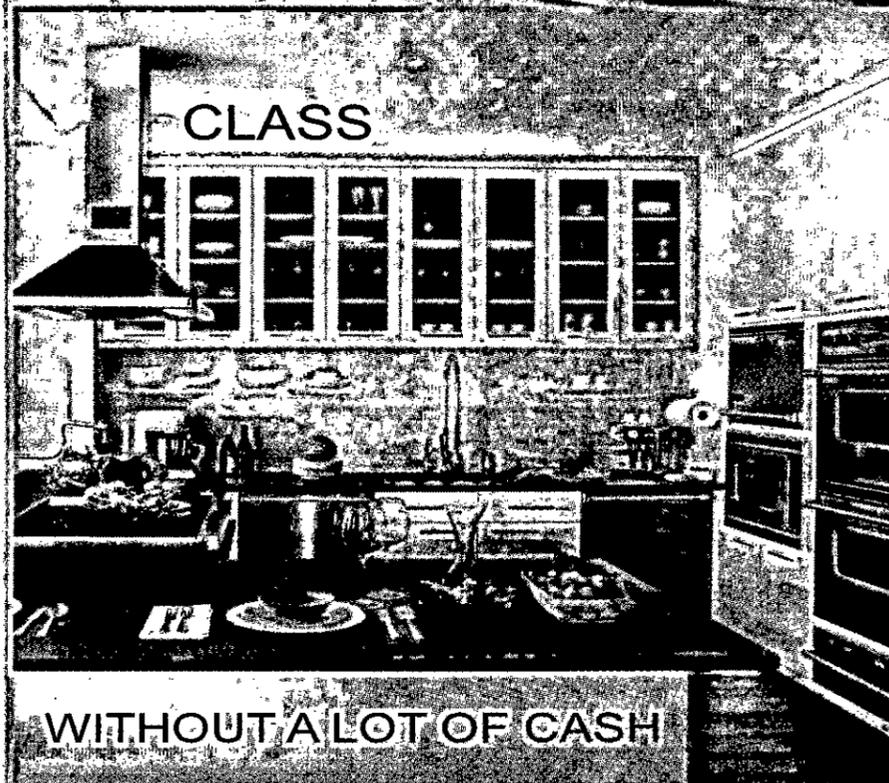
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representatives to solve the problems they encountered while trying to meet their tax obligations," said Harder.



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The freshman Assemblyman, whose parents both worked for the postal service, believes there are better options to help the agency save money.

"I'd much rather see them go toward no Saturday delivery, and maybe no Tuesday delivery," said McLaughlin.

In late July, the postal service announced that branches nationwide would be assessed to determine customer needs. An idea for Village Post Offices was also floated. That would transfer the operation of postal services to local businesses, grocery stores,

and other retailers, who could provide products like stamps, and services such as flat-rate packaging.

"There are no pre-determined outcomes to these studies that are being undertaken on every one of these offices," said Tom Rizzo, spokesperson for the United States Postal Service. "We don't expect that we'll be closing every post office on that list. All of the customer input and questions will be taken into consideration."

McLaughlin said there are five post offices under review within his district. Earlier this year, the Postal Service announced the post office in Clarksville would be shuttered after undergoing the review process the South

Bethlehem office is now in the midst of.

"This isn't a lot of bang for the buck," said McLaughlin. "Really what you are doing is sort of cost shifting, because now you have to get in your car, and burn up gas and time and mileage."

The nearest branch for many would be the branch on Route 9W in Selkirk.

"You could have people four or five miles away who can't travel to another post office," said Messina, who also raised the issue of the post office being something of a gathering place for residents in the area.

"We need to recognize that being a community gathering place is not our constitutional role," said Rizzo. "The reality is

that, with a \$10 billion annual loss this year and continued losses projected as the public uses less hard copy mail, we cannot afford to keep offices open just for this purpose."

McLaughlin pointed out that the biggest impact of a post office branch closure may be felt by seniors.

"You may be getting medication delivered to that post office, and if you now need to drive seven or eight miles to get to the other post office, and it's a February day and it's minus 10 degrees and might be icy, it's really dangerous," said McLaughlin.

The assemblyman credited postal service officials with being proactive and available to the public to answer questions. A

public meeting on the future of the South Bethlehem office was held in October. Messina came away with the idea that there were options available other than closing offices.

"The sense I got from the operational people I was talking to, they were almost begging that the policy makers and federal legislators look at options for service delivery, and not just cut what is there."

Rizzo said a notice proposing the closure of the South Bethlehem post office will be up at the facility until Nov. 17. After that, a final determination would be made. Customers would then have a 30-day period to file an appeal if a decision to close is made.

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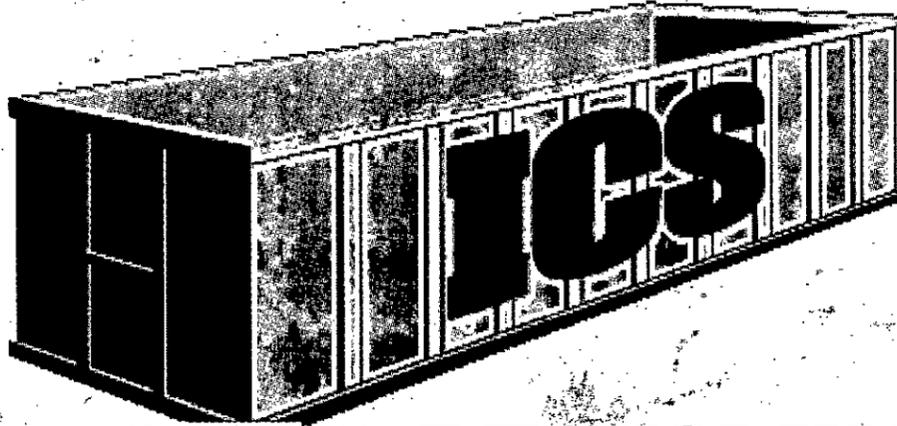
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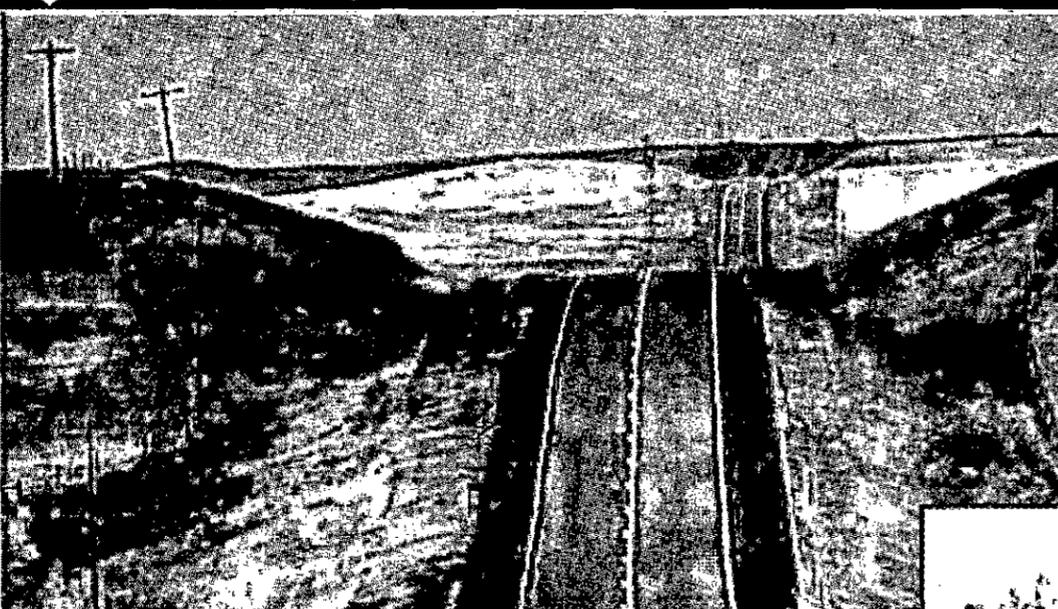
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Right: The Morris Performing Arts Center in South Bend, Ind., was promoting a concert by the Monkees when Czarnecki passed through.



A rich life through the road

Poet and speaker Michael Czarnecki to appear at Guilderland Library

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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When Michael Czarnecki took stock of his life about 20 years ago, he came to a sobering realization.

"I was 43. There was less time ahead than behind," he said.

He wanted to do something meaningful with his life. He'd never really had a career; he worked in retail. At the time, he was selling wine for a winery near his home in Kanona, near Corning.

Well, enough of that, he decided. The most significant thing people can do in life is to create, he thought: art, children, poetry, love. So he would dedicate his remaining years to creating things.

These days, Czarnecki calls himself many things: a poet, a publisher, an oral memoirist and an encourager.

He's also a speaker, traveling the country to give poetry readings as well as to talk about his "purposeful journeys." Czarnecki loves to just go for long drives and focus on nothing but the moment; he turns the radio off and eschews company, wanting to be alone with his experiences. Twice, he's made purposeful journeys on Route 20 from Massachusetts to Oregon, and he'll talk about them at the Guilderland Public Library on Saturday, Nov. 5.

"I love it - here's this program, and here's this library that's right on the route," he said.

That means that Czarnecki passed the library back in 1996, when he took his first trip on Route 20. Some 25 years earlier, Czarnecki had been a hitchhiking teenager, and he got the urge to do something to commemorate that experience. He'd heard Route 20 ran the length of the country, so he decided to spend 20 days driving it.

He traveled during the fall, and the vibrant colors along the route captivated him, particularly the "rolling hills" between Albany and Canandaigua.

"It's one of the most beautiful stretches," he said.

Czarnecki was on the road for 28 days and had 21 programs and speaking engagements booked along the way. In his free time, he simply did whatever moved him. He stopped and took pictures. He wrote haiku. He connected with people. When it came time to find a place to stay, he often bartered.

"I love that idea that you trade books for rooms," he said. "People are good hearted."

Czarnecki called the trip "sort of a spiritual exercise." It's one of the reasons it was important for him to go alone; he didn't want to get lost in conversation.

"It has to be in the moment," he said. "It's just

about being here and now."

Everything about the trip resonated with Czarnecki - the variety of landscapes, the beauty of nature, the kindness of strangers. He even wrote a book, "Twenty Days on Route 20."

He knew he wanted to do it again, but he figured this time he'd change it up a little and go in the spring.

It took him a while to return to Route 20, and then some more time on top of that. Czarnecki first set out on his second trip in May of 2010. But seven days in, a family emergency called him back home.

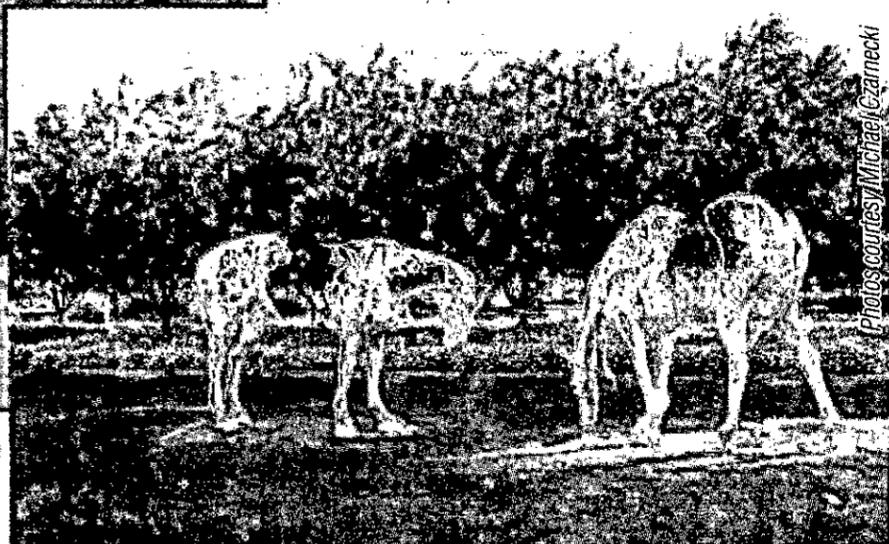
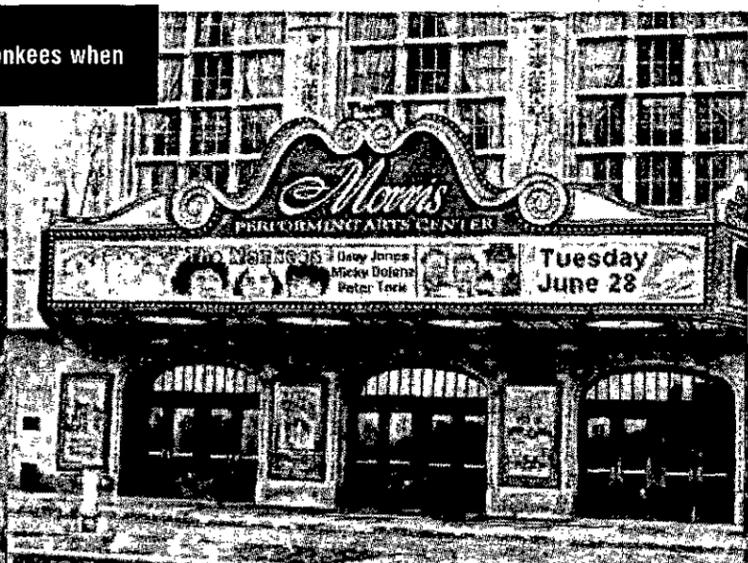
So, Czarnecki tried again in 2011, picking up where he left off and this time making it to Oregon without incident.

Back home, Czarnecki concedes that making a living as a poet isn't easy. He jokes that it's no coincidence that "poetry" and "poverty" are spelled so similarly. He said he and his family - he and his wife have three kids - live simply. Forty Amish neighbors built their house in one day and they live largely off the grid.

Yet, happiness is more abundant than it was when he was hawking wine.

"It's a struggle, but the poverty is only in money, not in life," he said.

Czarnecki's multimedia program at the Guilderland library starts at 2 p.m. Admission is free. Czarnecki will also give a poetry reading at the Troy Public Library on Monday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m.



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Above: Dubuque, Iowa sponsors an annual public art project, Art on the River.

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"A Journey Through History: The Artistic Works of Len Tantiello," through Dec. 18, 1080 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Information, 877-5073.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"Postage Paid: Dance Around the World," through fall 2012; plus a Michael Jackson tribute, a "Dancing with the Stars" exhibit and the C.V. Whitney Hall of Fame, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

OAKROOM ARTISTS GALLERY

"Scene Outdoors: George Dirolf and David Arsenault," through Nov. 30, First Unitarian Society, 1221 Wendell Ave., Schenectady. Information, 374-4446.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

"The Syracuse Mile," featuring two of the central New York's famous stock cars; plus ongoing exhibits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

"FETCH! Lab" and "Fueling the Future," ongoing; Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information, 382-7890.

SPA FINE ART

Featuring new works by Ken Orton, 376 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-2411.

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"Whiting Tennis," through Dec. 1; "I Myself Have Seen It: Photography and Kiki Smith," through Dec. 30; Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Romantic Nature: British and French Landscapes," through Nov. 13; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

MASS MOCA

"one floor up more highly," an installation by Katharina Grosse, through October; "Ruse," through Dec. 31; "Sub Mirage Lignum," through Dec. 31; "The Workers," through March 15, 2012; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"Rising from the Sea: The Art of Jay Hall Connaway," through May 27, 2012; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

"Draw Me a Story: A Century of Children's Book Illustrations," through Jan. 7, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

Call for Artists

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

Non-audition choral group seeking singers in all voice parts for its December concert, rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Columbia High School, 962 Luther Road, East Greenbush. Information, 370-5434.

THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

Women's singing group entering its 99th year, practices held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; concerts on Dec. 2 and April 1. Information, 765-4536.

THE CHORALERS

Musical group looking for singers of all abilities, performs concerts at Christmas and in the spring, pieces are familiar and fun to sing, no auditions are necessary, practices are 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Saint Clares' Chapel, McClellan Street, Schenectady.

ETUDE CLUB

Looking for women interested in vocal and instrumental performance, meetings held the first Thursday of every month. Information, 374-5536.

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

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

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DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information: 813-4299 or e-mail delmarcommunityorchestra@gmail.com.

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

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SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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

Weekly Crossword

Halloween Traditions

ACROSS

- 1 Locking device
- 5 Barbecue fare
- 10 Clue locale, perhaps
- 14 Hammett hound
- 15 Nimble
- 16 Lunch box snack
- 17 Halloween tradition
- 20 Maxim
- 21 Athletic gear
- 22 Cut covering
- 24 Relative of et al.
- 25 Cutup
- 28 Kind of code
- 30 With tenderness
- 35 Wonder site
- 37 Kiln
- 39 Singer Osmond
- 40 Halloween tradition
- 43 Mobile home?
- 44 Two, in Toulouse
- 45 Complacent
- 46 Did lawn work
- 48 Account execs
- 50 Former mil. supplier?
- 51 Writer's point
- 53 Decays
- 55 Carries out
- 60 Takes care of
- 64 Halloween tradition, in Peanuts

- 66 Starch source
- 67 Unpleasant political tactic
- 68 Complete prefix
- 69 Mimic
- 70 On edge
- 71 Creates wonderment

DOWN

- 1 Says uh, a lot
- 2 Not docked
- 3 Reside temporarily
- 4 Helen's abductor
- 5 Kind of court
- 6 Word after goose or nest
- 7 Some pens
- 8 Home
- 9 Troubles constantly
- 10 Former Yankee manager Ralph
- 11 French weapon
- 12 Villainous look
- 13 Sack, in football
- 18 Peruvian native
- 19 City on Puget Sound
- 23 Uncle Sam feature
- 25 Pianist Andre
- 26 Sign on the dotted line
- 27 Complaint

- 29 Fall bloomer
- 31 Pool's Minnesota
- 32 Shortens a bit
- 33 Only believer in 64 Across
- 34 Thugs
- 36 Excelled, as on an exam
- 38 Wheel aligning device
- 41 More zealous
- 42 Publicity
- 47 Strip
- 49 Originate from
- 52 Former New York mayor Abe
- 54 Octa preceder
- 55 ___ girl!
- 56 Guy
- 57 Roll call call
- 58 Operatic prince
- 59 Nana portrayer Anna
- 61 Make asymmetrical
- 62 Do floor work
- 63 Wallet fillers
- 65 Mas' mates

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Milestones

Anthony 'Kenny' Umina

DELMAR Anthony "Kenny" Umina, 68, transitioned to eternity on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at St. Peter's Hospital, surrounded by family and friends.

He had battled chronic lymphocytic leukemia for 16 years.

Ken is survived by his beloved wife of 27 years, Carol A. Furman, and their children, Anthony J. and Deborah I. Umina; his daughters, Carolyn Rafferty and Anne Horak (David), and four grandchildren, Justin and Tyler Rafferty, Katrina Martin, and Emily Horak, as well as godsons Christopher Stephenson and Travis Spears. Other survivors include two sisters, Joyce Saxton and Phyllis Spears, two brothers Nelson Spears and G. Edward Spears, a sister-in-law, Janet Furman, CSJ and a brother-in-law, Robert J. Furman and several nieces and nephews.

Born in Brooklyn on December 28, 1942, he was the son of the late

Blanche E. Parkin and Benson H. Umina. When he was two years old, his father was killed in action in World War II while serving in the South Pacific aboard the USS Mt Hood. His mother later married George W. Spears and they settled in Auburn, NY where they raised six children, of which Kenny was the oldest. His mother, step father and sister Sandra Spears Stephenson have predeceased him.

Ken grew up in the central New York communities of Cortland and Auburn. He was so inspired by his father's sacrifice that he volunteered for duty in the United States Navy. During the Vietnam era, he served four years on active duty at sea, completing two tours of duty with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. During the Cuban missile crisis he was detailed to the Cuban blockade on the USS Ingraham DD 694. While serving on the USS Borie DD 704, his ship was detailed to the Baltic Sea. He was transferred to the inactive reserves in 1964 and honorably discharged in 1966. Upon returning to civilian life he took advantage of the GI Bill and attended college. He

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graduated from Auburn Community College and earned a bachelor's degree from SUNY Oswego. He later went on to receive a master's degree from SUNY at Albany. His professional career took him to live in several areas of the state. He has resided in the town of Bethlehem since 1976.

Before retiring in 1999, Ken Umina had a long and distinguished career in law enforcement and criminal justice. As a police officer in Port Chester, he received the Westchester County Shields Award for bravery. After entering employment with the NYS Department of Correctional Services, he served in four maximum-security correctional facilities, rising to become the department's youngest captain. Working in conjunction with the New York State Police, he began the DOCS K-9 unit and was the unit's first administrative officer; he also helped design and administer the agency's statewide Communication Control Center. He also held the positions of facility operation specialist, and executive assistant to the commissioner. After being taken hostage at Coxsackie Correctional Facility, he became the founding director of the state-of-the-art Crisis Intervention Unit that was tasked with defusing

violent situations in the prison system and conducting hostage negotiations. This unit was quickly put to the test in January 1983 during the Ossining (Sing Sing) prison disturbance when he acted as the chief negotiator and directed the on-site negotiations with inmates who were holding nineteen employees as hostages. After five days of non-stop negotiations the hostages were released unharmed. Umina received nationwide recognition for this success and Governor Mario Cuomo officially applauded his actions. Ken went on to teach hostage negotiation techniques to law enforcement agencies throughout the United States.

Ken was also appointed by then Mayor Ed Koch to serve as Special Deputy Commissioner for the New York City Dept. of Correction. As Deputy Director for Program Operations with the NYS Division for Youth, he enacted numerous innovations including a client classification system, an unusual incident reporting system and standardized facility-emergency response procedures. In 1987 Governor Cuomo appointed him to the Parole Board. Upon his confirmation by the State Senate he served two six-year terms as a parole commissioner.

Ken was an adjunct instructor of criminal justice at the Auburn Community College and lectured at the State Police Training Academy and the Correctional Services Training Academy. Elected in a nationwide election and served a term on the Board of Governors of the American Correctional Association. He was a co-founder and vice president of the NYS Correction and Youth Service Association. His career in criminal justice spanned 33 years.

Upon retirement he devoted his life to parenting his young son, Anthony J. Umina. For many years Ken coached soccer for the Bethlehem Soccer Club. He served on the Board of directors of the Tri-Village Little League. Ken managed several little league baseball teams including a post season All Star Team. He served on the board of directors of the Bethlehem Mickey Mantle Baseball Club and the Bethlehem Basketball Club. Ken very much enjoyed annual fishing excursions and canoeing trips to the Adirondacks.

A 20 year communicant of the former St. John's/St. Ann's parish in Albany's South End, he served the parish as a lector, Eucharistic minister, and pastoral council member. When the parish merged with St. James and St. Francis of Assisi, Ken remained active in the merged parish. He looked

forward to going on the St. John's/Ann's men's group annual retreat at the Benedictine priory in Weston, Vermont. In August of 2000 he attended the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese Men's Cursillo group forty five.

Ken was also involved in local politics and government. He was a Town of Bethlehem district committeeman, an election district leader, and a longtime member of the Albany County Democratic Committee. During his retirement years he served on the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals. Ken was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of the American Legion Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post # 1040 in Delmar.

In 1995 he was diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia and he would battle the disease for 16 years. After he was diagnosed with leukemia he resolved to not count the days but rather to try to make each day count. He tried his best to make that happen. The family would like to thank the staff at NY Oncology Hematology and the hospital staff at St. Peter's Hospital 6th floor Pavillion and ICU.

Calling hours were held at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar on Sunday, October 30, 2011 from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, October 31, 2011 at 10:00 am at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church (formerly St. John's/Ann's), Fourth Avenue at Franklin Street, Albany. Burial with military honors will be in Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar.

Contributions in Ken's memory may be made to St. John's/St. Ann's Center, c/o St. Francis of Assisi Church, 391 Delaware Ave., Albany, NY 12209 or the American Legion Blanchard Post, 16 West Poplar Drive, Delmar, NY 12054.

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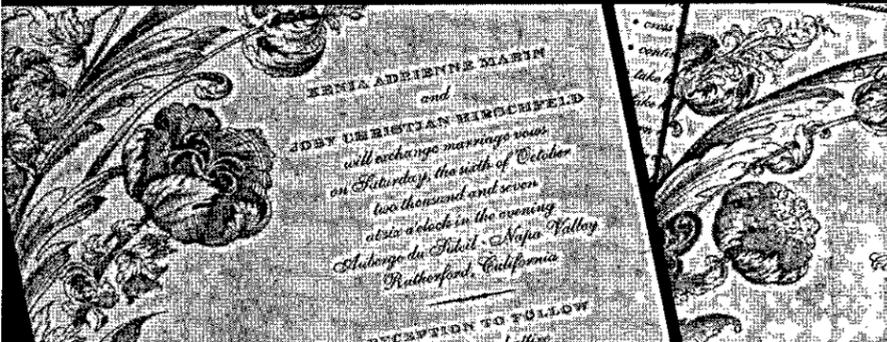
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Your Community in the Spotlight

Altamont Elementary to hold craft fair

The Altamont Elementary School PTA will be holding its annual craft fair Sunday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school.

Vendors will sell gifts, pottery, home décor, jewelry, artisanal foods, candles, knit wear, toys, holiday items and more. There will also be a snack bar and bake sale.

For more information, go to www.guilderlandschools.org/altamont/pta/pta.cfm.

Chamber, library sponsoring NYC trip

On Saturday, Dec. 3, join the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce and the Guilderland Public Library for a bus trip to New York City.

The trip leaves the library parking lot at 8 a.m. and drops off near Rockefeller Center around 11 a.m. The bus will leave the city at 6 p.m. and return around 8:30 p.m.

The cost is \$40 per person. Reservations can be made by contacting Erika at 456-6611 or egauthier@guilderlandchamber.com

Operation Christmas looking for help

Each of the RCS schools has helped families by provided them with gifts for students and younger siblings who are struggling. More than 200 children were helped last year through the programs.

The organizers at each of the four schools are looking for support in a year where the need seems to be greater than ever before. Businesses, families, community groups, churches, and individuals can help by donating funds, gift cards, or sponsoring a child or family. By emailing or calling dmulligan@rcsesd.org or 756-5200, ext. 5202, you can be matched with the school/family/child you would like to help this holiday season.

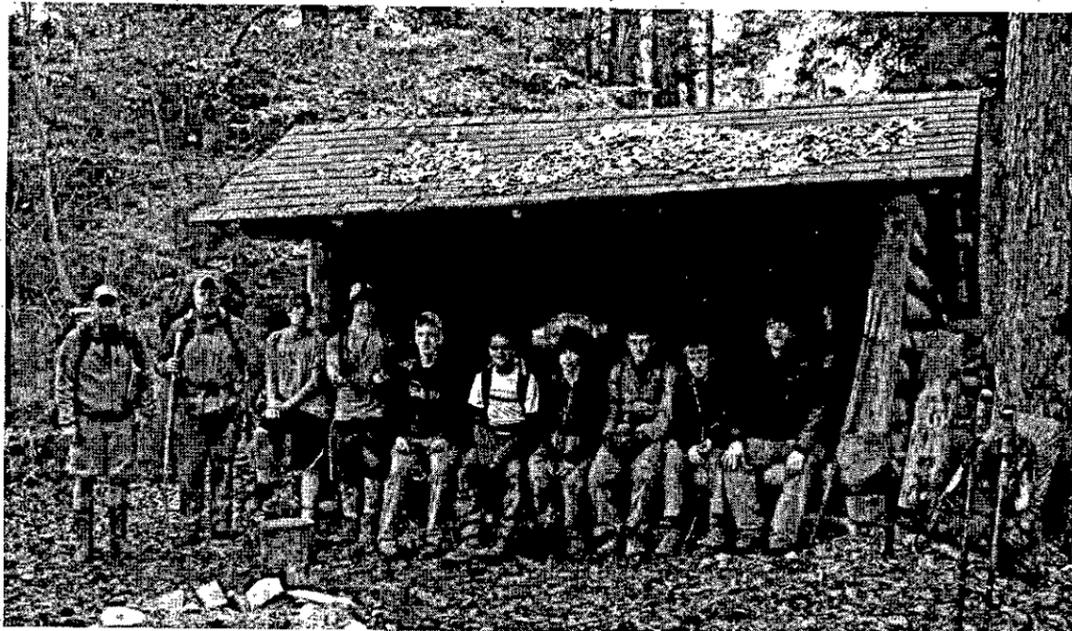
Bradley earns degree from BU

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,517 students in September.

Among the graduates was Molly E. Bradley of Slingerlands, who received a bachelor of arts in international relations.

Delmar orchestra to give fall concert

The Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction Michael Blostein, will present a fall concert on Monday, Nov.



Scouts tackle trail

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 14 scouts, one sister and eight adult leaders from St. Madeleine Sophie BSA Troop 50 took part in a two-day backpacking trip on the Northville-Lake Placid Trail. The troop split the boys into two groups. The older group hiked from Upper Benson 16.4 miles to Whitehouse on the Sacandaga River, and the novice scouts traveled from Piseco 6.4 miles to Whitehouse.

Submitted photos

to www.caregiverstress.com/familyeducation.

The web conference will be moderated by Director of Strategic Alliances Mary Alexander of Home Instead, Inc., the franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care network.

The web conference will feature information about countering senior resistance to assistance as well as resources that can help family caregivers and senior care professionals.

JCC to hold rummage sale

The Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center will hold a rummage sale on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

More than 100 families will be selling good quality children's and baby items. Clothing items start at \$1 and most items are under \$5. The Scholastic Book Fair and other vendors will be present.

For more information, call 689-0039. Proceeds will benefit the Early Childhood Center.

St. Thomas plans craft fair

The St. Thomas School Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5.

It runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle School, 42 Adams Place, Delmar. Admission is free.

7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church (386 Delaware Ave., Delmar).

The concert, which will include classical, pops, and movie music, is free and open to the public.

For more information about the orchestra, visit www.delmarcommunityorchestra.com.

Church to hold pancake breakfast

The Clarksville Community Church, 1997 Delaware Tpke., Clarksville, will hold a pancake breakfast Saturday, Nov. 12, from 7 to 10 a.m.

The menu includes pancakes; sausage; eggs; biscuit and gravy; coffee and juice. There will be a free-will offering, with proceeds benefitting flood victims in Prattsville.

Second Milers plan meeting

The featured speakers at the November 9 meeting of the Second Milers will be Sally and Bert Longbotham, who will present their Power-point program "Thailand - Viet Nam - Cambodia" following luncheon

at the Normanside Country Club.

The group meets for lunch and fellowship from noon to about 2:15 on the second Wednesday of each month. There are no dues and new members are always welcome.

For more information, call Bob Mulligan at 439-3802 or Glenn Cropsey at 862-0856.

Olde Tyme Gifts Craft Fair slated

The 22nd annual Olde Tyme Gifts Craft fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 38 Whitehead St., off Route 396 Maple Avenue, in Selkirk.

Look for balloons and signs.

ACE NY honors Guilderland man

Patrick Doyle of Guilderland was honored Wednesday, Oct. 26, with the Outstanding Industry Leader Award at the Alliance for Clean Energy's (ACE NY) fifth annual fall conference at The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center in Colonie.

During his 30-year career

in the energy business, Doyle, who is vice president and chief of development at Ridgeline Energy, a Seattle-based developer of community-scale renewable energy projects, has helped develop some of New York's most notable wind farms, including the 320MW Maple Ridge Wind Farm on Tug Hill, one of the largest wind power projects in the country.

Caregivers invited to web conference

The holidays are a good time for family caregivers returning home to tune into the signs that an older adult may need extra help to remain safe at home.

To learn more about those signs, register for the free Home for the Holidays web conference, moderated by a representative from the Home Instead Senior Care network, hosted by the American Society on Aging (ASA), and co-sponsored by the National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA) and the National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC).

The hour-long web conference will be offered on two dates and times: Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 1 p.m., or Monday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m.. To register, go

Program to look at black bears

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will hold a program on the natural history of the black bear on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m.

During this indoor/outdoor study, center staff will provide an overview of the eight bear species worldwide and how they compare to the American black bear. The lifestyle of the black bear and the status of New York's bear population will also be discussed. Afterwards, staff will lead a field foray along gentle center trails to look for typical wildlife signs.

This program is free of charge. In case of inclement weather, this program may be canceled. For more information, call the center at 475-0291.

Button club to meet at library

The Half Moon Button Club will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 11 a.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

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Milestones

MarieElaine Michelucci Day

DELMAR - MarieElaine Michelucci Day, 70, died Monday, October 24, 2011 in the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital. Marie grew up in Hudson Falls, where she was voted most popular in high school. She received her Bachelor's degree from Trinity College in Burlington and her Master's degree in History from SUNY Albany.



Marie was a teacher, mostly teaching computers, secretarial skills and other commercial subjects. She taught at Claremont/Berkeley Secretarial School in Manhattan, the Menands Workshop, Mildred Elley and the Neil Hellman School in Parsons. She was active in Professional Secretaries International.

For many years Marie Volunteered at Historic Cherry Hill. She earned many accolades and received the Helen Mynderse award for outstanding service in 2002.

Marie was an avid gardener and took great joy and solace in the fruits of her labor; especially toward the

end of her battle with cancer. Shortly before dying, she sat in a wheelchair while watering her flowers and said to herself, "this is a great garden!"

And, what a cook! Both lots of Italian delicacies, as well as many other delicious, innovative dishes came from her kitchen. She was a voracious reader, polishing off many books and news magazines and providing listeners with insightful and pithy observations. For Marie, it was all about family and she left an invaluable legacy for all generations she touched.

Marie is survived by her husband of forty-five years, John; son, Jake; daughter,

Jennifer (Tony Harvey); and one-week-old grandson Devin. She was predeceased by her wonderful parents Alba and Jim Michelucci and by her terrific brother Jim, who died in a car accident in 1970.

Marie sowed a lifetime of goodwill and reaped an outpouring of friendship. She made friends everywhere she went. Even struggling with cancer, Marie always asked about her friends and their lives, appreciating every effort they made on her behalf, without giving any thought to her own needs.

She had a dry wit, a zest for life, and a kind word for all. She brought cheer everywhere she went, put everyone else at ease, and brought a smile to every life she touched. Marie and her family cannot be thanked for everyone for the cards, visits, numerous favors including, physical labor, medicine pick-ups, shopping, flowers, meals, phone calls, emails, positive thoughts and prayers.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 2 p.m. in the Bethlehem Lutheran

Church, 85 Elm Ave, Delmar, followed by a celebration of Marie's life at Adams Station in Delmar. Burial will be private.

In 1970 the Michelucci family established an athletic scholarship in memory of their son/brother, Jim. Contributions in Marie's memory may be made to James Michelucci Scholarship/Tiger Trackers Booster Club, c/o Hudson Falls School System, 80 E. LaBarge St., Hudson Falls, NY 12839. Condolences may be offered at danielkeenanalhome.com

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ISLAND SMOKES XVIII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/14/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY. 12210 will be desig. 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) (November 2, 2011)

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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) (November 2, 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

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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) (November 2, 2011)

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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) (November 2, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (November 2, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (November 2, 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) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of RMS Asset Management

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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) (November 2, 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 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) (November 2, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 Edgemoor 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) (November 2, 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) (November 2, 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) (November 2, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 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:

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all lawful activities. 76677 (D) (November 2, 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) (November 2, 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 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) (November 2, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of GFC Lending LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/26/11. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Arizona (AZ) on 7/8/11. 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. AZ address of LLC: 4020 East Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ 85018. Arts. of Org. filed with AZ Secy. of State, 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85005. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 76674 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: GREY RIDER THOROUGH-BREDS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/06/11. 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 at 74 Maplewood Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 76671 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: Tiles By Giuseppe Bonaiuto, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 28, 2011. Office location: The Street Address of the limited liability company's office is 76 Stoney Brook, Selkirk, New York 12158, County of Albany, 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 at 76 Stoney Brook, Selkirk, New York 12158. For any lawful purpose. 76668 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Avatar Security Products, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/11. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated a agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave. Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave. Ste.202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. 76665 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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LEGAL NOTICE: The Bethlehem Cemetery Association, Inc. located at 286 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, (518-439-2394) puts deed-holders or families of the following named lots that their lot is not in compliance with the cemetery's rules and regulations regarding plantings and decorative items. Those lot-owners have until 10/21/2011 to bring the lot into full compliance before the cemetery takes action, which will include removal of non-compliant decorations and plants/shrubbery which is overgrown, causes encroachment or is unsightly. A charge of \$75 will be applied once this action is taken: Section A: Smith, Turner, DeForest, Lake, Vailancourt, Crocker, Needham, Haverly, Fryer; Section B: Siegel, Collier, Mann, Smith, Prater, Root, Camp, Devlin, McLean, Sellner, VanDerPoel, Murphy, Curran, Myrick, Lussier, Hastings and Zwickbauer. Section C: Almindo, Gmalm, Thornton, Macri, Mosmen. Section D: Dexter, Terhune, Wright, Blanchard, Bardwell, Veino, Whitney, Danker, Dill, Haberer, Biermeister, Cookfair, Baxter and Webb. 76671 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of JC Windsor Terrace, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/27/11. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Yassky Properties, 424 Madison Ave., 16th Fl., NY, NY 10017. Purpose: any lawful activities. 76666 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206 The name of the limited liability company is DASA INCUBATOR, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization was September 16, 2011. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. Its principal business location is Albany, New York. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: 308 Highgate Drive, Slingerlands, NY 12159. The term of the LLC shall commence on the date of filing of the Articles of Organization and continue indefinitely. The purpose of the Company is to provide research services and for any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law. 76663 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of FIFS, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/21/11. Of-

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Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 1/1/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the PA address of LLC: 199 Telford Pike, Telford, PA 18969. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Secy. of State, 206 N. Office Bldg., P.O. Box 8722, Harrisburg, PA 17105. Purpose: any lawful activity. 76662 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of Aria Retirement Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/3/11. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/31/11. 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. Principal office address: 101 Montgomery St., 27th Fl., San Francisco, CA 94104. Address to be maintained in DE: 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. 76661 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Chimera Apparel LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/4/11. 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 Nathan Singer, 75 McGuffey Lane, Delmar, NY 12054 Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 76997 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of 2250 HAVILAND AVENUE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/4/11. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76995 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of INTERGEO SOLUTIONS, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/11/11. Office location: Schenectady County, LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 8/26/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Richard G. DellaRatta, 147 Barrett St., Schenectady, NY 12305. PA address of LLC: 900 Northbrook Drive, Ste. 320, Trevoise, PA 18053. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Secy. of State, Commonwealth Ave. & North St., Rm 206, Office Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17101. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 76993 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of formation of LITTLE PEACOCK IMPORTS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on 09/22/2011. Office location: Albany County, SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against

Budget

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were pleased to see the town taking on much-needed infrastructure projects without raiding its fund balance.

"We believe that due to increases in sales tax funds and mortgage tax revenue, we'll probably be better off in our general fund this year," said Michael Cohen, the town's chief accountant. "The goal is to utilize as little of that as possible, so that we can put that money back into the fund balance. We know we have challenges in the future."

Linda Jasinski of Selkirk credited the

board for working hard on the budget, and was hopeful that the town could do even better in future years.

"Of course I would like to see taxes lowered," said Jasinski. "That would take a lot of work, I understand. I'm certainly glad we don't have a huge golf course we have to pay for this year."

Two candidates for town office spoke at the public hearing. Supervisor candidate John Clarkson called the spending plan a "good" budget, but said there will be tremendous problems next year. He raised the issue of the loss of a \$1.75 million payment from Selkirk Cogent, and the problems that may cause.

"If we had a true multi-year planning process, then that would help to make sure that the decisions we make today help tomorrow be a little more responsible," said Clarkson.

Town board candidate Jeremy Near reiterated the comments of previous speakers, complimenting board members and town staff for their hard work. He referred back to a portion of Messina's budget presentation that showed how town taxes make up only a small portion of the overall tax burden for Bethlehem residents.

"We can still have all the excellent services that we currently get, and see a decrease in the tax burden, if we

allow economic growth to spur within the town," said Near.

Board member Kyle Kotary, who is also running for town supervisor, closed out the public comment period in favor of the budget.

"Our fund balance reductions were significant, we reduced our borrowing by about half, and we've also made some very important and difficult choices to invest in our infrastructure," said Kotary.

The board is scheduled to adopt a final budget for 2012 on Nov. 9. A final budget workshop scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 2, was canceled and will not be rescheduled.

Spotlight on poetry

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Dawn Rain
by Nancy Marie Payne

<p>I love the patter of the rain the spatter on the roof pinging on the screens dripping from the eaves And I lie in bed just listening to the patter as it scatters on the roof With the morn a warbler adds his chorus to the spatter Day is fast approaching but the clouds are still encroaching</p>	<p>and the warbler is insisting but the rain is still persisting So I curl up all the tighter and listen to him chatter as the rain keeps up its spatter and I lie in bed just listening to the patter on the roof</p>
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There is a real art to rhyming poetry, and this month's poet seems to have mastered it.

Nancy Marie Payne is a casual poet who enjoys the written word and the oral story. A retired educator, she resides in Berne NY. Visit her web site: nancymariepayne.blogspot.com.

Jobs

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Schools are great learning environments for super experiences that challenge and motivate people. From the Nature's Classroom Experience in our BC elementary schools to the Lab School active learning research environments in high school, from elementary artistic activities to middle

school and high school arts festivals and student musical productions, BC is filled with many "insanely" great experiences. We need to do more of them and encourage some risk taking in the process. Things like increasing student participation in all activities and removing the self-imposed glass ceilings of access limiting rhetoric that stifle a child's desire.

7.) Master the message.

When Steve Jobs presented the idea of the iPhone, he changed the face of telecommunications and smartphone computers forever. In education we need to master a similar message that attracts the creative genius of children to master their potential in order to confront new realities. How we convey that message is the secret to the future success of all our school districts.

To sum up my message, public school districts need to unshackle themselves from the mediocrity of what the established bureaucracy have created and be allowed to reach for the stars. For, I am quite concerned that if we do not, there will be little chance of inspiring the next innovator of future challenges.

Let's hope we all learn something from people like Steve Jobs.

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it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to NW Registered Agent, LLC, 90 State St., Ste. 700, Off. 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 76991 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of TRAVEL SERVICES CHANNEL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/7/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76989 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Formation DOUGLAS Kaiden MD PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/4/2011. 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. 76988 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Formation Saraboff LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/7/2011. 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. 76987 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Formation Broken, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/3/2011 under the name Check Broken, LLC. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as

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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. 76986 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: Glady Me Creativity, LLC Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 10/06/2011 Office location: County of Albany. Purpose: any and all lawful activities. Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 178 Mount Hope Drive Albany, NY 12202 76985 (D) (November 2, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING BETHLEHEM CEMETERY ASSOC. INC. 7 P.M. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011 AT THE DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH 386 DELAWARE AVENUE, DELMAR NY. THOSE WISHING TO SPEAK AND/OR VOTE MUST CONTACT VIA TELEPHONE (439-2394) FOR OWNERSHIP VERIFICATION NO LATER THAN 11/1/2011. 76984 (D) (November 2, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of The Impact Partnership, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/2/11. Fictitious name in NY State: Georgia Impact Insurance Services, LLC. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Georgia (GA) on 4/19/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom

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process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. GA address of LLC: 225 Town Park Drive NW, Ste. 175, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Arts. of Org. filed with GA Secy. of State, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Ste. 315, Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: any lawful activity. 76977 (D) (November 2, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of AMAZING SILVER HK LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/11/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76976 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Formation RTB Design Services, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/11/2011. 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. 76975 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of WW-NYC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/28/11. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activities. 76974 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Brock Services, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/11/11. Fictitious name in NY State: Brock Services of New York, LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 9/30/11. 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. TX address of LLC: 10343 Sam Houston Park Dr., Ste. 200, Houston, TX 77064. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 76972 (D) (November 2, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of THE ART DEPARTMENT CREATIVE SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/14/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76970 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of ISLAND SPARKLING WATERS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on

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10/14/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76969 (D) (November 2, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CHI-NA RED FRAGRANCES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/18/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77139 (D) (November 2, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MY-TRAVEL INSIDER LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/19/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77119 (D) (November 2, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Court Street Vision Express LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/20/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY 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. General Purposes. 77113 (D) (November 2, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Island Smokes XVII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/28/11. 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. General Purposes. 77115 (D) (November 2, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Island Smokes XIII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/28/11. 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. General Purposes. 77114 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Island Smokes XXI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/6/11. 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. General Purposes. 77113 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Universal Food Solutions,

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LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/24/11. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Jorge Morales, 1200 Brickell Bay Dr., Unit 3915, Miami, FL, 33131. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77112 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Audition NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/20/11. 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 The LLC, 11 North Pearl St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77111 (D) (November 2, 2011)

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Sabres hang on to defeat Indians

Defending champs thwart RCS comeback

The Schalmont football team advanced to its third consecutive Section II Class B championship game by edging Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 19-14 in last Friday's semifinal game in Rotterdam.

The Sabres (9-0) scored three straight touchdowns between the second and fourth quarters to take a 19-7 lead. The Indians (6-3) pulled to within five points on Connor Zeoli's 20-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Stewart and Harlan Hoose's extra point, but Schalmont held on for the win.

RCS grabbed a 7-0 lead in the first quarter

when Zeoli connected with Ryan Rivers on a 7-yard touchdown pass, and Hoose added the extra point. The lead didn't last long, as Alex Hildebrand took off on a 75-yard scoring run to help Schalmont tie the score at 7 before halftime.

The Sabres took the lead in the third quarter when Devon Willis found a seam and ran 33 yards for a touchdown. Schalmont missed the extra point, but it still had a 13-7 lead.

The advantage grew to 12 points early in the fourth quarter when Niko Nicoletti capped a Schalmont series with a 2-yard touchdown run. RCS got close after that, but that was all that the Indians could do against Schalmont's defense.

Willis ran for 146 yards,

and Hildebrand added 134 rushing yards for Schalmont, which hasn't lost a Sectional playoff game in three years. Zeoli threw for 94 yards to lead the RCS offense.

Schalmont advances to Saturday's Class B championship game against Albany Academy.

In crossover contests, Guilderland and Bethlehem ended their seasons with losses. Niskayuna defeated Guilderland 60-24, while Bishop Maginn edged Bethlehem 13-9.

Niskayuna (5-4) pulled away from Guilderland (4-5) with a 32-point second quarter. Quarterback Rob Singleton led the charge with a 1-yard touchdown run and a 20-yard scoring pass to Josh Callahan to get things going. John Camuglia then returned

an interception 40 yards for the Silver Warriors' third score, and the rout was on.

Singleton finished with 220 passing yards and a pair of touchdown throws for Niskayuna. Tony Stanish, Tim O'Connor and Micaiah Henningham had Guilderland's touchdowns.

Bethlehem (2-7) led Bishop Maginn 9-7 in the fourth quarter before Matthias McKinnon capped a Golden Griffins' drive with a 1-yard touchdown run to put his team ahead for good.

McKinnon finished the game with 201 rushing yards for Maginn.

Mike Graves scored on a 72-yard run in the first quarter, and Jon Martin added a 37-yard field goal for Bethlehem.

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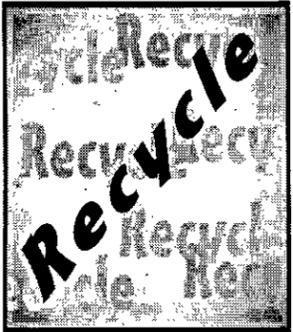
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All 12 Suburban Council teams take part in Friday's Section II Cross Country Championships at Saratoga Spa State Park.



Sectional

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seven games since losing to the Rugged Rams. The question is, can they hold on to the ball against a physical Amsterdam defense? I think BH-BL has learned its lesson, and the Spartans will prevail Saturday 21-14.

Finally in Class AA, the surprising Columbia Blue Devils get their shot at the undefeated Shen Plainsmen Friday in Clifton Park. Christopher Smith is one of the most talented running backs in Section II with 1,611 rushing yards and 19 touchdowns for the Blue Devils,

but the Plainsmen have a tough runner of their own in Tony Fusco (1,240 yards, 24 touchdowns). The difference is in the passing game where Shen quarterback Teddy Van Galen has quietly thrown for more than 1,100 yards and 12 touchdowns. I think Van Galen gets the better of Columbia's defense, which will help Shen pull out a 28-14 victory.

You will see these same predictions on my Sports Scraps 2.0 blog beginning Wednesday afternoon. Just go to www.spotlightnews.com, click on the blogs tab and take a look at what I've been writing over there. And feel free to comment about what you see. I'm always looking for reader feedback.

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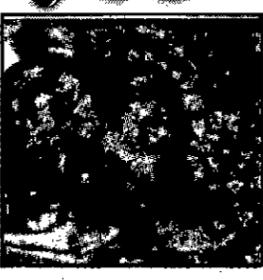
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Sports in the Spotlight

Eagles finish third in meet

Shaker boys, Saratoga girls claim titles

The Saratoga Springs girls and Shaker boys cross country teams won league titles at last Saturday's Suburban Council Championships at Saratoga Spa State Park.

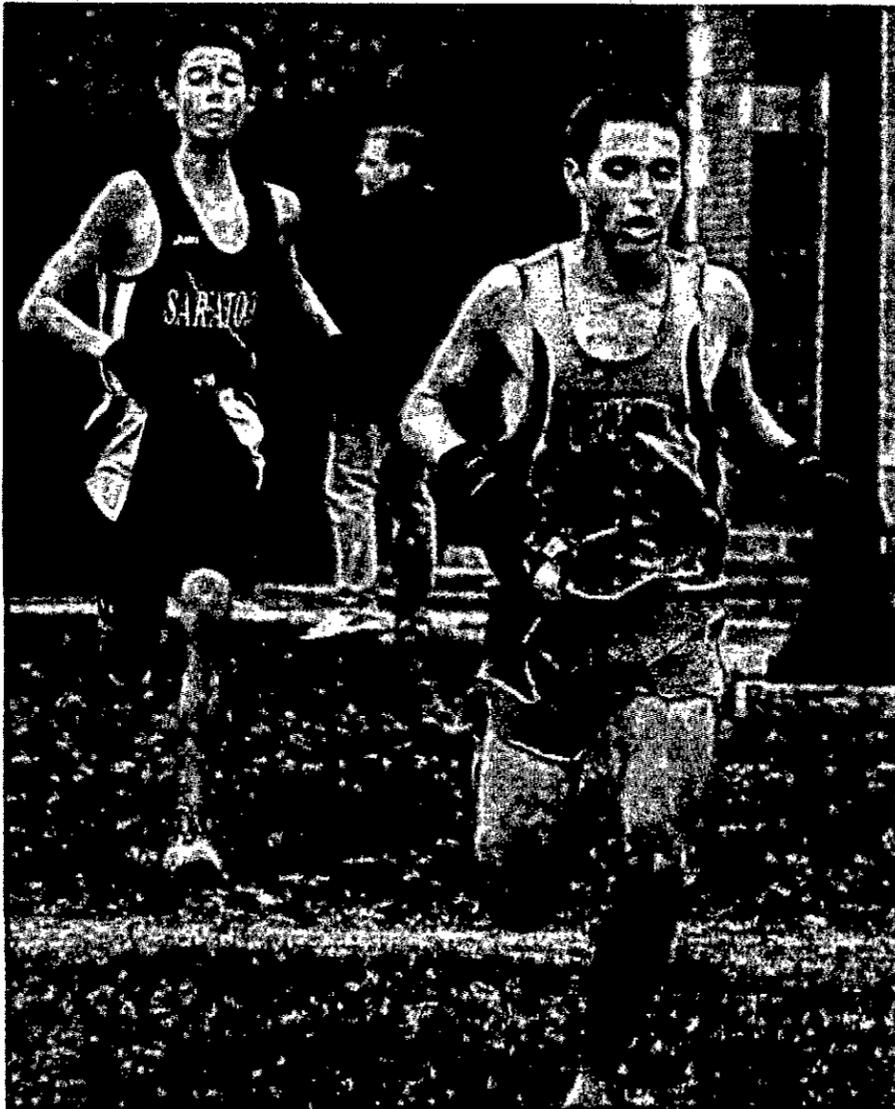
Saratoga had three of the top five runners in the girls race to claim the team title with 33 points, while Shaker placed its first five runners in the top 10 of the boys race to finish first with 23 points.

Shenendehowa's Lizzie Predmore eased her way to the individual title in the girls race with a time of 17:20.48, but it wasn't long before Saratoga's runners started crossing the finish line. Taylor Driscoll was second with a time of 17:41.31, and teammate Estela Smith finished third with a time of 17:53.61 to lead the Blue Streaks.

Shaker's Maryanna Lansing broke up the Saratoga pack by finishing fourth with a time of 18:04.58, but Katie Treichel placed fifth for the Blue Streaks with a time of 18:09.50.

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake was Saratoga's closest competition in the girls division. The Lady Spartans had three runners in the top 10 and finished with 55 team points. Shen was a distant third with 105 points.

The Shaker boys team established its dominance early, as Mike Libruk and Jon Vallecorsa swept the top two places. Libruk won with a time of 15:18.19, and Vallecorsa placed second with a time of 15:23.79. Christian Delago (fourth place, 15:30.48), Ethan Hausamann (seventh, 15:53.25) and Adam Schwenzfeier (ninth, 15:57.36) also placed in the



Bethlehem's Luke Carpinello fends off Saratoga's Brett Freestone during last Saturday's Suburban Council Meet at Saratoga Spa State Park. Carpinello placed fifth overall with a time of 15:46.62.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

top 10 for the Blue Bison. Saratoga finished second in the boys team standings with 62 points, and Bethlehem was third with 75 points.

Here are the team standings and top 20 runners in each varsity division from the Suburban Council Meet.

Boys

Team standings: Shaker 23, Saratoga Springs 62, Bethlehem 75, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 89, Shenendehowa 165, Guilderland 170, Niskayuna 189, Colonie 252, Ballston Spa 264, Averill Park 303,

Mohonasen 316, Columbia 389.

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15:58.83; 12. Spencer Patterson (Saratoga) 15:59.11; 13. Dan Janeczko (Shen) 15:59.42; 14. Ryan Recchia (Shaker) 15:59.68; 15. Jau Navin (Saratoga) 16:03.27; 16. Max Morgan (Shaker) 16:03.59; 17. Ben Fishbein (Bethlehem) 16:04.17; 18. Brian Halligan (Saratoga) 16:11.97; 19. McKinley Gray (Bethlehem) 16:15.09; 20. Mike Borini (Shen) 16:19.16.

Girls

Team standings: Saratoga Springs 33; Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 55, Shenendehowa

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Dutch have new goals

Guilderland girls aim for Final Four appearance

By ROB JONAS
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The Guilderland girls soccer team spent the regular season proving that it was among the elite in the Suburban Council.

Now, the Lady Dutch want to prove that they are among the elite in Section II.

Guilderland (12-2-2) began its quest for the Class AA title Tuesday by playing Shaker (6-8-3) in a quarterfinal game at Schenectady High School - a team that Lady Dutch head coach Curtis Snyder said is more dangerous than it looks.

"They play in the North Division, so maybe their record doesn't reflect how good they are," Snyder said of Shaker, which tied Guilderland 2-2 in its lone meeting with the Lady Dutch on Sept. 20. "They haven't been blown out of many of their games, so they have been competitive against the best teams."

Guilderland is coming off one of its best seasons in recent years. The Lady Dutch won the Suburban Council South Division title on the strength of two head-to-head victories over Bethlehem and a cross-divisional win against Shenendehowa. Their two losses came against North Division powers Niskayuna and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, and they tied division champion Saratoga Springs 1-1 in their Oct. 4 meeting.

The key victory for Guilderland came Oct. 13 when it defeated

Bethlehem for the second time this season. The 3-1 win gave the Lady Dutch a one-game lead over the Lady Eagles (11-3-2) - one which they did not relinquish the rest of the way.

"Once we got that game up on them [Bethlehem], we knew we had to keep winning because they were going to keep winning," said Snyder.

Guilderland's offense played a key role in keeping the team in front. The Lady Dutch scored 18 of their league-high 54 goals over the last three games to lock up their first divisional title since 2003.

Having a balanced attack has also helped Guilderland. Seven players have scored three or more goals this season led by Lauren Kogelmann (11), Laurie Knapp (nine) and Jessica Capone (eight).

"The tough part about our team is who are you going to stop because we have so many scorers," said Snyder.

Even with all of the success that they've enjoyed this season, Snyder said that the Lady Dutch still have their doubters.

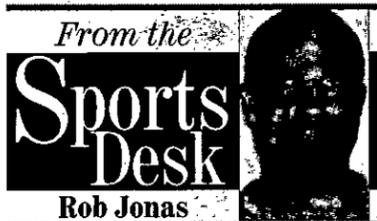
"I think people still don't believe we're a good team," said Snyder. "I think getting to the Final Four would tell people that Guilderland is here, and we have some talented people."

Bethlehem also aimed for a berth in the Final Four Tuesday when it hosted Niskayuna in another Class AA quarterfinal game. The Lady Eagles own a 2-1 victory over the Silver Warriors in their Suburban Council regular season meeting Oct. 4.

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Get your Sectional championship predictions here

If you haven't been reading my Section II football playoff predictions on my Sports Scraps 2.0 blog at www.spotlightnews.com (which you should have been doing), I've been fairly accurate.



Rob Jonas

I have a record of 15-3 through the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds of the Class AA, A and B playoffs. I missed one pick in the quarterfinal round and two picks in last weekend's semifinal round.

Two of the three misses have involved Columbia. I felt that the Blue Devils (8-1) were ripe for an upset in the Class AA quarterfinal round against Guilderland, but they pulled away for a 40-19 victory. Then I picked against Columbia in last weekend's semifinal game against Christian Brothers Academy, and the Blue Devils proved me wrong again by beating the Brothers 25-14.

The one miss I truly regret right now is taking Troy over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake in last weekend's Class

A semifinal. I should have known better than to pick against Matt Shell's Spartans (8-1), who have not lost a Sectional playoff game in four years. Shell came up with a great game plan to stop Troy's offense, and his players executed it well on their way to an impressive 38-7 victory on the road.

Not much else about football Sectionals has surprised me. I felt that Shenendehowa would romp into the Class AA finals, and the Plainsmen (9-0) have done just that with impressive victories over Shaker and LaSalle. I thought that Schalmont (9-0) and Albany Academy (9-0) were on a collision course to meet in the Class B final, and that's the match-up we have. And in Class A, I was fairly certain that Amsterdam (9-0) would get to the Super Bowl, and the Rugged Rams haven't disappointed me.

Now that we are on the eve of championship weekend, here is how I see things happening in all five classifications (going from smallest to largest divisions).

In Class D, Cambridge (9-0) meets Rensselaer (8-1) Saturday at Schuylerville. Cambridge has walked over the competition in Section II this season, including Rensselaer (a 48-19 victory Sept. 17). Frankly, I don't see any reason why the Indians would have any problem

with the Rams now. I'm going with Cambridge 42-14.

In Class C, it's a battle of undefeated division winners as North champion Hoosick Falls (9-0) takes on South champ Fonda-Fultonville (8-0) Saturday night in Schuylerville. Both teams have made a habit of winning by impressive margins, but I think Hoosick Falls is a bit more talented than Fonda at the skill positions. In a high-scoring game, I will take Hoosick Falls 41-27.

In Class B, it's Albany Academy and its one-man scoring machine known as Conner Hartigan taking on Devon Willis, Alex Hildebrand, Niko Nicoletti and the rest of the two-time defending Sectional champion Schalmont Sabres Saturday. Hartigan has scored 26 of Academy's 39 touchdowns this season, but I think Schalmont will find a way to keep Hartigan out of the end zone for much of this game. It will be tight and low scoring, but I give Schalmont the edge here with a 14-6 victory.

In Class A, we have the rematch of the Week 2 surprise when Amsterdam forced seven BH-BL turnovers on its way to a 23-7 victory. I don't think the Spartans have turned the ball over seven times in the