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"Humor is a great equalizer."



Wounded Warriors Project Executive Director Al Giordano talks about how humor heals alongside the participants of the new documentary by John Wager and Ray Rep.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

## Warriors of comedy

Documentary hopes to prove laughter heals all wounds

By MARCY VELTE  
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Bobby Henline always had a knack for comedy and a sense of humor that helped him keep sane while deployed in Iraq, but after sustaining devastating battlefield injuries his joke became a lifeline.

In April of 2007, the Army staff sergeant lost an arm and 38 percent of his body was burned after an improvised explosive device struck his Humvee outside the village of Zaganayah. For a while, Henline said he didn't want to live anymore, suffering through dozens of surgeries and medical procedures to help him live a semi-normal life, but comedy brought him back from the brink.

"A sense of humor helps us to heal. Not physically. We all know how the human body works. But mentally, humor really helps," he said. "It helps us and it helps our family to know we're still here and we're going to be all right."

For the past two years, Henline has been touring as a motivational speaker and stand-up comedian, telling his story to others. Now, he and four other wounded veterans are part of a new project aimed to use humor as a method of rehabilitation.

"Humor is a great equalizer," said Saratoga Springs resident John Wager, co-producer of the new documentary "Comedy Warriors: Healing through Humor." "It can lift you through hard times and help you heal. ... These veterans have been through hell and back on our behalf and now they are about to

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## Flooding input sought

Community dialogue to be held Nov. 30 to collect public comments

By GREG FRY  
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Clarksville resident Rob Breen considers himself one of the lucky ones.

Tropical Storm Irene caused a flooded basement that is still drying out and enough water running into his yard to create a "mini Grand Canyon" that split his property in two, but Breen was able to escape the storm with a relatively small amount of damage.

Breen, a professor at Siena College, moved to Clarksville 18 months ago with his family. He immediately took interest in the work done by the Onesquethaw-Coeymans Watershed Council, a group that examines issues within the watershed in areas like South Bethlehem, Feura Bush, Selkirk, New Scotland and Clarksville. He's helped to organize a community meeting Nov. 30 for residents of the area who are

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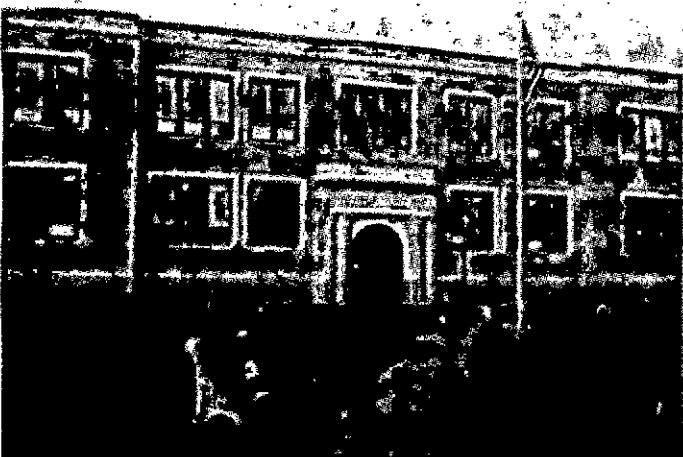
Residents concerned with flooding problems in the Onesquethaw-Coeymans Watershed will meet Nov. 30.

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## Town Hall work coming to an end

Final price tag for roof repairs is \$345k

By GREG FRY  
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Work to repair Bethlehem Town Hall is nearly complete.

Greg Fry/Spotlight

Months after pieces of Bethlehem Town Hall crumbled onto cars parked below, town officials said the work to repair the building is nearly complete.

In March, a portion of the parapet wall at the town's headquarters crashed down onto several parked cars. No one was injured, but the town was forced to come up with a patchwork plan to keep more damage from being done.

The most visible repairs were

related to the crumbling parapet walls, and the clear damage that was done when pieces of the exterior broke away from the building. However, crews conducted a "rigorous analysis," according to Supervisor Sam Messina, to determine what else had to be done.

The town initially approved \$475,000 worth of work for the building, including the emergency repairs and additional work. However, Messina said the final total for repairs came in at \$345,000. The initial bid for the work at Town Hall was \$318,000, but when crews began their work on top of the building, the price tag went up.

"When they went up there and did

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# Images from the front lines

**Exhibition at the Breathing Room shows soldiers' photos from Iraq and Afghanistan**

By GREG FRY  
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Most times, the Breathing Room Wellness Studio in Delmar is an open space, a haven for yoga lovers.

But on Saturday, Nov. 19, the studio was filled with the photographs of four veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The photographs captured some of their perspectives on their time in the military without depicting graphic scenes from the wars in both countries.

Breathing Room co-owner Mikko Cook said the decision to host the exhibition was a personal one.

"One of the things that Breathing Room is about is trying to help people find new alternative ways to bring awareness and healing into their lives," said Cook. "As a result, and this is because of experience in our own lives, that we found that these things were very helpful for us."

The link was made through the director of the studio's yoga program, whose husband,

Army Staff Sgt. Robert Spohr Jr., showed his photographs at the event.

"We are always looking for ways to just bring awareness to their experiences, and ways that they can communicate their experience," said Cook. "Because, just standing there and talking to somebody about what you've experienced in combat is not an opportunity that arises every day."

Spohr, Sgt. Nicholas George, Sgt. Sean Baxter, and Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Williams, who all displayed their photos at the event, all have ties to the Capital District. Each man served in Iraq, and Baxter served in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Both Baxter and George have served two tours of duty in the Army.

Stirring images at the exhibition included some of the most frightening sights that could be captured – the explosion of an improvised explosive device, or IED, from afar – and some that had a sense of simplicity, such as a picture of two army vehicles with soldiers inside, with a fading sunset and trees in the background.

Cook described the process of viewing photographs from a war as "surreal."

"It has that really familiar feeling of looking at someone's pictures, and a really foreign



**ABOVE:** Army Staff Sgt. Robert Spohr Jr. took this photo of a detonated improvised explosive device during his service in Iraq. Spohr was one of four veterans to display his photos during an exhibition Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Breathing Room in Delmar. A picture of a military vehicle silhouetted against a sunset, right, was also part of the exhibit.

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feeling of looking at a man in full combat gear standing in a field with flowers," said Cook.

The hope for Cook is that the exhibit opened up another way of thinking regarding soldiers coming back from combat.

"There are a whole lot of people coming back from overseas who are desperate to find ways to fit back into the community and heal from what they've experienced," Cook said.

Along with helping the soldiers themselves to heal, the soldiers themselves were helping others by making the photographs available for purchase to those attending the exhibition. Half of all the proceeds from purchased pictures will be donated to the

local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and their Adopt A Family program. Through that program, families of soldiers currently serving in combat are chosen, and receive donations of gifts and clothing during the holidays.

It may seem like a clash of cultures to incorporate pictures of war and a yoga studio, but Cook said that alternative ways of healing might be gaining momentum.

"They're trying their best to figure out how to make it work, how to deal with the trauma of what they've experienced. The traditional methods are working, but not working as well as everyone would hope," Cook said.

**"There are a whole lot of people coming back from overseas who are desperate to find ways to fit back into the community and heal from what they've experienced."**

— Breathing Room co-owner Mikko Cook



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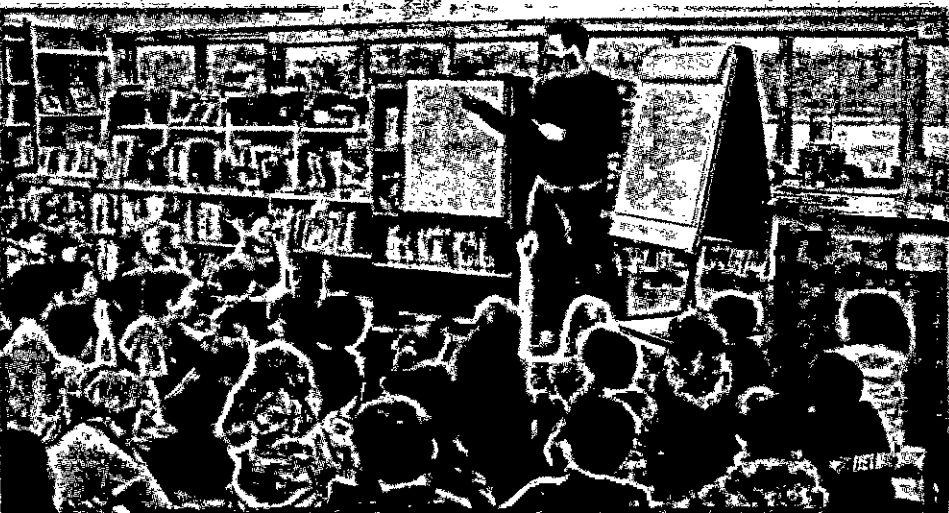
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# Author visits Glenmont



On Monday, Nov. 15, Glenmont students were treated to several presentations by Jarrett J. Krosoczka, author of the popular "Punk Farm" and "Lunch Lady" series of books. He encouraged students to do a lot of drawing and writing outside of school and told them to remember that revisions are an important part of the process. Glenmont librarian Anne Johnson coordinated the PTA-funded visit.

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# Grant to fund upgrades at RCS

## Money part of LaFarge settlement

New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman recently announced the creation of a nearly \$450,000 grant program to help the Raveña-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District transform district school buildings into "high performance" schools at no cost to taxpayers.

The improvements will increase building energy efficiency, improve environmental conditions in classrooms and reduce operating costs for the District. The program was created in partnership with the state Department of Environmental Conservation and New York

State Energy Research and Development Authority.

Funding for the program was obtained by New York as a result of a multi-state settlement with LaFarge North America, Inc. and its subsidiaries, one of the nation's largest cement companies, over alleged violations of the federal Clean Air Act related to emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides. The company operates 13 cement plants nationwide, including a facility in the Village of Raveña.

Interim RCS Superintendent of Schools Elisabeth Smith said, "This substantial funding will provide the District with the resources to undertake school improvements that

will increase our energy conservation, save us money and, best of all, enhance the educational environment we provide for our students."

The RCS Central School District already has identified improvement opportunities. This work identified a number of potential projects for funding, including installing high-efficiency lighting, boilers and water heating systems, as well as upgrading building ventilation and air filtration systems.

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## Police blotter

## G'land police warn of burglaries

The Guilderland Police Department has issued a warning about an increase in burglaries during the daytime hours in the vicinity of the Guilderland Center and Fort Hunter neighborhoods.

Police are warning residents to lock their doors and windows when they leave home and to report any suspicious activity to law enforcement.

Guilderland police have also warned of would-be burglars who knock on doors and come up with excuses such as looking for a lost dog or for a friend, to see if anyone is home.

Police have received reports in the areas of Route 158, West Old State Street, East Lydius Street, Serafini Drive, Partridgeberry Court, Dobie Lane, Depot Road and Ostrander Road.

Investigations into those burglaries are ongoing, and police said that the public's assistance could help in solving the crimes.

Anyone with information should call the Guilderland Police Department's Investigations division at 356-1501.

## Rensselaer woman charged in Rx fraud

Bethlehem Police have charged a Rensselaer woman for allegedly obtaining prescriptions illegally with someone else's identification.

Police said Marjorie Louise Poole, 29, worked for a company that cleaned the victim's residence. They said Poole was able to obtain prescriptions from the Walmart in Glenmont while using the victim's license.

Police interviewed Poole at her home, where she allegedly admitted the crime to police.

Poole is charged with a number of crimes, including criminal possession of a controlled substance and insurance fraud.

## Twenty 'Occupy Albany' arrests

State Police arrested a total of 20 people at the Occupy Albany encampment over a two-day period for allegedly refusing to leave after a park curfew.

Nineteen members

of the Occupy Albany encampment were arrested on Monday, Nov. 14, after they entered Lafayette Park in Albany and remained beyond the park's closing hour of 11 p.m., refusing an order to leave the park, according to State Police reports.

The following people were charged with trespass and disorderly conduct and issued appearance tickets to appear in Albany City Court on Nov. 29: Matthew D. Cragan, 28, of West Berne; Michael J. Lamorre, 57, of Albany (also arrested Sunday, Nov. 13); Bradley W. Russell, 39, of Albany (also arrested Sunday, Nov. 13); Timothy L. Holmes, 48, of West Chazy; Moses W. Clark, 21, of Albany; Charlene L. Lynch, 41, of Chesapeake, Va. (also arrested Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12 and 13); Robert B. Eaton, 33, of Albany (also arrested Sunday, Nov. 13); Sheila A. Fitzgerald, 24, of Troy (also arrested Saturday, Nov. 12); Christine M. Lynch, 38, of Ballston Spa (also arrested Sunday, Nov. 13); Brian W. Mungavin, 31, of Troy;

Rick P. Borecki, 27, of Colonie (also arrested Saturday, Nov. 12); Walter I. Schoonmaker Jr., 25, of Colonie (also arrested Saturday, Nov. 12); Rhiannon D. Hill-Caitlin, 29, of Colonie (also arrested on Saturday, Nov. 12); Rachel M. Carter, 22, of Troy; Soojee Eckardt-Rigberg, 16, of Delmar (also arrested Saturday, Nov. 12); Michael C. Hinglebone, 19, of Schenectady (also arrested Sunday, Nov. 13); John W. Weidman, 22, of Coleman, Fla. (also arrested Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12 and 13); Christopher J. Anderson, 35, of Schenectady; Russell D. Bridge, 40, of Albany (also arrested Saturday, Nov. 12).

Around 12:55 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15, Patricia E. Michel, 55, of Saratoga Springs, was arrested by State Police when she entered Lafayette Park in Albany and refused to leave when instructed, according to police reports. Michel was charged with trespass and issued an appearance ticket to appear in Albany City Court on Nov. 29, according to police reports.



Bethlehem Police Chief Louis Corsi, center, and Deputy Chief Timothy Beebe, right, were at TD Bank minutes after it was reportedly robbed.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

## Search continues for Delmar bank bandit

Bethlehem Police are continuing their investigation into an armed robbery that took place Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the TD Bank branch on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Police received a report at 2:30 p.m. of a robbery at the branch. Police said a man armed with a handgun approached a teller and demanded money. The suspect left the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash. No one was injured. As of Friday, Nov. 19, no arrests had been made.

Police are looking for a white male in his 20s or 30s who was wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt, camouflage-style pants, a black knit hat and mask. He stood five feet eight inches to six feet tall, had reddish-blond facial hair, was unshaven, had a raspy voice and a strong odor of

cigarettes on him, police said.

Albany police and New York State Police assisted Bethlehem police at the scene. Canine units were at the scene shortly after 3 p.m., and a helicopter circled the area. The suspect was last seen fleeing in the direction of Hudson Avenue. Officers with weapons were also visible outside the bank shortly after the robbery.

Bethlehem Central School District officials were notified about the robbery, and students at Elmsmere Elementary School were not permitted to walk or bike home that day.

Bethlehem police are investigating a number of leads, but ask anyone who may have information to call them at 439-9973.

Check spotlightnews.com for updates.

— Greg Fry

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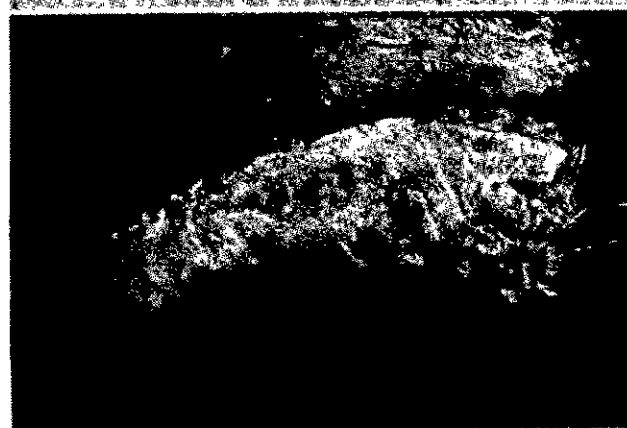
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# Lawmakers aim to close 'Penn State Loophole'

**Legislation would mandate college staff to report child abuse**

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Allegations of child abuse at Penn State have spurred some lawmakers to close what they called a loophole here in the Empire State.

Assemblymen James Tedisco, R-Glenville, and George Amedore, R-Rotterdam, along with Sens. Hugh Farley, R-Niskayuna, and George Maziarz, R-Newfane, officially introduced the College Coaches and Professionals Reporting Act to the state Legislature on Thursday, Nov. 18. The bill would mandate college staff to report any alleged child abuse to the proper authorities.

After being in circulation for a day, 11 fellow Assembly members from both major parties have signed on to sponsor the bill.

"It's clear from the bi-partisan support ... there is a real recognition that New York has an opportunity

to be progressive and close the 'Penn State Loophole' to help protect children," Tedisco said in a statement.

Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky allegedly sexually assaulted eight male children he met through a charity program he created to help troubled young boys, according to a Pennsylvania grand jury report. The report also alleged many members of the Penn State community failed to properly report or attempt to stop the abuse.

Longtime football coach Joe Paterno was fired by the university's Board of Trustees in the wake of the scandal, as was Penn State President Graham Spanier. Though allegations of wrongdoing were reported to college officials, it is alleged they were not passed on to police. Sandusky faces 40 criminal charges.

Tedisco said the bill is a positive aspect to the "tragedy" unfolding at Penn State.

"Caring about kids is not a Republican or Democratic issue, it is everybody's issue," said Tedisco.

Tedisco said he

**"Caring about kids is not a Republican or Democratic issue, it is everybody's issue."**

Assemblyman Jim Tedisco, R-Glenville

wanted top priority placed on the bill, when the Legislature reconvenes. Amedore echoed these remarks and stressed the importance of passing the bill.

"Although it is unfortunate that legislation is needed to require adults to fulfill their moral responsibility, it is vital that we decisively bring this ... on to the Governor's desk," Amedore said in a statement.

The bill would add a number of college and instructional titles to the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse, including college coaches, athletic directors, professors, graduate assistants, college administrators and college presidents. Also, paid staff members of children's camps, summer day camps and travel camps would be added to the list.

Failure to report an

incident of child abuse is a Class A misdemeanor crime, which carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail.

Sen. Maziarz said the legislation creates "another line of defense against attempts to ignore or cover up" allegations of child abuse.

Sen. Farley echoed Maziarz's support of the bill.

"This legislation is necessary to help ensure that people do the right thing and take the necessary step to protect children from predators," Farley said in a statement.

Karl Luntta, spokesman for the

University at Albany, said there are already protocols on the SUNY campus for reporting such alleged crimes.

"We haven't had time to review it, so I can't comment directly on the bill," said Luntta on Thursday, Nov. 17. "We do have protocols in place for reporting sexual assault. The university is committed to maintaining an environment here that supports our educational mission. ... We do not tolerate sexual assault."

He said there is a sexual assault prevention program on campus and there are "a couple avenues" for reporting sexual assault crimes.

Also, Luntta pointed to the Clery Act, which is a federal law passed in 1998, requiring the reporting of certain crimes occurring on a college campus.

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act affects all colleges and universities receiving federal assistance and mandates the college community "must be notified when certain crimes are reported to college officials or campus police. Coaches are considered to be college officials under the law.

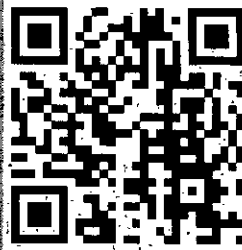
"This law requires that sports and the athletics program that certain crimes, including sexual assault, when witnessed by a member of the athletics program, by law must be reported directly to police."

At UAlbany, campus security is handled by sworn police officers, so reporting crimes to campus police would count as reporting directly to police.

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## Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

## The Spotlight gives thanks for our family of readers

Let's get right down to it: Thanksgiving is a great holiday, maybe even the best holiday.

This Thursday, families across this nation will come together for the express purpose of reconnecting, sharing, eating and making merry. What could possibly top that?

There will be no monthlong buildup of stress and extended evenings, no ridiculous expectations to meet. The greatest hazards and stresses will likely be placed on our frail bodies, which will be gorged to their limits with delicious comfort food.

Families get together for a really, really great meal and then take the rest of the day off. They visit, talk and think about the good things in life. It's that simplicity more than any history lesson that lends Thanksgiving to contemplation of what we have.

Even in these tough times, folks across the Capital District and country will sit down to a full meal, and those who cannot afford to do so can turn to one of many organizations providing dinners.

The plenty people in this country know is surely something to be thankful for, as is the generosity of those who give what they have to benefit strangers.

But the simplicity of the holiday isn't really what makes Thanksgiving so special. It's the people you spend the day with, some of whom you probably don't see nearly enough.

Here at *The Spotlight*, we're first and foremost all thankful for our families. This holiday certainly serves as an important reminder the most precious things in our lives are our loved ones, not our possessions.

We're also thankful for all those who cross our paths in any given week, from those who tell us their stories to our advertisers who make this whole enterprise possible.

But we're also thankful for you, the reader. The fact there are so many people who take interest in their communities is heartening to us, and not only because that's what we do here. We think it's encouraging to know that people still care about their neighbors.

So from us at *The Spotlight* to you and yours, enjoy and savor not only this Thanksgiving meal but also the company of those you share it with, and have a happy holiday season to come.

### Editorial

## African youngsters grateful for Albany's Coach Banda

By John Cardillo

A September Sports Illustrated article titled "Sports Saves the World" charted the progress of several organizations around the world helping combat poverty, AIDS, malaria and a host of other social issues through sports. Though not featured in the article, Albany's Kalekeni Banda and his Guiderland-based Banda Bola Sports Foundation can be counted among those grassroots efforts. And for Coach Banda it's personal.

As we celebrate our American Thanksgiving, 10 pallets of sports equipment and school supplies donated primarily by Capital Region residents are scheduled to arrive in rural Chituka Village in Malawi, Africa. Coach Banda will be on hand to accept delivery and assist with the distribution of the donations to underprivileged children of all ages in the sleepy little African town without electricity and running water.

"It will be as if I am giving them gold," Coach Banda, who left the village in 1965 to come to the United States, said before departing for his trek across the Atlantic.

He would know because this is not the first time he has delivered supplies there. He was raised in the village, so he is familiar with its people and their needs.

It was December 2007 when he first brought soccer equipment and school supplies to the children there, as well as to young people in surrounding villages. It was then that the idea of the Banda Bola Sports Foundation and the Chituka Village Project was hatched.

Children in Malawi face many adversities including extreme poverty, famine, drought, and diseases such as cholera, malaria and HIV-AIDS. Moreover, education is not mandated. While primary and middle schools exist, many of these schools lack the basic supplies and resources such as pencils, pens, notebooks and textbooks. As a result, many children do not have the

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opportunity to become engaged scholastically.

A typical class in a Malawi primary school has 60-100 students and one teacher. Most students have no shoes. During the rainy season many kids skip school because they don't have dry clothes to wear.

Banda Bola Sports Foundation With his effort, Coach Banda plans to effect change by working to provide the necessary resources. Phase one has begun and involves after school sports and education mentoring. His foundation has already partnered with local organizations, secondary schools and soccer clubs to secure volunteer mentors and coaches for the school children. Other partners will be cultivated now that Coach Banda, who lists UAlbany among his coaching stops, is back in Africa.

Before taking the field, participants are required to participate in additional scholastic exercises. Reading, writing and arithmetic are emphasized, and each child receives, at minimum, a pen, pencil and notebook. According to Coach Banda, the children feel blessed to receive these gifts, with the smiles on their faces revealing their joy.

"We want to ensure these children receive a basic education so they will have the tools to break the cycle of adversity they face," Coach Banda said. "The goal is to stimulate young boys and girls to visualize, comprehend and even marvel at the opportunity for growth in their personal lives. We want to make an educational impact that lasts a lifetime."

The Banda Bola Sports Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization. Among its many supporters is the Jack Brewer Foundation, which

### Make your point

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

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helped finance the shipping of the container to Africa. As you would imagine, fund raising has been the organization's biggest challenge. While organizations, teams and individuals generously donated the items recently shipped overseas, raising the funds to pay for its shipment was difficult. If the Jack Brewer Foundation had not stepped up, the items may still be sitting in a Scotia warehouse.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all for which we have to be thankful. It is also a time for reaching out to those most in need. This Thanksgiving, please add the children of Chituka Village to your prayers. Also help spread the word about the Banda Bola Sports Foundation and the wonderful work it does. The words you speak may lead to needed resources and partnerships. The children of Chituka will thank you.

For more information on the Banda Bola Sports Foundation, visit [www.bandabolaspportsfoundation.org](http://www.bandabolaspportsfoundation.org), e-mail [chitukavp@yahoo.com](mailto:chitukavp@yahoo.com) or write Banda Bola Sports Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 105, Guiderland, NY 12084. The Chituka Village Project is the foundation's initial effort.

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## Weekly poll

### Has the Black Friday shopping hype gone overboard?

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#### Last week's poll results:

"Is it too early for Christmas music to be playing on the radio?"

- Yes. 88%
- No. 12%

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## Your Opinion in The Spotlight

### Time to speak out on Albany County tax increase

Editor, *The Spotlight*:  
First and foremost, thank you to all who voted for me and supported my reelection to a second term as your Albany County Legislator in the 36th District. I appreciate the confidence you placed in me to deal with the difficult issues now facing the Albany County.

campaign, all were appalled at the proposed 19.2% tax increase and expressed their disapproval and concern, especially in light of the Governor's 2% tax Cap. The 2% Cap can be exceeded if 60% of the Legislators vote in favor to override the Cap. I will be voting NO.

On Tuesday, November 29th, at 7:15 PM at the County Building at 112 State Street in Albany in

the Cahill room on the First Floor, there will be the opportunity for you to speak to Legislature. I strongly encourage you, your friends and neighbors to come to that meeting and let the Legislators know how you feel about the tax increase and overriding the 2% Cap. If you cannot attend, contact your Legislator by phone or email. Contact information can

be obtained at [www.albanycounty.com](http://www.albanycounty.com)

Your voices need to be heard and they can make a difference. If you are silent, more than likely you will see a double digit tax increase in your County Taxes.

Richard Mendick  
Albany County  
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36th District

### Don't forget super's accomplishments

Editor, *The Spotlight*:  
In the political excitement leading up to the forthcoming local election, the commendable service of Supervisor Sam Messina seems to have been forgotten. I think Mr. Messina focussed on the welfare of the town of Bethlehem to the exclusion of personal political ambitions and did a good job of running the town government. I am sorry that he was effectively dumped by the bosses of his party and denied the chance to run for a second term. The citizens of Bethlehem owe Sam Messina a debt of gratitude for his unselfish service, and I wish him well in his retirement from government service.

Delmar I served two terms as a village trustee downstate. Although a village is physically smaller than a town, both units of government deal with same issues: highway maintenance, water supply, sewage, snow removal, personnel, police, etc. This experience convinced me that there is no place for state or national politics in local government. The skills required are primarily managerial, not political. The town will be best served by people with business and technical skills who are not interested in using local positions as stepping stones toward higher political party positions.

John D. Alden  
Delmar

### Donate to a family in need this season

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The members of the 3rd District, Sons of the American Legion, representing Albany, Schenectady, Greene, Schoharie, Rensselaer, Ulster, Sullivan and Columbia Counties, are asking for donations for the families living in our hurricane and flood stricken counties to make their holiday season a little easier. Many of these families are struggling to repair their homes, making the holidays a luxury they can't afford.

Donations are being accepted through December 9, 2011. Checks can be made payable to: 3rd District Sons of the American Legion and mailed to: David Moak, 73 Udell Rd., Westerlo, NY 12193.

I am a 22 year member of the 3rd District, Sons of the

American Legion and a 26 year member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Local 291.

God Bless you and God Bless America.

David Moak  
3rd District Sons of the  
American Legion  
Greene County  
Commander

### Make time for more than football

Editor, *The Spotlight*:  
I am the only Bethlehem Central resident who is concerned about some of the priorities we are teaching our children. Today, I have the football team in mind.

From the day a student enters the program, it is clear that complete commitment is required of him. Football must become the most important thing in his life. I know that scholastic averages must be upheld, still, it is expected that Football will be his god. It seems to me that a coach worth his salt would see that these children have real spiritual needs that should be met and thus would be slow to schedule Sunday morning scrimmages and other activities that would take them out of their home churches. However, this

seems not to be the case. Here is a crowning example of a twisted priority: at the end of the season, when our stalwart boys have certainly earned a gala celebration (as have their parents who have faithfully sat on cold bleachers through all of those games), when do you suppose this event was scheduled? You guessed it, at 11AM on a Sunday morning.

There is something wrong with this picture. High School days come to an end. Some may go on to college sports and a tiny percentage may become professionals. Even so those careers tend to end early. Then what? Win or lose, I feel football should be a sport and in no way replace God in young lives.

Martha Slingerland  
Delmar

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## Climbing the Catskills with Bookah

Thursday December 8  
\* 7pm \* Bethlehem Public Library

Slingerlands resident Alan Via and his dog Bookah will talk about their adventures climbing the 100 highest peaks in the Catskills and share some great photos.

### Writers and friends: James Howard Kunstler

Sunday December 11 \*  
2pm \* Bethlehem Public Library

The author of A World Made By Hand will talk about his work and answer questions. Reception and book signing courtesy of I Love Books in Delmar. Supported by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.



### Daybooks

Monday December 12  
\* 1:30pm \* Bethlehem Public Library

White Christmas: the story of an American song by Jody Rosen. New members welcome.

### Bethlehem Library Board

Monday December 12  
\* 6:30pm \* open to the public

### Monday night at the movies

Monday December 12  
\* 7pm \* Bethlehem Public Library

Swing Time (1936, NR, 100 minutes). Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire star.

### E-Book open house

Tuesday December 13  
\* 6:30-8:30pm \* Bethlehem Public Library

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

### Pajama-Rama

Tuesday December 13  
\* 7pm \* Bethlehem Public Library

Stories and songs before bedtime for children up to age 6 and families.

Louise Grieco

## Babygarten adds another day

Babygarten is a very popular program at the library. So popular we've added another! A special Saturday story and playtime specifically for little ones aged newborn to 24 months. Join Miss Amy for songs and fun! Hear stories, rhymes, music and enjoy playtime with our amazing and newly expanded toy collection. Older siblings are welcome, but the program is geared for babies. Join us for the fun on Saturday, December 3 at 10:15 a.m. Just drop in! No registration is required for this program. Our regularly scheduled Babygartens are on Thursdays, December 1 and December 15 at 10:15 a.m.

### Toddler Town!

Getting too old for Babygarten, but feel



your child is not quite ready for preschool storytime yet? Toddlers will sing and dance their way through age-appropriate concepts like shapes and body parts and enjoy brief stories and flannel board activities. Come on down to Toddler Town on Wednesday, December 7 at 10:15 a.m. Just drop in! No registration is required for this program.

### Filmmaker's Eye on Civil War

Sunday December 4 at 2 p.m. join us for the screening of a film based on a novel by Louisa May Alcott. A mother raises her three daughters alone while her husband is away fighting in the war.

See our blog: <http://civilwarprograms.blogspot.com/> for more details about our Civil War programs.

### Holiday Cookie Exchange

Saturday December 10 at 10:30 a.m. Do you love a wide assortment of cookies for the holidays, but don't have time to bake ALL your favorites? A holiday cookie exchange may be just what you're looking for! Bring in 4 dozen of your favorite holiday cookie recipe. Cookies that can later be frozen are best. Arrange cookies on a platter or in a basket and bring a large container to carry away your cookies. During the cookie exchange, children will have the opportunity to decorate holiday sugar cookies.

## Chorus to kick off holiday season with concert

Get into the holiday spirit with the Bethlehem Senior Chorus presenting "Winter Dreams" at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Friday, December 2, at 1:00 pm. The program is sponsored by the Bethlehem Public Library and Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. We will have lunch beforehand at the Windowbox Café in Slingerlands, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to arrange transportation. Home pick up is available. Suggested van donation: \$3.00.

•The Annual Equinox Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 24 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 362 State St. in Albany. No reservations are needed.

•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



Town of Bethlehem

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.

•Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25 Town Hall is closed for Thanksgiving recess.

### Monday, Nov. 28

Shopping trip to Wal-Mart in Glenmont. Call 439-5770 to arrange transportation.

### Wednesday, Nov. 30

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

### Thursday, Dec. 1

Senior grocery

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

Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meet weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30 am - 3:30 pm. We play bridge, mah jongg, bingo and pinochle. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish.

### Friday, Dec. 2

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

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

Wilma DeLuca  
Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board Member

## IN BRIEF

### Study highlights evergreen trees

A field study of the natural history of evergreen trees will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m.

Evergreen trees provide many animals with food, nest sites, shelter from the weather and

protection from predators. On this outdoor foray over gentle terrain, Center staff will lead a tour of selected evergreen stands at Five Rivers. Participants will learn about the ecological and economic importance of evergreen species commonly used for seasonal decoration such as pine, spruce and fir. Participants will learn basic tree identification tips. The impact of invasive forest pest species will be discussed.

This program is open to

the public free of charge. In the event of inclement weather, this program may be cancelled. Please call 518-475-0291 for more information.

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# Holidays in swing at local library

## Thanksgiving holiday closing

The library will close at 5 pm on Wednesday, November 23rd and will be closed on Thursday, November 24th for Thanksgiving. We are open on Friday and Saturday, November 25th and 26th, 10 am to 5 pm.

## Computer classes

Classes are free and open to the public. Registration is required for all classes.

## Emergency Planning Class

Feel a bit more prepared for floods, blizzards, October snowstorms, etc. Discuss important supplies and documents that each family member can keep in a small back pack that can help you weather the unexpected. Learn how a basic safety kit can be assembled for as little as \$10.

Tuesday, Nov 29th at 6:30 pm or Wednesday, Nov 30th at 11 am

## Send a Holiday eCard

Wish your friends and family the happiest holiday season with a personalized eCard. Through this class, you will be able to experiment with safe internet sites that will allow you to send holiday greetings at no or low cost.

Tues, Dec. 6 at 6:30pm or Weds, Dec. 7 at 11am

## Book Gift Ideas with Goodreads

Goodreads.com is a popular source for matching dazzling books with those on your holiday gift list. In this workshop, you will learn to use the listopia feature for great book recommendations. If you wish, you can learn to set up your own account to track your book collection and create wish lists to share. Basic Internet skills are necessary for this workshop.

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## Stuffed animal sleepover

What happens at the library after everyone goes home? Kids ages 4 and up are invited to drop their stuffed animal buddies off by 5 pm on Friday, December 9th to find out!

Stuffed animal friends will have a sleepover at the library filled with fun and activities (and maybe a little misbehaving). Pick up your fuzzy friends the next day between 12 and 2 and get a chance to see and hear just what went on after hours at the library!

Register your stuffed friend by calling or emailing the library, 756-2053 or info@rcscommunitylibrary.org.

## What's new?

New Adult Fiction  
The Boy in the Suitcase by Lene Kaaberbol

Dark and Lonely Place by Edna Buchanan

11/22/63 by Stephen King

Scholar: A Novel in the Imager Portfolio by L. E. Modesitt

New Young Adult Fiction

Awake at Dawn by C. C. Hunter

Gossip Girl, Psycho Killer by Cecily Von Ziegeser

Half-Blood: A Covenant Novel by Jennifer Armentrout

Sacrifice by Laura J. Burns

# A moose and squirrel marathon

"Hey, Rocky! Watch Me Pull Some Popcorn Out of My Hat!"

On the day after Thanksgiving, the Guilderland Public Library presents "The Rocky & Bullwinkle Black Friday Marathon" in the Helderberg Room from 1 pm to 5 pm. Sponsored by the Crossgates Mall, this four-hour pun-fest from Frostbite Falls is a great way to spend all or part of an afternoon with the kids ... while someone else is out getting some shopping done.

From "The Adventures of Rocky & Bullwinkle" and "Fractured Fairy Tales" to "Dudley Do-Right of the Mounties" and "Peabody's Improbable History," we will make every effort to give all attendees a full dose of the cultural and topical humor that keeps this animated cartoon a lasting hit. We warn you, though:

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There is a full load of those ghastly but wonderful puns. (Remember "The Ruby Yacht of Omar Khayyam"?)

Will there be popcorn? Yes. Will there be room for the kids to stretch out? Absolutely. Drop in any time. The show goes from 1 to 5, and there's plenty of comfortable seating.

## Special Board Meeting

The Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees is holding a special meeting on Thursday, December 1, at 6:30 pm, to discuss issues related to the library's possible expansion. The public is encouraged to attend.

## Stonewall Film Finishes Documentaries

The story of the Stonewall Uprising in New York's Greenwich Village in 1969 is portrayed in a PBS film showing at 2 pm on Sunday, December 4, at the Guilderland Public Library.

What was first known as the Stonewall Riots marked a major turning point in the United States gay civil rights movement. In this 90-minute film, American Experience draws upon eyewitness accounts and rare archival material to bring this pivotal event to life.

## Closed Thanksgiving

The Library will close at 2 pm on Wednesday, November 23. It will remain closed Thanksgiving Day, November 24, and open at 10 am, Friday, November 25.

Mark Curiale

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

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Lucas Geller has traveled all over the world and even had a secure job in Washington D.C., but all of that seemed to be getting in the way of his true passion: teaching Chinese martial arts.

Geller began attending the Chinese Martial Arts Academy on Central Avenue when he was 13 years old, and took classes under his instructor Shifu Jian Jianye. Now 27, Geller is now better known as Shifu Master Lucas Geller at the Chinese Martial Arts Academy.

Though he's young, Geller has traveled to China, where he trained in martial arts at the Beijing Sport University for four years. He returned to the states and attended college at Ohio State University, where he ended up getting his Master's in Chinese. He

soon got a job working for a defense contractor for the Navy in Washington D.C., which he admitted was a different career path than what he was expecting.

"It is a stable industry and there is a lot of interesting things going on in the military," Geller said. "It was cool getting a security badge and being involved with interesting work. It had its perks but, for me, it was not the path I could see myself on."

A conversation with his parents over whether he wanted to do something new or different was cut short because he had to head off to martial arts training. That's when it hit him that he could turn his passion into a career.

Geller said he had always taught classes at the academy ever winter and summer break when he could, but he didn't have a very close relationship with the facility. When he decided he wanted to come back to the Capital District to try and set up his own shop, he gave Jianye a call for some advice.

"I called up my teacher

and he said, 'Do it,'" Geller said. "I asked if I came back to Albany to start a place would he support it and he said, 'Do it. Come back and I'll do whatever you need.'"

The conversation soon turned into what exactly Jianye and Geller could do together, which led to Geller taking over at the academy. Geller said this is something that Jianye wanted, as he was starting to get older and not able to handle the business like he used to.

Geller began adding different classes such as a kids program, Wushu (a form of Kung Fu) and even a fighting program, which is referred to as Sanshou—all things he said Jianye could not invest his time in as he started getting into his 60s.

"He got tired and started turning kids away," Geller said. "It's good to have new energy in there to revive what I think were the heydays of the Chinese Martial Arts Academy."

Taking over the academy also meant Geller would now be handling the business side of the facility,

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— Lucas Geller

as he had to pay various bills and get out advertising. Geller said that this is what Jianye wanted but it is also fulfilling a dream of his own.

"It's really a dream come true," Geller said. "Right now we are going through a transitional change where we are getting new programs started."

Geller said he was initially scared because he wasn't sure how many of the people Jianye used to teach would feel about him taking over. He said he is thankful, though, to have their support as he said it is a testament to the spirit of the school.

"It is such a positive place," he said. "Everyone



Lucas Geller, right, started taking karate lessons when he was 13 from Shifu Jian Jianye. Now 27, Geller is Shifu master at the Chinese Martial Arts Academy on Central Avenue.

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has so much respect for him. As long as he is smiling, people will be OK with it."

Jianye will still be teaching Taichi, a more slow-moving, meditative style of Kung Fu. He said that while he came to America to fulfill his dreams, he is happy to be helping Geller fulfill his.

"I came to American and made my dream come true," he said. "For 20 years, I have promoted and taught an important and wonderful legacy of Chinese culture: Taichi and Kung Fu, the fighting and healing arts. I am very happy to see Lucas take over. I am very proud of him."

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# Counties pool resources to offer help to seniors

**Coordinator hopes to spread word about protection program**

By GREG FRY  
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Edie Sennett was touched by the reaction of seniors during a recent ceremony held in Delmar to honor veterans who served as far back as World War II.

It's a common reaction for Sennett, who is the coordinator of the Long-Term Ombudsman Program in Albany, Schenectady, Montgomery, and Washington counties. The program, established through the federal Older Americans Act, is mandated for each county in New York.

Sennett's job is to work with residents of long-term senior care facilities throughout each county.

"We represent the resident," Sennett said following a ceremony at the Kenwood Manor home. "We don't represent any of the facilities. We represent them, so our allegiance is only to them." Through the ombudsman position, Sennett is responsible for helping residents to understand their rights within facilities. Those rights include being treated with respect and dignity, being able to manage their own finances

and being able to voice grievances without fear of retaliation.

"There's not a lot of money attached to the program," Sennett said. "We get federal money, and we get some state money."

More than \$67,000 is made available for the program yearly in the four counties. The federal government grants \$40,000, with the rest picked up by the state.

The Red Cross of Northeastern New York has sponsored the program in Albany, Schenectady, Montgomery and Washington counties since July 2010. By combining the programs, enough money was available to hire Sennett full-time.

Sennett estimated that she serves about 5,600 long-term care residents in the area. Forty certified volunteers provide Sennett with assistance by also speaking with residents.

In Rensselaer County, ombudsman Rich Haldeman started a program to recognize veterans of all military branches who now live in long-term care facilities. It's the type of program that Sennett hopes to expand throughout the areas she covers.

"Look at the people's faces who are being

recognized," said Sennett. "I think that what we see every day in our business as ombudsmen, many of the seniors, you know, there's nobody that comes to see them. They feel forgotten. So, here's an opportunity to recognize them."

The numbers indicate that the biggest problem is reaching all the elderly residents that Sennett represents. New York State ranked second in the nation in number of certified volunteer ombudsman, but ranked 43rd in the number of paid long-term care ombudsman program staff per long term care beds.

With the temptation by state and federal lawmakers to scale back on funding for many programs, Sennett pointed out that volunteer hours associated with the program saved New York close to \$6 million in 2010. However, Sennett is removed from the politics of the program.

"We certainly advocate for laws that benefit the seniors, but we don't really get involved in all of that," Sennett said.

To learn more about the Long-Term Ombudsman program, call 1-800-342-9871 or visit [www.ltcmbudsman.ny.gov](http://www.ltcmbudsman.ny.gov).



## Thanking a vet

Navy Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Adam Kemp of Saugerties returned to the Capital Region on Veterans Day after a six-month tour in Kuwait. He was recognized for his service by Siena Athletics and Dunkin' Donuts during a halftime ceremony as Siena played Navy on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Dunkin' Donuts donated coffee for a year to the nonprofit of Kemp's choice — the Saugerties VFW Post. Kemp (right) is pictured with his 20-month-old daughter, Audrey, and John LeMay, Director of Operations, Cafua Management, Dunkin' Donuts.

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# CDTA wins \$2.5M federal grant to purchase hybrid buses

## New BusPlus features also rolled out

By ALYSSA JUNG  
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The Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) has \$2.5 million to spend on new hybrid electric buses in 2013 courtesy of a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation Clean Fuels Program.

"We are extremely grateful for this award, which will allow us to stick with a planned purchase program for buses. New vehicles are the centerpiece of our efforts to attract new customers to our system," said CDTA CEO Carm Basile in a statement.

U.S. Sens. Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand worked to secure the grant, which

they announced on Monday, Nov. 14.

"The Capital Region is growing through green jobs and new technologies and our public transit system must be ready to handle the load," said Schumer.

The Clean Fuels Program was developed to "assist non-attainment or maintenance areas in achieving or maintaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and carbon monoxide."

The CDTA has a fleet of 235 vehicles on the road covering the Capital District and about 20 percent of those are hybrid electric vehicles, said Margo Janack, CDTA spokesperson. The CDTA has a Fleet Replacement Program in place that was developed a few years ago to help ensure vehicles

**"We've made it a point to secure hybrid diesel electric buses in our fleet because they're cleaner and quieter and have 90 percent less emissions."**

— Margo Janack, CDTA spokesperson

were regularly replaced when they reached their life span, which is about 12 years or every 500,000 miles, whichever comes first.

"This will help us continue the replacement of the buses," said Janack. "About one twelfth of our fleet will be purchased."

Regular replacement of vehicles once they're past their prime is important for safety and customer satisfaction.

"We want to make sure our buses on the road are safe and comfortable for the Capital Region," said Janack. "After a while if you go beyond the 12 year span they break down all the time, which becomes more costly to even fix than it would be to get new buses in."

The Clean Fuels Program grant was competitive and Janack said the CDTA was "pleased" to have secured it, especially given tight budgets.

Implementing green initiatives and promoting sustainability across its services has become an important cornerstone of CDTA's mission.

"We've made it a point

to secure hybrid diesel electric buses in our fleet because they're cleaner and quieter and have 90 percent less emissions," said Janack.

Janack said the CDTA keeps the environment in mind when making changes beyond actual buses.

"That extends to our solar powered shelters and stop signs we have on the BusPlus route," said Janack, adding the BusPlus route is an environmentally friendly project in itself because it makes limited stops. "We also have plans to install a solar panel roof on one of our facilities so we always look to head in that direction to help our environment."

Even without the sustainability measures, CDTA's growing ridership (about 14.5 million riders annually) was already doing its part for the environment.

"Public transportation itself helps reduce the carbon footprint in the region," said Janack. "There are 42 seats on a bus so that's 42 cars taken off the road."

CDTA had more announcements on Tuesday, Nov. 15, introducing new amenities on the BusPlus service to "expedite travel time, improve customer communications and ease congestion on Route 5."

Besides customer convenience services like complimentary WiFi, real time passenger information (RTPI) at select stations that will provide riders with "up-to-the-minute arrival information" using GPS satellites to determine bus location. Riders can then access that information through a smartphone app, email and text message alerts. There's also a new measure to prevent road clogging.

Queue jumper and traffic signal priority systems allow buses to essentially "jump the line" of waiting cars at congested intersections using "bus only" lanes. The queue jumpers have been installed along Route 5 at Wolf Road Westbound, New Karner Road westbound and North Terrace eastbound.

"Route 5 is the Capital Region's busiest travel corridor and BusPlus is helping ensure it remains a vital connector," said Town of Colonie Supervisor Paula Mahan in a statement.

CDTA will also use \$5.5 million in federal funds it was awarded in October to install 22 real time arrival signs, new shelters, security cameras and 911 blue light phones along Route 5 in 2012.

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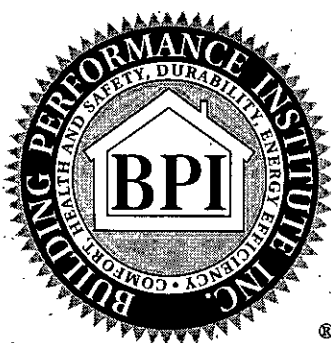


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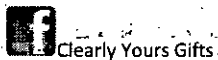
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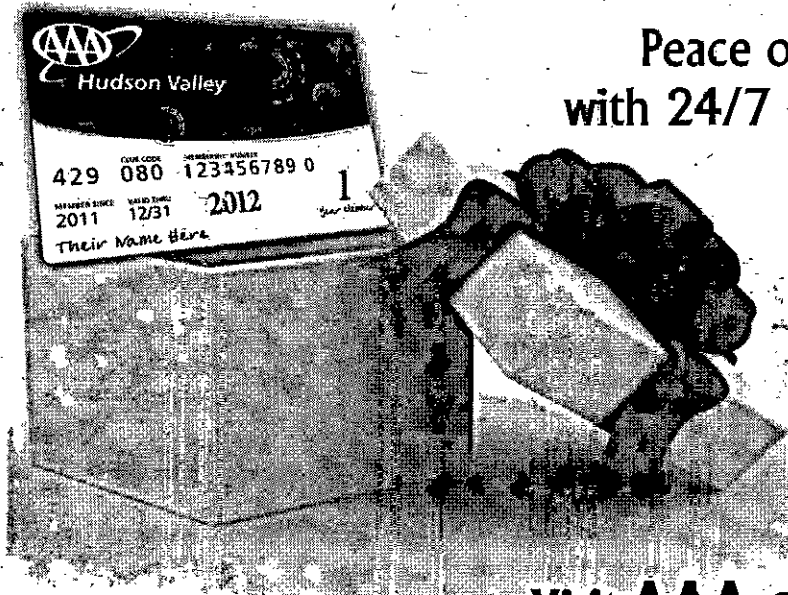
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# Slingerlands Fire Department makes case to expand

**Public meeting on \$1.8M proposal brings cautious support**

By GREG FRY  
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Walk into the bays at the Slingerlands Fire Department's headquarters on New Scotland Road, and the smell of diesel fumes is powerful.

"Every time we're out here getting dressed, and firefighters are getting their gear on, they are inhaling diesel exhaust while the trucks are running, because they load in the station," said Ryan McConky, a commissioner for the Slingerlands Fire District.

It's one of the many reasons that department leaders have proposed a \$1.8 million expansion project. The fire station was opened in 1966 and contains much of its original infrastructure. Stained walls and ceilings from a leaking roof are visible in many spots and tight quarters make for dangerous conditions for the 40 volunteer firefighters that belong to the department.

McConky led a tour of the station during a public meeting held Wednesday Nov. 16. He showed members of the department and the public where exhaust systems would be placed. Right now, makeshift changing stations are situated between the department's fire trucks. They would be moved into a "ready room," and exhaust systems would be located between trucks.

"Due to space issues, we have gear lockers between

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— John Kowalik,  
Slingerlands resident

the trucks," said McConky. "It precludes us from putting in an exhaust system."

Plans include the addition of two bays, more storage areas for equipment and files, the construction of a radio room in the front of the building, and the addition of a decontamination station, where firefighters can wash off harmful substances from fire scenes or from work on equipment at the station.

The department serves over 1,800 residential and commercial properties, but a little more than ten people showed up for the public meeting, not including members of the department.

Resident Ken Preston, a former firefighter himself, expressed a sentiment of support.

"I'm with you, but also worried about my taxes," said Preston.

"I think they've convinced me that there's a need for the expansion," said John Kowalik, a resident of Slingerlands. "It's not excessive. It's not extravagant."

Kowalik also inquired about



A vote on the proposed \$1.8 million Slingerlands Fire Department expansion will be held Dec. 13 from 6-9 p.m. for residents of the district. More information on the project can be found at [www.slingerlandsfirerescue.org](http://www.slingerlandsfirerescue.org).

Greg Fry/Spotlight

the potential for more expansion in the future due to the growth of the Vista Technology Park. Fire district officials said they had no plans for another expansion project, and residents were assured that a town-wide assessment of fire departments that was recently completed shows that the department has adequate resources to respond in its coverage area.

The proposal would put costs around the \$1.8 million dollar mark. Much of that money — \$1.68 million — would be used for design and construction, with \$85,000 used for site work and equipment and \$35,000 used for legal, financing, and

administrative fees.

The fire district includes portions of the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. In Bethlehem, an approved expansion would mean a tax increase of \$78.44 for the average assessed home, and in New Scotland, that increase would be \$48.94.

One resident asked if there was any incentive to keep the project costs below the \$1.8 million figure if that is what voters approve. McConky assured the small audience that the board is committed to finding the lowest prices for the work, and looking to expedite the work in any way possible to

keep costs down.

"One of the things we're working on is can we get out of the way for minimal or no cost, depending on where we house the equipment, so that they can just come in, tear the floors out, go to the town on the building, and maybe finish a month early," said McConky.

Fire district officials also said they'd look at using a reserve fund that totals \$360,000 to help defray some of the costs of the project.

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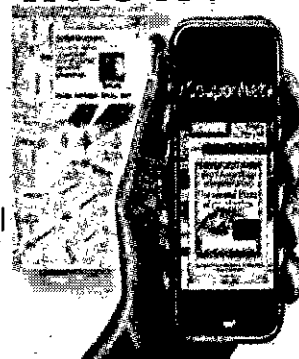
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# BC projects another enrollment decline

**Tebbano says district has plenty of classroom space**

By GREG FRY  
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Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Michael Tebbano gave his projections regarding enrollment for the 2012-13 school year during a Board of Education meeting held Wed. Nov. 16.

The report looks at matters regarding enrollment, student teacher ratios, the amount of people moving into the district and what all that will mean for future years.

"This sets the momentum for some of the decisions you may have to make, especially as you look at staffing and sectioning," Tebbano said to the school board.

According to his projections, Tebbano believes enrollment will be down among students in kindergarten through fifth grade. He told the board that the estimate is for 1,947 students next year, about 50 students less than in this current school year. It's a trend Tebbano predicted would be seen throughout the district.

"What we're looking at is approximately 100 students less for next year, if this inflated adjustment projection comes out to where we think it will place out," Tebbano said.

Tebbano's report

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— Outgoing Superintendent Michael Tebbano

showed an ongoing trend of decreasing enrollment for the entire district. The superintendent's projections indicated that enrollment numbers peaked during the 2006-07 school year and have decreased progressively since the start of the national recession in 2008. That number, according to superintendent's trends, could dip to as low as 4,758 students district wide by 2019. A gradual decline of students is projected to occur over the next five years.

While warning that these are only projections, the outgoing superintendent discussed staffing levels, giving board members an idea of what to consider when making budget decisions.

At the district's elementary schools, there are 88 sections, or the amount of classes and teachers at the five elementary schools. Tebbano said that number, with projected

declining enrollment, could dip down to 84 next year.

"If we are going to lose that many kids, and we really don't know how many we are going to have, we are estimating 84 sections," said Tebbano. "Potentially, you could cut four elementary teachers. I'm not saying you should do that. I'm only pointing out what the numbers are saying."

Tebbano showed what could happen if the numbers were inflated and hit the high levels of projections.

"Even with the adjusted projections, I can get the staffing and sections up to 86, not to the existing 88 sections," Tebbano stated. "Which means that will make the student-teacher ratio 22- or 23-to-1."

Last year, the district closed down Clarksville Elementary School in a cost-cutting effort, with the decision based on declining enrollment numbers. Even with one less building for elementary school students, Tebbano said there's much more room in the district's open schools should enrollment grow.

"Within the district, you have 25 available classrooms to expand enrollment," Tebbano told the board. "There is no need to worry about building classrooms in the future."

The report is posted on the district's website, [www.bcsd.k12.ny.us](http://www.bcsd.k12.ny.us).

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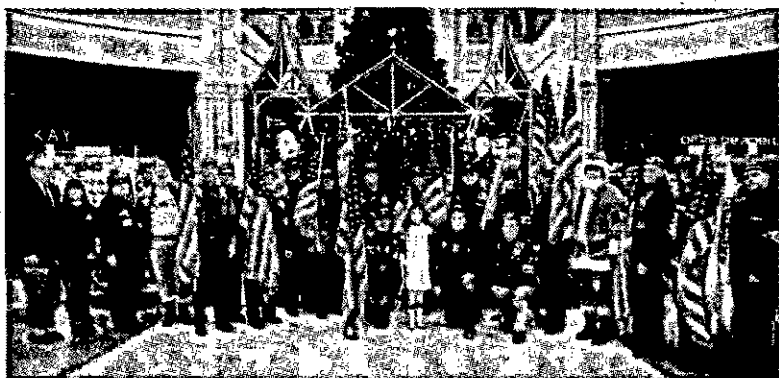
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## Blue Star Mothers fill 'freedom boxes' for troops

### Kick-off event takes place at Colonie Center

Colonie Center and the Capital Region NY2 Blue Star Mothers held the fourth annual Holiday Troop Drive for packing and shipping care packages to men and women serving overseas.

The event, held Nov. 12 and 13, featured the Holiday Gift Giving Freedom Box Kick-off celebration with a number of volunteers helping to fill the boxes. Blue Star Mothers also accepted cash donations to help defray the \$10.95 cost of shipping per box.

The festivities began at noon Saturday at Center Court in Colonie Center with Siena College ROTC color guard escorting the ceremonial Flag Line that is provided by Patriot Guard Riders. Ricaya Rios, a local 8-year-old sang her rendition of God Bless America, and the Catskill Elementary School provided a chorus of patriotic songs. Also performing on Saturday were the Burnt Hills School Band, Clifton Park Community Chorus and Brown School Singers. Guest speakers for the event were Albany County Executive Mike Breslin and Blue Star Mother Susan Lake-Ayala,

with an appearance by the Albany Devil Dog.

The guests for Sunday included Speaker Congressman Chris Gibson, Blue Star Mother Robin Johnson and Blue Star Mother Jennie Smith singing the National Anthem. Performers included the LaSalle Drill team, Columbia Tae-Ku-Do, Bag Piper Ally Duncan, and the Colonie Town Band.

The Capital Region NY2 Blue Star Mothers is a non-partisan, non-political organization.



A number of volunteers turned out Nov. 12 and 13 at Colonie Center to help the Blue Star Mothers assemble care packages for troops, including members of Girl Scout Troop 1499 (TOP RIGHT), who delivered donations to the cause.

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## Guilderland Chamber offers health insurance for small businesses

For many large businesses and people, November is open enrollment for health insurance, meaning you see the rates for the following year, and can change plans if you want. For the first year in several, many rates for plans that the chamber offers are going down in price.

The Guilderland Chamber, along with many others in the region, have decided to use one insurance carrier, allowing for many plans and lower cost options. Some plans have only gone up 3 percent, and, many of the transitional (mix between co-pay plan and small deductible) and high deductible plans will go down for 2012. The lowest priced plan is a high deductible plan (the old major medical) and is only \$104 a month; almost unheard of a few years ago.

"It is very good news to our small businesses whose main economic concern is health insurance. And although it still isn't 'affordable' it is a great start," Chamber president Kathy Burbank said.

Many people now pair high deductible plans with an "AFLAC" type accident, cancer, hospitalization, or critical care insurance

and use a "\$4 prescription plan" offered by many pharmacies, to create an affordable plan with more security. AFLAC pays the insured person money that helps cover the costs, depending on what AFLAC product you have. Many pharmacies and grocery stores now have the \$4 or \$10 prescription plans that cover generic prescriptions.

Further, many commonly prescribed medications' patents have ended this year, meaning that even more will be available as a generic \$4. Plavix, Lipitor, Enbrel, Concerta, Serquel and more are now available (or will be soon) as generics. Things are changing in the insurance market, and the insurance companies are understanding that they need to offer a variety of price ranges and products. Most chambers are willing to be the "employer" for single owner and small businesses and be able to offer a better choice for health insurance for 2012.

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# Local woman's story highlighted in

## Highlights

*It's Thanksgiving Day and our kitchen is crazy, we all work together and no one is lazy...*

That's the beginning of a Thanksgiving tale penned by Wendy Haugh of Burnt Hills, who wrote the children's story, "The Turkey Hunt," 31 years ago. It was just published in the November issue of "Highlights for Children."

"I'm very happy to see it in print, it's a long time coming," said Haugh. "The timing, I felt, was really about as good as it could get for this piece."

When Haugh first wrote the short story in 1981, she was a new mother with little time to spend pitching to magazines or publishing companies. Two sons later, the Thanksgiving story had been all but forgotten.

"I don't know how it happened but I was just so busy I never read the story to them," said Haugh.

Now she has grandchildren, so Haugh dug out the story and sent it off to "Highlights," an interactive magazine for kids that's been around for more than 60 years. After trimming 800 words and adding miniature illustrations throughout, "The Turkey Hunt" is now a two-page spread.

"There are at least seven different characters so the artist had to draw small. There's all these tiny people doing all the different things like preparing the meal, bustling with food, a

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2-year-old playing with the dog," said Haugh.

The gist of the story is that a turkey gets stolen and the family hunts to solve the mystery before Thanksgiving dinner is ruined. It's written in verse and modeled after "The Night Before Christmas."

This isn't the first time Haugh's work has graced the waiting rooms of doctor offices, sat on the magazine stands of grocery stores or adorned coffee tables.

She's had articles, stories and poems for children and adults published in "Children's Digest," "Woman's World Weekly" and more.

"It's a mix. I'm very eclectic," said Haugh.

She remembers her very first sale in 1979. It was an 11-word Secretary's Day Card she sold to Hallmark for \$75. Then came a short story for children in a religious magazine and seven poems and short stories for "Highlights." One of her favorite self-imposed assignments is writing romances and



Wendy Haugh, a grandmother from Burnt Hills, had a children's story, "The Turkey Hunt," published in the November issue of "Highlights for Children."

Submitted photo

mysteries for "Woman's World Weekly."

"Writing is fun but it's work. Mysteries in particular are like a puzzle you have to put together," said Haugh. "Something I feel like energizes my middle-aged brain."

Her latest romantic short story, "The Perfect

Christmas," will appear in the upcoming issue of "Woman's World Weekly."

Getting paid to write is a perk for Haugh, not the reason she does it. It's more the challenge and uncertainty that drives her.

"If you have that in you, that urge or whatever it is that makes one person

want to write ... it's not a dollar value," said Haugh.

"Anything that you create and are able to get out in market somewhere is huge, it never diminishes, it never becomes less of a thrill or second nature."

That's not to say she doesn't appreciate the rush she gets when finding a check in the mailbox.

"I received two writing checks in the mail on the same day, one for \$500 and one for \$1," said Haugh. "It really was just as exciting getting the \$1 check as the big check, to know I'd have something else published."

She's known since the age of 4 that she wanted to be a writer.

"I remember my Dad bringing me home this pad of yellow paper with a blue truck on it and a pencil. It was the coolest thing," said Haugh. "I took it into my little desk in my bedroom, struck it there

and thought 'Now I'm a writer.'"

Her parents were both artistic and creative, so they nurtured her passion.

"We always had that environment where you were encouraged, not pushed," said Haugh.

When she's not writing, Haugh gives piano lessons.

"I always find I write best when I'm doing something in music and I feel like I'm a better music teacher when I'm writing," said Haugh, who's taught for 20 years. "They're kind of a synergistic boost to one another."

"Highlights for Children" can be found online, by subscription and is a staple of many doctor and dentist offices. It's also a mainstay at the Haugh household.

"I've had a subscription myself for years," said Haugh. "It's nice for the grandchildren and students."

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## Entertainment in the Spotlight

Right & Below: Last year was the first year the Albany Institute of History and Art combined its gift fair and family festival. "It was a huge success," Marketing Director Nycole Kinns said.



# A bustling three days

**Albany Institute has plenty to do over holiday weekend**

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN  
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**T**hanksgiving weekend is one of the busiest of the year at the Albany

Institute of History and Art. That's not the only reason to visit – the institute offers free admission for the three days.

"It should be a lot of fun," Marketing Director Nycole Kinns said about the flurry of activities, which include a craft fair, a Lego building contest, book signings and the museum's regular exhibits.

The institute used to have a holiday gift fair on one weekend and a family festival on another. It combined the two last year and drew more than 3,000 people, so it decided to stick with pairing the events this year, too.

The holiday gift fair will feature more than 40 craft vendors selling jewelry, woodwork, quilts and pottery. Food vendors will also be on hand, including Lark Street Ben and Jerry's.

As part of the family festival, the institute is sponsoring a Lego building challenge that ties in with

its Kids Stuff exhibit. The exhibit highlights toys from the last 50 years, including Legos. For the contest, people will work with a theme of "Albany architecture," building anything from landmark buildings to a neighborhood home. Local media will judge the creations and award prizes.

Albany resident Bill Leue has made several Albany buildings out of Legos and will be on hand over the weekend to show off his creations, as well as to recreate a Lego model of Albany's Trinity Church, which was torn down over the summer. A retired engineer, Leue said he was turned on to Legos as an adult through making robotics. He then decided to recreate the downtown block of homes where he and his wife used to live, and Trinity Church captured his attention for his next big creation.

"It's kind of an homage," he said.

When the church was being torn down, photographer Chuck Miller snapped several pictures of it. Leue bought the rights to the photos and used them to help build the Lego model.

He started in July and recently got to a point

where the piece is just about finished, though he's always tinkering and modifying it.

At the institute, Leue will recreate his recreation with help from his nephew, "a Lego-man in his own right."

He thinks it will take them the full three days to construct the church, which took roughly 20,000 Lego bricks.

The building contest is open to individuals, partners and teams of up to four people. Legos will be provided, but people are welcome to bring their own. Teams must register ahead of time at [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org).

No registration is necessary to meet the authors who will be at the institute throughout the weekend. On Friday, Linda Elovitz Marshall will read and sign "Talia and the Rude Vegetables," a book about a city girl who visits her grandmother in the country and mistakes "rude" vegetables for "root" vegetables as they prepare a traditional Rosh Hashanah stew.

On Saturday, Jan Marin Tromantano will read from her new book, "Standing on the Corner of Lost and Found," which is set in Albany in the 1960s and

'70s. Robert M. Toole rounds out the weekend by signing copies of his book, "Landscape Gardens on the Hudson," on Sunday.

"Kid Stuff," with several interactive stations, promises to be a popular draw over the three days, and Kinns is also excited about a new exhibit called "Temple of Fancy" that highlights former Albany department store Pease's.

"It was similar to a Macy's or Woolworth's," Kinns said. "Its big claim to fame was it produced the first Christmas card."

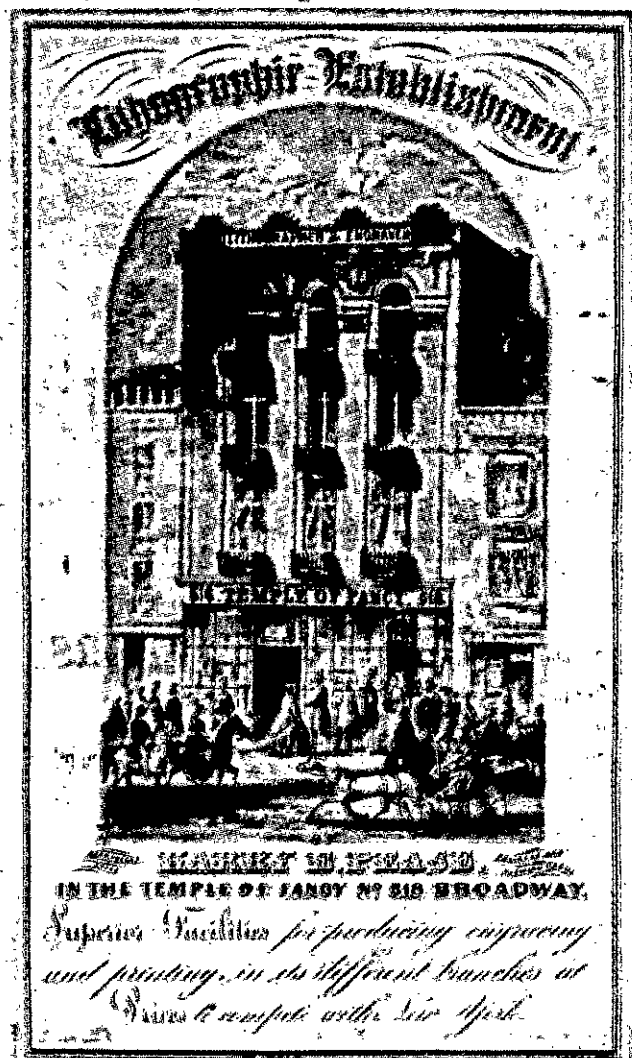
The exhibit includes a reproduction of that 1850-51 Christmas card, considered to be the first printed in America. It is on loan from the Manchester University Museum in England.

The museum's exhibits will also be open, including "First in the Hearts of His Countrymen: George Washington," which looks at he nation's first president, and "Albany and the Civil War: Medicine on the Home and Battle Fronts," which highlights the roles Albany residents played in providing medical care for the sick and wounded during the Civil War.

The museum is at 125 Washington Ave., Albany.



Above: The institute's new exhibit, "Temple of Fancy," includes a reproduction of a 1850-51 Christmas card from Pease's Great Variety Store in downtown Albany. It's considered the first printed in America.



Above: Pease's Great Variety Store, located in the Temple of Fancy at 516 and 518 Broadway in Albany, is remembered in a new exhibit at the Albany Institute of History and Art.

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# Arts and Entertainment

## Theater

### AIDA

Musical adaptation of classic story, presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company, 427 Franklin St., Schenectady, Dec. 2-4 and 8-11, showtimes 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, \$22-\$28. Information, (877) 350-7378.

### ELVIS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

Regional premiere of holiday comedy, presented by Curtain Call Theater, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Dec. 2-31, shows Thursdays through Sundays, \$22. Information, 877-7529.

### MAN OF LA MANCHA

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

### PETER PAN

Classic children's tale, presented by the Theater Institute at Sage, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy,

Dec. 3-4 and 9-11, shows at 2 p.m. Dec. 3, 4 and 11 and 27 p.m. Dec. 9 and 10, adults \$10, students/seniors \$8. Information, 244-2248.

### THE ROYAL FAMILY

George Kaufman and Edna Ferber's comedy about the drama-filled lives of a theatrical family, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, Dec. 2-4 and 7-11, showtimes 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, \$15. Information, 382-2081.

## Music

### ANONYMOUS FIGG LEAFS

Acoustic folk/country band led by Rick Sacchetti, Nov. 25, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### "JOE" SINATRA

Performing tribute to "The Chairman of the Board," with Carla Page, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### WOODS TEA COMPANY

String trio performs combination of Celtic tunes, bluegrass, sea shanties and folk songs, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$18, door price \$20. Information, 583-0022.

### INDIAN SUMMER

Jazz trio from Connecticut, Nov. 26, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Featuring Anna French, Meara MacTague and Olivia Quillio, Nov. 26, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### JANE MONHEIT & MARK O'CONNOR

Vocalist Monheit and violinist O'Connor perform holiday songs, Nov. 26, 8 p.m., Swyer Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$29.50. Information, 473-1845.

### ANNIE & THE HEDONISTS

Folk/blues band, Nov. 26, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$18, door price \$20. Information, 583-0022.

### ERIN HARKES AND MATT DURFEE

Two of the top Capital District singer-songwriters perform, Nov. 29, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

## Comedy

### MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly show of improvised comedy and music, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Making Time: Voyage to Vietnam," through Feb. 25; 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 collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

### ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"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.

### MABEE FARM HISTORIC SITE

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

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

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

### OAKROOM ARTISTS GALLERY

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

### SARATOGA

### AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

### AND PLANETARIUM

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

### SPA FINE ART

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

### TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

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

### CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Rembrandt and Degas: Two Young Artists," a selection of portraits by two masters, through Feb. 5; 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 CHORALISTS

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-Claires' 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 Orleans and Western avenues, Albany. Information, 785-3567.

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### ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

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### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

### COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

### COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

### SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

### FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

### 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.

### ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

Male singing group, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 399-1846.

### RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

Sweet Adelines group based in Niskayuna is looking for women to join group. Information, 346-5349.

### MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

Invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

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# Weekly Crossword

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- 24 Old three woods
- 28 John Swayze
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- 32 Singer Bobby
- 33 Vigor: L.
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- 39 The Gold Bug author
- 40 Watchful
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- 42 Knock about
- 44 Singer Bernadette
- 46 Pitcher, Saberhagen
- 47 Tune
- 48 Stuff
- 51 Spaghetti spice
- 55 More BLOOD ties
- 59 Famed coach Stagg

- 60 Committee type
- 61 Software option list
- 62 Rile
- 63 Rhone River-feeder
- 64 Woodwind

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- 1 Zebra, for short
- 2 Burrows and Vigoda
- 3 Motley rock group
- 4 Star Wars Jedi guru
- 5 Victor's share
- 6 Unrefined
- 7 Russian hemp
- 8 Unusual
- 9 Pol. party
- 10 Mother of Romulus
- 11 Sub station
- 12 Necromancer
- 15 More capable
- 17 Confucian truth
- 18 Scandalize
- 22 Jeweler's weight
- 23 African wild man
- 24 Spill over
- 25 Whale type
- 26 Mandate
- 27 Royal symbol
- 28 Key officers group
- 29 Embryo
- 30 Saltpeter
- 32 Common biblical word
- 34 Speedy planes
- 36 Scottish chiefs
- 37 Wine flask
- 38 Shoo!
- 43 Irish Rose
- 44 Alda role
- 45 Therefore
- 47 Pavilion
- 48 Serb, e.g.
- 49 Keep track of
- 50 Strong as
- 51 Will - wisp
- 52 Vapor: prefix
- 53 Vanuatu's other name: abbr.
- 54 Wine: prefix
- 56 Fencer's cry
- 57 Overdoses, on the street
- 58 Lament

## Giving back



A group of Glenmont Job Corps certified nursing assistant students visited the Stratton Veteran's Medical Center on Veterans Day. They visited residents in the nursing home wing, brought a flag poster and distributed thank you cards to those who served the nation.

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## State museum plans break activities

The state museum has several activities planned over Thanksgiving weekend.

•The New York State Museum's 175th Birthday Bash!

Saturday, Nov. 26, 1 to 4 p.m.

4th Floor, FREE

The museum is celebrating its 175th birthday. Join in on the fun and learn about the museum's collection of artifacts and specimens

representing New York state history. Activities will also include making craft projects, touring exhibitions and more.

•Remembering the People of Willard

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Free lecture, 12:10 p.m., Huxley Theater

During the 1995 closure of Willard Psychiatric Center, nearly 400 suitcases and trunks were discovered

belonging to individuals who were admitted to this state hospital in the early and mid-20th century.

Curator of History Craig Williams will provide the context to the suitcase story and discuss some of those whose lives are reflected by these artifacts.

•Songs from the Piano Bench

Wednesday, Nov. 30, Noon to 2 p.m.

4th Floor, FREE

Listen in while enjoying your lunch or lend your voice as singers perform a variety of songs, including popular folk, rock-and-roll, Victorian parlor, Civil War, Sesame Street, and more. Many selections are chosen from the more than 35,000 pieces of sheet music in the New York State Library Collection. Music and words are provided, and instrumentalists are welcome.

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## Housing developments moving along slowly

### Planning Board reviews Wemple Road, Glenmont projects

By GREG FRY  
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The Bethlehem Town Board will be the next body to review a draft scoping document regarding the proposed Wemple Corners hamlet project.

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, members of the town's Planning Board listened to a presentation from an outside consultant from the Chazen Companies regarding the document.

Common issues were discussed regarding the multi-use project, including traffic impacts, the need for apartments in the town and to what extent the developer of the project should study such matters.

Board member John Smolinsky said he'd like to see more forceful language in a final scoping document to ensure that developers provide the best information—possibly their own study—regarding the need for housing and apartment units in the Glenmont area.

"Sometimes it depends how hard you look," said Smolinsky, who was concerned about a phrase in the document calling for the "best available analysis."

"Bring forth the best analysis that you can of the housing market, why there's a demand," he said.

That demand, and more importantly, how to measure if it exists, was debated between the developer and the board. Andy Brick, the attorney for developer Milltowne Plaza, said he was concerned about the quantity of specific studies to measure housing demands for the town.

"I strongly suspect that we can find regional studies, but I took that language (in the draft scoping document) to mean that if there is sufficient data specifically for Bethlehem, then we would provide that analysis," said Brick. "If that data exists, I don't know that it does, but we would gladly do that analysis."

Board members stressed that a market study would need to be conducted, but it would not need to include an analysis of housing needs throughout the town.

The proposed project would include 526 housing units, including senior apartments, and twin homes, along with 84,000 square feet of retail space, and would be located at the corner of Wemple Road and Route 9W.

### Legends at Bethlehem

A long-discussed housing project on Jolley Road in Glenmont is going through another change, as the Bethlehem Planning Board considered a new application regarding the development.

An engineer and a developer speaking for the Legends at Bethlehem project detailed their proposal for a conservation subdivision, which would allow for a portion of the property to be conserved as open space.

Board members quizzed the two men about the layout of the 112-unit development. 22 townhouses, 28 twin-style homes, and 62 standalone single-family houses have been proposed, with a price range in the mid-\$200,000s to upper \$300,000s.

Engineer Tom Andress disagreed with Board Chairman George Leveille about the amount of open space that would need to be in place for the project

to receive incentives from the town for conserving open space.

"My interest is to learn how much developable land you are now setting aside to take advantage of the incentives that we offer for conservation subdivisions," Leveille said.

"It's a formulation that someone put together to just come up with what a minimal number of acres of open space is," said Andress.

Leveille said to receive the requested conservation designation, the developers must meet the minimum amount of non-constrained, or developable land, that needs to be set aside. Andress said that isn't what he reads in the town's laws on meeting the requirements.

Both agreed that about 40 of the 75 acres are considered constrained land. The argument is over the 35 acres left, and whether the developer must protect 40 percent of that usable space or 40 percent of the entire site.

Board members also asked about the possibility of the open space being donated to a not-for-profit organization. Andress said that was not in the proposal that is before the town.

There was also a conversation about the creation of a homeowner's association within the development, and how that would factor into the maintenance and upkeep of the open space.

The project has taken many turns, having first been proposed more than four years ago. Board members voted to table the application for a conservation subdivision pending resolution of the dispute over how much open land is needed.

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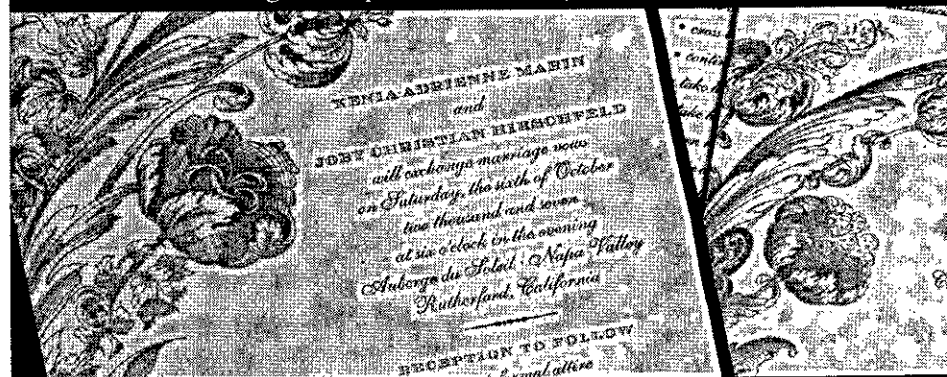


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And Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, To be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts to the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness. Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is or that will be—

That we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks—for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation—

For the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable

interposition of this providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one not lately instituted For the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge, and in general for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to confer upon us. And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of nations, And beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions—To enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—To render our national Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—To protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us) And to bless them with good government, peace, and concord. To promote knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, And the increase of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

## Lawson, Davis to exchange vows

Mr. John Lawson of Vellejo, California and Ms. Lauren Wright of Mount Vernon, Washington, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Claire Lawson, Las Cruces, New Mexico, to Captain John Davis, son of Robert and Eileen Davis of Delmar, New York.

The bride attended Mount Vernon High School, WA and received her Bachelor's Degree and her Master's Degree in Communicative Speech Disorders from San Francisco State University. She is employed by Las Cruces School District, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as a Speech Pathologist.

The groom attended Bethlehem Central H.S. (2003). He received his Bachelor's Degree in Nuclear Engineering



John Davis and Claire Lawson

from The United States Military Academy. He is employed by the US Army 2nd Engineer Battalion, White Sands, Missile Range, New Mexico as Battalion Operations Officer.

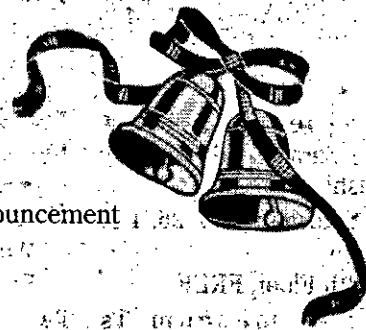
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### Make a wreath at workshop

The Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center is holding the popular annual holiday wreath making workshop on Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the workshop will be held on Nov. 27.

Participants can create a 24-inch holiday wreath from freshly cut fragrant balsam greenery, pine cones and ribbon. Participants should bring a pair of garden sheers for cutting greenery. Limited pairs of garden sheers will be available for use if needed. The workshop is appropriate for ages 14 and older. Fee for the workshop is \$18 per wreath. Pre-registration is required as this class fills up quickly.

Call the John Boyd Thacher Park at 872-1237 to register.

### Soccer club plans trip to London

The Bethlehem Soccer Club is running a trip to London that will combine soccer and London sightseeing. The trip is set for Feb. 21 to 27, during the February school break week.

Bus service to New York, airfare, hotel, sightseeing, most meals and tickets to the Chelsea vs Bolton Premier League game are included. For a flyer on the trip, please email [bsctolondon@gmail.com](mailto:bsctolondon@gmail.com).

Registration must be completed by Nov. 30.

### Old Songs to hold contra dance

An Old Songs Contra Dance will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, at 37 S. Main St., Voorheesville.

A potluck will begin at 6:30 p.m., dance instruction will be at 7:30 p.m. and the dance will begin at 8 p.m. The caller will be Ted Crane, with live music by Set Americaine.

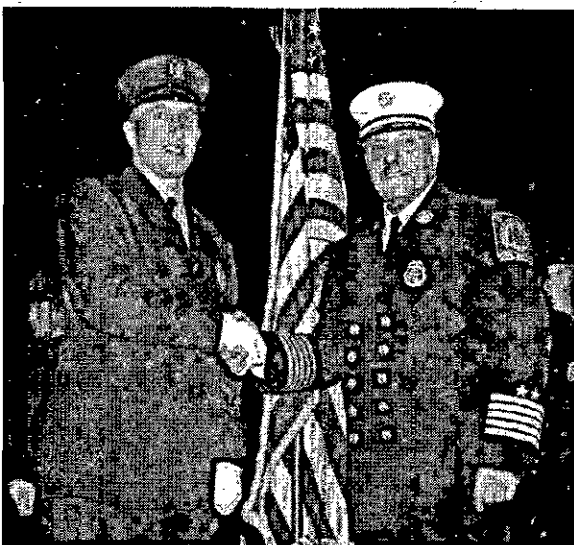
No partner required. Wear clean, soft-soled shoes. Admission is \$10.

Call 765-2815 for more information.

### Five Rivers plans teacher workshop

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will hold a teacher workshop on the award-winning curriculum-enhancement program Project Learning Tree on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This interactive workshop will introduce instructional activities that integrate forest-related themes into reading, writing and math disciplines. Participants will receive a free Project Learning Tree Activity



### 15 more firefighters

The Albany Fire Department ranks grew by 15 Thursday, Nov. 10, when the department held its commencement exercise at the Jewish Community Center. Included were three young men that grew up in the Town of Bethlehem: Ian Grovenger, left; Tyler Zink, above left; and Jim McCarroll, above right.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

Guide full of stimulating hands-on activities that correlate to New York State learning standards.

The workshop, in celebration of the U.N.'s International Year of Forests, is open to teachers and youth leaders free of charge, but space is limited. Call the center at 475-0291 to register by Friday, Dec. 2.

### Historical group to hold silver tea

The Bethlehem Historical Association will hold its annual Holiday Silver Tea with displays of An Adirondack Christmas on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 4 and 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. Kathy Dorn, a musician

from Latham, will play holiday selections.

The association meets at the Cedar Hill School House at 1003 River Road, Selkirk.

### Telethon seeks groups to perform

Soloists, choral groups and dance troupes are invited to audition for the 52nd Center for Disability Services Telethon and showcase their talent.

Open auditions are Sunday, Dec. 11, from noon to 4 p.m. at the center's main site, 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany. Enter at the front of the building, door #7, on South Manning.

Performers may audition one piece with a three-minute limit.

Those selected through the audition process will perform during the telethon broadcast on FOX23 News, live from the Holiday Inn Albany on Wolf Road. The 52nd Center for Disability Services Telethon will be held Jan. 29.

The telethon is the largest fundraiser for the Center for the Disability Services.

Call 944-2120 or email [solini@cfdnsny.org](mailto:solini@cfdnsny.org) to schedule an audition.

### Archives sponsors research contest

To promote and recognize excellence in student research, the New York State Archives, a program of the State

Education Department in the Office of Cultural Education, is sponsoring the 22nd annual Student Research Awards contest. The program is open to all New York State students in grades four to 12 who use historical records in their research projects. The entry deadline is July 1.

The contest is designed to encourage students to explore the wealth of historical records across New York State and to increase cooperation between schools and organizations that manage historical records. The State Archives encourages students to explore the historical records found in their communities such as county, city, town and village clerk's offices; public library local history collections, historical societies, businesses, families and more. Examples of historical records include letters, diaries, photographs, and board meeting minutes, police and court records, ledgers, census records, deeds and wills.

Individual students and groups of students may submit projects to the contest. Eligible projects include computer-based entries, such as websites or PowerPoint presentations; exhibits; documentaries; performances; proposals for a historical marker, property or district and traditional research papers.

All students must use historical records, as well as other primary and secondary sources, in their research, and each entry must be accompanied by an annotated bibliography that briefly describes how each source was used and how it contributed to the project.

Projects must be nominated by teachers or administrators in the schools students attend. Community members, such as municipal historians and public librarians, may also nominate students.

Three awards are presented each year; one for grades four to five, grades six to eight, and grades nine to 12. The awards consist of a framed certificate, a check for \$125, an invitation to an awards luncheon and ceremony in Albany, and a tour of archival treasures at the State Archives. Certificates of Merit are awarded to students, other than the winners, whose projects are exemplary.

"The Student Research Award program encourages students to go beyond textbooks and school libraries to access the real documents of history," said State Archivist Christine Ward. "These valuable historical resources can be found in every community across the state and in every family. Conducting research in historical records allows students to become real historians."

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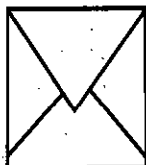


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## Sudoku Answers

4	7	9	1	6	3	2	5	8
2	8	6	9	7	5	1	3	4
3	1	5	2	4	8	7	9	6
7	2	4	6	1	9	5	8	3
5	9	8	3	2	4	6	1	7
1	6	3	8	5	7	9	4	2
9	5	7	4	8	2	3	6	1
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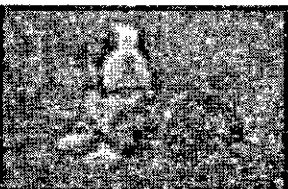
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Island Smokes XIII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/28/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210 will be design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210. General Purposes. 77114 (D) (November 23, 2011)

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Island Smokes XXI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/6/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210 will be design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210. General Purposes. 77113 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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. SSNY designated as agent

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of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 11 North Pearl St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77110 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JOY-RIDER 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 23, 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) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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., NY, NY 10023. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77447 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC. Stonebridge Enclave LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 10/11/11. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. 5th Floor, Al-

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bany, NY 12211: The street address of the principal business location is c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12211. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. 77446 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of OHD-LIBERTY GARDENS II LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 10/27/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: I. David Swawite, 40 Beaver St., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 77444 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: Fore Sight, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 11/1/11. Office location: Albany County. Corporation Service Company is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 116 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 77443 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of THE HAYMARKET ANNEX II, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/31/11. 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. 77442 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Endorphin Business Center, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/20/11. Office location: Albany County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Erik Bunea, 22 Schuyler Hills Road, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77440 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 1510(g) of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, action was taken by the Bethlehem Cemetery Association to bring lots into compliance with rules and regulations in place. Shrubbery and/or lot decorations, plants or bedding materials that impede safe and cost-effective groundskeeping were removed and a charge of \$75 applied to the lot record. This action was taken after legal notice was placed for two weeks (15+days) in this publication and/or a registered/certified letter was sent to the last known address. Additional notice attempt was made by flagging said lots on or about June 20, 2011. Lots effected: SECTION A: Vaillancourt; Crocker, Needham, Haverly, Smith, Fryer/Simoneaux and DeForest. SECTION B: Devlin, Root, Vanderpoel, Curran, Lusier. SECTION C: Thorn-ton, Macri, Marone. PC2:

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Carman. SECTION D: Dill, Wright, Haberer, Biermeister, Cookfair, Baxter/Hullhan, Vieno and Stawowy. 77439 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Allrich Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/4/2011. 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. 77430 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation HGS Properties LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/3/2011. 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. 77429 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of DrainYou LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/18/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 305 Broadway, 14 Fl., NY, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 77426 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Crackerman LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/18/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 305 Broadway, 14 Fl., NY, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 77425 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Bab's Uvula LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/18/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 305 Broadway, 14 Fl., NY, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 77424 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

RealSource, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/1/11. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Attn: Scott C. Paton, Esq., c/o McName, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., PO Box 459, Albany, NY 12201-0459. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 77423 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Diabetes Care Club, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/30/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Tennessee (TN) on 2/21/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: 6840 Carothers



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Pkwy, Ste. 600, Franklin, TN 37067, also the principal office address. Arts of Org. filed with the TN Secretary of State, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., 6th Fl., Snodgrass Tower, Nashville, TN 37243-1102. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77422 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of AY-SAAR LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/01/2011. office location Albany. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail process served to: The LLC 4 New Hyde Park Road, Ste #4 Franklin Square, NY 11010 Purpose any lawful act. 77420 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Brooklyn Suite LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/8/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1650 Eastern Pkwy Ste 212, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77419 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BFGSE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/27/11. 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, 610 Park Ave., Apt. 2 B-C, NY, NY 10068. Registered agent: Robert Pildes, 610 Park Ave., Apt. 2 B-C, NY, NY 10068. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77418 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Dynamite Enterprises, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/13/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 511 W. 54th St., NY, NY 10019. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77413 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

- The name of the Limited Liability Company is MARK R. LASSONDE, LLC
- The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on November 1, 2011 with the New York Secretary of State.
- The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
- The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
- The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 6348 French's Hollow Road, Altamont, NY 12009.
- The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.
- The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. 77412 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

- The name of the Limited Liability Company is 288 Morton Ave, LLC
- The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability

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ity Company were filed on November 2, 2011 with the New York Secretary of State. 3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. 5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 2039 Indian Fields Road, Feura Bush, NY 12067. 6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite. 7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. 77690 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Proven Network Solutions LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/24/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 420 Bullock Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77692 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation The Port NYC LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/21/2011. 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. 77693 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation James McDonald Construction Services, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/28/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 64 Krikor Drive, North Falmouth, MA 02556. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77694 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of USA SUPPLEMENTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/7/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77695 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of FRUIT ARRANGEMENTS 11238 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/7/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77700 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA BETH-LEHEM BULK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, August 25, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY

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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA BETH-LEHEM SEF LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, August 25, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 77701 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 1529 WESTERN, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 22, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 2050 Western Ave., Suite 201, Gunderland, NY 12084. 77703 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: FDC 1529 WESTERN LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 22, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 2050 Western Ave., Suite 201, Gunderland, NY 12084. 77704 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: FRESH TREATS GUILDERLAND LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, July 22, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1512 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. 77705 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: FRESH TREATS HOLDINGS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, July 22, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1512 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. 77706 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: VF 1529 WESTERN, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 22, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 2050 Western Ave., Suite 201, Gunderland, NY 12084. 77707 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DIAMOND CUSTOM INTERIOR RENOVATIONS, LLC. Art.

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of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/16/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 54 Hudson Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 77726 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Stonebridge DHC LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 11/04/11. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12211. The street address of the principal business location is c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12211. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. 77727 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: JESSIE ALBERT, RECEIVER LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 10, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. 77728 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SDA REALTY GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/8/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77853 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Law

- The name of the Limited Liability Company is Genesis Associates II, LLC.
- The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on September 30, 2011.
- The office of the Limited Liability Company will be located in Albany County.
- The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her: Anthony Grasso 1 Arizona Avenue Sherwood Park Rensselaer, New York 12144.
- The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes. 77854 (D) (November 23, 2011)

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ACCUM ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/9/11. 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. 77856 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Petron Energy, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/4/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/26/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Incorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza - 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Address to be maintained in DE: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77859 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TARA LAURENCE HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/10/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77860 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GIOVANNI CONTRACTING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/2/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77861 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The name of the limited liability company is LIBRARY CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC, and the Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on October 26, 2011. The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him is 402 Feura Bush Road Glenmont, NY 12077-2984. The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more members. The purpose for which this limited liability company is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity in which a limited liability company may engage under the laws of the State of New York, all subject to, and in accordance with, applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. 77862 (D) (November 23, 2011)

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Notice of formation Precision Risk Solutions LLC of org filed with SSNY 10/6/2011. Off. Loc. Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 135 Kennewick Circle Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose; all lawful activities. 77863 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CASTLE RESTORATION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/11. 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. 77865 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SALA4, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77866 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LIBERTY GARDENS ASSOCIATES II, L.P. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 11/3/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Liberty Gardens Associates II, L.P., c/o Omni Housing Development LLC, 40 Beaver St., 5th Fl., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 77867 (D) (November 23, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

SURROGATE'S COURT - ONONDAGA COUNTY 3rd SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK by the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: CHARLENE A. THOMPSON if living and if dead, to her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of CHARLENE A. THOMPSON the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained.

A petition having been duly filed by DOROTHY D. THOMPSON who is domiciled at 200 Polk Street, Apartment One, Syracuse, NY 13224.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Onondaga County, at 401 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, NY 13202 on December 20, 2011, at 9:30 in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the Estate of CHARLES A. THOMPSON, lately domiciled at 300 Polk Street, Syracuse, NY 13224; authorizing DOROTHY D. THOMPSON, as Administratrix of the Estate of

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CHARLES A. THOMPSON, deceased,

To distribute and allocate the net settlement proceeds of \$31,965.61, derived from the gross settlement with defendant PFIZER INCORPORATED in the sum of \$50,000.00, the adequacy of the gross settlement offer from defendant PFIZER INCORPORATED in the sum of \$50,000.00, as well as attorneys' fees to WEITZ & LUXENBERG, P.C. in the amount of \$15,982.80 and return of disbursements incurred by WEITZ & LUXENBERG, P.C. in the amount of \$2,051.59 having been approved by order of the Supreme Court, New York County, dated May 21, 2011, leaving net settlement proceeds of \$31,965.61, it being respectfully requested that this Court determine the allocation and distribution of the net settlement proceeds as set forth herein;

To allocate fifty percent (50%) of the net settlement proceeds to the cause of action for conscious pain and suffering and fifty percent (50%) of the net settlement proceeds to the cause of action for wrongful death against the aforementioned defendant;

To allocate the net sum of \$15,982.81, representing fifty percent (50%) of the net settlement proceeds, to the conscious pain and suffering claim belonging to the decedent's Estate, to be distributed in accordance with EPTL Section 4-1.1:

TO: NAME TO: DOROTHY D. THOMPSON, as and for her share as surviving spouse and distributee of said decedent, pursuant to Section 4-1.1 of the Estates, Powers and Trusts Law, equal to 100% of net conscious pain and suffering proceeds (spouse is entitled to \$50,000.00 + 1/2 remainder; spouse received \$3,480.00 by prior Decree of this Court dated October 28, 2008; spouse has received \$100.98 from a prior settlement) AMOUNT: \$15,982.81 TOTAL: \$15,982.81

To allocate the net sum of \$15,982.80, representing fifty percent (50%) of the net settlement proceeds, to the wrongful death of said decedent, to be distributed pursuant to EPTL Section 5-4.4 as follows:

TO: NAME TO: DOROTHY D. THOMPSON, as and for her share as surviving spouse and beneficiary of said decedent, pursuant to Section 5-4.4 of the Estates, Powers and Trusts Law, equal to 100% of net wrongful death proceeds AMOUNT: \$15,982.80 TOTAL: \$15,982.80

To remove and/or modify the restrictions in the Limited Letters of Administration issued to DOROTHY D. THOMPSON, petitioner, as such Administratrix, to the extent necessary to carry out the provisions of such decree;

To dispense with the filing of a bond;

To discontinue this action against the defendant, PFIZER INCORPORATED, listed herein, and to continue against all other non-settling defendants; and

To judicially settle and allow petitioner's account with respect to the total amount of \$50,000.00 and to grant such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

HON. Ava S. Raphael Surrogate

Dated, Attested and Sealed,

Allyn F. Campbell November 4, 2011 Deputy Chief Clerk (Seal)

WEITZ & LUXENBERG, P.C. Telephone Number: (212) 558-5687

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go on a journey of a different kind."

Through the help of co-producer Ray Reo, the veterans will be partnered with A-list comedians and comedy writers to create a stand-up routine that will reflect their struggles and triumphs after being wounded. The documentary will tell the story of each veteran, from entering the military to the recovery process, and focus on what it takes to do stand-up at a live venue.

So far, comedians Bob Saget, Zach Galifianakis, Brad Garret, Lewis Black and Kathleen Madigan have agreed to be mentors for the project.

"We are committed to making a film of award-winning caliber and impact," said Wager.

Reo and Wager thought of the idea over lunch last year in Saratoga Springs.

Wager was already involved with filming special pieces for the Wounded Warrior

Project, a non-profit that assists in the care of wounded veterans. As a talent manager for comedians for the past 15 years, Reo had connections with comedic actors and writers. The two decided to put their expertise together to create a film about humor, healing and hope.

"I guess the overall feeling of the lunch was, what can we do to honor these veterans?" said Wager. "In some small way give back and at the same time, create greater awareness of what they have gone through on our behalf."

Besides Henline, 1st Sgt. Rob Jones of the Marines and Sgt. Joe Kashnow, 1st Lt. Stephen Rice and 1st Sgt. Darisse Smith of the Army, were all chosen to participate through the help of the Wounded Warrior Project.

Executive Director Al Giordano said the organization was honored to help with the film and pair those injured in the line of duty with the filmmakers.

"I have learned that



John Wager and Ray Reo thought of the idea for "Comedy Warriors" over lunch last year in Saratoga Springs.

Marcy Vette/Spotlight

healing is an incredibly personal process and for some, being able to express their traumatic experiences through humor can create breakthroughs in their recovery," he said.

Those who wanted to

participate were asked to put together a short video that showcased their sense of humor and send it to Reo. Out of nearly 40 submissions, five were chosen.

"We probably could have chose 10 but we felt that five would be a good number to work with as far as being mentored," said Reo.

Over the next 10 months, the five will travel to meet with comedy writers to create a personalized stand-up routine about the military, their injuries and recovery. They will then meet with their comedic mentors in New York or Los Angeles to have their bit critiqued.

"All of the mentoring will lead up to a live performance event, potentially on national television. That's our hope," said Reo.

Filming began on Thursday, Nov. 17, outside of the Military Courtesy Room at Albany

International Airport. The film is scheduled for completion by fall 2012. All of the chosen veterans were present, except for Jones. He was undergoing mandatory therapy before being discharged from the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

The filmmakers and veterans stressed the importance of laughter as the first step to recovery.

Henline said he often uses humor as a way to break down barriers between people who may not understand his appearance, especially children.

Just by saying something funny and telling the little kid 'Listen to your mother because I didn't. She told me to stop making those faces. They will freeze like that.' Then they're more welcome to talk to you and learn something," he said. "It's one thing if some fireman comes to talk to you about not playing with matches, but if I tell you you're going to listen."

Kashnow, Smith, and Rice each said they always thought about doing stand-up, but the email from the Wounded Warrior Project gave them the push they needed to give it a try.

"I've been looking for a way to get out of my day job for years," joked Rice.

Like Henline, Rice was injured by an IED. So was Kashnow, who eventually had his leg amputated below the knee after two years of therapy. Smith now suffers chronic pain in her hip and leg after the helicopter she was piloting was struck during combat.

Each said their families were very supportive of their recoveries and their participation in the film, especially Kashnow's wife.

"She said if she hears one more one-legged joke she's going to hit me with my own prosthetic, so I need to find a new audience," he joked.

All said they're excited to get help with their comedy and see where the film leads them. Most are hoping the experience will help them to follow a new career path.

"There are many people I'm excited to work with," said Rice. "Right now, I have no idea what I'm doing, so I'll take what I can get. I think my main goal is to try something I've never done before and raise awareness for those veterans who feel lost out there. Just to get our story out there, and show that there's a lighter side to being traumatically wounded, that's the main thing."

He did joke that if a multimillion-dollar movie deal came out of the process, he wouldn't mind.

Wager called the veterans "hilarious." From just the few days they've spent together filming, he already knows making the movie will be a fun process.

"They're just funny all of the time. So while some of the subject may be serious, the overall tone will be humorous and light-hearted," he said. "The purpose of the film is not only to document the struggle these individuals went through but their healing process. It will serve as a way of honoring their service and sacrifice, as well as a message of hope for the injured service members who have just begun this journey."

The filmmakers are currently seeking donations to complete their project. To learn more, visit [www.comedywarriors.com](http://www.comedywarriors.com).

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 TRICT, IN THE  
 TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM  
 AND NEW SCOTLAND,  
 ALBANY COUNTY, NEW  
 YORK  
 DECEMBER 13, 2011  
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE  
 that the Annual Election of  
 the Slingerlands Fire District  
 will take place on December  
 13, 2011, between the hours  
 of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.  
 at the firehouse located at  
 1520 New Scotland Road,  
 Slingerlands, New York for  
 the purpose of:  
 1) Electing one Com-  
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 2) Electing one Treasurer  
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 NOTICE that pursuant to  
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 Board of Fire Commissioners  
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 Albany County, New York,  
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 New Scotland Road, in the  
 Town of Bethlehem, Albany  
 County, New York, in said  
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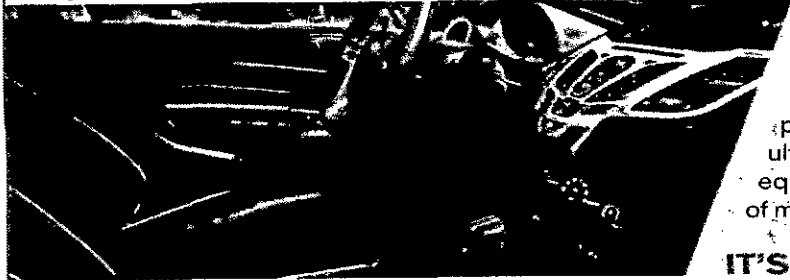
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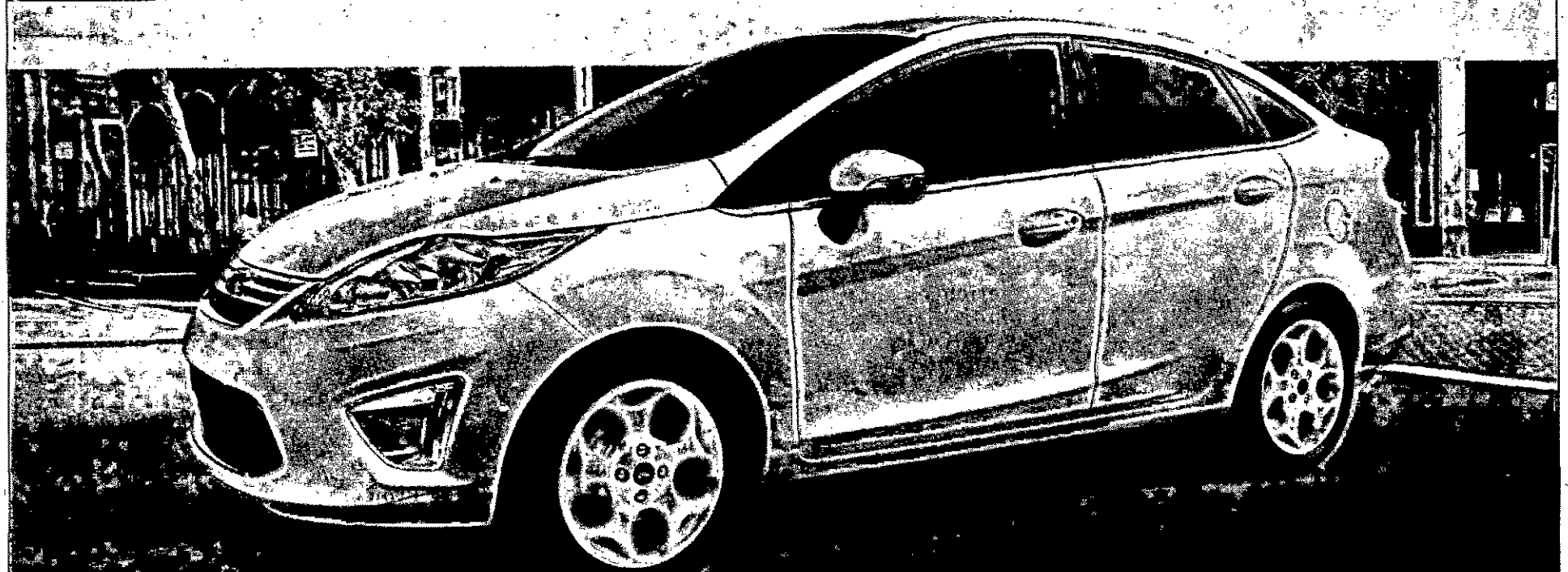


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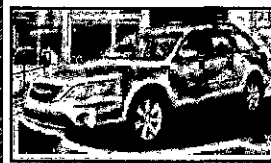
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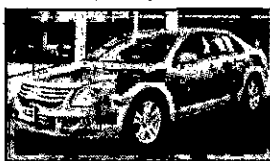
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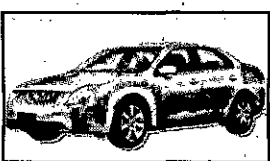
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## Hall

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their due diligence and research, there was some additional components that we had to do, so that's how we got to \$345,000," Messina said.

In addition, the town spent \$61,000 on emergency repairs before approving the work that was completed this month, according to Messina.

Along with the needed work to the parapet walls, Messina said they were able to fix some lingering problems related to the building's infrastructure.

"The entire roof over the clerk and police department was done," said Messina. "We had substantial leakage into both our courtroom facility and our police department."

It's an investment that led to many questions about why the town was not proactive in making repairs to the building on Delaware

Avenue. The emergency repairs were brought up numerous times during the town's preparation of a budget for 2012, with officials warning about the high costs of emergency repairs compared to maintenance work that could be conducted when the proper preparations are made.

Problems with the parapet were first identified in 2009. Messina floated proposals for \$1.8 million worth of projects in 2010, which would have included a number of repairs, including parapet work and renovation of the courthouse roof. While a number of those projects were approved, no action was taken on the work to either of the structures.

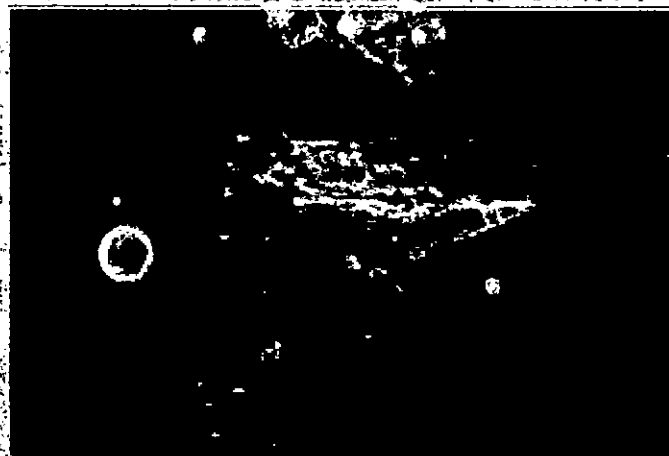
"We've decided to invest in our Bethlehem Town headquarters facility because we will be here for a while, I think," said Messina. "But, we're not going to invest more than we need to properly maintain this facility."

Messina said the town would need to make future decisions regarding its space needs at Town Hall. A 2006 study concluded building a new Town Hall would be desirable, but also indicated that project would cost millions.

"I'm not sure what the future holds in terms of providing necessary space requirements," Messina said. "There are a bunch of options that I believe the new board will be considering."

"My feeling all along was that we had strong recommendations from our staff to do this work, as well as some other work," Messina said. "Eventually, although it took longer, we got it all done."

Messina said the work took about five and a half months. Department of Public Works Commissioner Erik Deyoe said that contractors removed the majority of scaffolding from the building at the beginning of November.



Bethlehem town officials are still collecting information about the total damage done by the significant tropical storms that caused flooding in the Onesquethaw-Coeymans Watershed.  
Greg Fry/Spotlight

## Sought

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concerned with flooding problems in the watershed.

When Irene and Lee came in, it did some real serious damage," said Breen. "It put a whole lot more water into the area than the area had been able to handle."

Residents will have a chance at the meeting to share their stories, express their opinions about what needs to be done and assist in forming

a response plan that could help prevent the type of damage that occurred in early September.

There's some concern because government agencies, whether at the state or local level, don't have the resources the equipment, or the jurisdiction to get out to private properties and do cleanup work," said Breen.

Bethlehem town officials are still collecting information about the total damage done by the significant tropical storms. They

are working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to apply for federal funding for repairs and infrastructure upgrades. As those discussions continue, Breen has more immediate concerns.

"We've got a lot of huge trees that are down, that are just blocking the channel of the (Onesquethaw) creek," said Breen. "Whenever there's going to be another high water event, if we get another serious rain storm, it's going to cause flooding. There's no plan or strategy to deal with this."


Breen is working with Ciara Gannon, a senior from the New York City area who is taking an independent study course with Breen.

"The main goal is to have people listen to each other and have a common ground," said Gannon. "My goal is to have a community effort where people work together, maybe on a Saturday, to go and volunteer and clean up some trees that are blocking water flow, or clean out some things that might have flowed down creek."

Breen said that there is often a feeling of skepticism regarding help from the local or state level, and talked about the positives of getting people in a community more aware of what can be done without passing a piece of legislation. He cautioned that many people don't have the resources they need to make their own repairs along with the work to prevent major flooding.

"They're putting the resources back in to replace some of their items that they lost, or getting some structural stuff done on their houses," Breen said. "They don't have any money or resources or equipment to go into the creek and do creek restoration, let alone the technical expertise."

The community dialogue organized by the Onesquethaw-Coeymans Watershed Council will be held Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. at the CSX Auditorium in Selkirk. The meeting will last approximately two hours and is open to the public. For more information or to RSVP for the meeting, call Rob Breen at 783-2399, or visit [www.ocwatershed.org](http://www.ocwatershed.org).



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## Regional Pop Warner cheer champions

The Bethlehem Pop Warner Midget Division cheerleading team won its division at the recent Eastern Region Championships in Trenton, NJ. Bethlehem now advances to next month's National Pop Warner Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Fla. The team is, from left, (front) Sarah Palmer, Monica Vink, Mackensie Jack and Rachael Hanifin; and (back) Melissa Palmer, Gabrielle Earing, Ashley Jacques, Cheyenne Lifite, Hailey Prechtel, Alexa Abreu and Samantha Coppolla. Not pictured are head coach Rick Palmer and assistant coaches Mary Rozell, Kim Lifite and Genny Lamay.

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## Northeast Duals return to HVCC

The Journeymen/Asics Northeast Collegiate Duals wrestling tournament takes place Saturday at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy.

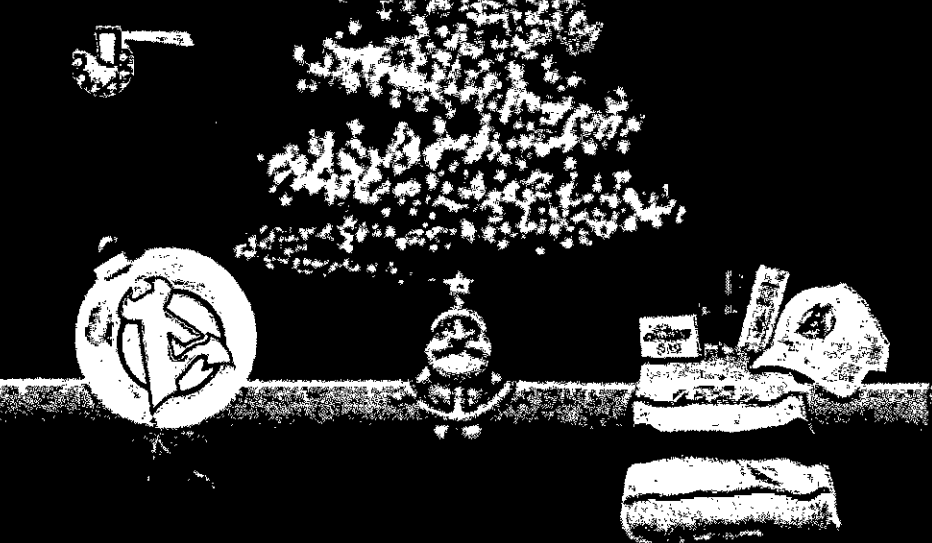
Fifteen NCAA Division I teams are participating in this year's event including Purdue, Rutgers, Army, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Lehigh and Binghamton.

Several Journeymen Wrestling Club alumni will be competing including former Section II standouts John Belanger (Army/Shenendehowa), Matt Kaylor (Burnt Hills/Binghamton), Nick Gwiazdowski (Duanesburg/Binghamton) and John Paris (Amsterdam/Binghamton).

In addition to the tournament, there will be a youth wrestling clinic featuring Mike Krause and a mixed martial arts/grappling seminar with UFC stars Urijah Faber, Chael Sonnen and Clay Guida Friday. Faber, Sonnen and Guida will also participate in a MMA Fan Fest Saturday, along with Matt Riddle and Dennis Bermudez. The Boys and Girls Choir of Harlem Alumni Ensemble will perform between matches of the duals.

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## Eagles

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wins and then take it to our league," added Vincent.

The Capital District High School Hockey League season presents its own challenges for Bethlehem. Saratoga returns several key starters from last year's team, which made it to the state finals for the second year in a row. Shenendehowa graduated several seniors including its leading scorer and its starting goaltender, but the Plainsmen have some younger players that are looking to contribute. And Shaker/Colonie and CBA are among the challengers looking to surge past Bethlehem into the top three.

"Obviously, Saratoga is

the team to beat. They're the Sectional champs until they get beat," said Rodrigue.

But with the talent he has in place, Rodrigue said he is feeling confident that Bethlehem can be the team that knocks off Saratoga.

"My goal is to get the highest possible seed for Sectionals, and I think we have a shot at the No. 1 seed this year," said Rodrigue.

Guilderland/Mohonasen also begins its season this weekend with a tough challenge. The Dutch Warriors host Saratoga Friday at Union College and then travel to Hudson Valley Community College to face LaSalle Saturday.

Guilderland/Mohonasen is coming off a 6-16-0 season in its first year as a combined program.

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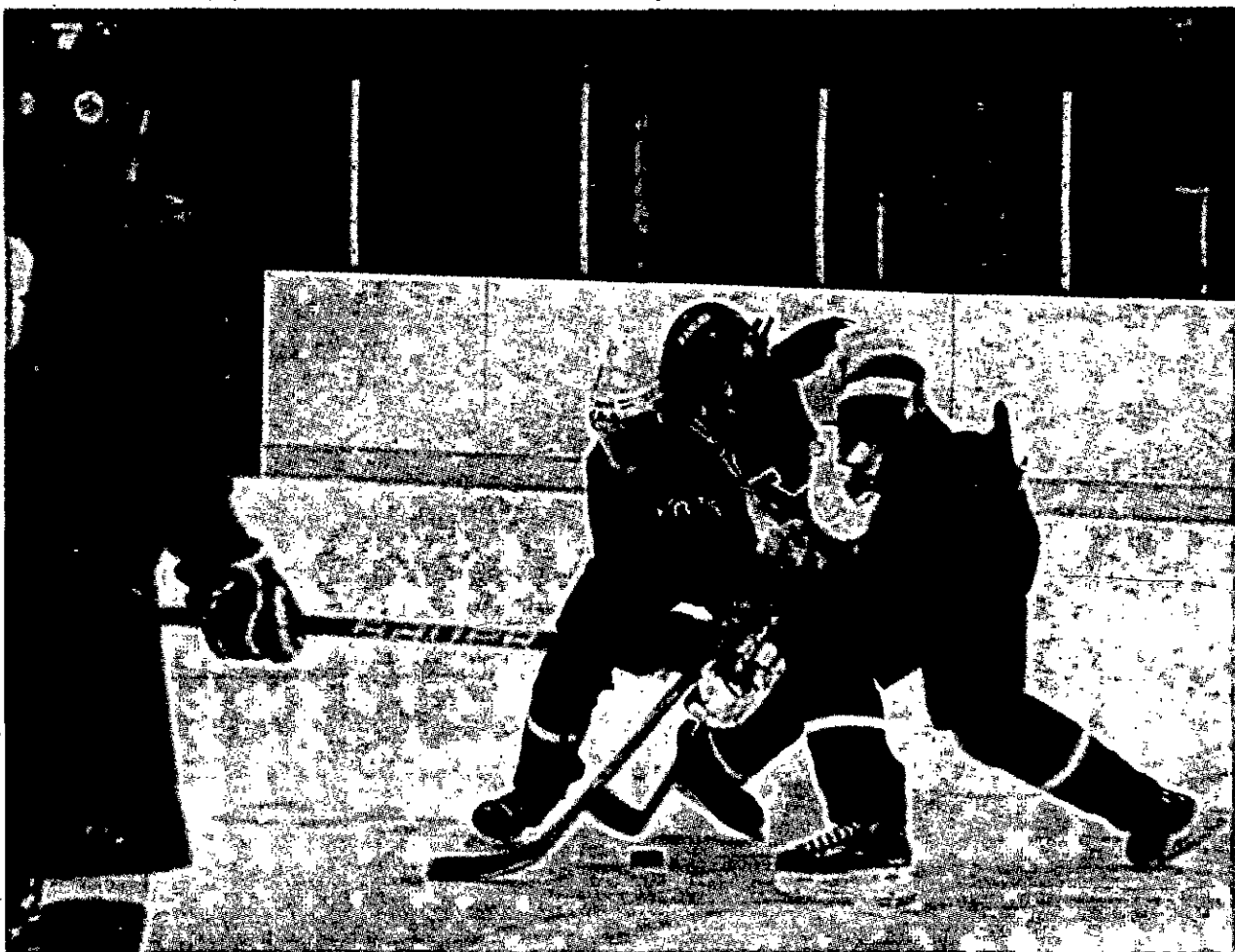
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## Sports in the Spotlight



Above: Bethlehem coach Andre Rodrigue talks to his players during last Wednesday's practice at the Bethlehem Area YMCA. Right: John Gosstola, right, battles for control of the face-off.

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# Eagles aim for new heights

## Bethlehem hockey wants another shot at Sectional title

By ROB JONAS

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The Bethlehem hockey team wants last year's third-place finish to be a stepping stone to greater things in 2011-12.

"We've been preparing for this season since the final buzzer at Saratoga [in last year's Section II Division semifinal]," said Bethlehem coach Andre Rodrigue. "We feel this is our year."

The Eagles graduated several seniors from last year's 12-8-1 team that lost to eventual Sectional champion Saratoga 6-4 in the semifinals. But with the veterans Bethlehem has, Rodrigue has high expectations.

"We're not lacking in experience this year," said Rodrigue. "We're not a

youthful team, but we're not a senior-heavy team either."

Seniors Sam Vincent and John Gosstola lead Bethlehem's list of returning players. The duo accounted for 26 goals and 23 assists in 2010-11 while playing on the Eagles' top line.

"I've been playing with John since we were 10 years old, so it won't be too difficult to pick things back up this year," said Vincent, who led the Eagles with 16 assists last year.

"It's almost like we have a sixth sense now," added Gosstola, who had 15 goals and seven assists in 2010-11. "We know where each other is going to be on the ice."

While Gosstola and Vincent anchor the first line, Rodrigue has to construct three other lines of forwards from a group that features five sophomores and two juniors.

"We've got two seniors on the first line and all sophomores and juniors after that," said Rodrigue.

Bethlehem's defense possesses a significant amount of senior talent led by Nicholas Parente, Sean Moran and Jared Flagler. How well the blueliners play will be a key, since the Eagles are searching for Patrick Miron's replacement in goal.

"We're going to focus on maximizing our defense and minimizing our opponents' scoring chances," said Rodrigue.

Rodrigue said junior Kevin Cooley is the leading candidate to replace Miron as the starting goaltender after Cooley turned in a strong performance in relief of Miron last year against Section I power Pelham, but junior Josh Banaach and freshman Zach Sanchez will also receive consideration.

"I'm going to give everyone a fair shot, and eventually someone will have to emerge as the starter," said Rodrigue.

Whoever starts in goal for Bethlehem will be tested immediately. The Eagles begin the season at this weekend's holiday tournament at the Albany County

Hockey Facility. Bethlehem meets Mamaroneck in Friday's opening game and then plays either Christian Brothers Academy or Shaker/Colonie Saturday.

"It's a quick turnaround [from the start of practices], but with the tough opponents we have, hopefully that will get us ready for the league season," said Gosstola.

The challenges continue following this weekend's opening tournament. Bethlehem travels to the north country next weekend to play Canton and Potsdam before hosting Section I's Rye Dec. 9 at the Bethlehem Area YMCA.

"I made it a point to schedule the toughest [non-league] opponents possible," said Rodrigue. "We play Mamaroneck, which killed us last year. We're playing Rye, which won the Section I title, and we're playing Monroe-Woodbury (Dec. 29), which I believe won the Section IX title."

"Hopefully, we get some non-league

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## Dolphins swim to titles

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Team competed recently at the Autumn Breeze meet at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School pool in Ravena.

The Dolphins had a few new members competing successfully for the first time including Grace McGrath (100-yard freestyle, 50 backstroke, 50 breaststroke), Grace Santella (50 free, 50 back, 50 breaststroke) and Leah Vener (50 free, 50 breaststroke).

Juneau Wang, 9, had a

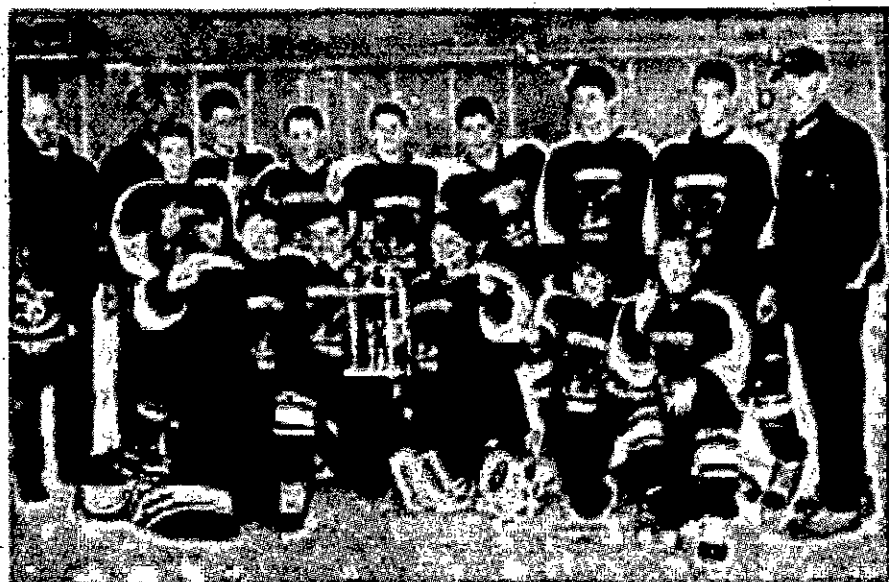
perfect meet winning all his events including the 50 & 100 free, 50 & 100 back and 50 breaststroke. Jana Bergere, 12, won the 100 free, 50 backstroke, 100 butterfly and 200 IM.

Kathryn Sancilio (12) won the 50 free in her division, and Kevin Lin, 9, won the 100 individual medley in his age group. Colin Leonard, 10, came in first in the 50 breaststroke, while Tess Anderson, 7, won the 25 free in their respective age groups. David Berin, 8, finished first in the 25 breaststroke,

and Stephanie Erickson, 11, took first place in the 50 breaststroke.

Other Dolphins with strong performances include Tess Bastiani (11), Sarah Clark (12), Chloe Derosia (10), Olivia Dodge (9), Madeleine Ferreira (7), Hannah Fronheiser (7), Jillian Hettrich (9), Catrin Miskewicz (13), Vama Rao (11), Alexa Reichert (12), Margaret Reynolds (9), Jacob Rosenblum (12), Abigail Santella (12), Annabella Scarano (12) and Michaela Valerian.

## Tournament champions



The Bethlehem Youth Hockey bantam division team won the Saratoga Tournament Nov. 12 and 13. The Eagles defeated Clifton Park 7-1 in the championship game after losing to the same squad 5-3 to open the tournament. Along the way, Bethlehem defeated teams from Adirondack and Saratoga. The team is, from left, (front) Brian Harder, Andrew Bub, Nick Breiner, Taylor Pincheon, Trevor Moon and Owen Talmage; and (back) coach Tim Talmage, coach Dave Breiner, Andrew Kopplin, John Graziano, Luke McGrath, Joe Dickerson, Nick Hospodar, Nick Fettuccia and coach Dan Harder. Not pictured is Liam Quinn.

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