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A \$10,000 grant will go toward improvements on a 1.9-mile segment of rail trail from Delmar to Slingerlands.

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A juvenile bald eagle was shot Oct. 12 at Nutton Hook State Unique Area in Stuyvesant in Columbia County. The bird was taken that day to The Animal Hospital in Slingerlands, where veterinarian Ed Becker and his staff began their treatment of the endangered animal.

Greg Fry/Spotlight

## Hospital rehabs eagle

Bird shot in Columbia County recovering at Slingerlands animal center

By GREG FRY  
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Doctors at The Animal Hospital in Slingerlands say a bald eagle shot in October is making progress, but are cautious when speaking of a full recovery.

The juvenile bald eagle was shot Oct. 12 at Nutton Hook State Unique Area in Stuyvesant in Columbia County. The bird was taken that day to the facility in Slingerlands, where veterinarian Ed Becker and his staff began their work.

"When he came in, he was in critical condition," Becker explained. "He was in shock. He had lost a lot of blood. He had been shot the equivalent of nine times."

In fact, Becker said that if a hiker had not been in the area at the time, heard the gunshots, and found the bird, the eagle might not have made it.

Becker, who owns the hospital along with his daughter Lexi, has been a consulting veterinarian to the State Department of Environmental Conservation for years, and said he has treated hundreds of eagles in his career.

This case, however, required quick action, as Becker said the eagle couldn't stand and had bullets everywhere, including in his brain.

The staff at the hospital began their work immediately, drawing blood from the eagle, and conducting a number of tests to assess the health of the animal. X-rays revealed a fractured wing, along with a number of other injuries, but Becker never thought about the possibility of the bird not surviving.

"It's never an issue where I allow that to even get into my head," said Becker. "It doesn't occur to me. It's only, I think, 24, 36 and 48 hours out to me."

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## Book looks at Bethlehem

Historian details town's past

By GREG FRY  
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The long and intricate history of the town of Bethlehem is described through pictures and detailed descriptions in a new book put together by the town's historian.

"Bethlehem," the newest book in the "Images of America" series by Arcadia Publishing, takes a closer look at the history of a town that began to thrive in the 19th and 20th centuries.

One of the biggest challenges for Historian Susan Leath was finding a way to encompass a number of communities that make up the town.

"Historically, people have thought of themselves as from Delmar or Selkirk or South Bethlehem," Leath said. "But, in the end, they are all from Bethlehem."

The book is broken down into nine chapters, each detailing one of the communities within Bethlehem. The first chapter, as an example, details the northern parts of Bethlehem, and how areas were incorporated into neighboring Guilderland and Albany.

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The Four Corners in Delmar in 1957.

Submitted photo

## Vista tax breaks OK'd

Decision follows public hearing on PILOT proposals for ShopRite, banks

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The Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency has approved Tier 1 tax abatements for the first three tenants at the Vista Technology Park, subject to "clawback" agreements that would reduce the benefits if certain requirements were not met.

After a lengthy discussion at a Nov. 7 meeting regarding the final bond resolution for the project, members of the Industrial Development Agency board unanimously approved a PILOT, or payment in lieu of taxes, agreement for a ShopRite supermarket, and SEFCU and Berkshire Bank branches. The proposals would mean tax breaks of nearly \$200,000 in total.

The board briefly discussed clawback stipulations, including a failure to make PILOT payments, changes in the purpose of the project and length of stay for businesses in the park, which could void the PILOT agreement in the future. The matters will be debated at a meeting scheduled for Nov. 23.

Most spoke in favor of the

□ Vista Page 25

# Albany County cops target drunken driving anew

**Unannounced patrols will be held regularly; victims recount stories**

By GREG FRY  
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New York State Trooper Ian DeGiovine has had extensive surgery, gone through intense physical therapy and has somehow beaten the odds and returned to duty, despite a horrific 2006 run-in with an intoxicated driver.

The trooper, based out of the state police barracks in Guilderland, was on a routine DWI patrol with a fellow trooper in Greene County, when their patrol vehicle was struck head-on by another vehicle traveling the wrong way at speeds of over 100 miles per hour.

Speaking at the announcement of Albany County's latest DWI enforcement crackdown on Nov. 1, DeGiovine explained that it doesn't take much for a driver to be impaired.

"The person that hit us, his blood alcohol content level wasn't extremely high," said DeGiovine, who added that the driver's BAC was just below the legal limit of 0.08 percent.

*"It's one of those crimes that can truly be eradicated if people would just make the right choice."*

—Former Colonie Police Investigator Richard Garhartt, injured by drunk driver

During a countywide crackdown Oct. 28 through Nov. 1, police around Albany County made 786 traffic stops and 29 arrests of motorists allegedly operating their vehicles under the influence of alcohol or drugs. During the same time period in 2010, police made 1,200 stops throughout Albany County during an enforcement effort that resulted in 15 DWI arrests.

One clear difference between the two saturation patrols is that law enforcement agencies, starting with the Albany County Sheriff's Office, have decided to go back to a mix of announced and unannounced patrols in an effort to deter impaired drivers from getting behind the wheel.

Denis Foley, the Albany



State Trooper Ian DeGiovine was one of four injured in this 2006 crash involving a drunk driver. DeGiovine told his story during a Nov. 1 news conference to announce results of the latest DWI enforcement effort in Albany County.

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County STOP-DWI Coordinator, said everybody, including law enforcement, is vulnerable to drunk drivers.

"It's the most common criminal act in America, and the most common one in Albany County," said Foley.

It's been 14 years, since Richard Garhartt, a former traffic investigator with the Colonie Police Department,

was nearly killed by a drunk driver while on duty. He was struck by a driver fleeing the scene of a traffic stop near the Starlite Theater, leaving Garhartt with life-threatening injuries that kept him from ever returning to the force.

Garhartt has volunteered with the county's STOP-DWI program since 1994.

"We go to victim panels and

we just wish that nobody shows up. Unfortunately, the numbers are just getting higher and higher," said Garhartt. "It's one of those crimes that can truly be eradicated if people would just make the right choice."

Foley said that future saturation patrols conducted throughout the county will now

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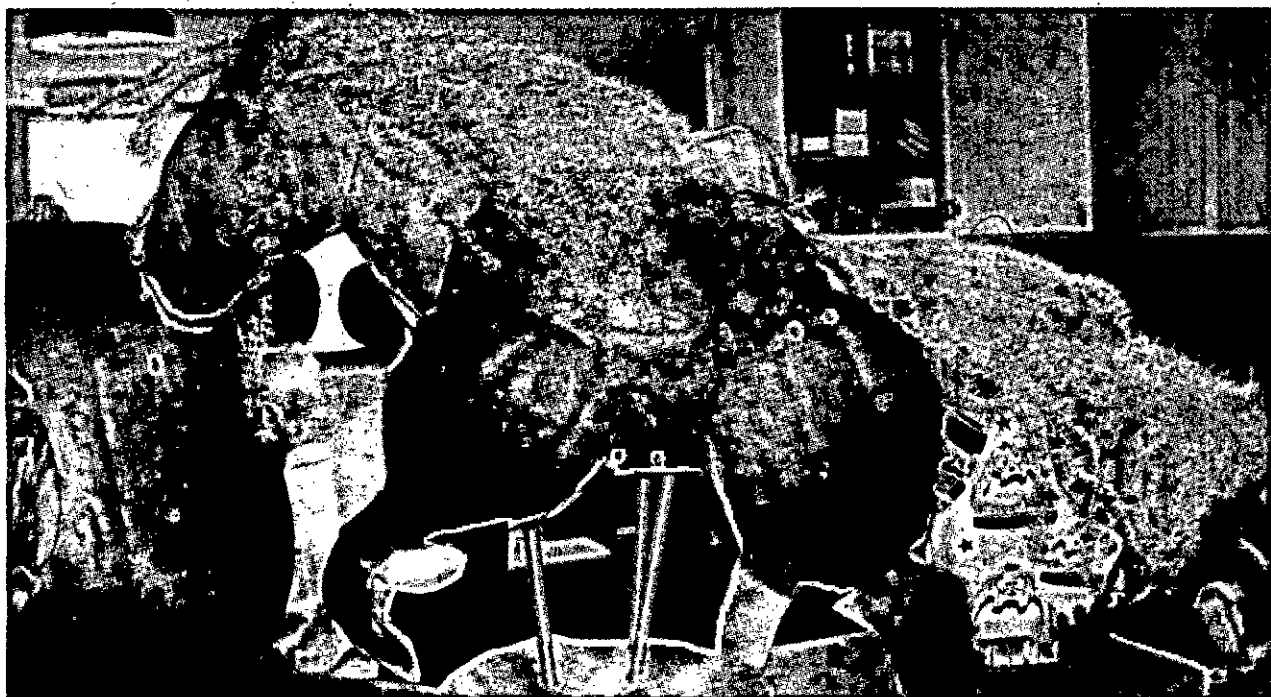
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## Prize pumpkin



The Delmar Animal Hospital celebrated Halloween with its annual pumpkin carving contest. Each employee carved a pumpkin as has been tradition for over thirty years. Clients and website visitors were able to vote for their favorite pumpkin. The winner of the contest was Kathy Verzulli, licensed veterinary technician, who carved, "Dollar, beloved horse." Second prize went to Nancy Nichols for "Benny at the beach." Third prize went to Bridget Urbano for "holiday turkey." Check out all the entries at [www.delmaranimalhospital.com](http://www.delmaranimalhospital.com).

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## Patrols

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be named in honor of past victims of DWI crashes.

"It will put a personal touch to it, give it purpose and meaning," said Foley.

While the latest enforcement period coincided with Halloween, and around a weekend filled with parties and celebrations of the holiday, law enforcement officials throughout Albany County are showing no signs of scaling back their efforts throughout the year.

"We've taken a much more vigorous approach, a much tougher approach with

people who are engaged in this irresponsible act, because we do not want to continue having these conversations with victims, and the families of victims," said Albany County District Attorney David Soares.

The fight to keep drunk drivers off the road is one that remains personal for DeGiovine, who doctors thought would never be able to wear the State Police uniform again as an active trooper.

"When you take the risk of getting behind the wheel of a vehicle, you're not only taking your own life in your hands, but you're taking people who are out there working hard, who have families, who want to come home every day after their shift safely, in your hands," said DeGiovine.

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## Police blotter

# Police raid mall store for counterfeit items

Guilderland Police executed a search warrant Nov. 1 inside a Crossgates Mall store they say had counterfeit merchandise on sale.

Police raided the Perfect 10 store and confiscated several items, including shirts, pants and tops. Police said the items were sold in such a manner that the consumer was led to believe that the items were authentic and name brand.

Police received several complaints about items at the store, prompting an investigation. An undercover operation was then carried out to purchase merchandise, which was confirmed as counterfeit by the manufacturers, according to police.

No arrests have been made, and police said store employees cooperated in the investigation, which is ongoing.

Police are warning stores that enforcement action may be taken against stores attempting to sell counterfeit

items. They are also warning shoppers that counterfeit goods can be trafficked in a legitimate business, and are urging consumers to ask employees about an item's authenticity when in doubt.

## Schenectady teen dies in G'land crash

A 19-year-old Schenectady teenager was killed when his car left a road in Guilderland and struck a tree.

Police responded to a call of a car off the road on the morning of Nov. 6. Police said Ganesh Deodat's car left Fuller Station Road in the area of French's Hollow. Deodat was deceased when officers arrived on the scene, according to police.

No other cars were involved in the accident. The exact time and cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Anyone with information about the fatal crash is asked to contact the Guilderland Police Department at 356-1501.



David Concordia, 62, of Voorheesville died from injuries suffered when his car was struck by one driven by Jacob Hooper, 29, who was allegedly fleeing police in a stolen SUV.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

## V'ville man killed in Albany accident

A 62-year-old Voorheesville man died from injuries suffered in a crash involving a man who was allegedly fleeing from police in Albany.

Police said David Concordia's car was hit Sunday, Oct. 30, by a

car driven by 29-year-old Jacob Hooper. Police believed Hooper had stolen the SUV he was driving, and attempted to pull him over. After a short chase, police called off the pursuit, and said that Hooper kept going. A short time later, Hooper was involved in the crash with Concordia at the intersection

of North Main and Western Avenues in Albany.

Concordia was taken to Albany Medical Center, and died from his injuries Nov. 1.

Hooper faces numerous charges including possession of a stolen vehicle, reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

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# CDTA overhauls bus routes

**Nov. 13 changes will impact routes across Albany County**

By GREG FRY  
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The region's largest public transportation authority will implement significant changes when more than a dozen Albany County routes are altered on Nov. 13.

The changes by Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) are the result of a lengthy reassessment of service, and input from community stakeholders and riders.

"Our demographics have changed over the years, so our system needs to be tweaked to serve the community better," said Margo Janack, a spokesperson for CDTA.

Among the changes are improvements to what the authority calls "trunk" routes. These are routes that provide service seven days a week, from the early morning until late at night.

The authority has also re-examined areas outside of downtown Albany, establishing

*"This is one of the largest service changes CDTA has undergone in its history. So, it's a big change."*

— Margo Janack, a spokesperson for CDTA

additional cross-town service, increasing service along routes with high ridership, and providing new areas of service in parts of the Capital District where demand for public transportation is on the rise.

As part of the changes, CDTA will also provide more direct service at peak times to high-traffic areas of Albany County, such as Albany International Airport, Corporate Woods and the Harriman State Campus.

"This is one of the largest service changes CDTA has undergone in its history," said Janack. "So, it's a big change."

Bethlehem will see some of the biggest changes in service. Route 18, one of CDTA's busiest lines, will now include expanded service along Delaware Avenue, stretching from Albany

west to the Price Chopper Plaza in Slingerlands. The authority will also provide expanded service along Route 7, which runs from Albany south along Route 9W into Glenmont. The improved trunk routes will include Sunday service, and more consistent trip patterns without deviations off of the route.

While one goal is to provide more access to shopping areas like those along Route 9W, Janack stressed that it is also important to help people get to their place of work.

"70 percent of our riders use our service to go to work, and that's where we restructured a lot of our routes," said Janack.

CDTA's plan is budget neutral, meaning that the authority is shifting its resources to where they are needed most.

"We have to be careful where we put

our service," Janack said. "If ridership is not very strong in areas, and there looks like there's no potential to increase it, then that's what we need to do in this day and age."

CDTA officials have embarked on a public information campaign to notify riders and the general public of the upcoming changes. Bus drivers and other officials have been working on the "What's your number? Learn, Ride and Connect" campaign to ensure that riders are taking the correct routes once the service adjustments are official.

Janack said the authority had success and saw increased ridership from previous changes in Saratoga and Schenectady counties. She said it will take some time before the authority can measure how many people are using the new routes, adding that the authority needs to be able to compare apples to apples.

For more information on CDTA's service changes, log on to [www.cdta.org](http://www.cdta.org), or call the authority's Customer Information Center at 482-8822.

## IN BRIEF

### V'ville church to hold bazaar

A Mission Bazaar will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Voorheesville Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

This event features handmade items created by the Crafty Christians, including hats, scarves, shawls, baby blankets, Christmas tree skirts, bluebird houses, and the always-sold-out catnip mice. This year, special holiday napkins that are folded to resemble a pine tree will be available.

The bazaar also includes a booth with a large selection of homemade baked goods to enjoy right away or freeze.

The White Elephant booth has treasures galore for the savvy shopper. The book booth will have lots of choices for readers to enjoy on those cold, snowy winter days. Fair Trade coffee, tea, baking chocolate, hot cocoa, and chocolate bars will be available.

Shoppers can also relax in the Mission Café, and enjoy soups and chili, hot dogs and sandwiches, beverages and pies — all homemade. All proceeds from the Bazaar are donated to missions outreach. Groups that have received

funds in the past include the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, the Emmaus Refugee Resettlement Program, the Albany United Methodist Society, the New Scotland Community Food Pantry, The Food Pantries (of the Capital District), and the Regional Food Bank.

### PCC women to host craft show

A craft show will be held Nov. 12 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The event, hosted by the Polish Community Center women, 225 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany (north of Crossgates), will feature a variety of handcrafted items available for pre-holiday gifts include wood, fabrics, jewelry, notecards, candles, dipping sauces, florals and lots more.

Light lunch available and pierogies for sale made by the PCC women. Free admission-free parking. For info 882-6494 Carol.

### Berne church plans craft fair

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## Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

## The ShopRite Tech Park?

Folks who have taken the Slingerlands Bypass lately have probably noticed some changes.

Work is well under way on the first stages of the Vista Technology Park, with BBL Construction crews taking down trees, moving earth and laying asphalt to make way for this massive project.

But work continues in the boardroom, as well, as Greg Fry reports this week that the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency has approved tax breaks for the first three Vista tenants (two banks and a ShopRite grocery store) and is moving ahead on other financing plans.

Now, no one could be happier than us to see things taking off at Vista. It's been a long time coming, after all. But not unlike some attendees of a recent public hearing on the PILOT tax break programs, we have some concerns attached to these latest developments.

This is the second time the IDA has been involved in spurring Vista ahead, the first being an interesting system of financing for the building of Vista Boulevard. That plan, which is still having details worked out, didn't actually expose the town or IDA to risk, though. These tax breaks are another beast.

They are supposed to be reserved for real economy drivers and large employers. A ShopRite store will surely be good for local consumers and will even provide jobs, but Columbia President Joe Nicolla has refused to discuss the treasured "primary" users in public — the closest we ever got was a hint last winter of a company that works in digital publishing whose business never materialized.

Now, we certainly understand the competitive nature of this game. There is something like a half-dozen developments just like Vista around the Capital District vying for the high-tech tenants flocking to the new home of the GlobalFoundries plant. Tax breaks are one way to "get in the game," as former Town Supervisor Terri Egan put it, and tipping one's hand is not the greatest idea.

All the same, we would hope Nicolla is being more forthcoming with members of the IDA in private than he is in public because if not, we find ourselves blind, trusting in what he himself has referred to as a sales pitch and doling out public money to what are pretty common retail users — about \$200,000 worth this time around.

Even with the required 80 percent/20 percent split on primary and secondary floor space (a sound idea, by the way), there's nothing to stop Vista from becoming a small strip mall in a big field. That's a point our leaders should keep in mind when Mr. Nicolla comes calling with his next sales pitch.

In short, let us hope Vista becomes the shining star of a new Bethlehem, and not the most heavily taxpayer subsidized grocery store east of the Mississippi.

## Editorial

## Veterans Day also a reminder of sacrifices in centuries past

By KEVIN M. BRONNER

Veterans Day 2011 provides us an opportunity to celebrate the millions of great Americans who defended our country. During 2011 we should give special thanks to the 3.8 million Americans who fought in the Civil War. Many estimates claim that over 600,000 soldiers died in the Civil War from battles, disease, and death in prisons and other causes. Clearly, more Americans died in the Civil War than in any other American conflict.

The Capital District was one of the first parts of the country to send soldiers to the Civil War in April 1861. Soldiers from local counties such as Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schoharie, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington and other counties continued to fight until the conflict ended in 1865. Imagine four straight years of awful battles, death from disease and other causes. Soldiers from this area staffed approximately 31 infantry units, 5 cavalry units and 7 artillery units. Soldiers from our region show up at the first significant land battle of the Civil War which was held at Fortress Monroe, Virginia on June 11, 1861. The *New York Times* reported on June 14, 1861 that Colonel Frederick Townsend of the Albany regiment participated in the battle. Records also show that citizens from the Capital District communities participated in almost every famous battle of the eastern portion of the Civil War. Union victories such as the Battle of Antietam in 1862, Gettysburg in 1863, and the victories in Virginia by General Grant in 1864 and 1865 were supported by soldiers from our area.

Citizens from Albany can be found in some of the deadliest battles in the Civil War. For instance, local citizens who formed Company E of the 44<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer

## Point of View

Infantry which was organized at the Normal School of Albany (now known as the University at Albany) can be found charging up the hill against the Confederate artillery and Robert E. Lee's mass infantry at Fredericksburg, Virginia on December, 13 1862. Members of the same unit can be found defending Little Round Top at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on June 2, 1863 thus leading to the defeat of the Confederate army advance being led by Confederate Generals Lee, Longstreet, and Hood.

One of the interesting aspects of the Civil War in our community is that graves of Civil War veterans can be found in many cemeteries throughout the Capital District. Records from the histories of the many units from this area show the death toll for the local units. Here is where the story instructs us to reflect about really what happened during the Civil War. The military records indicate that the Civil War units from our area lost at least 7504 soldiers from 1861 to 1865. Since the war began in April 1861 and lasted until April 1865, the death toll of 7504 soldiers means that on average, 156 soldiers died every month for the entire four year period. Imagine picking up your local newspaper during 1861 to 1865 and finding 156 death notices every month.

This means that local families heard the devastating news every week for four years. If we can imagine having 156 deaths per month in our community today from a war, imagine how it must have felt in the 1861 to 1865 period when the population

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

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of the entire Capital District was only about 125,000.

Civil War regiments varied in size but many contained from 800 to about 1,000 soldiers. The death statistics from the local units show that one artillery unit lost 669 soldiers dead and that at least 17 other fighting units lost at least 200 soldiers. Many of these units' lost more than 300 soldiers dead. The sorrow was thus concentrated in our community in a highlighted manner.

Sometimes there is a tendency to forget the dead soldiers of war. It would be special that around Veterans Day 2011, we spend some time in our visits to cemeteries to honor the brave veterans by visiting the Civil War section of the cemetery and reflect on the graves of the soldiers who died 150 years ago.

The author holds three degrees from the University at Albany and serves as a Public Service Professor. He has conducted extensive travel to many civil war sites.

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## Last week's poll results:

"Where will you be on Election Day?"

- At the polls, of course. 83%
- At home, not voting. 13%
- I already mailed my absentee ballot. 5%

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## Your Opinion in The Spotlight

## Renters are people too Let's learn from the past on turf field

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Spotlight editorial and "Poor Neighbor" poll (Oct. 26) refers to the invariable public opposition to apartment development, "that ... development will undoubtedly destroy community character and spirit because apartment dwellers have no stake in their communities."

After living "the American Dream" for 37 years, I decided I wanted another dream — a change of view out my windows, no more trimming the same shrubs or mowing, fertilizing, raking the same lawn.

I say hello to my neighbors. I recycle. I hold the door for others at the post office. I make every effort to bring my books and DVDs back to the library on time.

I chat with people every Tuesday at the Farmer's Market. I read *The Spotlight* because I want to know what's

going on in town and I participate in public events. I vote.

I pay my rent on time and through it pay Town and County taxes.

We renters don't use a lot of water. We have a lot fewer kids to send to school and, I'll bet, we have a lot less trash per capita.

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Yep, some renters move away after several years. I think some home owner do too.

Some renters do bad things. I've heard that some home owners do too.

To my knowledge, no one has defined the phrase "Poor Neighbor". Will someone please tell me what makes me "one of those" so I can change my ways?

Barbara Quint  
Delmar

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Rob Jonas hit the nail on the head in his 10/19/11 column on too much water plagues fields, noting that B.C. couldn't play its last two football games at home because the field was unsafe. Mark McGuire said the same thing in his Times-Union column

on 10/18/11.

Ten years ago the parents involved in Bethlehem high school sports (BCAA) suggested and cajoled the school board into getting away from grass fields that were always wet and building a turf field. The short-sighted powers that be refused, and

opted to spend slightly less money on two new grass fields. Yes, these are the ones that are under water, except in July when there are no high school sports.

I hope the newspaper columns cause a new set of parents to press the issue. My group failed, and the school district

spent three quarters of a million dollars on fields of little value. \$900,000 would have gotten them a turf field. Instead of a community resource, we have land that can be looked at, but not stepped on.

Jim Kelly  
Delmar

## Animal abuse law great step

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On behalf of Happy Cat Rescue, Inc. and on behalf of animal lovers all over Albany County, I want to thank Albany County legislator Bryan Clenahan for all his hard work in getting the legislature to pass a new law that makes the penalties for animal

abuse tougher, and which also creates a real animal abuser registry system that will make it easier to keep known animal abusers from getting new pets.

We see and hear too much in the news about animal abuse these days, and I'm sorry to say it, but we need more

laws like this one so we'll see less of this rather than more. Thank you, Bryan, and I hope other counties in our area adopt similar laws to help protect their animals soon.

Marcia Scott  
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# Books focus on Jewish songwriters

The library's book discussions this month tie in with the travelling exhibit *A Fine Romance: Jewish songwriters, American songs, 1910-1965*, on display in our lobby through Dec. 16.

Tonight's AfterDinner Books folks will explore Amy Bloom's novel "Away." After losing her family to a Russian pogrom, Lillian Leyb comes to America, landing a job at the Goldfaden Yiddish Theatre in New York. When word comes that her daughter might still be alive, Lillian begins an odyssey to find her. Discussion begins at 7pm.

Next month, Jody Rosen's "White Christmas: The story of an American song" is the topic for our DayBooks group on Monday, Dec. 12, at 1:30 p.m. Thoroughly researched and engagingly written, the book recounts the life of



Irving Berlin and the tune that is arguably one of the best-selling song sheets of the twentieth century.

New members are always welcome in both these groups. Ask for copies of the books at the information desk.

## Musicals in the movies

Next Monday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m., the library will screen "Pal Joey" (1957, NR, 110 minutes). Based on the hit Broadway musical by Rodgers and Hart, this classic includes a terrific song score ("The Lady is a Tramp," "My Funny Valentine") and stars Rita Hayworth, Frank Sinatra and Kim Novak.

Next month's Monday



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movie offering is the Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers hit "Swing Time" (1936, NR, 100 minutes) on Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Fred's a dancing gambler with a fiancée back home, but one look at Ginger and all bets are off! The film includes "A Fine Romance" and the

Academy Award-winning "The Way You Look Tonight."

A Fine Romance: Jewish songwriters, American songs 1910-1965 was developed by Nextbook, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Jewish literature, culture, and ideas, and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The national tour of the exhibit has been made possible by grants from the Charles H. Revson Foundation, the Righteous Persons Foundation, the David Berg Foundation, and an anonymous donor, with additional support from Tablet Magazine; a New Read on Jewish Life.

## Open mic

Thursday, Nov. 17, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Louise Grieco

All library programming is free and open to the public. The Bethlehem Public Library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For information, call 439-9314.

# Take a trip to NYC

Come join the Friends of the Library on their annual NYC Holiday in the City bus trip on Saturday, Dec. 3.

The bus will depart at 7 a.m. from the elementary school parking lot and return at approximately 10 p.m. Spend your day in NYC as you wish. The bus drops off and picks up in Bryant Park. Bus price is \$35 per seat or \$30 for FOL members. Paid reservations may be made at the Circulation Desk at the library.

## Straw into gold after school

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## Family storytime

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Barbara Vink

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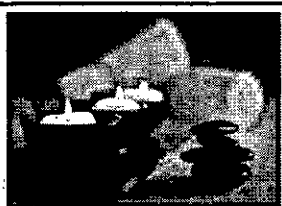
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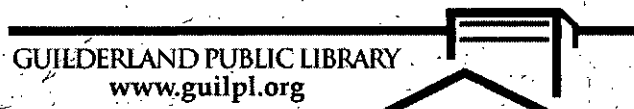
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## 11/11/11

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## Mark Curiale

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## Veterans Day hours

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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Sign up now for the Thanksgiving 5K Turkey Trot on Thursday, Nov. 24 at 9 a.m. starting from the Bethlehem Middle School. Walkers and runners are welcome. Registration is \$15 before Nov. 14 and \$20 after Nov. 14. Send checks to Our Towne Bethlehem, 8 Clermont St. Delmar, N.Y. or call 598-3434. The proceeds will benefit the Bethlehem Food Pantry and canned food items will be collected on the day of the race.

Enjoy "Meals... Music and More!" on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 38 Church Rd. in Selkirk from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Suggested meal contributions of \$2.50 for seniors and \$5 for others are accepted. Voluntary contributions for the music are welcome. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a reservation. Limited transportation is available.

Cohoes Music Hall is offering the always popular hit, "Les Misérables" on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m. This performance is performed

## Senior Action

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entirely by students. The cost is \$21, payable to Town of Bethlehem. Senior Transportation will leave Town hall at 1:30 pm. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make a reservation. Home pick up is available. Suggested van donation: \$5.

Our outreach workers are available to assist you with Home Energy Assistance Program (H.E.A.P.) applications. You can also get assistance with Medicare coverage during the open enrollment period through December 7. Call 439-4955, ext. 1173, 1174, or 1175, to make an appointment.

Bethlehem Senior Services and Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., provide transportation for town residents, age 60 and over, to medical, dental, therapy, and clinic

appointments. Call 439-5770 to make reservations.

### Monday, Nov. 14

• Food Stamp and Medicaid Assistance Representatives from the Legal Aid Society and the Department of Social Services will be available from 10:00 am to noon to answer food stamp and Medicaid questions and to help with applications. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make an appointment.

### Tuesday, Nov. 15

• Are you turning 65 this year? Come to the Town Hall, Room 101, from 10 a.m. to noon to learn about Medicare, and EPIC, New York State's prescription drug program. You will learn what Medicare covers, the need for additional insurance, the coverage under Medicare D and the benefits offered under EPIC. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make a reservation.

• Seniors in Motion A low level fun aerobic exercise class to music.

Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9-10 a.m. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

### Wednesday, Nov. 16

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

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

### Thursday, Nov. 17

• 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 a.m. We play bridge, mah jongg, bingo and pinochle. All seniors are welcome.

### Friday, Nov. 18

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

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

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

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1:30 OsteoBusters

### Thursday, Nov. 17

Scheduled Shopping

9:00 Osteobusters  
9:00 Aerobics  
10:30 Movie:  
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1:00 Mahjongg  
1:15 Pinochle

### Friday, Nov. 18

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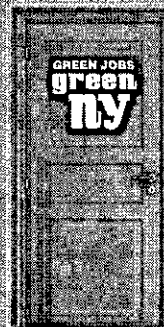
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Green Jobs–Green NY is working through constituency-based organizations to bring the benefits of energy efficiency to entire neighborhoods, including residents, small businesses and not-for-profits. Those organizations have been selected and are in the planning phases of a Green Jobs–Green NY rollout. Some ideas being discussed include gathering neighbors together to “aggregate” energy upgrade services. The purpose: make energy efficiency affordable, and doable, and bring the benefits home—better quality of life, the creation of new green collar jobs in their own neighborhoods, and the sense of pride that coming together generates.

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# Clarksville talks move forward

**Sheriff cites numbers, as face-to-face meeting is planned**

By GREG FRY  
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The status of negotiations regarding Acting Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple's proposal to use the Clarksville Elementary School for consolidated department operations all depends on who you ask.

Apple said a member of his office has participated in multiple conversations with officials from the Bethlehem Central School District regarding the idea. He said the price quoted by the district for operations at the shuttered school would be \$80,000 a year for utility costs alone, plus additional rent to be paid by the department to the district.

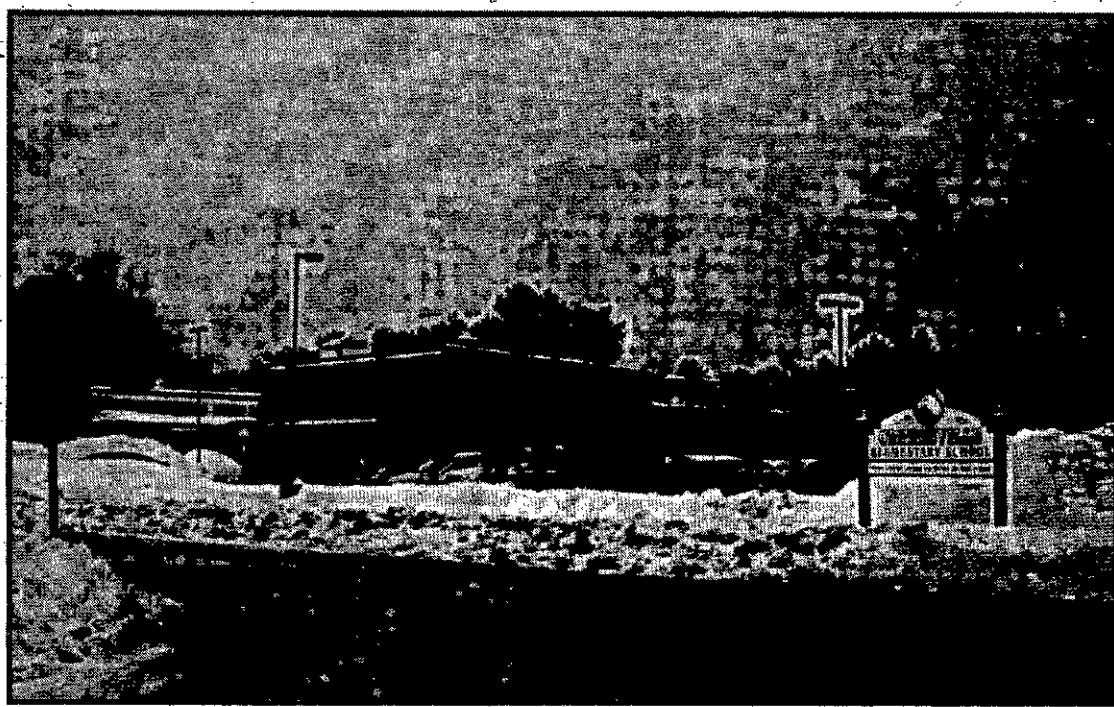
"Quite honestly, I'm not very happy with the results of the meeting," said Apple, referring to a phone conversation on Monday, Oct. 31. "The number seems to be a bit high, and it might be out of our reach."

But BC Superintendent Michael Tebbano said last week that he was unaware of the telephone conversation, and declined to comment on the numbers revealed by Apple. He said Apple is working through an inspector, and "working around the periphery," instead of tackling the negotiations directly.

"There's a perception problem going on here," said Tebbano. "He has avoided coming into a meeting with us."

Apple said an inspector in his office had conversations with the district as late as the afternoon of Nov. 1. Tebbano said he was aware of emails sent back and forth, but not of telephone conversations.

"If he (Apple) wants to rent



Early discussions between the Albany County Sheriff's Office and the Bethlehem Central School District about the proposal to use the Clarksville Elementary School for consolidated operations have hinged on costs.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight file photo

the building, all he has to do is come to a meeting, and we can talk about the details," said Tebbano.

A meeting between sheriff's office and district officials was scheduled for Nov. 8 after *The Spotlight* was set to go to press.

The proposal would see the department consolidating operations currently in Voorheesville and Cohoes under one roof as a cost-saving measure. Apple has even floated the idea of turning part of the school into a community center, and previously held a community forum to pitch the idea to nearby residents.

"We're trying to do this in an effort to consolidate our law enforcement division and save money with personnel, but I also want to be able to save money with operating costs as well, and really make a strong, efficient move," said Apple.

"With a number that high, I'm close to what it's costing me in Cohoes for one building. Granted, I'd still have savings, but I was really hoping to get a better bang for my buck."

Apple said he's looked into buildings in Coeymans and Latham as possible options as well, but he is still behind what he called a win-win opportunity for the community, the district and the Sheriff's Office.

Tebano told *The Spotlight* in October the district is always looking for an opportunity to find new revenue streams, and added while the revenues may not be significant, every little bit helps in this day and age.

The superintendent confirmed that the Sheriff's Office has not been the only one to inquire about the use of the building, but stressed that the goal is to use the school for its intended purpose again in the future.

"Our goal right now is to maintain the building so that we can reopen the building within five years, depending on enrollment and the economy," said Tebbano.

Apple called Tebbano a "great resource" to work with. The acting sheriff, who went into Tuesday's general election running unopposed for a full term, is interested in moving ahead quickly with discussions.

"We're trying to get the ball moving," said Apple. "I realize it is baby steps."

Apple is in the process of finalizing a 2012 department budget, and said there have even been conversations about setting up a site survey at the school. Tebbano said the district is not in a hurry to do anything with the elementary school.

The district shuttered Clarksville Elementary starting this school year.

## IN BRIEF

### Q.U.I.L.T. plans meeting

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet Friday, Nov. 11, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The general meeting starts at 9:45 a.m.; doors open at 9:15. There is a \$5 visitor donation and there will be a lecture presented by Debbie Gehman titled "Color and Value for Quilters," with a show and share to follow. For information call 393-2284 or visit [www.quiltinc.org](http://www.quiltinc.org).

### Hilltown Players present 'White Christmas'

The Hilltown Players will present their 2011 fall production of Irving Berlin's classic musical "White Christmas" (with special permission from R & H Theatricals in New York City) this November. Performance dates are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 20 at 3:00 p.m. at the Berne High School auditorium on Route 443 in Berne. Ticket prices are \$10 adults, \$8 for Senior Citizens and Teens; and \$6 for children age 12 and under. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 872-9455.

### Church supper to help flood victims

The Jerusalem Reformed Church will hold an all you can eat soup and pie supper Saturday, Nov. 12, to benefit Hurricane Irene victims.

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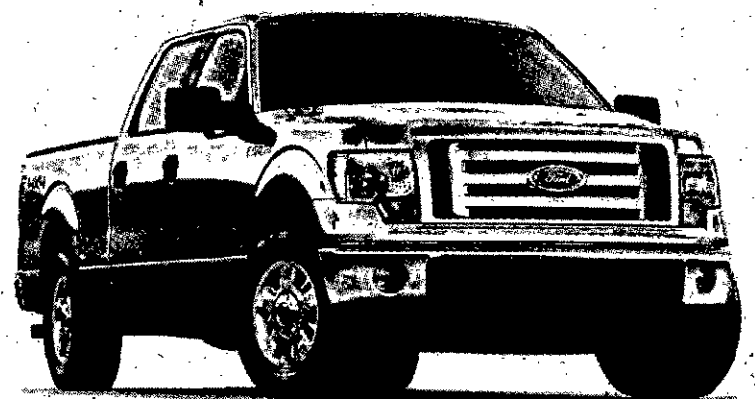
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# State grant puts rail trail improvements in motion

**Conservancy gets \$10k, seeks public input**

By GREG FRY  
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A \$10,000 grant from the Hudson River Valley Greenway will be used to support work to improve a 1.9-mile segment of rail trail from Delmar to Slingerlands.

A formal presentation of the grant to the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy was made Oct. 31 along the trail behind the Bethlehem Veterans Memorial Park.

"We feel that our small grant program has a big part of helping communities and helping groups advance their trail goals," said Mark Castiglione, acting executive director of the Hudson River Valley Greenway.

The next phase for supporters of the trail's development is to come up with interpretative and branding strategies that will help to clearly mark



Rail Trail supporters and elected officials gathered Nov. 5 to accept a \$2,500 donation from the Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club. From left are Judy Thompson, president, MHLC Board of Directors; Jon Rocco, immediate past president, HMRRC; Sam Messina, Bethlehem supervisor; Tom Cotrofeld, Albany County legislator (34th District).

Submitted photo

portions of the trail, along with helping volunteers market the trail to those unfamiliar with the idea.

"That's something that they can then take to a future potential funder, a larger-scale funder, and say 'We've got this piece taken care of. What we want to

do now is do the capital projects. We want to do the rail trail construction. We want to do the high-dollar projects," said Castiglione.

To match the \$10,000 grant, the conservancy must get \$10,000 worth of donations in the form

of volunteer hours and work. One person set to contribute to that amount is Scott Lewendon, a retired landscape architect, who is ready to tackle some of the biggest hurdles facing the trail's development.

"One of the first tasks is to have a meeting with the community, and get their ideas of what a theme should be," said Lewendon.

One thing Lewendon

cautioned about was a lack of signage. He said a frequent complaint in surveys of rail trail users is that people don't know where they are, and don't know how to access nearby services that may be right off the trail.

That's just one of the many topics that supporters are hoping to work through in order to move forward with implementation of ideas. Rail trail advocates continue to have support among a strong group of volunteers and government officials, including Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina, who was on-hand for the check presentation.

"I think it really comes down to the enthusiasm of the volunteer organizations, and what they are able to piece together getting creative, finding different funding sources for these things," said Castiglione.

Volunteers, known as rail trail ambassadors, are assigned each week to walk a portion of the trail, report any damage such as downed trees and to talk to people who are exploring the area who may want to know more.

From Albany to Washington, Castiglione

said there is interest in connecting communities by way of trails, despite the fact that money for such projects is scarce.

"On a national level, we are seeing Complete Streets legislation, and at the state level too," said Castiglione. "The political leadership in New York state and elsewhere is committed to the idea that getting people on the trails and out of their cars is a good idea, not only for health, but also for reducing our carbon footprint and the tons of other benefits associated."

After recent snow storms, it's difficult to think about spring, but that's when Jill Knapp with the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy said they hope to start putting out signs and other things to mark progress along the trail.

"Once we get the design standards, along with all the other interpretive stuff designed, then we'll actually be able to use the money to put out signs and park benches and things like that," Knapp said.

In addition, the conservancy received a \$2,500 grant from the Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club. The group, made up of more than 2,400 members, presented the check during a ceremony Nov. 5. The money will be used for the purchase of crushed stone to improve the trail surface for runners and walkers.

The entire rail trail corridor runs nine miles from downtown Albany to Voorheesville, but officials can't open the whole thing because millions of dollars worth of improvements is needed. The 1.9-mile section of trail was opened earlier this year with private backing largely because it required the least amount of work.

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The 2011 BetterU Challengers all improved their health in ways that included lowering blood pressure, elimination of migraine headaches, and weight loss.

The application deadline is Friday, Nov. 18, and the 2012 BetterU Challenge kicks off on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

For information and to apply, visit <http://www.nysna.org/GoRed/BetterU.htm>, or call Leigh Ann Duffy at the American Heart Association, 869-4055.

Short life, big impact

Local author included in 'Chicken Soup for the Soul' book

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Maggie Whelan has two heroes — her daughter Shannon and adopted grandson Sean Robert — so it's no surprise that her short story included in the recently published "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Answered Prayers" was all about them.

"It's a story about what we learned from him and his short life and just what a gift he was to our family," said Whelan, a Slingerlands resident, who will be reading and signing copies of the book at East Line Books in Clifton Park on Thursday, Nov. 10.

Sean Robert died when he was only 4 but that was plenty of time for him to touch the lives of many.

"At his wake and funeral there were so many people there," said Whelan. "I kept thinking around at all these people and thinking to myself, 'He was abandoned and look how much he's given everybody.'"

Sean Robert was born with fetal alcohol

syndrome and abandoned at the hospital by his birth parents, destined for a life unknown. Then, Whelan's daughter fell in love with him at the daycare she worked at and made him her own.

"She always wanted to be a mom but she wasn't able to physically," said Whelan. "He was available for adoption so she looked into it and was able to bring him home."

It wasn't your run-of-the-mill adoption, though.

"He had a lot of medical concerns. He had one leg, a lot of problems with eating and had to be fed by a tube," said Whelan. "She had to learn a lot before she could care for him but she opened her heart to him and that was his mommy."

Shannon had taken in a special boy but her entire family was devoted to giving him the life he might have never had.

"She was a single mother but she was able to provide him with a last name, a grandmother and grandfather, aunts and uncles, cousins," said Whelan. "He was able to go to the circus, have a birthday party, see Santa — all those things he never would have had if

she hadn't been open to taking him in."

Whelan is a retired special education teacher but said she's always loved writing. Now that she has time to spend on it, she's been taking writing classes at East Line Books in Clifton Park, which is how "A Glance at Heaven," the chapter in "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Answered Prayers" was created.

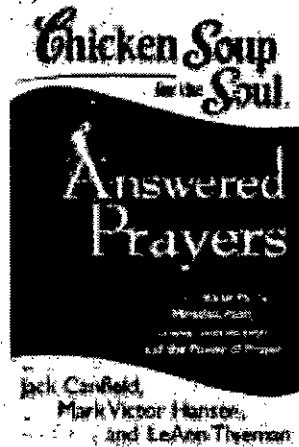
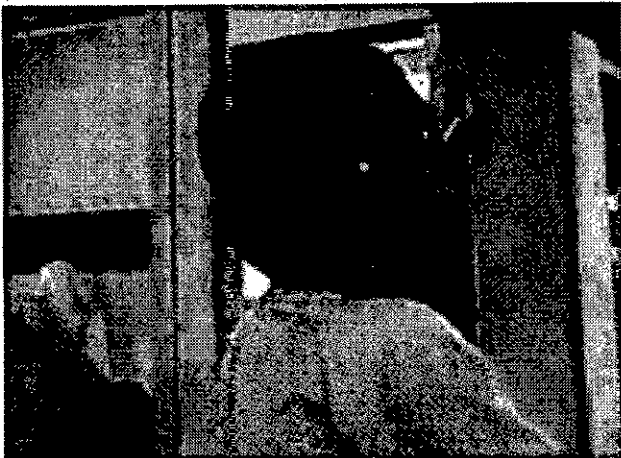
"I wrote it and brought it to class and [Robyn Ringler, owner and class teacher] said 'You should send this someplace' and suggested 'Chicken Soup for the Soul,'" said Whelan.

The process took almost a year but this summer Whelan found out her piece had made the cut and would be included.

"I was really proud of the accomplishment. It's a cool thing I was able to do," said Whelan.

Whelan is working on a book of her memoirs and does some storytelling.

She'll do a reading of her book and sign copies of it on Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. Two other local writers, Gina Peca and Francy Mantell will also read their writings. East Line Books is located at 1714 Route 9 in Clifton Park.



Sean Robert, top, inspired his adoptive grandmother, Maggie Whelan, above, to write a story that was included in the recently published "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Answered Prayers."

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# Toys for Tots chugs on

**Recent flooding spurs need for more donations**

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Making sure every child has a toy on Christmas morning is the festive annual mission that fuels a holiday train through New York's communities, bringing joy one present at a time.

The local Toys for Tots program kicked off at the U.S. Marines Reserve Base in Glenville on Thursday, Oct. 27, with the Marine Corps Reserves' Dunkin' Donuts Toys for Tots Train delivering donations. Canadian Pacific will operate the train and travel to 12 communities throughout the state. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped at more than 400 locations throughout the Capital District, along with more than 100 Dunkin' Donuts stores.

This is the third year Dunkin' Donuts has donated money to the holiday campaign, with \$25,000 from the company and franchise owners being given this year. In 2009, the company saved the program from going under. Funds are used to not only purchase toys, because winter coats are also distributed to children. The South Colonie School District will administer the coat drive.

Eric Stensland, field marketing manager for Dunkin' Donuts, said he was pleased to once again be a part of the

holiday effort.

"For the past two years, I've had the privilege myself of witnessing firsthand the dedication of these fantastic marines as they run the Toys for Tots holiday train and bring smiles to the children of the community," Stensland said. "I speak on behalf of my local owners ... we couldn't think of an organization more worthy of support during the holiday season."

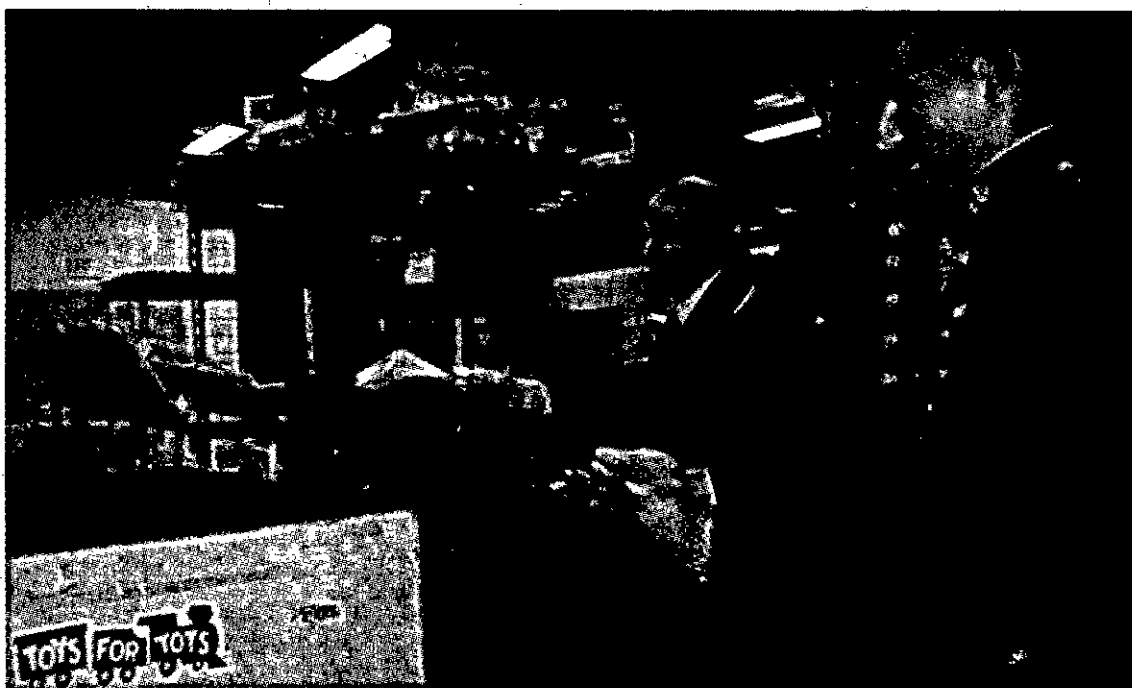
The Glenville Walmart also donated \$20,000 towards the campaign, which was raised through the store. Store Manager Kirk Christian said last year a representative for Toys for Tots contacted him to help out with shopping.

"I have kids of my own and if they needed help I would wish somebody would help them out," Christian said. "We are glad to be a help."

There are 50 employees from the store volunteering five hours each to provide a guaranteed 250 hours for the campaign. Most of the toys purchased for the Albany-centered campaign will also be purchased from the Glenville Walmart.

"They all live in this area ... so they definitely wanted to help out," Christian said.

Following effects of flooding from Tropical Storms Irene and Lee leaving many out of their homes or trying to rebuild, the need for donations is even greater.



From left, Field Marketing Manager for Dunkin' Donuts Eric Stensland, Toys for Tots coordinator Staff Sgt. James Bolen and Second Lt. Marc Mundy help load up donations for Toys for Tots.

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"We are looking to really step up our numbers due to the tragedy we had earlier this year throughout the area to distribute more toys," said Staff Sgt. James Bolen, Toys for Tots coordinator for the U.S. Marines Corps Reserve, who added the campaign runs all the way up to the Canadian border.

Last year's goal of collecting 120,000 toys was reached and this year, Bolen said, a similar amount of support is needed.

The Toys for Tots train will begin its 2011 run on Saturday, Dec. 3, in Binghamton and make regional stops in Oneonta, Cobleskill and Delanson. The following day it will travel from Albany to Rouse Point with stops in Mechanicville, Saratoga and Whitehall.

Michael O'Sullivan, road

foreman for Canadian Pacific, said all the train crews also volunteer their time, but are more than willing to help. This is his fourth year being on the train.

"I have way more volunteers than I can use each year," O'Sullivan said.

When the train stops at one of the scheduled communities, the Marine Corps Reserves are joined by "elves" to hand out the toys to children. At the back of the train, Marines unload bags of toys going to various social services groups.

O'Sullivan said since he is a Marine, besides getting to help out families, he enjoys working with his fellow Marines.

"Working with the Marine Corps for a weekend is extremely special, but ultimately it is to see the joy of the children when they

are receiving a toy," O'Sullivan.

Kevin Garcia, an area Dunkin' Donuts franchisee, was able to hop on the train last year to deliver toys, and it was an experience he wouldn't soon forget.

"They are all lined up and it is fun to get out there with bags of toys," Garcia said. "It is great to see kids happy and know we are coming. We try to let them pick out their own toys."

For information on drop box locations, to become a drop box location, hold an event to raise donations or to volunteer, visit the Toys for Tots website at [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) and select New York from the drop down list under "Find a Local Campaign Office," and select the nearest location. Non-profit groups can also request toys through the local campaign page.

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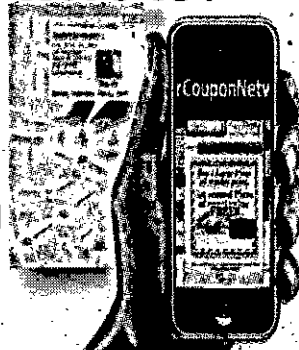
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# From softball to the evening gown

## Clifton Park native hopes to become next Miss New York

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Amanda Daley was the sporty one in high school, spending her time on softball instead of perfect hair and makeup.

But now, the 20-year-old Clifton Park native is ready for a change.

"This is my first pageant. I've always wanted to do something like this," said Daley.

A childhood education major at the College of Saint Rose, Daley applied for the Miss New York USA 2012 pageant on a whim.

"I found the application online one day and applied," said Daley. "About a week later I got a phone call that they wanted to interview me."

One month later, she was sitting in an interview and shortly after found out she was accepted.

Daley will represent Clifton Park in the January pageant, competing against hopeful young women from around the state who are all vying for the title of Miss New York. Miss New York will participate in the nationally televised Miss USA pageant in June.

"You always hear about

this one and know things about it. I just got into it because I thought it would be a great opportunity to meet new people and kind of build some self-confidence and make myself a better person," said Daley.

Contestants are judged in three areas—interview, swimsuit, evening gown—and criteria include character, poise, confidence and personality, according to the pageant website.

Daley has been raising money for the charity she's representing, St. Baldrick's Day Foundation, which benefits children's cancer research.

"I found out about this charity at my college last year, we were raising money for it, and I thought it was a great charity so I wanted to do more for it," said Daley. "Not many people have heard of this charity but its cause is very important."

Daley held a bake sale on Saturday, Oct. 29, at Artique by Poncho's near Exit 8 off the Northway. All the money from the bake sale went to St. Baldrick's and a portion of Artique's proceeds for the day will help sponsor Daley.

"There's an entry fee for the pageant so I need sponsors to help with that," said Daley.

So far, she's secured 16 Handles, Artique and Christina Pfister for



Amanda Daley will represent Clifton Park in the Miss New York USA pageant in January.

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sponsorship help. She also found a hair salon that will help her with makeup, hair and nails.

Daley has been spending a lot of time fundraising and volunteering but preparing for the pageant itself has also been a priority.

"I've been exercising more and trying to eat healthier, which is very hard being a college student," said Daley.

She's also been getting tips from those who know the pageant world best.

"We have conference calls with one of the pageant recruiters [a couple times] a month and usually we have a current state title holder from 2011 and they share tips and give ideas," said

Daley. "I've also been on YouTube looking at Miss USA from this past year so I can get my pageant walk down."

Being a beauty queen isn't all about what you see on the outside, though.

"They have to be a well-rounded person. I think they have to be the complete package. They have to want to give back, they should want to be a positive influence and role model and have self confidence, carry themselves well," said Daley.

Daley said she's

seeking this experience to strengthen those very qualities.

"I definitely just want to build myself as a better person, be a positive influence and role model," said Daley.

Miss New York USA is usually held in Albany but will take place at SUNY Purchase Performing Arts Center in Westchester during Martin Luther King Jr. weekend this year.

"I'm extremely nervous but it's a nervous excited. Being onstage, there will

be stadium seating, it holds 2,000 people ... it's going to be completely different than anything I've ever done before," said Daley. "It's nerve wracking."

And what if she is crowned Miss New York?

"It would definitely be unreal ... but it would mean the absolute world to me," said Daley.

Everything about Daley's journey is being documented on the Facebook page she made, [www.facebook.com/amandadaleymissnyusa2012](http://www.facebook.com/amandadaleymissnyusa2012).

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# Little 'hero' inspires family and friends

## Benefit to be held for child with Marfan Syndrome

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The Siciliano family of Latham were told by their doctor they should be getting running shoes for yet-to-be-born baby Logan, but when he was born it turned out he might not ever be able to run.

Logan Siciliano was born in January with a skeletal defect called Marfan Syndrome. It was something the family knew he had a chance of having since his father, Mark Siciliano, was born with a mild case of Marfan. So when Stephanie Siciliano went in for her 20-week ultrasound, doctors thought they might have detected a problem with his heart. When they went in for a further diagnostic with a cardiologist, Logan didn't seem to have a problem.

"The doctor said there was nothing wrong with the baby's heart," she said. "Then he said if anything we should buy the baby a pair of running shoes because he's very active. Ironically, he won't



Logan Siciliano was born with Marfan Syndrome. A benefit for his family will be held Nov. 13 at the Albany Elks Club.

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ever be able to run."

In fact, Logan will have a problem for the rest of his life, Siciliano said. He will never be able to do anything strenuous. She added that he also has a mild case of scoliosis that could present itself at any point. That could mean he would have to get a back brace or may need spinal fusion.

Now, family and friends are putting together a

benefit event for the family to help them pay for some of the hospital bills they have already amassed and will have to continue paying. There will be musical acts, magicians, clowns, a face painting booth and even a hula hoop station. Meal gift certificates, bottles of wine and quilts have been donated as gifts to be raffled off during the day.

Siciliano said the

amount of support that has been coming in has been overwhelming and most of it is coming from unlikely places.

"People who have never met my husband, me or my son are giving to us," Siciliano said. "It is very overwhelming. I guess the whole experience is very humbling."

The family had been making frequent trips to the Albany Medical Center

for treatments for Logan. It was soon discovered that there were several valves in Logan's heart that needed to be repaired, but doctors at Albany Medical Center said that it wasn't something that has been done for infants.

After researching different hospitals that have done this type of surgery, the family soon found Dr. Del Nido at the Children's Hospital in Boston. The doctor was able to repair three of the four valves, the aortic, the mitral and the tricuspid valves, during a surgery on Sept. 1.

Siciliano spent a full 52 days in Boston with Logan before he was cleared to be brought back home. She said their time at the hospital made her miss some of the little things in life that she usually enjoyed at home. This will not be the only time he will have to have this surgery, though.

The situation has taken its toll on the family. Siciliano said that the family was once living off of two full-time jobs but is now only living off of a part-time salary. Mark Siciliano took a month off of work to be with Logan, but because he earns an

hourly wage he didn't take in any money.

"There are car payments and mortgages to be paid," Siciliano said. "At some point we have to make a decision. But in the end, you're not going to remember what you didn't pay, you're going to remember what you did with what you had."

The hospital visits have gone down, Siciliano said, as now they are going just once a month for checkups instead of a minimum of once every two weeks. What is remarkable, though, is that Logan has appeared to be in good spirits throughout the process.

"He is amazing, I don't even know how to explain it," Siciliano said of her son. "He is a role model and by all means my hero."

Most recently, the family learned that Logan had come down with a cold so they rushed him to the hospital immediately. He was soon isolated because a cold for Logan means that he had to be incubated. Now, he is home and being treated by a visiting nurse.

"Right now, we're kind of on lockdown because he's so immune compromised," Siciliano said.

Siciliano said she probably would not have had children if they knew for sure their child would have to experience a disease so severe, but Logan has been more of a blessing than anything.

"He's taught me so many life lessons in a short period of time," Siciliano said.

The benefit is set to take place on Sunday, Nov. 13, from noon to 6 p.m. It will be held at the Albany Elks Club at 25 South Allen St. with a requested donation of \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids 6-15 years old. Kids under 6 years old can get in for free.

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"Team Bear Slime" went with a candy tongue that snaked around the entire creation.



Left: Isabella Usenza, 12, decorated her gingerbread house with all kinds of candy.



Below: The scene created by Siena College's admissions department included two bears warming themselves by a fire.

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## A sweet reminder

Gingerbread house contest draws attention to HATAS' goal of preventing homelessness

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN

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Children who are homeless are five times more likely than their peers to have stomach problems.

They're three times more likely to suffer from depression and three times more likely to repeat a grade.

When Liz Hitt delivers those statistics, it's clear they do more than give her pause. They motivate her life's work.

Hitt is executive director of the Albany-based Homeless and Travelers Aid Society. She's quick to point out that her organization is not a shelter. In fact, its aim is squarely on keeping people out of shelters.

Sure, she doesn't want people on the street. But shelters, she said, are a "reactive answer."

"If you have to shelter someone, you've effectively failed," Hitt said.

What HATAS sees as success is enabling a family to stay in its home. And the best way to do that is to help a family that has fallen on hard times to pay its rent, she said.

There are hundreds of families across Albany County who need help. The number of homeless families in the county has tripled over the past decade, with the numbers making an especially sharp climb in recent years as the economy has faltered, she said.

Yet homelessness isn't always on people's radar. That's why HATAS sponsors a gingerbread house contest each year. The "Home Sweet Gingerbread Home" event, held this year at Crossgates Mall, is meant to raise both awareness and funds for HATAS. Shoppers can check out the creations on Saturday, Nov. 12, and vote for their favorites. It's 50 cents to cast a ballot, with winners in two categories – professionals/businesses and community members and groups – taking home a gift card to an area establishment and an award certificate.

"It's OK to stuff the ballot box," Hitt noted.

The event was born six years ago when HATAS was looking for an event that was "a little outside of the box." Homelessness and housing aren't always easy topics to talk about,

Hitt said.

"We wanted to raise the issue in a fun and family-friendly way, in a way that wasn't depressing," she said.

There's really only one rule governing the creations: They have to be edible. They don't have to be houses. The Albany Country Club once created a gingerbread Snoopy and the Red Baron. The Junior League submitted a gingerbread library book. Newkirk Products came up with Raggedy Ann and Andy emerging from a gift.

"We have been overwhelmed by the creative side of people," Hitt said.

It's not just businesses that devote a lot of time and energy to the contest. Hitt remembers two kids who were 11 and 13 who bought a gingerbread house kit and "just went over the top decorating it. It looked amazing," she said.

Professional groups pay a \$75 entry fee and individuals and community groups pay \$25. More money is raised when the creations are auctioned off at HATAS' annual gala shortly after the show. Some of the more intricate designs have sold for a

couple hundred dollars in recent years, Hitt said.

All in all, though, the event doesn't bring in too much money. And that's OK, it's meant more to spark conversation and awareness, Hitt said.

But make no mistake, money plays a key role in HATAS' mission. For years, the organization received public funds, "but those dollars have disappeared," Hitt said.

So this year, HATAS has made a major push to find funds from private sources such as individuals and businesses. Hitt said that contributing to HATAS' cause can actually save everyone money in the long run.

"It costs four times more to shelter a family than to prevent eviction," she said.

The social savings, she added, are "equally significant." In 2010 in Albany County, there were 224 infants, 358 toddlers and 1,100 school-age kids who required shelter – and were ripe for all those conditions Hitt mentioned, like stomach aches and problems in school.

"Homelessness cracks the foundation," she said. "It's not hard to understand

why we should prevent kids from being homeless."

Hitt said it costs roughly \$135 a night to house a family in a shelter. And while that's "not an unreasonable amount," it's often comparable to what it would take to keep a family in its home. What typically happens is that a family is maybe \$200 or \$300 short on rent and gets an extension from the landlord. The next month, the family's short again, and "there goes the descent down the rabbit hole," Hitt said.

So HATAS is trying to reach out to families before they hit the "absolute

moment of crisis." The organization is pounding the pavement, looking for families who are maybe two or three months away from falling behind on their rent. HATAS works with the family's landlord – Hitt emphasized that checks are cut only to the landlord, not to families – to keep up on payments.

It's serious business, but for a weekend, at least, the issue will be driven home in a light-hearted manner. Check out the gingerbread creations at Crossgates from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, visit [www.hatas.org](http://www.hatas.org).

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# Arts and Entertainment

## Theater

### FAITH HEALER

A story told from three different perspectives, presented by Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, Nov. 4-6, 11-13 and 18-21, shows 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, adults \$15, students \$10. Information, 462-1297.

### THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

The harrowing tale of a young girl and her family hiding from the Nazis, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Nov. 19, shows 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 3 p.m. Sundays, \$22. Information, 877-7529.

### LES MISERABLES: SCHOOL EDITION

Famous Broadway musical about the French Revolution, presented by C-R Kids Theater, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, Nov. 10-13 and 17-20, shows 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, \$15-\$20. Information, 237-5858.

### MAN OF LA MANCHA

Tony Award-winning musical, presented by Capital Repertory Theater, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, Nov. 11 through Dec. 17, shows Tuesdays through Sundays, \$40-\$70. Information, 445-7469.

## Music

### AMY COLLINS BAND

Celtic-flavored Americana artist, with The Whispering Tree, Nov. 10, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### TERRI ROSEN

Folk/pop singer-songwriter, Nov. 11, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### STANLEY CLARKE

Jazz fusion legend plays with his new ensemble, Nov. 11, 8 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$32.50-\$45. Information, 473-1845.

### SHAWN COLVIN & MELISSA FERRICK

Two great singer-songwriters, Nov. 11, 8 p.m., Swyer Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$34.50. Information, 473-1845.

### JOHN DERMONT AND ERIC ERKKINEN

Country and Delta blues guitar players, Nov. 11, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### HARMONIOUS WALL

Wisconsin string quartet playing a blend of gypsy jazz and swing in a benefit for Hurricane Irene victims in Schoharie, Nov. 11, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, door price \$18. Information, 583-0022.

### 3 QUARTER NORTH

Americana/bluegrass band, Nov. 12, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### WOODSTOCK ERA EXPERIENCE

Performing music by Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, The Doors, Joe Cocker, Jefferson Airplane, Santana and Jethro Tull, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$22.50-\$35. Information, 473-1845.

### GEORGE SAIDE

Classical guitarist and ukulele player, Nov. 12, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### CRIS WILLIAMSON

Female folk artist, Nov. 12, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$22, door price \$24. Information, 583-0022.

### DAVID MALLETT

Singer-songwriter whose songs have been performed by the likes of Pete Seeger, Alison Kraus, Emmylou Harris and more, with opening act Claudia Nygaard, Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$22, door price \$24. Information, 583-0022.

## Comedy

### MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly show of improvised comedy and music, Nov. 11, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"From the Collections," through April 1; "New York Remembers: Reflecting on September 11," through April 28; plus "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent col-

lections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

### ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"Parker F. Dunn: The Dunn Memorial Bridge," through Nov. 13; "Albany and the Civil War: Medicine on the Home and Battle Fronts," through Feb. 26; "Kid Stuff: Great Toys From Our Childhood," through March 4; "First in the Hearts of His Countrymen: George Washington," through May 20; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

### ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"Michael Marston, World Apart," through January; "Laugh Out Loud," through March 25; plus installations by Paul Katz, Harry Leigh, Harold Lohner, Lillian Mulero, Ken Ragsdale, Nancy Shaver and Joy Taylor. Information, 463-3726.

### CHAPEL + CULTURAL CENTER

"Back in Spirit," through Nov. 29, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2125 Burdett Ave., Troy. Information, 274-7793.

### CLEMENT ART GALLERY

"Earth, Wind, Sky: Works by Tom Clement," through Nov. 23, 201 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

### MABEE FARM HISTORIC SITE

"A Journey Through History: The Artistic Works of Len Tantillo," 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.

### OKROOM 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 CHORALTIERS

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 Clare's 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.

### CAPITLAND CHORUS

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

### TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

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

### ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

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

### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 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.

### COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHORUS

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

### SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

### FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

### SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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

### THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

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

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### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

# Weekly Crossword

## Royalty

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## ACROSS

- 1 Philatelist's find
- 6 Foxhole entree
- 10 Chip's companion
- 14 Zealous
- 15 Lunar light
- 16 Recycled
- 17 Battlefield
- 18 Governor Grasso
- 19 Sort
- 20 Trafalgar Square monument
- 22 Word with chair or street
- 23 Grimalkin
- 24 School session
- 26 Catch of the day
- 31 Kingdoms
- 35 \_\_\_ Do Is Dream of You
- 36 Barbershop request
- 38 Magic man
- 39 Great northern diver
- 40 New Testament ruler
- 42 Source of the Nile
- 43 Hinged implement
- 45 Part of a pedestal
- 46 Actor Estrada
- 47 Dots
- 49 Prison term

## DOWN

- 51 Uproar
- 53 Soissons street
- 54 Eye sore
- 57 1943 Triple Crown horse
- 63 Chocolate cookie
- 64 Soprano Te Kanawa
- 65 Fastener
- 66 Pause
- 67 Bulldogs
- 68 Gerald Ford's birthplace
- 69 Stet's opposite
- 70 Midterm
- 71 Lycra's kin
- 12 Monocle
- 13 Whirlpool
- 21 Last word of the Gettysburg Address
- 25 Model T contemporary
- 26 Milk drinks, for short
- 27 Thrown for \_\_\_
- 28 Replica
- 29 1958 Elvis film
- 30 Dino's dollars
- 32 Live's partner
- 33 \_\_\_ Monday, 1986 song
- 34 Allay
- 37 Frank Lloyd Wright, e.g.
- 41 Bakery product
- 44 Hit the slopes
- 48 Lightbulb's place
- 50 Nonstick coating
- 52 Transparent linen
- 54 Auctioneer's cry
- 55 Quiz choice
- 56 "Gimme an A . . ." e.g.
- 58 Exodus author
- 59 Death Comes for the Archbishop name
- 60 Catchall abbreviation
- 61 Sonar blip
- 62 Holier - \_\_\_ - thou



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## Milestones

### William A. Heere

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM**  
- William August Heere, 74, of South Bethlehem passed away Friday, October 28, 2011.

He was the husband of Kathleen Heere; father, father-in-law, and friend of Joanna Heere (Jesse Williams) and Dianna (Paul) Koch; beloved Poppy to Noah and Liam Koch; brother of John (the late Ruth) Heere and the late Ceil (Derek) Voorhees; son of the late William and Wilhemina Heere; brother-in-law of Bill and Sandra Tesch, Marilyn (Paul) LaJoy and Bob and Sue Denninger.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, November 1st from 4 to 7 pm at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. A service was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

### David Lynn Essex

**GLENMONT:** David Lynn Essex, 78, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2011 at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Dr. Don L. Essex and Evelyn Helvie Essex. Dave is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 57 years, Elizabeth (Betty Ann) Wait Essex; his four sons, David C. (Christine) Essex, Samuel (Dawn) Essex, Stephen (Michele) Essex and Christopher (Trina) Essex. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, Dennis (Maria) Drozd, Mark Drozd and Kimberly (John) Palella, Cameron, Lucas, Zachary, Marie and Emma Essex; four great grandchildren, Mariana, Nina, Johnny and Nicholas; a brother, Michael (Sandy) Essex and several nieces and nephews.

Dave was a graduate of Bethlehem High

School and served with the US Army Military Police HASP in Hawaii during the Korean War. Following his military service Dave and Betty Ann settled in Delmar where he worked for Ter Bush and Powell Insurance Company. In the early 1960's he became a Caterpillar salesman for Southworth Machinery in Menands and was highly regarded by all his customers.

Dave was an active member in the JC's, a Freemason, and active in the Tri-Village Little League and Bethlehem Pop Warner football. He was a founding member of the Bethlehem Wrestling Booster Club. Dave was an avid Yankee fan and loved watching golf. He was a member of the Normanside Country Club for 40 years and served on the Normanside Corporation Board. He was a member of the Northeast Senior Golf Association. Dave was known for his golf etiquette and humor. He celebrated four holes in one and made lifelong friends in his many rounds of golf and social activities. His love for Normanside was unflinching. He was a faithful daily patron of his "coffee shop" table. Dave and Betty Ann were members of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

Funeral services were at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar. Funeral arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home.

Contributions in Dave's memory may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, NY 12054 or Tuffs Medical Center, VAD Transplant Unit, Attention Darlene Griffin, 800 Washington St., Boston, MA 02113.

### Frank (Francesco) Cicero

**SLINGERLANDS**  
Frank (Francesco) Cicero, 83, passed away peacefully at St. Peter's Hospice Inn on October 30, 2011.



Born in Castoreale, Sicily, he was the son of Salvatore and Carmela (Calamoneri) Cicero. Frank came to the U.S. in 1950 and proudly served this country during the Korean War from 1954 to 1956, stationed in Germany. He graduated from Siena College in 1954 and received a master's degree at SUNY Albany in 1958. Frank retired from Guiderland Central School District in 1992 after 34 years of service supervising the foreign

language department and teaching Italian, Spanish and Latin. In 2003, he retired as an adjunct professor of Italian at Schenectady County Community College. He was a contributing author and reviewer for the NYS Regents Exams for Spanish and Italian.

Frank loved spending time with family and friends, making pizza on Friday nights and pasta suppers on Sunday afternoons. He enjoyed working around his home, gardening and wine making. An avid sports fan, he followed Siena basketball, the New York Knicks and Italian soccer. Frank cherished his time with grandchildren Jack, Aidan, Ryan, Colin and Rose.

Predeceased by his devoted wife Agnes Cicero and brother Salvatore

Cicero, he is survived by his children Frank S. (Lisa) Cicero, Richard (Lisa) Cicero and Carol Ann (Tom) Lynch; sisters Catherine (Joe) Rappazzo, Rose (Anthony) Ceraolo, Maria Furnari and Connie Violato; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, November 2 from 4 to 7 pm at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated 9:30 am Thursday, November 3 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Pl., Delmar. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Siena College Annual Fund, 515 Loudon Rd., Loudonville, NY 12211-1462.

## Guard members receive medals

New York State Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Patrick Murphy has awarded more than 4,000 members of the New York National Guard the New York State Humane Service Medal to recognize their service during New York's response to Tropical Storm Irene.

The award recognizes service in response to members of New York's Organized Militia who distinguished themselves by sustained meritorious service in a humane operation as a result of a natural disaster, such as floods, snow storms, hurricanes, tornados, and acts of mercy during State Active Duty service at the direction of the governor.

Receiving the award locally were:

• New York Air National Guard Capt. Ryan Walsh, a resident of Delmar and a member of the 109th Airlift Wing

• New York Air National Guard Maj. Steven Calderon, a resident of Delmar and a member of

the 109th Medical Group, 109th Airlift Wing

• New York Air National Guard 1st Lt. Donna McCormick, a resident of Delmar and a member of the 139th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 109th Airlift Wing

• New York Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. David Rodriguez, a resident of Delmar and a member of the 139th Airlift Squadron, 109th Airlift Wing

• New York Army National Guard Spc. Joseph Logsdon, a resident of Delmar and a member of the 1427th Transportation Company

• New York Army National Guard Spc. Brandon Wiggand, a resident of Delmar and a member of the 1427th Transportation Company

• New York Army National Guard Sgt. Matthew Flood, a resident of Delmar and a member of the 206th Military Police Company

• New York Army National Guard Capt. David Bosworth, a resident of Delmar and a member

of the Intelligence and Sustainment Company, 42nd Infantry Division Headquarters

• New York Army National Guard Capt. Ryan Walsh, a resident of Delmar and a member of the Joint Force Headquarters

• New York Army National Guard Spc. Kenneth Allen, a resident of Delmar and a member of the Signal Company, 42nd Infantry Division Headquarters

• New York Naval Militia Senior Chief Petty Officer Randolph Bowers, a resident of Delmar and a member of the New York Naval Militia

• New York Army National Guard Private 1st Class Riley Seaburg, a resident of Feura Bush and a member of the Battery A, 1-258th Field Artillery

• New York Air National Guard Senior Airman Michael Knott, a resident of Glenmont and a member of the 109th Maintenance Squadron, 109th Airlift Wing

### Super Crossword Answers

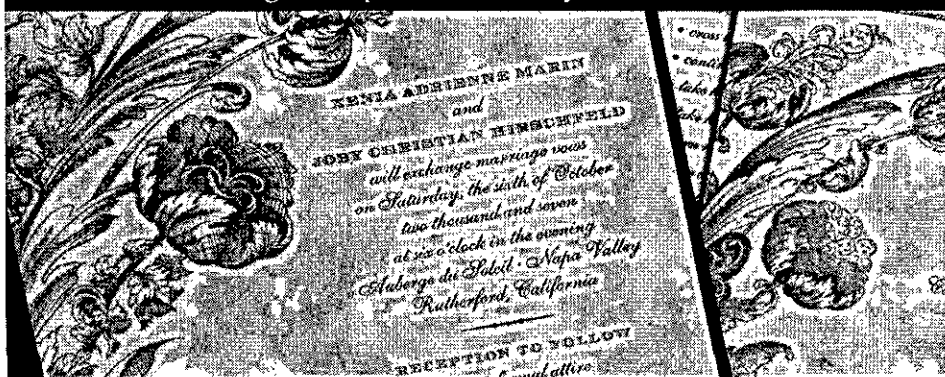
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### Sudoku Answers

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# An energy-efficient message

Local blog shares tips for going green

By ALYSSA JUNG,  
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Going green is easier than some may think. The problem is, many people don't know where to start or who to turn to for simple answers. Dan Gibson, an energy auditor and solar designer from Ballston Lake, launched [www.oeic.us](http://www.oeic.us) to help.

"When the [home energy] audit business changed, it seemed to me I could be a lot more helpful by doing something online than I could be just doing one house at a time," said Gibson. "I was looking for a way to get to more people and get more information to them."

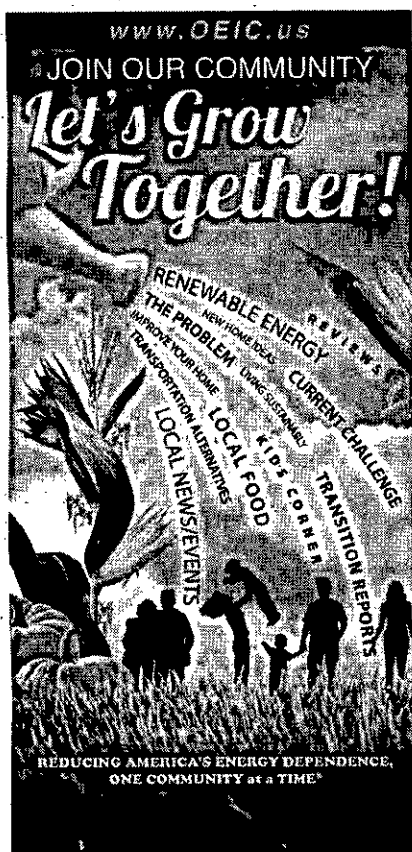
Gibson hopes the website (which he's touting as a blog and forum) will be a portal for the Capital District's green needs. Launched on Oct. 1, the website is still in its infancy, but the most active portion is the 10 blogs written by experts and professionals in the energy efficiency business.

"The blogs, you can think of them as a little seminar where a professor or expert or contractor presents a lesson and people can comment, read, listen and learn," said Gibson.

Many blogs are personality driven and attract readers because of the blogger, said Gibson. The blogs he's accumulated, though, are carefully chosen for the content, which will focus on reducing energy use in the areas of home, transportation and food.

"We'll have five or six people on each blog team," Gibson said. "It allows for a variety of opinions on the same topic and allows high-quality people who really don't have a lot of time to devote to this but have some time."

Blogs will focus on everything from the science behind energy-efficient tactics to sustainable living to energy saving practices. Some blog posts might be in the form of educational



articles, while others will be bloggers sharing personal experiences.

"How are people using less energy, whether in transportation or in the home or in eating more local food?" said Gibson. "There's a lot of educational stuff on there about how to do specific things."

When you hear "energy efficiency," you don't always connect that to "local food," said Gibson, but they're closely related and will be a focal point of the site.

"A lot of people ask me, 'Why food?' Because, the typical family uses more oil in food than in transportation or in their home," said Gibson. "We have a lot of control over that. We can actually grow food in our backyard. We can't grow oil in our backyard."

Visitors to the site are encouraged to sign up as members. It's free to join and members are given access to all

portions of the site.

Forums are a piece of the site Gibson hopes will be especially useful to users because they thrive on back-and-forth discussion.

"You'll meet people throughout the community who have a similar interest in saving energy as you do. That's important," he said.

Once the site attracts about 300 members, Gibson expects the forums to really bloom.

The Kids Korner is another component that was important for Gibson to include.

"It will be about kids, by kids, for kids. So far I've gotten my daughter to write one article about her baking solar cookies and cakes," said Gibson.

Gibson wants school districts to collaborate with the site to create a section for sharing student projects and initiatives.

Gibson also wants people to post news and events of their own.

"I'm looking for people to identify things related directly to energy savings, so hopefully when someone thinks about 'What can I do this weekend to save energy?' they'll look at our website as the place to find those events," he said.

Gibson sees the site as attracting three distinct types of users. The first level of user is someone who visits to research a particular topic and leaves. The second level is the most typical and is someone who visits once or twice a week to read a few articles, leave a couple comments and ask some questions. The third level consists of the "more hardcore" people who heavily participate on a regular basis.

"The target is the person on the site once or twice a week because with the 10 blog categories there will always be five to 10 new articles for them to look at and they can follow along that way," said Gibson.

So far, the site has had more than 700 visitors.

## IN BRIEF

### Irish museum seeks help

The Irish American Heritage Museum is seeking volunteers and docents for the Museum's new year-round exhibit/library/gift shop facility in downtown Albany that is scheduled to open in January.

The museum invites Capital Region residents who are interested in volunteering and/or serving as docents to learn about the new museum at either of two informational meetings, scheduled as follows:

• Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m., The Father Henry Tansey Albany Ancient Order of Hibernians Capital District Irish-American Center, 375 Ontario St., Albany

• Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 6 p.m., The Capital District Celtic Cultural Association, 430 New Karner Road, Colonie

Free parking is available in the parking lots at both meeting sites. Each meeting will last approximately one hour. No pre-registration for the meetings is necessary; however, interested individuals who have questions about the meetings or who are unable to attend either of the meetings, may call the Irish American Heritage Museum at 432-6598 prior to the meetings.

The museum has applied for grants under which, if awarded in 2012, it might be able

to eventually offer paid part-time positions to volunteers and docents.

### Vets can take free driving class

AARP invites military personnel to take a driver safety class, free of charge, this November.

In honor of Veteran's Day and in recognition of their dedication and commitment to service, the AARP Driver Safety Program is waiving entrance fees to its classroom courses for veterans in New York and across the country in November. All military personnel, active duty or retired, are eligible to receive a free DSP classroom course during the month of November (Nov. 1-30, 2011). Military personnel include those individuals who serve or have served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard/Reserves, or Coast Guard.

Military spouses and dependent children are also eligible to take the class, free of charge, as long as they present valid military spouse, widower, or dependent identification, such as a dependent ID card or a membership card to organizations such as the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars. The classroom course normally costs \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members.

Find a course at [www.aarp.org/findacourse](http://www.aarp.org/findacourse).

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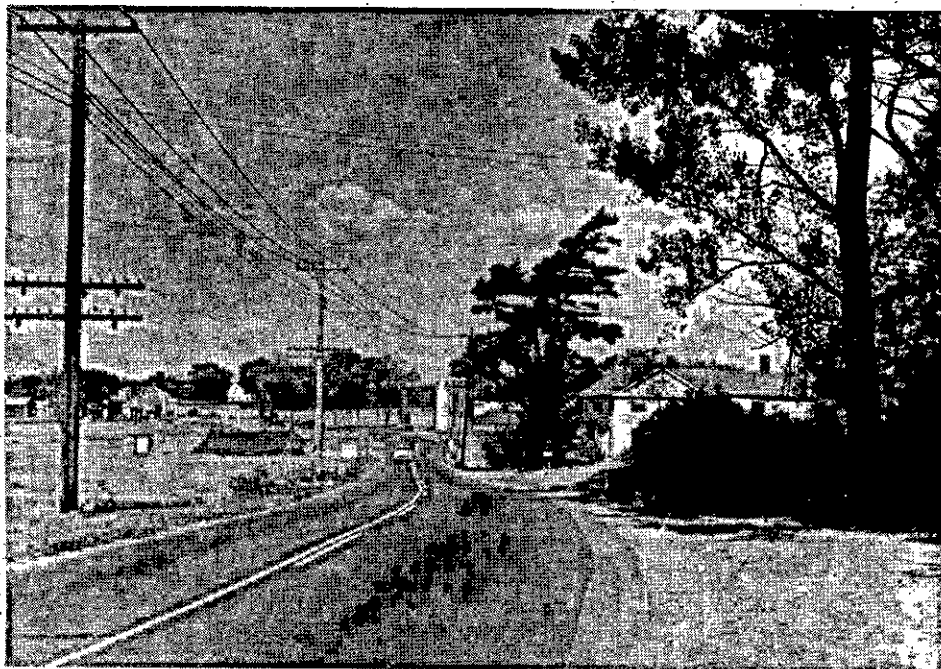
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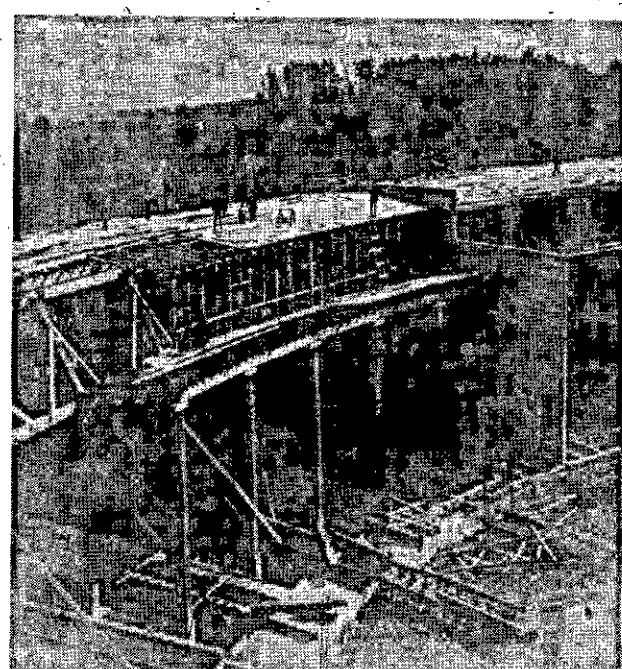
## Book

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Leath wanted to give a true representation of the entire town. She detailed the importance of agriculture in Bethlehem's past, and how rural the town was dating back as recently as the 1900s. There's also an emphasis in the book on how important of a role the Hudson River has played in the town's past prosperity.

"Also around the late 1800s and 1900, wealthy people from Albany would build their summer homes along the river in Bethlehem," said Leath, who said that many to this day remain under private ownership. "A lot of people aren't aware they are here."

While the quiet and humble beginnings of the town are detailed in areas like Glenmont, the book also shows the beginnings of the hamlet of Delmar, and its growth into a bustling commercial area. In one image from 1910, a quiet suburban view is shown along Delaware Avenue, with trees lining an empty residential street looking west from Grove Street. That's compared to a picture on the next page of the Four Corners intersection in 1957, with cars



traveling in both directions on both Kenwood and Delaware Avenues.

"I want people to gain an appreciation for the history of the town," said Leath. "In my introduction, I use the metaphor of weaving it all together."

Miles away and chapters later, Leath takes a closer look at the history of Selkirk, and the roots of the establishment of rail service through the area. The construction of the roundhouse at the Selkirk Railroad Yards is clear in one photo. Its roots are attached to a \$25 million project designed to make the area a point of relief for congestion at rail yards in Albany.

The book also in-

cludes images of passenger rails that traveled through Selkirk until 1959, traveling past a small train station that underwent little change through the first half of the 20th century.

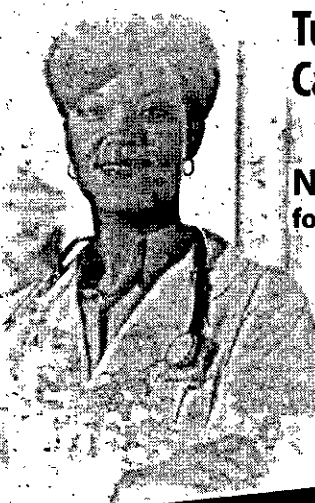
Leath admits that there are some who may not want to know anything about the town's history, but said that the history buffs are out there.

"It's very individual," said Leath. "People have always been interested in the history of their particular house, or neighborhood, or town. There's been tremendous support. I think it's holding pretty steady," referring to the inquiries she has had about Bethlehem's history in her position at Town Hall. "The history buffs are definitely out there."

"Bethlehem" will be released Nov. 14, and can be found at local retail stores. The book will also be on sale in the town clerk's office. Leath plans to be at the Delmar Farmers Market selling books in November, as well.

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## Vista

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agreements at a Nov. 1 public hearing. The agreements will exempt the new businesses from paying property taxes for the first two years, with a sliding scale upward of payments over the following ten years until the businesses are paying their full share of property taxes. Some, however, believe the payments should begin right away.

"What you're doing is you're giving a tax incentive to a business that's already decided that they want to be a player," said Slingerlands resident Allen Greenberg. "If their taxes are less, my taxes are more."

Former Town Supervisor Terri Egan said she had the same reaction initially, and reminded those in attendance that the town was reluctant at first to issue the abatements. She now believes these benefits are an opportunity for Bethlehem to "get in the game."

"It has been a very long road, and there have been many obstacles and challenges," said Egan. "I feel very strongly and very much in favor of this project, the three that we have before us, as well as the Tier 1 abatements."

The IDA's abatement

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Slingerlands resident Allen Greenberg

scale is designed to be a middle-of-the-road approach compared to incentives offered in counties around the region, according to the agency.

Former Planning Board member and Bethlehem resident John LaForte characterized offering the incentives as inappropriate.

"What the town needs is relief from taxation, primarily from school taxes," said LaForte.

While the abatements will exempt the businesses from paying property taxes initially, special district taxes such as fire, sewer and water would still need to be paid.

Judi Kehoe, the Chief Business and Financial Officer at the Bethlehem Central School District, offered the district's support for issuing the breaks despite tax revenues that the district could miss out on over the span of the agreement.

"We feel that this project poises the community to take advantage of the growth that is occurring in the high-tech industry in our neighboring communities as well," said Kehoe, who added that the district recognizes

the potential for Vista to significantly expand the commercial tax base for the community.

Michael Morelli, the town's Director of Economic Development and Planning, spoke in support of the projects and the abatements. He reminded those in attendance at the public hearing that the Town Board had approved mixed-use development at the Vista Tech Park, with 80 percent of the floor space to be used for offices and technology businesses, and 20 percent for retail or other secondary uses.

"I think it will send a very important signal to the public at large and potential tenants that after all these years of discussion and review, that Vista now is officially open for business, and we can get this project moving forward," said Morelli.

At the Nov. 7 meeting, Columbia Development President Joe Nicolla told IDA members that the office and retail split is going to be "far less," with less than 100,000 square feet of retail likely within the 1.4 million-square feet of possible space at the tech park.

## Eagle

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that I'm saying, 'OK, he's still alive. That's awesome.'"

The eagle, which like all bald eagles is protected from hunters under state and federal law, is improving with each day. Doctors were able to control an infection and the bird, who has taken on the name "Spirit," is now off antibiotics. The eagle has even started to eat on his own, which Becker is thrilled to see.

"We don't have to man-handle him to feed him every day," Becker said. "Catching him up is hard on him, because he has a broken wing."

The story has gained national attention, and Becker said they've received calls from as far

away as California regarding the condition of the eagle. In the past, the hospital hasn't used online resources to give status updates for injured animals, but in this case, followers of the hospital on Facebook are commenting daily on the eagle's recovery.

"There have been eagles in the past that have generated this type of interest, but we didn't have Facebook. That's the difference. It was mostly phone calls and word-of-mouth networking," said Becker.

In late November, Becker and his staff will reevaluate the eagle. The hospital is equipped with a large enclosed area where the bird will be taken in coming weeks and allowed to fly. Becker said that there's also a possibil-

ity that staff will try and have the bird fly around the front of the property, attached to a string, before allowing the eagle to be released and go off on its own.

"I've seen many birds with these types of fractures fly away," said Becker. "Does that mean he's going to? Anything could go, wrong. But, I've seen many birds with similar fractures fly away six to eight weeks later."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has offered a reward of up to \$2,500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the shooting. Anyone with information should contact Jason Bak with the service's Albany office at 431-4341 or call the DEC's Poaching Hotline at 1-800-847-7332.

## Club to hold fall toy and train show

Mountain Toy & Railroad Club will hold its fall toy and train show on Sunday, Nov. 20, at the Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension in Albany.

The show will feature approximately 75 dealers from the tri-state area offering a variety of toys and trains made by most of the manufacturers in all the popular gauges

including N, HO, O scale, Lionel O, 0-27, Standard, LGB and American Flyer S gauge. Replacement parts, especially for the old Lionel and American Flyer trains, catalogs from the past, books on all phases of the hobby, wind up tin toys, cast iron banks, pressed steel trucks and soldiers will also be shown.

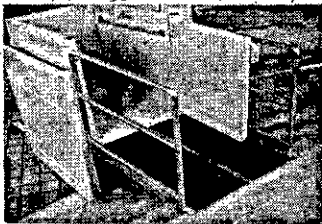
Free appraisals will be available for anyone with

an old toy or train, and the club's "train doctor" will be on hand with his test track to help those in need of getting their old trains running again.

The public is invited to attend from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. General admission is \$5 and children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. Parking is free and refreshments and lunch will be available.

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## Your Community in the Spotlight

### Five Rivers plans WILD program

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will hold a teacher workshop on the award-winning curriculum-enhancement program Project WILD Aquatic on Saturday, Nov. 26.

Center staff will lead a participatory training in Project WILD Aquatic, an initiative that integrates aquatic wildlife themes into the core reading, writing and arithmetic disciplines. Participants will receive a free Project WILD Aquatic curriculum guide full of activities for students in grades K-12. The workshop is open to teachers and youth leaders free of charge.

Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 by Wednesday, Nov. 23, to register for the workshop.

### Nature center hosts Nov. activities

The following are upcoming events at the Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center, 87 Nature Center Way, Voorheesville. For information call 872-0800.

• Saturday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m.: Geology on the Fringes of Thacher Park. Dr. Chuck Ver Straeten, state museum geologist, will lead a walk to explore the southern and northern margins of Thacher Park, south of Beaver Dam Road and on the newest park lands above Altamont. We will explore the rocks and landscape, and such topics as escarpments, karst and sinkholes, the Marcellus Shale, and the 90+ Helderberg earthquakes since 1980.

• Saturday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m.: Busy Beavers at Thacher Nature Center. Fall is a busy time for the North American Beaver as it prepares its home and food supplies for the winter season. Meet at the Nature Center for a brief talk about the beaver and take a look at its fur, skull and teeth then carpool to Thacher Park and view a dam and lodge built by this industrious animal. This program is appropriate for age 6 and up.

• Sunday, Nov. 13, at 10 a.m.: Jr Birders' Project Feeder Watch at Thacher Nature Center. Learn about Citizen Science and how to easily participate in this project from the comfort of your own living room. Free program is open to adults and children. Jr. Birders: bring your Birders Journals to record observations and share sightings.

• Saturday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Nature's Thanksgiving at Thacher Nature Center. Join us in honoring the gifts of nature in our 11th annual Thanksgiving celebration.

### A new bank branch



Kinderhook Bank opened a full service branch in the Delaware Plaza at 180 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. The official ribbon-cutting was held on Wednesday, Oct. 26. From left are Al Guerra, Guerra Associates; Laura Cassidy, Albany Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce; Dave Canfield, Wainschaf Associates; Bruce Sowalskie, Kinderhook Bank; Mark Wiseman, Kinderhook Bank; Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin; Brian Kelly, Kinderhook Bank; Robert Hayes, Kinderhook Bank; John Balli, Kinderhook Bank; Jillian Fenton, Kinderhook Bank; Jennifer Kilcoyne, Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce; and Frank Trosset, Kinderhook Bank.

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Visit wildlife in the care of rehabilitator Kelly Martin, find out how Native Americans and pioneers used white-tailed deer for food, clothing, and tools, help start our fire with a bow drill, join in songs and stories about the natural world, learn how to use acorns for food and fun, and where delicious honey comes from. Paint a stone totem to remind you of our day of appreciation. Refreshments will be available. Fee is \$5 for adults and no charge for children. Call 872-0800 for more information.

### Volunteers filling empty shoe boxes

A group of local volunteers is filling empty shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, hygiene items and notes of encouragement for needy kids overseas. Delmar families are participating in the world's largest Christmas project of its kind—Operation Christmas Child—an effort that has hand-delivered 86 million gifts to kids worldwide since 1993.

This year-round project of Samaritan's Purse is coming to its peak, as local businesses, churches and schools prepare to collect gift-filled shoe boxes during National Collection Week, Nov. 14 to 21. Volunteers can drop off their shoe box gifts at one of two bustling locations in the area to help kids in 100 countries know they are loved and not forgotten.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call 357-2284 or visit [www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ).

### Two to speak at Potpourri Night

Two members of the Bethlehem Historical Association will speak on Potpourri Night at the Cedar School House on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Susan Leith, town historian, will speak about her newly published book of historic Bethlehem photographs. Many of the photographs are also in the BHA collection. Leith will bring some enlarged ones from the book to show and also have copies of the book to sell.

Ann VanDervoort will speak about a doll that was sold as a fund raiser at the Army Relief Bazaar of 1864. She will also talk about two other noted antique dolls.

### Sculptor coming to Stuyvesant Plaza

Sculptor Gary Rosenthal will be at Pearl Grant Richmans in Stuyvesant Plaza on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

He will sign works from his collection of Judaic art, which combines copper, brass and steel with brilliant fused glass.

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The signing reception will take place in Pearl Grant Richmans' Gallery of American Handcrafts.

### Field study to look at white-tailed deer

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will conduct a field study of the natural history of white-tailed deer on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 2 p.m.

Late Nov. is an excellent time to study deer behavior. Deer are very active during this season, fattening up for the winter and seeking prospective mates. During this outdoor study, Center naturalists will lead a search along gentle Center trails for rubs, scrapes, tracks, mast, pellets and other wildlife signs.

This program is open to the public free of charge. In the event of inclement weather, this program will be canceled. Call 475-0291 for more information.

### New Visions hires Charlane Scozzafava

New Visions, a not-for-profit organization working on behalf of people with developmental disabilities, recently hired

Charlane Scozzafava as director of quality assurance for quality assurance, compliance and planning.

Scozzafava joins New Visions from the Schenectady ARC Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. She is responsible for developing quality assurance initiatives and forming committees that focus on quality service and "person centered planning" for the individuals served by New Visions.

Scozzafava completed her undergraduate studies at SUNY Plattsburgh and her graduate studies at Skidmore College. She resides in Amsterdam.

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

### German-American Club plans bazaar

The German-American Club of Albany will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 32 Cherry St., Albany, off Fuller Road.

There will be new and slightly used Christmas items and other goodies for sale, as well as an assortment of homemade cookies/cakes.

For more information, call 674-1422 or 477-5485.

### Defensive driving classes slated

The Safety and Health Council, a chapter of the National Safety Council, has announced its schedule of defensive driving courses for Nov.

The course, which consists of six hours of classroom instruction, is held at the Council's offices, 45 Colvin Avenue, Albany. Participants may take the program all at once, in a full-day session, or over two evenings in a three-hour segments.

The one-day courses will be held Saturday, Nov. 12; Wednesday, Nov. 16; or Sunday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The two-part course will be held on Tuesdays, Nov. 22 and 29, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Completion of the course entitles motorists to a 10 percent reduction on the base rate of their automobile liability and collision insurance – for a three year period – as long as the motorist is listed as the principal operator of the vehicle.

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# Actor returns to his roots

**Albany native has starring role in Steamer No. 10 show**

Alain Ackerman grew up going to shows at Steamer No. 10 Theater. Now he's starring in one.

Ackerman, who raised in Albany, has been hired to play the lead in "Jack, the Beanstalk, and Friends." He will perform the title role of Jack, in addition to roles as Granny (Little Red Riding Hood), the Pig who built a house of sticks (3 Little Pigs), and the Middle Brother Billy Goat Gruff.

After graduating from Albany High, Ackerman went on to study at Brandeis, as well as various schools in New York and London.

"Jack, the Beanstalk, and Friends" is an adventure in the Fairy Tale Kingdom and was adapted from various folk tales by Ric Chesser, who also directs the show. In addition to the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk some of the tales incorporated are Little Red Riding Hood, the Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the

Three Bears, The Billy Goats Gruff, and the Cow Who Jumped Over the Moon.

Other performers include Suzie Dunn as the Cow, the Big Bad Wolf, and the Troll; Angela Potrikus as the Jack's Mom, the Woodsman, the Huckster (who trades Jack gold for magic beans), the Pig who built a house of bricks, Mama Bear (from Goldilocks) and the Older Brother Billy Goat Gruff, and the Giant's wife.

A new addition to the company is Delmar resident Natasha Wesley, who takes the roles of Little Red Riding Hood, the Pig who built a house of straw, Goldilocks, Baby Billy Goat Gruff, and the Giant.

"Jack, the Beanstalk, and Friends" opens on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, with shows at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission, with advance purchase discounts available.

The theater is at 500 Western Ave., Albany. For more information, call 438-5503, email [info@steamer10theatre.org](mailto:info@steamer10theatre.org) or visit [www.steamer10theatre.org](http://www.steamer10theatre.org).



Jack, played by Alain Ackerman, wanders through the Fairytale Kingdom on his many adventures in Steamer No. 10's production of "Jack, the Beanstalk, and Friends." The children's theater show will be presented Saturdays and Sundays at 3 pm, as well as Nov. 11, Veterans Day at the playhouse, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Tickets are \$12 general admission, with an advance purchase discount available.

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Notice of Formation of 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 9, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of JACKSFLASH LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/23/11. Office loca-

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tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76535 (D) (November 9, 2011)

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 9, 2011)

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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 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 9, 2011)

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

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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 9, 2011)

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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.

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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 9, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 9, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 9, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 as 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 9, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification 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 9, 2011)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 9, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of FIFS, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/21/11. 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 9, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 9, 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

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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 9, 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 9, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of INTERGEO SOLUTIONS, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/1/11. 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, Treviso, 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 9, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 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 9, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 9, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 9, 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,

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NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76987 (D) (November 9, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 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 9, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Gladly 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 9, 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 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 9, 2011)

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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 9, 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 9, 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

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Notice of Formation Razz Twin Capital LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/13/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76973 (D) (November 9, 2011)

**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 9, 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 9, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of ISLAND SPARKLING WATERS 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. 76969 (D) (November 9, 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 9, 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 9, 2011)



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## Eagles

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it difficult for Saratoga to find room to shoot the ball. The shots the Blue Streaks did get were smothered by Lady Eagle goaltender Katie Nickles, who made 18 saves.

"As soon as they got that two-goal lead, I'm sure he [coach Rogan] decided to pack the defense in because he knew how dangerous of a team we are," said Dannehy.

"We played a bit more defense than we wanted to, but we talk about how to play with a one-goal lead, how to play with a two-goal lead and how to play from behind," said coach Rogan. "I just didn't expect to play that much defense."

Saratoga's best chances to get on the scoreboard came late in the second half. In one instance, Nickles misplayed a ball near the right post as two Saratoga players crashed the goal. The Blue Streaks got a shot off, but it dribbled wide of

the open net and went out of bounds. The other time, the ball got served into traffic in front of the Bethlehem goal, but the Lady Eagles defenders cleared it away.

"Obviously, it was a 110 percent effort from the beginning of the game to the very end," said Dannehy. "Even with 30 seconds left, they were looking for a shot. That's just the kind of kids I have."

"We weren't sure a two-goal lead would be enough because they kept coming, but we did a great job defensively," said Olsen.

No. 2 Shen assumed early control of its semifinal game against No. 6 Shaker (6-9-4). Kristen Connors scored twice in the first 20 minutes to give the Plainwomen a 2-0 lead, and she added a third goal in the second half to seal the victory.

Shen and Bethlehem meet Wednesday at Stillwater High School for the Sectional title. Bethlehem defeated Shen in each of the past two Class AA title games, but the Plainwomen own a 1-0 regular season victory over the Lady Eagles.

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## BC claims volleyball title

### Eagles sweep Shen to repeat as A champs

The Bethlehem boys volleyball team is heading back to the regional round of the state playoffs after beating Shenendehowa 3-0 in last Saturday's Section II Class A championship match at Hudson High School.

The Eagles (24-1) overcame a slow start in the first game to beat the Plainmen (20-3) 26-24, 25-19 and 25-20 and earn their second consecutive Sectional title.

Mike Marshman had 15 kills, and Benji Federman contributed 41 assists to lead Bethlehem. Mike Carrk and Jake Abbuhl combined to record 21 kills.

Bethlehem meets Section I champion Suffern in Saturday's regional final at Clarkstown South High School.

In other Sectional volleyball action last weekend, Voorheesville defended its Class C girls title by beating Loudonville Christian 3-0 in Saturday's final at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School.

Caroline Bablin recorded nine kills to lead the Blackbirds, who won by scores of 25-15, 25-20 and 25-21.

Voorheesville plays Section X champion Salmon River in Friday's girls volleyball regional in Gloversville.

Guilderland had hopes of joining Voorheesville in the regional round, but the Lady Dutch fell to defending champion Shenendehowa 3-1 last Friday at BH-BL.

Guilderland fought hard against Shen after dropping the first game 25-14. The Lady Dutch won the second game 25-21 before falling by scores of 25-23 and 30-28 in the final two games.

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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: The LLC, 2504 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11234. General Purposes: 77116 (D) (November 9, 2011)

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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 9, 2011)

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Island Smokes XVIII 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 9, 2011)

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Island Smokes XXI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY

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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 9, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Universal Food Solutions, 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 9, 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 9, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of mile-sperhour LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/20/11. Office location: Albany County.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JOYRIDER FILMS, LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. WAS FILED WITH SSNY ON 10/25/11. 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.**

77107 (D) (November 9, 2011)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Name: Bloomah's Delights, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 9/14/11. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 102 Gullane Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 77450 (D)

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**NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Name: Northeast Green Center, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 9/23/11. Office location: Rensselaer County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 215 Oakwood Avenue, Troy, NY 12182. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 77449 (D) (November 9, 2011)

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Name: Sweeney Holdings, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/26/11. Office location: Albany County, NY. Secretary of State (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 8 Interstate Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 77448 (D) (November 9, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Rubin Productions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/11. 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, 143 W. 72nd St.,

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NY, NY 10023. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77447 (D) (November 9, 2011)

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# Swim

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finished third with a time of 1:48.61.

Samson and Guilderville's Jenna Bickel set individual records at Sectionals. Samson claimed the 500-yard freestyle title with a record time of 4:58.41, while Bickel broke her own mark in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 55.44 seconds.

"I'm really glad that I bettered my time because this was my last chance to do it," said Bickel, who will be swimming for Penn State at this time next year.

Samson helped seal Shen's team title with her performance in the 500-yard freestyle and swimming the anchor leg of the Plainswomen's 200-yard freestyle relay, which turned in an All-American consideration time of 1:37.96 to take first place.

"I told her that it was probably the best 10 minutes anybody has had," said Dunham. "She won the 500, she got the scholar-athlete award and won the 200 freestyle relay."

Samson and Zhou — who won the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard butterfly — said they didn't mind sharing most outstanding swimmer honors.

"We're really good friends outside of Section II swimming, so it was great that we shared this," said Samson.

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake eased past the field to win the Division II team title with 417.5 points. Queensbury was second with 332.5 points, and Glens Falls placed third with 295 points.

Sara Swett led BH-BL

## Wegman wins triathlon title

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Roxanne Wegman placed first in the women's collegiate division at the Austin Half Ironman triathlon Oct. 23 in Texas.

Wegman — competing with the West Point triathlon team — completed the event in a time of 4 hours, 51:59 to win the national collegiate championship and place 14th out of 717 competitors overall. She defeated two professional Ironman competitors along the way.

The Half Ironman consisted of a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride and a 13.1-mile run.

This is the first year that Wegman, a former cross country runner at Bethlehem, has competed in triathlon.

with victories in the 200- and 500-yard freestyles, and the Spartans' 200-yard medley relay team qualified for the state meet with a winning time of 1:53.07.

The following Bethlehem and Guilderville swimmers earned qualifying times for the state meet Nov. 18 and 19 at Erie Community College in Buffalo in these events:

200-yard medley relay — Bethlehem (Tara O'Donnell, Grace Ayer, Bethany Powhida and Lauren Zemerling)

200-yard individual medley — Grace Ayer (Bethlehem) and Bethany Powhida (Bethlehem)

50-yard freestyle — Lauren Zemerling (Bethlehem) and Jenna Bickel (Guilderville)

100-yard freestyle — Tara O'Donnell (Bethlehem) and Lauren Zemerling (Bethlehem)

200-yard freestyle relay — Guilderville (Jenna Bickel, Helen Merkley, Kendall Cietek and Mackenzie Cietek)

100-yard backstroke — Jenna Bickel (Guilderville) and Tara O'Donnell (Bethlehem)

100-yard breaststroke — Grace Ayer (Bethlehem)

400-yard freestyle relay — Bethlehem (Lauren Zemerling, Bethany Powhida, Kelsey Bohl and Tara O'Donnell)



The Guilderville 200-yard freestyle relay team qualified for the state meet after posting a third-place time of 1:41.82 at last Saturday's Section II Division I championships in Clifton Park. The team is, from left, Kendall Cietek, Mackenzie Cietek, Helen Merkley and Jenna Bickel.

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## Sports in the Spotlight

## Eagles return to Sectional final



Bethlehem's Elle Lutz (black jersey) knocks the ball away from Saratoga's Elizabeth Adams (2) and Isabella Wager (16) during last Friday's Section II Class AA semifinal game at Schuylerville High School.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

## Two early goals help Bethlehem beat Saratoga

By ROB JONAS  
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Bethlehem and Shenendehowa will decide the Section II Class AA girls soccer title for the third year in a row.

Bethlehem (13-3-2) defeated Saratoga 2-0 in one semifinal game last Friday at Schuylerville High School, while Shen (13-4-1) handled Shaker 3-1 in the other semifinal.

No. 4 Bethlehem scored both of its goals within the first 16 minutes of the first half and spent the rest of the game preserving its lead against near-constant pressure from top-seeded Saratoga (13-3-2) to earn its ninth Sectional championship game berth in the last 10 years.

"That's always our goal," said Bethlehem midfielder Allie Olsen. "No matter who's graduated and who's still on the team, that's always the goal."

"I'm the luckiest coach in Section II to have all the talent that has come through this program," said Bethlehem coach Tom Rogan.

Tara Teal got the Lady Eagles on the scoreboard eight minutes into the first half when she redirected Jackie Kearney's pass into the net. Several minutes later, Olsen lofted a long shot that sailed over Saratoga goaltender Liz Rogan and under the crossbar to give Bethlehem a two-goal cushion.

"I tried to compose [the shot] and get it in the back of the net," said Olsen.

"That's probably one of the toughest plays for a keeper to make," said Saratoga coach Adrienne Dannehy. "Ninety-nine percent of the time, she [Rogan] punches that ball away."

Saratoga turned up the pressure on Bethlehem's defense, but the Lady Eagles held firm. Bethlehem crowded the back portion of the field with bodies, which made it difficult for Saratoga to get into the goal.

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## Bethlehem duo Records fall at swim meet heads west

## Carpinello, Crawford qualify for XC states

Bethlehem is sending two runners to this weekend's New York State Cross Country Championships outside of Rome.

Luke Carpinello and Matt Crawford each had top-10 finishes to earn their berths to the state meet at last Friday's Section II meet at Saratoga Spa State Park.

Carpinello was the first non-Shaker runner to cross the finish line in the boys Class A race. The senior placed fourth with a time of 15:43.39 — a short time after the Shaker trio of Mike Libruk (first place, 15:13.49), Jon Vallecorsa (second, 15:18.95) and Christian Delago (third, 15:36.15) finished the race.

Crawford finished sixth with a time of 15:44.02 to join Carpinello, Saratoga's Brent Freestone and Albany's Philo Germano on the Section II team going to Vernon-Vernon-Sherrill High School for Saturday's state meet.

Bethlehem placed third in the Class A boys team standings with 67 points. Shaker defended its Section II title with a winning total of 29 points, while Saratoga took second place with 61 points. Guilderland finished fourth

with 140 points, two points ahead of Shenendehowa.

Voorheesville's Joe Becker is also heading to the state meet after a seventh-place finish in the boys Class C race. Becker finished with a time of 16:18.05 to lock up a berth on the Sectional team.

Voorheesville placed seventh out of 20 Class C boys teams at the Sectional meet with 171 points. Fonda-Fultonville won the team title with 62 points.

On the girls' side, Guilderland's Jenna Robinson had a top-10 finish in the Class A race to qualify for the state meet. Robinson placed sixth with a time of 18:04.80, 4.14 seconds behind fifth-place Maryanna Lansing of Shaker.

Guilderland and Shaker each had 109 points, but Shaker edged Guilderland for third place in the girls team standings when its sixth runner finished ahead of Guilderland's sixth runner. Saratoga rolled to the Class A title with 22 points after taking six of the top 10 places overall.

Bethlehem placed sixth with 125 points.

Voorheesville finished sixth in the girls Class C team standings with 170 points. Michelyn Little led the Blackbirds with a 19th-place finish in a time of 20:31.23.

## Bickel breaks own mark in 100 backstroke

By ROB JONAS  
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Section II swimmers were busy rewriting the record books at last Saturday's Division I championship meet at the Shenendehowa Aquatic Center in Clifton Park.

Several records were set in the meet including the state mark in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The Niskayuna team of Kina Zhou, Mikayla Frodey, Emma Terwilliger and Maggie Jordan swam a time of 3:29.80, 15 seconds faster than the record set by Ithaca in 2007.

"That was so exciting," said Zhou, who also had two individual victories to share Most Outstanding Swimmer honors with Shen's Olivia Samson. "We were talking about breaking the state record, and when we did, it was awesome."

"There are four really great girls there, and they put together a very good relay," said Niskayuna coach Steven Hall.

Shen claimed the Division I team title with 494 points, 41 points ahead of second-place Niskayuna. Bethlehem was third with 291 points.

That result was a far cry from what took place in last year's Division I meet



Guilderville's Jenna Bickel competes in the 100-yard backstroke at last Saturday's Section II Division I meet at the Shenendehowa Aquatic Center.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

when Niskayuna used a victory in the 400-yard freestyle relay to edge Shen by one point for the team title.

"It's the best feeling, and as a team this is what we strive to do year in and

year out," said Shen coach Chuck Dunham. "But I want to make the point that the Section as a whole swam well at this meet."

The 200-yard medley relay set the perfect tone for the Division I meet

as the top three teams broke the Section II record. Niskayuna won with a time of 1:47.71, Shen placed second with a time of 1:48.50 and Bethlehem

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